

The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc.)

‘The Orpington Outlook’

September 2012 Edition

The

Super Spring Special



Chris Hardman's Large Blue Cock
‘Clive Jr’

Ch Bird in Show Wauchope 2012

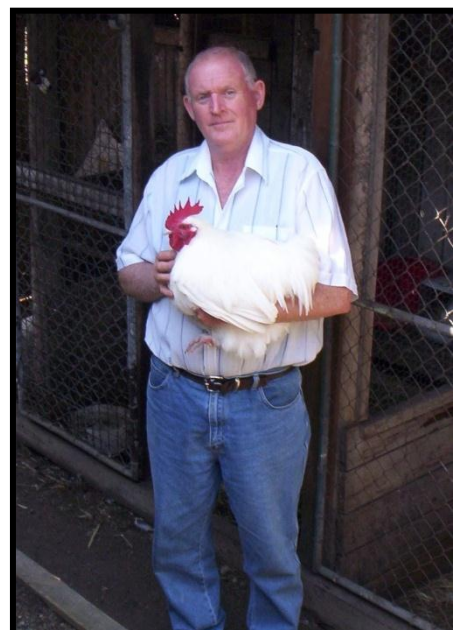
Ch Orpington in Show- 2012 Northern Feature

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From the Presidents Shed

Hello Orpington Lovers

The year is galloping on and it is chicken rearing time. I hope the champs in your yard are growing at a fast rate. The early growing period sets patterns for growth in the future and we all know how hard it is to get large Orpington fowls up to size. They eat like horses but it is all part of the fun. I personally like to rear my chickens on grass in coops which I move around every second day giving them clean and green areas to run and frolic about in. When they are real young I put their mother (or a selected surrogate mother) in with them until they are fully feathered; then I remove mum and watch them grow. Clean, green and plenty of food is my suggestion for good healthy chickens.



The newsletter in email form is catching on now and it seems to be well accepted. This gives the advantage of coloured pictures to you, the reader and the club gets the advantage of saving a few bob on postage and printing which will go back to the members in some way or / other.

Our newsletter now goes to many countries across the world and it is great to get feedback from these countries about our Orpingtons and our events. The globalisation of our hobby brings the advantages of comparisons of their fowl to ours by photos, opportunities to make contact with breeders by mail or email and many more things which we can take for granted now, but a few years ago were very hard to do. I urge you to try to contact a breeder overseas and write letters. It is great when the letter from far away arrives and a new friendship is cemented. If you want to try this drop Martin a note and ask for the contacts.

Good luck with your breeding,

Robert Callinan Proud President of the Orpington Club of Australia

A Word (or two) from the Secretary.



Firstly a big thank you to all of you who have given some positive feedback about the first edition of the Orpington Outlook. The 2012 Show Edition highlighted some of the wonderful Orpington/s that were exhibited this year. However this Spring 2012 edition is a little bit drier. We still have some **more show results and pics of local and international birds**. We have put in the **draft notes of the 2012 AGM**, which gives you an outline of some of the issues the Club is going to have to work through and deal with, such as the growth in popularity of non- standard colours and the increasing likelihood of some import birds now finally landing!.

Since the Royal Canberra we have also had in influx of **new and renewing old members and they are acknowledged in this newsletter**. The Club's paid up membership number for 2012-13 currently stands at 96 with representation in all states. The biggest number is in NSW followed by VIC, QLD, SA, TAS, WA, and ACT. In terms of looking after the Club finances I am pleased to advise that starting with this edition over 75% of the Orpington Outlook newsletters will now be emailed out- which will save the Club/ literally hundreds of dollars in photocopy and postage fees. This simple task will mean that more of the Club's dollars can go into supporting more shows and better prizes for our members to collect. Looking ahead the **venues and dates for our Club 2013 majors are also announced in this edition/**.

As President Blue mentioned above this edition has **an international flavor with it articles from our sister club secretaries from the UK Orpington Club and United Orpington Club (USA), outlining some of their history. We also have some pics of some of the top bantams from Europe thanks to our regular contributor Bent Neilson of Landsklubben for Orpingtons from Denmark**. I am also pleased to advise that Blue and Pam will have some excess baggage with them as they take over the Australian Club/ rosettes to be given out in the UK show season.

With the 2nd edition of the Australian Poultry Standards now published we have clarity on what an exhibition should look like. ***In light of these details some clarity on what this means for the exhibition of non- standard colours is required, and an article on both the Club's current policy and also an explanation of when, where and in what classes non- standard coloured birds can be shown is included in this edition.*** Please note that this is the current state of affairs. The Club Management Committee is also looking at an approval process to allow recognized non- standard colours to be endorsed / to compete against the standard colours for top prize at a Club show. More on this matter in the next issue.

That's all for now;/ keep the feedback going on how you would like to see the Club support you. Since taking on the job of secretary/ I can't believe how many enquiries I get every week from/ people looking for Orpingtons, mainly for backyard use/. **In this edition are some more adverts from members who have some quality stock for sale.**

Cheers for now.

