



The Orpington Club of Australia
(Inc.)

‘The Orpington Outlook’

November 2016 ‘Show Season Wrap Up’ Edition



Champion Orpington in Show at the Royal National Poultry Show 2016
Owned by Miss R. Gibson

**Established in 1985 the Orpington Club of Australia is dedicated to promote and protect this stately breed.
‘We do best what we do together’**

From the Presidents Shed.

Hello to you all,

My thoughts go out to those of our members who may have been affected by flooding. In parts, the east coast and inland has really copped some bad weather.



Here in Crookwell the older locals say it's been the wettest Winter since 1955, and it's been quite a job keeping the fowl pens dry, with rain and sleet coming from every angle.

I have three incubators, and the smallest one (capacity of 20 eggs) has really struggled with the humidity levels due to the pervasive moisture, despite being in a cool, dry room. Fertility has been excellent but hatchability only about 60%, and I'm certain some of the chicks have drowned in the shell due to the extreme humidity. Nonetheless, the chicks I have got out are strong and vigorous, eating their heads off like true Orpingtons!

A few months ago I was asked by the organising committee to show my Orps at the inaugural Crookwell Farmers Market. Well, the response was phenomenal! People were raving about the birds, their size and colour, and the most common comment was "I've never seen chooks like that!" I'd written up a small "fact" sheet on them and a friend of mine put it on a flyer with colour photos of the birds. By the end of the day all 100 flyers were gone and I had firm orders for at least 40 plus birds. Aside from my skiting, my message from this experience is that if you do have the opportunity to show your birds at a similar event, do so. While I keep Orps because I'm passionate about them, I won't say no to the money from the sale of birds, it will certainly cover SOME of the feed bill!

Another positive from this event was that I made a new friend, and what's more, he has seen Orpingtons from the 1940's. An old gentleman hobbled up to my table with walking stick and started talking to me about the birds. It turned out that his father had Blacks and Buffs in the 1940's and 50's on his property just south of Binda (about 20km from me). He hadn't seen any since then, and was so enthusiastic he asked if his daughter might bring him to visit me. I said ok, and the following Sunday they came. Sid, that's his name, was a shearer and had worked all over NSW, SA and southern QLD. He was delighted when I showed him a copy of Dallas's new book (you all have a copy of this book don't you???) and yes, his father's Buffs looked just like the photos on page 12 this publication. His Dad kept them for their original purpose, a utility fowl, and along with the Blacks (in retrospect he now thinks they were Australorps) supplied the local general store with eggs. They also supplied

birds for their meat to some locals who did the slaughtering and dressing of the fowl themselves (no BBQ chook from the IGA or Woolies then!), and made quite a handy income from this.

He told the Buffs and Blacks bred very true, with the buff colour somewhat lighter than my birds. Interestingly, he seemed to think that both colours laid all year round (something mine don't) so maybe we have bred some of this utility feature out. He also regaled me with tales of flocks of fowls on properties he had worked on. These included Andalusians, Ancona's (especially in QLD and SA), Minorca's, Brown and White Leghorns and Light Sussex, all bred pure, and in his words "all had to work for their keep". He'd always been interested in fowls (that's why he knew which breed was which), but travelling around as a shearer he never had time to keep any. Anyway, we had a lovely day, and being a good old shearer (he's 91) he even had a few stubbies with me on the back porch. His daughter was not happy with this! I've now made him an "A" frame fowl pen and will give him some pullets next year so he can keep them in his daughters' back yard in Crookwell where they live. It's amazing and heart-warming to think of the friendships fowls can bring you.

Harking back to Dallas's book, when I first got my hands on it I read it right through that night. I enjoyed it so much I read it again the following night. As a comprehensive study of the breed from all angles it has no peer, a truly definitive work.

No serious Orp breeder should be without a copy.

In relation to this book, and after careful study, I'm going to stick my neck out and say that the large Australian Blacks depicted to my mind look like the best in the world. I don't say this lightly as many outstanding birds are presented, especially in other colours. Now I know there are good birds and bad photographers and vice versa (as Dallas acknowledges) but purely on the photographic evidence, in my humble opinion, our large Blacks fit the standard to a tee. In any case, one of the major values that this book embodies is the fact that it sets a very high metaphorical bar for all of us to aspire to, and this can only be a good thing for the breed as a whole.

Well, I hope your future champions are eating like horses, and you are all well.

