

David C. Liu, of Taipei, Taiwan, writes: "For your information, pigeon racing in this area goes crescendo and, at this moment, with about 16 million people, nearly 200,000 are members of the Taiwan Racing Association. Nevertheless, it is lack of information concerning breeding as well as preparing pigeons for the races."

Sam Peavey, of Louisville, Ky., writes: "It was indeed an honor and pleasure to have you With us again in Louisville for the National Young Bird Show. Your presence always reminds us of the status and world dimensions of our beloved Pigeon Fancy. We do hope you enjoyed the show and your visit with us. Do plan to be with us again in 1978."

Alan Watts of Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., Australia renews his subscription with this comment: "I'd like to take this opportunity to say just how much I enjoy reading your magazine. [It keeps us down here informed on what's going on in other parts of the world. Keep up the good work."

Henry Franks, Jr., of Kingsland, Texas, renews his subscription with this comment: "I still remember the fun we had back years ago in organizing the National Modena Club, and you played no small part in your willingness to publish most of what we sent you. Both the APJ and the NMC have come a long way, and I hope that both have a long way to go. My very best wishes to you and to APJ."

Robert Roche of Ceres, Calif., writes: "Thank you very much for helping to promote the Parlor Roller. Your publication is the only source of promotion for this breed. As usual, I read your magazine from cover to cover several times each month. I am fortunate to have a friend who has a few copies of the Journal that are older than I am. They are extremely interesting to read and compare with the modern issues."

Art Modler of Dayton, Ohio, writes: "This year has gone by terribly fast. But it has been an exceptionally interesting one. Dayton had the honor to put on a Grand National on a scale that will be hard to surpass. Louisville had the highest National Young Bird Show ever in a brand new exhibition hall at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds; but the local Miami Valley Pigeon Club did suffer a tremendous blow in the passing so suddenly of Clarence Lewber. In my entire teaching span of over 40 years, he was the peppiest lad I ever had in my class. The local club will never be the same."

David Macrow of Sealcliff, South Australia, writes: "I am still breeding a few Pigmy Pouters and having some success in the various shows. This breeding season has been a disappointing one with most local fanciers. We have had very changeable weather with no really hot spells yet, today being the first day of summer and pouring with rain. The interest in breeding and showing Fancy Pigeons is slipping back with not enough younger fanciers joining the Fancy to replace the older members we are losing. Perhaps this is a world wide problem, but I feel if more Australian fanciers were to subscribe to the APJ and lend their old copies to the young fanciers coming on they could help to generate more interest."

"Hap" Beattie of Tulsa, Okla, writes: "We had a great Futurity Show in Norman, Okla., Dec. 10-11. Over 500 young Giants were entered and it took a day and a half to get them all judged. One class of Blue or Silver Bar Young Hens had 5 birds entered in it. Our old friend Tom Frye, from Billings, Mont., was on hand and honored us with one of his famous marksmanship exhibitions. Tom also had the Champion Giant Homer, along with Best Display Points. Denby Williamson came along from Casper, Wyo., as he was the chief judge, with Fred Langridoe working about half of the classes. At the conclusion of the judging on Sunday, we held the final auction of the birds that exhibitors wanted to sell. You should have been there to see Harold Fischer from Swea City, Ia., auction off over 80 birds..."

A letter from Erwin Meyer of Minden, West Germany, tells us that the European Barb Pigeon Show is being planned for January 14-15 at Wels, Austria. This club now has a total membership of 90.

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