Martin D.

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Figure 1 The Secretary's 2012 Large Black breeding Pen

Victorian Rare and New Breeds Show 2012 Show Report

Not strictly an Orpington Club of Australia auspiced show but the Victorian Rare and New Breeds Society again hosted a good entry of 43 Orpingtons (32 Large and 12 bantam) from 6 Exhibitors at its annual show on/18th August 2012 at Warragul.

Ch Orpington in Show went to / a Large Black Cockerel from **Waninga Orpingtons**- a full brother (so named 'No 74') to 'Caesar', the Canberra/Northern/Southern Feature show winner who is now in the breeding pen. This Bird also went Ch Soft Feather Heavy & Res Ch Soft Feather to the beautiful Bird of Show, / a Blue Bantam Langshan exhibited by a stalwart Orpington Club member in **Sonya Ford!** In addition the Res Ch Orpington also went Res Ch Soft Feather Large - a Blue Cockerel / also shown by Sonya.

Orpington Results/:

LARGE Black. COCK 1 entry no show. HEN (1) Lennie Drinkwater 1st. COCKEREL(3) Waninga Orpingtons 1st and Ch Black, Sonya Ford 2nd. PULLET. Sonya Ford 1st, Waninga Orpingtons 2nd.

Blue. COCK (1) Jill Bradford 1st. HEN (2). Lennie Drinkwater 1st. Val Bragg 2nd. COCKEREL (3):. Sonya Ford 1st, Ch Blue & 2nd. PULLET(4) Sonya Ford 1st Val Bragg 2nd.

Buff .COCKEREL(1) and PULLET (1) both to Jill Bradford.

Whites (2): 2 entries but no show

Cuckoo; COCK (2) and PULLETS (3) all to the Cuckoo Breeder.

AORC- COCKERELS (3)- all the Cuckoo Breeder 1st outing for Lemon Cuckoo/s.

BANTAMS Black. HEN (1) Jill Bradford 1st, COCKEREL (1) Val Bragg PULLETS (2) Jill Bradford 1st Val Bragg 2nd

Blue COCKEREL (1) Val Bragg

Buff COCKEREL (1) Jill Bradford

Whites, COCK (1), HEN (2) COCKEREL (1) PULLETS (2) - All to the Cuckoo Breeder Ch to the Pullet.

With the Rare Breed census soon now to be updated for 2013 this is possibly the last time that Large Blacks, Blues and Buffs will be exhibited at the VR&NBS Annual Show until 2015 at the earliest, as each colour is now back up to a popularity level within Victoria to warrant its probable

removal from the Rare list.

Congratulations to all the Orpington breeders for making this possible!

Martin D



Figure 2 Ch Orpington and Ch Large Soft Feather -Waning Orpingtons Blk Ckl



Figure 3 Ch Large Blue and Res Ch Large Softfeather Sonya Fords Blue Ckl

Your MEMBERSHIPS are now DUE!!!

For those of you who haven't renewed yet this is a reminder that/:

The Orpington Club of Australia membership year goes from July 1st to June 30th the following year.

So 2012-13 Memberships are now due.

\$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors get you at least 4 newsletters a year but more so the ability to connect with passionate fellow Orpington breeders.

**Download a form from www.orpingtonaustralia.com and send your remittance to the Club Secretary Martin Doulton at :
965 Macclesfield Road, Yellingbo VIC 3139**

Or send Martin an email to secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com

Hello Australia, England calling.

As secretary of the UK Orpington club your new secretary Martin has asked me to write something about the Orpington scene in the UK. Having met your president Rob Callinan a couple of years ago at our major shows , we have been in contact with him and Dallas ever since, and I do receive your newsletters which I try to distribute to as many of our members as possible , so I am up to date with the basics of the Australian “scene”./ I see you have had a few articles from our “old man” of Orpingtons and our president Will Burdett mainly on the history of the breed so I will try to bring you more up to date with the club(s).

But first a little history that will become relevant later in the article. The Black Orpington Club was established very soon after William Cook first introduced the breed. Controversy soon surrounded the Orpington with the acceptance of the Buff into its ranks due to it’s vastly different parentage , so a Buff Orpington club was formed . In the early 1900’s there were clubs for the Black, Blue, Buff, Cuckoo, Spangled/ and Jubilee, and the variety club that catered for the White as well as the Jubilee and Spangled. After the first war these clubs lacked popularity and by the time we had gone through the depression, the Second World War and the introduction of modern laying hybrids by the 1950’s, only the Black and Buff clubs remained with a hard core of enthusiasts . The only positive about the post war period was the introduction of the Orpington Bantam Club in 1950. As our president Will Burdett writes in his address in the 2012 year book/ the Queen is not the only one celebrating a diamond jubilee./ The Orpington Bantam standard was accepted by the Poultry Club of Great Britain in 1952/.