Best wishes from soggy Crookwell,

Simon

Proud prez of the happiest poultry club in the world

Round the Traps from the Secretary.

Sadly my contribution to this edition starts with the sad news of the passing of our Club Patron Will Burdett MBE. Will was inspiration to many not just in the Orpington or Poultry world! I am pleased to say that Blues words about Will and the warm welcome he always received from him either personally or via his warm letters is

testimony to the huge regards we held for him. The Club will be extending its sympathy to the family and also asking for their approval to name the 2017 National Orpington Poultry Show the Will Burdett memorial Show in honour of Will enormous contribution to the Orpington fowl.



Talking of the National Show I am pleased to advise that after my appeal in the last issue we have been offered the opportunity to enjoy some really wonderful hospitality courtesy of the Harden Poultry Club NSW. Not far from Canberra but far enough for our Northern members to avoid travelling via Sydney our 2017 National Orpington Show will be held on Saturday 24th June 2017. Dale Ashton our National show judge from 2015 and also now a member of the Club will be looking after us and promises us a truly memorable show and dining experience. More details in the next issue in early 2017.

The 2016 Show season has been memorable for many reasons not the least of which the increasing number of Orpingtons being shown and the main awards they have been winning such as Champion Soft Feather and Champion Bird of Show! Just shows that there is plenty of quality birds available both to purchase and to keep! In this issue are some great show reports from SA, VIC, WA and Queensland as well as the in-depth critique from Trevor our 2016 National Poultry Show Judge

That's all for now but as we continue to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the debut of the Large Black Orpington at the 1886 Dairy Show in the UK as always if you need to ask anything or let me know how your birds are going email, FB message or call me – always happy to chat and spread the word about our favourite Poultry breed!

Cheers for now

Martin D

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Hello Fellow Orpington lovers.

It was a sad day indeed when the news arrived to say our Club Patron and my good friend Will Burdett MBE had passed quietly into the next world.

I have visited Will at his home in Hutton Sessay UK several times. Each time has been an absolute joy. I vividly remember the first visit, I was to arrive at his house at two thirty pm and was early so Pam and I drove around the country village for about ten minutes and we were still early so we found a spot in a lane and sat and enjoyed the wonderful peaceful country atmosphere until two twenty arrived.

Hutton Sessay is between Thirsk (Northern Yorkshire) and York. It is a scenic enchanting old style country village. We arrived just on time to be greeted in his drive by a flock of large Buff Orpington hens of a type one could only dream of; a spectacle indeed. I knew we were in the right place. We were welcomed in and spent the afternoon talking about everything to do with the Orpingtons and the Orpington people we knew. (An enchanting afternoon!)

A visit to his trophy room with the medals and ribbons from when he was the Keeper of the Royal Orpingtons and a tour of his yard capped off a wonderful experience. Each time I went to Europe or anywhere within reaching distance a visit to Wills was a must do.

Over the years I have regularly corresponded with Will discussing everything from the changing Orpington type of the European imported bloodlines to the UK and everything else you can imagine. I loved to hear the



Vale William Burdett MBE



postman about the two month time, and when the letter arrived I was like a kid at a birthday party opening the letter. I will miss this regular contact.

One thing we did talk about a few times was the Import scheme here. Will contributed some of his best blood to the scheme and I hope it is well received. Will was full of praise about how the Australian Buff Orpingtons had kept the original shape and strong colour. He quite often said that in the future English breeders will probably need a cross of the Australian Buffs to lengthen the backline to give better fertility and to give vigour to the English Buffs.

He commented on every Orpington Club Australia newsletter. (he was full of praise) As soon as the email arrived Philip Smedley would print the newsletter out and drive it to Will's place.

Well I have enjoyed my friendship with Will Burdett MBE. We have spent many hours discussing our hobby; Will's friendship has enriched my life and I will miss his always active comments about his precious Orpingtons.

Thank you

Robert (Blue) Callinan
Overseas Correspondent for ORPINGTON Club
Australia



Will receiving his MBE from HRH Prince Charles



December's Fancy Fowl magazine –
A tribute to Will



A line up of Burdett Buffs.

BOOK REVIEW

ORPINGTONS – THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE By Dallas J Smith

Dallas Smith is well known for the high standard achieved in the numerous poultry publications he has been associated with, like *Simply Wyandottes*. The release of *Orpingtons* will not disappoint. Although written for devotees of this breed, much in the text will interest breeders of other fowl who are struggling with the intricacies of colour.

Orpingtons details the development of the breed and the numerous stakeholders involved. New insights are presented as the author has thoroughly researched the breed's origination. A subsequent section builds on this historical background, examining each colour variety closely and unravelling its particular story and the individuals involved.

One of the valuable features of the book is that it presents a global perspective of Orpingtons with input and photos on the various colour varieties from master breeders from the UK, USA, Denmark, South Africa, Australia and more.

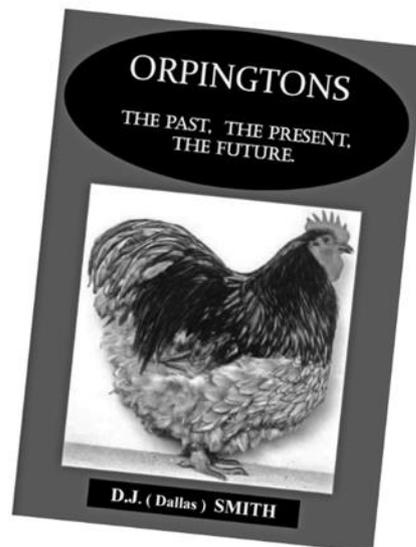
Several parts of the book deserve highlighting. The first is the section titled 'What the Standards do not say'. Several pages are devoted to discussion on points of the standard, enabling a clearer understanding to be achieved. The second

section forms part of the colour discussion that accompanies each of the 16 recognised varieties and contains valuable advice on achieving the correct shade or pattern. For example, the examination of both white and blue plumage were valuable as was coverage on some less common Orpington colours.

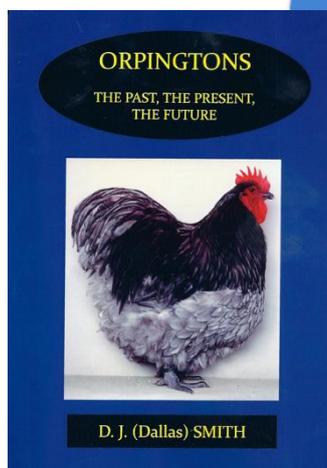
Separate chapters detailing colour requirements, the breed standards, judging and care and management offer constructive information and advice.

The illustrations in *Orpingtons* are a key feature with some 200 coloured and black and white photos plus a number of prints. Examining and comparing the photos enables the small differences that exist between examples in different countries to be appreciated and adds to the understanding that each country interprets breed standards a little differently. Be prepared for some great photos of Orpington varieties that are not seen in Australia.

This book is a good investment for collectors and a top read for admirers of the breed that haven't read the antiquarian books by William Cook or Lewis Wright. An excellent mix of history and practical information that will guide breeders to greater success.



Softcover, B5 size, 156pp, colour and b&w illustrations. Introductory offer \$45 Aust plus p&hp. Release date is 10 June at the National Poultry Show in Sydney where pre-paid copies can be collected. Enquiries ph: 02-4953-2149, or email: dallas.j.smith@bigpond.com. Bank transfer details available through phone or email, or payment via cash/cheque/money order/PayPal, payable to DJ Smith, 35 Appletree Rd, Holmesville 2286. ❖



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JUDGES REPORT NATIONAL SHOW SYDNEY 2016

It's always a privilege to judge at such a prestigious Show. What a pleasure to judge such a wonderful line up of Orpingtons. I thought the Orps were a stand out of the Show, a sentiment shared by many people have spoken to. I am involved in the Wyandotte Club of Australia and through the Club's promotion of the breed, Wyandottes have flourished in Australia. It is pretty obvious the Orpington Club is having the same effect on their breed. Congratulations to the Club, Trevor Dent

ORPINGTON LARGE

BLACK

COCK - 3 good cocks winner, lovely type, feather, 2nd nice cock, smaller than winner, 3rd – good bird, not out in tail
HEN - 1st bigger, good type, feather, a little short in leg, 2nd – another good type, big, also short in leg, not far behind winner, 3rd – nice hen, lacked size of first two.

COCKEREL – great class, 1st outstanding cockerel, beautiful type, great head, size, flow of feather, not quite full in the eye, 2nd – great bird type size but not quite size of winner or feather, 3rd – lovely bird also type, size, head.