By the 1970’s there had been an increase in popularity in poultry keeping and exhibiting overall , mainly due to the resurgence of the National Show and the championship show scheme put in place by the PCGB . So in 1975 the Orpington club re-emerged combining the large and bantams in Black, White and Blue;/ the Buff Orpington Club having had unbroken support since 1898 decided that with a membership over 100 they would continue to go it alone .

We produced our first year book in 1985 and since then our now chairman Brian Anderton has edited 25 issues, every one seeming to surpass the last.

We have won the Gold Cup (Ch Bird in Show) for the National Champion three times. Will Burdett was the first in 1980 with his large black cock (Pre present day Orpington club, *Will won the gold cup at the first National show in 1973 with a large blue male*) in 1986 *Anne Rolls won with her large black pullet and Roger Clarke's black bantam cockerel winning it again in 1994, a few best in sections and reserves along the way as well.*

Black is the colour that dominates the champion and best in show awards in large and bantam, though there are some very good blues about that have won club show champion 4 times. We now have two National shows, sometimes with only three weeks between them;/ the Poultry Club National is always first, the Federation of Poultry Clubs show is usually the weekend before Christmas which always gives it a special atmosphere.

Most breed clubs have their club show at one or the other, the Buff Club always hold theirs at the National/. We used to alternate but for the last few years we have held ours at the Federation.

Each decade since our new club has been formed has been dominated by certain breeders./Will Burdett was the one to beat in the late 70's into the 80's with all colours large and bantam/. Roger Clarke dominated in the 90's with his good strain of Black Bantams, as well as winning the Gold Cup./ Roger was a major source of breeding stock for many of today's winners. .Brian Anderton's Blacks in large and bantam won many awards at local as well as national level in the /noughties.

Today (in the 2000s) the man to beat is David Pownall. As well as winning the Gold Cup with a White Wyandotte and numerous big wins with his large Buffs, his large and bantam Blacks have won 11 club show champions and many times the reserve as well.

The Hodge brothers , Richard O'Rourke and Mark Rangeley are now snapping at David's heel's , and Brian Anderton is due to make a comeback after a few years of ill health which have affected his breeding season.

So what are the problems facing us today ? One of the main factors at the present time is the world price of protein and cereals driving the feed price ever upwards , causing all of us to review the numbers we keep and the numbers we breed. Many exhibitors are giving up or are dropping breeds and colours to concentrate on their best or favourites./ Less stock is for sale and enquiries for stock have reduced dramatically./ We will have to wait and see what the entries are at the national shows to get a picture of how this is affecting our breed and the poultry fancy as a whole.

As a breed club we continuously get new members but keeping these members is a problem./ Many don't renew subscriptions for a second year as we are in an era when everything has to be easy. If people can't win or breed Orpingtons they move onto Wyandottes, then Sussex and so on, so the basic core of the club remains and every now and then we get a young new member who stands the test of time.

As to the birds themselves the relative size of the bantams to the large fowl has been an issue much discussed over recent years./ There has been a recent standard change due to the reprint of the poultry standards;/ the size for bantams is now" visually 25% the size of the large counterpart (which we achieve) guide weight males 2kg (4.4lb), females 1.6kg (3.5lb)/which we can exceed by large margins .

I agree that we needed a larger bantam than previous standard to achieve the type we require but when are we going to stop? If the large fowl are so good anything in between will be as good , when we get new breeders crossing large with bantam to achieve greater sized bantams , and new exhibitors who demand cages bigger than the standard 18 inches to accommodate "their girls " things are getting a bit silly .

Colours have been another issue. On the continent we can get Orpingtons in large and bantam in virtually every colour of Old English Game and a few that have been made up to fit whatever comes out of a crossed mating . This has given rise to a big interest in "non –standard" colours, and we provide classes for these at the Nationals and they do get some support.

Due to the popularity of some of these colours over the last four years the club have been going through the process of **re standardising** the Cuckoo, Jubilee and Spangled colours , with great emphasis on the “re “ bit ./ Due to these colours having had a standard and their own breed clubs early in the 1900’s we hoped to short cut the Poultry Club’s process for introducing new breeds and colours . This has worked to a certain extent as all three colours are now accepted into the Poultry Standards , but only the large fowl,/ not the bantam,/ which really p****d me off . So we will have to wait until the next AGM to discuss what happens next, as for all the other colours it will be a long hard road, with a lot more work and a lot less enthusiasm from ME!

Best wishes from the UK

Andrew Richardson

UK Orpington Club Secretary



Figure 4 European Bantam Partridge Hen

EARLY HISTORY OF THE UNITED ORPINGTON CLUB

I am not sure about the early history, as I know it, Dr. Clevenger was one of the early members. He was famous for his large Buff Orpingtons. When I first became active there were still folks wanting to know where they could get some Clevenger Buffs. I think Rolo Henrie took over for Dr. Clevenger. Bob Coulter would know more about this. He was closely associated with Mr. Henrie.

Ralph Brazelton was Secretary when I joined. He was Mr. Orpington of the sixties, seventies, and eighties. Ralph had all four varieties of Orpingtons both large fowl and bantams. He was a school teacher with a small wheat farm at Home City, Kansas. He did a good job as secretary./ There was an ALL-Orp every quarter and an article in the Poultry Press each month. My wife and I visited him at his home on our way to a National in Columbus, Ohio. Also, I met him at an APA National in Arizona. Ralph finally got to the age he had to sell his birds and turn over the Orpington Club to Ken Waller. Ralph and I corresponded back and forth./ The last letter I received from him said "keep the bantams going" and I did. I shipped over a thousand Orpington bantam chicks, 25 in a box, through the years.

When Ken took the Orpington Club over he got quite sick and eventually passed away. Ken had put the Orpington Club's money in with his own account and it was

gone./ The Orpington Cub drifted into in/activity. Christine Hayes from Sholo, Arizona was president at the time, and after Ken passed away she had an attorney friend write a letter to the attorney handling Ken's estate and they sent \$1300 to Chris for the Orpington Club.

Before she received the money I called her about what was happening to the Orpington Club. She said they were broke, so I sent \$20.00 to pay for stamps to mail a letter to the membership explaining the situation. She also asked me to be the interim secretary until they could get someone permanent.

Twelve years later I gave the secretary job up. The first meeting of the reactivated Orpington Club was at the APA National at Vancouver, Washington. I think we had six members, Clarence and Darlene Cannon, Frank Takahashi, John Monaco, Kevin Norelander, Tom Durgin, and Warren Tye. The highest membership got to 137 while I was secretary. A lot of them were members for one year and dropped out. Richard Andre took over from me and then Christina Korfus. They are doing great now and I hope it continues for many years.

Warren Tye

Past president and secretary of the UOC

Current Status of Orpingtons in the USA

The Orpington fowl in America have made a steady growth in/ popularity over the last five years. Primarily this popularity increase can be put down to the efforts of a few dedicated breeders to this fowl and also with the importation of UK birds into America. Buff large fowl in our country have always been in good numbers, the Blacks, Whites and Blues have been very few if even exhibited at shows. The Whites were nearly extinct in the US. But with the help of a handful of breeders they are making a comeback! There are a few dedicated breeders to the bantams, and Don, Vern, and Warren have helped keep the bantams going for years. There are now some new and up-coming breeders working to keep their numbers up. With the revived interest of new and old breeders together with the importation of English fowl, I think the breed will do good for many years to come.

Be Careful what you complain about??

When I started with the Orpington Club, the club was in near inactivity. I had sent several cheques for membership dues. One was cashed and I received one newsletter. About a year later I received a second one. Upset about the way the club was being run by the current secretary and the lack of learning about the breed & its history, I complained. Don Chandler the (current) president of the UOC at the time that I complained, said "you sure know how to complain but are you willing to help?" I was quite taken aback by this statement and had a little chuckle about it too. I told him that I would help. Don took over the newsletter from the secretary at that time. Vern Holzhueter the vice president at the time ,/ also called me with some concerns. We came up with many ideas to work on making the UOC better. Finally, after a short while the All- Orp was getting out again. A year or so later when elections came up, I was voted into office. The membership was around 60 non-expired members when Don took over the membership/newsletters duties in 2007. The Club has grown tremendously and as of 'today' (September 2012) we are at 154 paid members, there are a few that have expired but I know will renew their dues with in the year. It is nice to see this fine breed grow in interest and quality.

The first National I attended was at **the 2009 Columbus Ohio** show with 41 Large Fowl & 21 Bantams= 62 total

In 2010 Orpington National, Stockton CA:

Large Fowl 37 total: Bantam 47 total:

For a grand total of 84 Orpingtons

In 2011 we had the Crossroads of America

United Orpington Club National Show Report

10/28–10/30 2011 at America's National

Indianapolis, IN

Open Show:

Large Fowl

BV Black: Tony Charlton– pullet 17 in class

RV Black: Christina Korfus–pullet 17 in class

BV Blue: Christina Korfus–pullet 6 in class

RV Blue: Ronald Hahm–pullet 6 in class

BV Buff: Darlene Nelson–pullet 30 in class Best of Breed and Reserve English

RV Buff: Fred Farthing–cockerel 30 in class Reserve of Breed

BV White: Christina Korfus–hen 1 in class
BV Brown Red: Bill Wahl–cockerel 1 in class
1 young trio of Buff shown by Fred Farthing
Bantam
BV Black: Vern Holzhueter–pullet 4 in class
RV Black: Vern Holzhueter–cockerel 4 in class
BV Blue: Vern Holzhueter–cock 3 in class
RV Blue: Vern Holzhueter–pullet 3 in class
BV Buff: Richard and Margaret Andree–cockerel 22 in class Best of Breed
RV Buff: Vern Holzhueter–cockerel 22 in class Reserve of Breed
BV White: Vern Holzhueter–cock 4 in class
RV White: Vern Holzhueter–cockerel 4 in class
1 trio Buff shown by Richard and Margaret Andree
Jr. Show:
Large fowl
BV Black: Andrew Koch–cockerel 2 in class Best of Breed and Best Orp
RV Black: Andrew Koch–pullet 2 in class
BV Buff: Michaela Fuesting–cockerel 9 in class Reserve of Breed
RV Buff: Michaela Fuesting–pullet 9 in class
Bantam
BV Black: Ethan Graves–pullet 1 in class Best of Breed
BV Buff: Hannah Allen–cockerel 2 in class Reserve of Breed
For a grand total of 101 Orpingtons