PULLET – 1st what can I say, magnificent fowl, good size, green sheen, depth, width everything you want, 2nd – another terrific pullet beautiful colour, sheen, width, depth, Just beaten by an outstanding bird on the day, 3rd – very similar to 2nd placed pullet.

BLUES

COCK – lovely big cock, good colour, size, 2nd – also good bird, a little short in leg, overdone in comb, not as good in eye as winner, 3rd – nice cock not as even in colour as first two.

HEN – 1st only one, okay hen short in leg, a little loose in feather, drops her tail.

COCKEREL – 1st winning cockerel nice bird, tail set a little low, 2nd good cockerel, good colour, big, deep, not quite as out in tail, 3rd – good deep, short cockerel

PULLET - 1st good type, lovely lacing, BEST BLUE, 2nd another good female lacked size of winner, good lacing, 3rd similar to 2nd but colour not as even.

BUFF

COCK – 2 OF, not much between 1ST and 2ND. Winner stronger in under colour.

HEN – 1st winning hen lovely size and top colour, 2nd – nice female a little light in undercolour, 3rd – lacked the size of first two females.



Reserve Champion Bantam
Orpington
C. Hardman



Champion Standard Buff Orpington
M. Gavenlock

COCKEREL – 1ST Lovely cockerel, good even colour, well balanced, BEST MALE, 2ND ok, Not as even in colour as winner, 3RD – handy cockerel lacked type of other two.

PULLET – 1ST winning pullet BEST BUFF good size, type, even colour, 2ND not far behind, 3RD another good pullet

CUCKOO

COCKEREL x 2 winner stood out in size and type

WHITE

COCK – X 2, winner stood out in size and type.

COCKEREL X 3 winner stood out in size, Other two handy birds, 3RD could have been better prepared.

PULLETS 1ST outstanding pullet BEST WHITE type, size, well prepared, 2ND and 3RD also handy pullets not far behind winner

BANTAMS

BLACK

COCK X 3 winner lovely bird, beautiful feather and type a little large, 2ND – ok tends to drop tail, 3RD – lacked a little type

HEN X 1 fair, not in condition

COCKEREL – 1ST beautiful cockerel good head, eye, feather, type BEST BLACK, 2ND – also very neat male, 3RD – similar to 2ND.

PULLET – 1ST lovely bantam BEST FEMALE type, feather, a little heavy in comb, 2ND – similar to winner not quite out in condition, 3RD – good pullet lacked type of first two.

BLUE

COCK X 2 winner stood out for type and colour however a little big.

HEN X 2 - winning hen stood out for type colour a little low to the ground.

COCKEREL – winning cockerel

outstanding bird, beautiful feather, type BEST BLUE 2ND another great specimen for colour and type, beaten by a very good bird on the day, 3RD ok lacked the class of 1ST and 2ND.

PULLET – winner BEST BLUE FEMALE good type and size, beautiful lacing, 2ND and 3RD nice female birds lacked type of winner.

BUFF

COCK – 1ST and 2ND very similar, winner slightly more even colour

PULLET 1ST lovely pullet, good colour, good undercolour CHAMPION BUFF 2ND and 3RD similar not far behind.

WHITE X 3 – all handy birds with the winning pullet being the best

CUCKOO

1 Cuckoo handy male good colour



**Champion Bantam White Orpington.
R. Callinan**

Queensland Report

As the new appointed state representative for Queensland I would like to say thank you Queensland for a wonderful year of Orpington showing.

Every year, Queensland has some great shows held which Orpingtons are the main highlight. One of which is the Rosewood Poultry Annual Club Show. At this show, The Orpington Club of Australia donates ribbons for both the champion and reserve champions Orpingtons in both standard and Bantam Orpington classes. This show every year can get numbers between 100-200 where nothing but quality is shown from all members throughout Queensland and Northern NSW make the trip too. One of the other major awards at this show would be The Roy Kerle memorial trophy. This trophy acknowledges the hard work and dedication Roy put into the Orpingtons in Queensland throughout his lifetime.

This year in July, Rosewood Poultry club invited both Rob Leck to judge the bantams, and Trevor Dent to judge the large fowl. This was a great privilege as; Trevor Dent was assigned the Orpington judge at this years National Poultry Show at Sydney Olympic Park. For those who weren't as lucky to attend, this opportunity gave Queensland a chance to show what we are made of and get some great breeding and showing tips from a well-trained eye.