As reflected in the total number of birds exhibited, the Orpington breed is increasing year by year. I am hoping as secretary, with the help of the membership and officers that we will get to the 200+ mark with membership. The Orpingtons are making a comeback in America and hope it will continue for years to come! We are excited about linking formally to the international clubs. We hope to learn a lot from each other.

Until Next Time,

Christina Korfus
UOC Secretary

“What Colour is that Orpington again?”

By Martin Douulton on behalf of the Club Management Committee

In the May 2012 Club newsletter our ‘Emeritus’ life member, Dallas Smith outlined some thoughts on the new version of the (2011 APS) standards, the growth in non-standard colours and some suggestions on how to tackle the issue from a Club perspective. This article together with much conversation at the Royal National Canberra Show and Club AGM clearly identified that as a club we need to address the issue of the clarification of new colours shown on an Orpington body as well as the standardisation of non- standard colours.

With the new colours being brought in by the Import Syndicate still a good twelve months away your Club Management Committee thought that we had a little more time to develop a considered policy and process and meet the commitment/s outlined at the 2012 AGM

These are recent examples:

- At an Open Show in WA a Large Crele Orpington was awarded the status of Best Orpington in Show/
- Birds being advertised for sale as Jurassic Orpingtons/
- Birds being advertised for sale as pure bred Buff/ Blue Orpingtons (and ‘bred from show stock’)
- That a Splash cannot be considered for a major award at a Club/National Show/

All this means that clarity (aka the Clubs Policy) on what can and can’t be considered an Orpington colour and in what circumstances any non-standard colours can be shown,/needs to be set out.

Therefore the purpose of this article seeks to clarify the following questions in a FAQ format:

Q1. What are the standard colours of Orpingtons accepted for exhibition at any show held in Australia which adopts the Australian Poultry Standards?

A1. The Australian Poultry Standards 2011 edition confirms that only **FIVE** (5) colours of Orpington are accepted for exhibition in both Large (or Standard) and Bantam (sizes). These are Black, Blue, Buff, White and Cuckoo. In addition

under the descriptors contained in the 2011 APS edition ALL colours are to be judged to the same point/s allocation which is now 30 points for colour and plumage.

Q2. When can a non- standard colour be exhibited?

A2. Technically speaking an Orpington of a non-standard colour (aka anything other than the 5 standard colours described above) should not be shown at any show that adopts the Australian Poultry standards. However some of the confusion with what can and shouldn't be shown rests with the acronyms AOC- Any Other Colour and AORC- Any Other Recognised Colour. So this response is in multiple parts:

A2.1 In any show using the APS standards where an Orpington Class is put on a standard colour can be exhibited in an AOC class where this colour does not have its own colour class. Eg Class 101 Black Class 102- AOC. In this context AOC means that Blue, Buff, White and Cuckoo can compete together in the same class. In this case AOC means Any Other Colour as stipulated by the Breed Standard.

A2.2. Non-standard Orpington colours can be shown when the class clearly specifies that any bird entered is a developmental/work in progress (WIP) only. Such classes are to be found at all Orpington Club of Australia National and feature shows with the principle purpose to showcase the developmental colours in an exhibition environment. **The fowl entered in these developmental/WIP classes are not currently eligible for section or Ch Bird in show honours.**

The additional factor is that birds entered in these classes should be an AORC- Any Other Recognised Colour- as can be found in the APS Standards. This position also applies for Rare Breed and New Variety Shows who also put on such classes. With such classes each colour shown must be supported by the appropriate colour standard and which must be supplied on request from the Club Secretary. The Club already has a number of non-standard colour profiles on file (and as available on the website) and now has a process for determining how a non- standard colour fits on an Orpington!

Q3. I have hatched a bird that isn't an Orpington APS standard colour and would like to show it?

A3. If this is the case, and while the genetics of this bird might be questionable, the owner should review the Non Standard colour charts found on the Club website. If this colour is not found here a submission of the appropriate APS standard colour, including photo, should be made to the Club on what the owner

thinks the colour of this bird is. This submission will then be circulated around the Colour Working Party Group to ratify this colour as to how it should appear on an Orpington body. If ratified by the Working Group the colour will then be published on the Club website as information for exhibitors and judges alike. This ratification does not mean that this newly ratified colour is eligible for exhibition for anything other than a WIP/Developmental Class.

Q4. How are new colours standardised?

A4. With ten years between APS editions it's obvious that a process needs to be put in place for new colours/breeds to become standardised in a more timely fashion. As a breed club we have a duty to protect the history and integrity of the breed to ensure it is not compromised by fashionable names, fads or money. We have to ensure that the breed is protected against false claims and that hybrid cross bred's (either between Orpington colours or by crossing with another breed) are not approved for consideration as a standard Orpington until they look like an Orpington , breed true for a requisite number of generations and are held in multiple breeders'/ hands.

Currently the Club Management Committee is seeking information from our sister Orpington clubs around the world about their colour standards and how their practice for adopting new colours is undertaken. A position paper on this matter is being prepared for consideration before and debate at the 2013 AGM.



Figure 5 Large Lemon Cuckoo Ck shown at VR&NBS 2012



Figure 6 Large Lemon Cuckoo Pullet shown at VR&NBS 2012

Buff Orpingtons: Partial article

Re-printed American Poultry Journal January 1930

About Mating

Do not breed little birds. Select females that are broad and square across the shoulders, of the right shade of color in neck and with as sound buff under color in fluff on sides of body as possible. If they are hens they should be somewhat faded in black color. They should have sound buff wings. Some peppering of black in the main tail feathers is allowable. Pick a male to mate to them that is as near ideal in shape and color as possible. Such a mating will produce both good cockerels and pullets. Do not mate together extremes in color. Color must be toned up gradually and a red male mated to lemon females will not produce a medium shade of buff. If the male is a little whitish in under color of hackle, but has a rich, even buff breast, he will produce some good pullets and a few good cockerels. But, do not expect to produce soft, even colored pullets if the male has an uneven color in his breast, i.e., is mealy or washy in breast color or if the feathers are edged with lighter buff.



Figure 7 The Show Hall @HSS Orpington Show in 2011. Featuring some world class Bantam Orpingtons! More pics to follow but for now just a few tasters- Thanks to Bent Neilson for these information and photography



Figure 8 Buff Bantam Ck



Figure 9 Buff Bantam Hen



Figure 10 Black Bantam Ckl



Figure 11 White Bantam Hen



Figure 12 Red Bantam Ck



Figure 13 Blue Bantam Hen



Figure 14 Cuckoo Bantam Hen



Figure 15 Buff Columbian Bantam Ck



Figure 16 Buff Columbian Bantam Hen



Figure 17 Gold Laced Bantam Ck



Figure 18 Gold Laced Bantam Hen

Stock For Sale

The www.backyardpoultry.com.au is a great place to see who and what stock are for sale. The following adverts are provided as a free service for Club members

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Bairnsdale VIC

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Marsh,
Melway Map 333 A12

Pavilion open 8.00 am

Pen by 10.00 am

Auction 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

Orpington Black Standard Cockerels Show Quality,
Orpington Black Standard Pullets POL Show Quality,
Orpington Blue Standard Pullet (Leading Breeder),
Orpington Buff Bantam (Proven Exhibition Bloodline) Trio,
Orpington Buff Bantam Pullets (Exhibition Bloodline),
Orpington Buff Bantams (Leading Breeder),
Orpington Buff Standard Hens Show Quality,
Orpington Buff Standard Pullets POL Show Quality,
Orpington Standard Lemon Cuckoo (Exhibition Bloodline) Cockerels,
Orpington Std Blue Ckl Splash Hens (Exhibition Bloodline) Trio,
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Orpington Club Of Australia

Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 9th June 2012 at the Royal National Poultry Show Canberra

Meeting opened at 3.05pm

Members In Attendance.

R. Callinan, M. Doulton, S. Ford, S Knight, V. O'Dempsey, R. Hunt, R and Miss AR Gibson, P. Callinan, S. Barker, E. Coffee, W. Coffee, V. Bragg, M. Rich, T. Trengove, A .McPaul, C, McPaul, J. Bowman, T. Standing, C. Pobje, L. Gordon, S. Beven, M. Beven, B. Richardson, R. Stanley, J. Stannard, D. Stannard, J. Stewart, E. Marso.

Apologies.

R. McLaren, W. Robinson, C. Hardman. D. Smith.

Observers.

G. Finlay (Judge), K. Bergin, A. Morton, Sam Dawe, G & T. Standfield.

President welcomed all attendees to the Orpington Club of Australia Annual General Meeting.

Before commencing official business the two Judges Mr G. Finlay (Large) and Mr K. Bergin (Bantams) were invited to comment on the birds exhibited at this show and to outline some of the highlights and opportunities for improvement to the breed. Both were most eloquent in their presentations and a more detailed report will be included in the next Club Newsletter (Editor's Note 2012 Show edition published August 2012).

Minutes of the previous meeting held at Queanbeyan on Saturday 11th July 2011 had been previously circulated by the Hon Secretary via the Club Newsletter. With no outstanding business arising from the previous AGM the minutes were noted. M. Doulton was appointed Minute Secretary.

Presidents report.