The Rosewood Poultry Show had a considerable turn out, with a total of 86 Orpingtons entered. This sub-divided to be 56 standard large, and 31 standard bantams. This was a little less then expected from previous years, however, can be disregarded because of how close the Nationals were to this event.



Champion Standard Orpington;

Champion Black Pullet owned by Maryanne Lund with a well-presented black pullet



Champion Bantam & Champion Black Bantam; owned by Jordan Mckeown with a young black pullet.

With a high amount of Orpingtons Breeding growing here in Queensland, The decision was made to take on board another club which was able to cater for. With some great clubs in Queensland speaking with fellow members, we decided that Darling Downs Poultry & Pigeon breeders Assoc inc, would be the perfect place to hold another Orpington show.



Reserve Standard Orpington;

owned by Karen Bussian with her lovely blue cock bird.



Buff Standard Cock, shown by M. Lund



Reserve Bantam & Reserve Champion Black;

won by W. W. Nicholles with a black cockerel.



A.O.R.C Cockerel, shown by J.Mckeown



Blue Bantam Pullet, shown by K.Bussian



**1st Placed A.O.R.C Cockerel, shown by
R.Daley**

Greeting from the West. What an exciting year 2016 has been for Orpington showing in Western Australia. After the past success of Orpingtons in our state going back 20-30 year ago, recent years have been quite with only a few established breeders still exhibiting at shows. But this year we have seen some great increase interest and numbers back at shows. Many thanks to The Orpington Club of Australia who has kindly sponsored 5 shows this year. Here are some pictures and results from around the sheds at this year's sponsored shows

Bullsbrook Poultry Show 9th July



**Champion Standard Orpington
Lester Flint**



**Champion Bantam Orpington
Cliff Weichert**

Harvey Poultry Show 10th July



Champion Standard- Cliff Weichert



Reserve Champion Standard – Brandon Baker



Bank of Bantams Champion and Reserve
Brandon Baker



Reserve Champion Standard – Brandon Baker

Western Australian Poultry Association
125th Annual Show 23rd July



**Champion Standard buff cockerel
Cliff Weichelt**



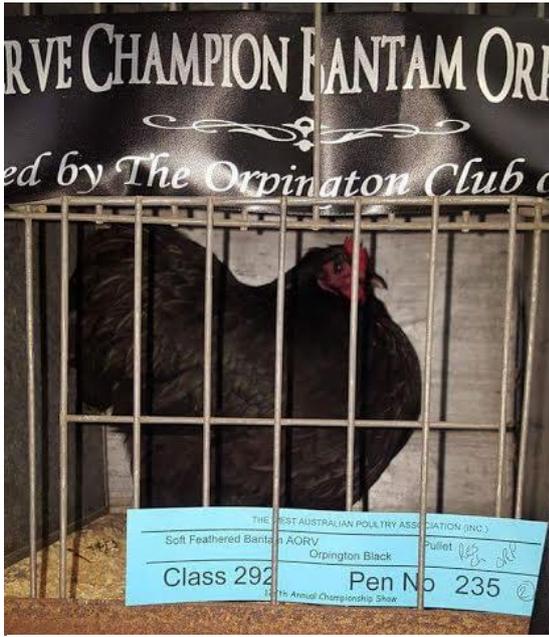
**Champion Bantam- Brandon Baker
Buff pullet**



**Bufs winning both Champion and Reserve in Standard and Champion
Bantam as well. Great day out for the buffs.**



**Reserve Champion Standard
Brandon Baker Buff Hen**



**Reserve Champion Bantam – Brandon Baker
Black pullet**



**1st AOC Female Standard – Cliff Weichelt
Blue pullet**

Midland Junction Poultry Club 6th Aug

This year the annual club show had 2 feature breeds being Frizzle and Orpington. Great to see more numbers in our State at shows again. 29 standard and 12 bantam Orpingtons in Show.



**Champion Standard and Best feature
breed standard- Cliff Weichelt**



**Best Blue Male Standard –
Brandon Baker**



**Reserve Champion Standard and 1st
blue Female – Cliff Weichelt**



**Champion Bantam and Best feature breed bantam –
Cliff Weichert Black Cock bird**



Blue Bantam Cockerel and Pullet – Brandon Baker



Beautiful row of White female bantam – Lester Flint



**Reserve Bantam – Lester Flint
White hen**



**Best Buff bantam – Brandon
Baker**



Black Bantam Females



White Pullet – Cliff Weichert



**Best White Cockerel –
Lester Flint**

Perth Royal Show 24th Sept



Martin Doulton lending his support to us while in WA. Great catching up and showing him the birds.