President Bluey Callinan presented his report which outlined the strong growth in Orpingtons in Vic and NSW, the links formed with overseas Orpington clubs and the energy of club members to promote and support not just the breed but each other. He also made special reference to the retiring Secretary/Treasurer (Mr Dallas Smith) whose commitment, dedication and organisational qualities he has brought to the Club and breed since commencing in this role was appropriately recognised by club members with the bestowing of Life Membership in 2007. (The Full report will be attached to the minutes when presented at the next AGM).

Moved by R. Callinan and seconded by S. Barker that the Presidents Report be accepted-carried.

Secretary's Report.

In the absence of the Secretary the President read the Secretary's report for the 2011-12 year. The report highlighted the influx of new members (with a word of caution that the club needed to do more to retain them)./ The staggering entry of 373 fowls shown at the 2011 National Orpington Show and acknowledgement of the Queanbeyan Club's magnificent support, the strong state of the club's finances, the status of the Complete Orpington book, the release of the 2nd edition of the Australian Poultry Standards and

confirmation of his decision to step down from the role of Secretary/Treasurer. (The Full report was included in a previous Newsletter).

Moved by R. Callinan and seconded by R.Hunt that the Secretary's report be accepted- carried.

A vote of thanks to the retiring secretary was moved by J.Stannard and seconded by S.Beven. Carried by thunderous acclamation.

Treasurer's Report.

The preliminary balance for the 2011-12 Financial year was presented – subject to adjustment due to the Northern Feature show being held on 24th June 2012- with the club showing a healthy balance of \$1592.90 after all Canberra, Northern and Southern Feature show expenses had been paid out.(Full report as presented will be attached at the next AGM)

Moved by R. Callinan and seconded by J. Stewart that the Treasurers Report for the 2011-12 year be accepted- carried.

Election of Officers for 2012-13.

Those present acknowledged the role of the Patrons- R.Lavender, W.Burdett and Life Members J.Blatch (dec), C.Bishop (dec), R.Lavender, R.Callinan, D.Smith.

All Positions were declared vacant and M. Doulton was appointed Returning Officer.

The following were elected as the club's Office Bearers for 2012-13

President- R.Callinan

Vice Presidents- D.Stannard; S.Beven.

Secretary/Treasurer- M.Doulton.

Public Officer- D.Smith

Northern Committee-S.Beven, R.Callinan, D.Smith, D.Stannard.

Southern Committee- S.Barker, J.Whitney,S.Ford, J.Stewart.

State Reps WA S& D Bell.

Action. It was agreed that a show management team be appointed to organise and manage the 2013 National Show with the secretary to call for expressions of interest from members to join this group.

General Business.

With no business matters arising from the last AGM the meeting commenced general business.

1. National Show 2013. There was some discussion regarding the 2013 date and venue for the National Show.
 - a. Action. The task of confirming a venue, date, judge(s), fees and budget for the 2013 National Show was delegated to the Management Committee with members to be advised of the 2013 Show details by September 2012.
2. Feature Shows. After confirming support for the club's international associate clubs there was some discussion on the merits of the club supporting the various Royal shows.
 - a. Action. It was agreed that the secretary consult with members in each state as to how they might see the Orpington Club might best support the exhibition of Orpingtons in their states.

3. Noting the Clubs healthy financial position members approved that adult membership fees were to remain at set \$20 per adult for the 2012-13 membership year.
4. Members approved the payment of NSW Incorporation fees and EPA fees.
5. Notice of Motion to amend the constitution was moved by D. Smith seconded by M.Doulton.

Clause (with amendments as underlined)	Decision
3. The <u>Financial Year</u> of the Club shall be from 1 st July to the <u>30th of</u> June of the following year.	Carried
4. Seven (7) financial members <u>present</u> will <u>constitute</u> a quorum for a general meeting	Carried
5. Any person of good character may become a member of the Club if properly proposed by a financial member and accepted by the members present at the AGM and on the payment of the annual subscription set annually at the AGM; provided that for juveniles under 16 the subscription shall be <u>50% of the annual subscription</u> ; each member of a partnership shall pay the full <u>annual subscription</u> rate.	Carried
6. <u>The Committee is empowered to strike off members' names when 2 full years in arrears.</u> Any member so removed, who wishes to rejoin at a later date must first pay two years subscription, plus the current subscription. This also applies to resignations from un-financial members.	Rejected. The meeting agreed that members are only financial for the year that the fees are paid for and that it's up to the clubs processes to retain members. It was agreed to remove this clause in its entirety and replace with: <u>"Members are only financial for the year in which an annual subscription is paid. Members must renew annually to receive member benefits. Subscriptions paid by new members after the 1st March will expire on 30th June the following year"</u>
7.All office bearers shall retire at the <u>commencement of each AGM</u> but will be eligible for re-election.	Carried
8. Any office bearer absenting <u>themselves</u> from three (3) consecutive meetings without apologies the position will deemed to be vacant.	Carried
9.The following office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting-	Carried

President, 2vice presidents, secretary/treasurer, <u>show</u> secretary, 1 auditor and <u>public oOfficer</u> , management committee.	
10.The management committee shall consist of the <u>president, the secretary/treasurer and one other.</u>	Carried
11.The <u>management</u> committee shall have the power to call meetings of the club as often as they may be required; to fix the place of a meeting; to introduce any new feature of interest compatible with the objects of the club generally. The elected <u>management</u> committee will meet as often as required	Carried
12.At the Annual General Meeting, it shall be competent for any two members (one as mover one as seconder) to propose alterations to Therules but notice of such intention must be <u>provided</u> to the secretary <u>either</u> in writing <u>or electronically</u> at least 21 days before the date of the said meeting.	Carried
13.Only financial members shall be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. <u>All decisions will be approved on a simple majority unless otherwise stated in these general rules.</u>	Carried
14.The current version of the ‘Australian Poultry Standards’ is considered to be the club standard for judging purposes. <u>Where a variety is not covered in the APS the secretary will obtain a suitable standard from other sources.</u>	Carried
15.Any member found guilty of any practice considered unworthy of a club member, or against the interests of the club, may be suspended or disqualified by a 75% majority vote at any general meeting where this matter is brought forward for decision. Any member so affected is to be advised within 14 days by registered mail. An appeal may be lodged within 14 days of the receipt of such notice. This will be heard by the <u>management</u> committee <u>who have the executive powers to hear and determine the appeal and then</u>	Carried

report their findings back to the next general meeting	
16. <u>At all club shows the following to apply; Only those colours standardised in the Australian Poultry Standards are eligible for major awards. Special awards may be made to any other variety sanctioned by the club. Separate variety classes will be provided where there are four or more entries for a distinct variety.</u>	Carried. 25 For: 2 Against.

6. Breed Standard Reference Group. Following much discussion around clause 16 of the Constitution it was agreed that the club form a Breed Standard Reference Group to address the consistent introduction of new and/or imported colours into the Orpington fowl and to recommend to the management committee the standards for such colours.
 - a. Action. The secretary will draft terms of reference for this group and call for expression of interest to join this group.
 - b. Action. The Management Committee will consider the issue of non APS standard colours being eligible for major awards at club shows and bring the issue back to the next general meeting (2013) for consideration by the members.
7. Membership and administration support. S. Barker offered her assistance as Membership Secretary. M.Doulton thanked her for her offer but asked that he be able to have some time to review the current administration processes before determining what support was required moving forwards.
8. Grant applications. J.Stewart raised the opportunity of the club's eligibility to apply for a CEEPA Grant of \$1000.
 - a. Agreed that the secretary work with J.Stewart to apply for the grant.

The Meeting closed at 5.09pm

Expressions of interest for the club's 2013 working groups

As outlined in the minutes above the club is calling for expressions of interest from club members to be part of the 2013 National Show Working Group and the Breeds Standards Reference Group.

Please send an email to the secretary outlining your interest in being part of one or both of these working parties by 30th October 2012. Appointments will be for up to one year at a time with all position being vacated annually at the club's AGM.

Dates for your Diary

the 2013 Orpington Club of Australia Show
information

National Show - Saturday 22nd June - Venue
ALBURY NSW- Judge TBC

Northern Feature Show- TBC

Southern Feature Show- Saturday July 27th –
Venue BACCHUS MARSH VIC- Judge TBC

Welcome to our newest Members who have joined since May 2012

Virginia Oakham, Samantha Hoadley (VIC), Eleanor Shannon, Bob Leenders (WA)

Lindsay Broad (SA), Natalie Stoddart (), Matt Holt (SA), Shawn Gisbourne (NSW)

Ken Bergin (NSW), Grant Standfield (VIC), Kath Burton (NSW), Anthony Mountrey
and Family (NSW)

Charlton Snell (NSW- our one current Junior), Ruth Huckstepp (QLD),

James Allchin (TAS), Leanne Maxwell (VIC), Ruth Jackson (NSW), Joe Madirazza
(NSW)

Helene Atkinson (NSW), Karen Bussian (QLD), Kaylee Stafford (TAS),

Lennie Drinkwater (VIC), Terry Chapman (NSW),



Figure 19 A grand Line Up of White Orpington bantams (Zuidlaren Show 2012)

Orpington Club of Australia Office Bearers 2012-13

Patrons – Rob Lavender, Will Burdett (UK)

President -/ Rob ‘Blue’ Callinan

Vice Presidents- Denis Stannard, Simon Bevan

Secretary Treasurer- Martin ‘Wananga’ Doulton

Public officer- Dallas Smith

Life members- Jim Blatch (Dec), Charlie Bishop (Dec), Rob Lavender, Rob Callinan, Dallas Smith

Southern Committee- Judy Whitney, Sonya Ford, Jenny Stewart, Sue Barker

Northern Committee- Dallas Smith, Rob Callinan, Denis Stannard, Simon Bevan

WA State Representatives- Stan and Dianne Bell

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