**Champion Bantam and Champion soft
feather heavy breed bantam –Cliff Weichert
Black Cock bird**



Thank you to all the exhibitors, judges and stewards for a great season! I believe that we as a state will only move forward in the season to come due to the new bloodlines that were brought across and our new keen members. All working together to preserve and improve this great breed in WA.

Happy Chooking

Cliff Weichert- WA state representative

2016 Royal Melbourne Poultry Show Orpington Section Major Results List

Champion Orpington

Large Blue Waninga Orpingtons

Reserve Champion Orpington

Large Black Sonya Ford

	Pen No	Exhibitor
Champion Large	Blue Cock	Waninga Orpingtons
Reserve Champion Large	Black Cockerel	Sonya Ford
Champion Bantam	Black Ckl	Waninga Orpingtons
Reserve Champion Bantam	Black Hen	Waninga Orpingtons

Standard Large Section

	Gender	Exhibitor
Champion Black	Ckl	Sonya Ford
Reserve Champion Black	Hen	Sonya Ford
Champion Blue	Ck	Waninga Orpingtons
Reserve Champion Blue	Ckl	Sonya Ford
Champion Buff	Ckl	Sonya Ford
Reserve Champion Buff	Pullet	Sonya Ford

Standard Bantam Section

	Gender	Exhibitor
Champion Black	Ckl	Waninga Orpingtons
Reserve Champion Black	Hen	Waninga Orpingtons



Res Champion Soft feather & Champion Orpington Heavy RMPS 2016 Large Blue Cock Bird (same bird 2nd year running) Waninga Orpingtons



Champion Bird of Show – Tasmanian Rare Breed Poultry Club Owned by Sonya Ford



Reserve Bird in Show – Royal Launceston Show 2016 owned by Sonya Ford Champion Soft feather Heavy Warragul P.C.

2016 Adelaide Royal Show Orpington Section Major Results List

	Champion Large	
Black Cock		AJ & AT Lock
	Reserve Champion Large	
Black Pullet		TJ & DM Dent
	Champion Bantam	
Buff Pullet		I Dawe
	Reserve Champion Bantam	
Black Hen		I Dawe
	Standard Large Section	
	Gender	Exhibitor
Champion Black	Ck	AJ & AT Lock
Reserve Champion Black	Pullet	TJ & DM Dent
First Blue Ckl		TJ & DM Dent
First Blue Pullet		AJ & AT Lock
First Buff Hen		T Bowden
First Buff Ckl		G Standfield
First Buff Pullet		T Bowden
Large Whites		No Entries
Large Cuckoo		No Entries
	Standard Bantam Section	
	Gender	Exhibitor
Champion Buff	Pullet	I Dawe
Reserve Champion Buff	Pullet	I Dawe

Dates for Your Diaries –

2017 Club Supported shows in your State (Provisional List)

April	Royal Easter Show Sydney	NSW
June 9-12	Royal Canberra Poultry Show	NSW
June 24	National Orpington Club Show – Harden PC	NSW
July 8-9	Royal Melbourne Poultry Show	VIC
July 9	Bulsbrook Show	WA
July 22	Jack Pavey memorial Show – Footscray PC	VIC
July 23	Rosewood PC Annual Show	QLD
August 5	Midland Poultry Club Show- Orpington Feature breed	WA
August 5	Oakleigh PC- Orpington Feature Breed	VIC
September	Royal Adelaide Show	SA
September	Royal Perth	WA
Nov	The Buff Orpington Club (UK)	UK
Dec	The Orpington Club of GB	UK



Best of breed national poultry show UK 2016
photo by Joshua Kittle



UK National Reserve Supreme Show Champion
out of over 6,500 entries. Bred & Exhibited by
Richard Bett (photo Josh Kittle)

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

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Or pay by Direct deposit into the Clubs account BSB 062 549 Ac No 0090 1366 Ac Name Orpington Club of Australia then send Martin an email with updated membership details, date and deposit details secretary@orpingtonaustralia.com

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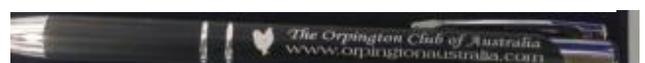
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