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Jubilee Pullet owned
by T Habberfield.
2nd Place in Orpington
Non-standard (f) class
February 2012.

JUDGES PANEL

Will Burdett, Brian Anderton, Stephen Adcock,
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INTRODUCTION

I was asked at the AGM to write to the Poultry Club and express our disappointment at not having the cuckoo, spangled and jubilee colours not standardized with their large counterparts. I have been informed by the Poultry Club that the three large colours accepted last year were fast-tracked due to the fact that they had a standard 100 years ago (our main argument for their acceptance), but as the bantam colours never had a standard they will have to go through a more rigorous procedure. For any colour to be standardized they have to be in the hands of enough breeders and they have to breed true. So the first step for anyone interested in standardizing a new colour is to present three generations of that colour (with Poultry Club leg rings) for inspection by a Poultry Club representative, when any member can do that if they will let me know and I will arrange for that inspection. I need to find out how many inspections are required and the number of breeders who need to keep them. So start ringing birds now!

SOME SHOW WINNERS

Deanne Cook	Show Champion	Royal Welsh Show	Large Black Pullet
Mark Rangeley	Reserve Champion	Northern Show	Large Black Female
Steve Holt	Best Orpington	Peebles Show	
Mark Rangeley	Show Champion	North of England	Large Black Female
S & G Hodge	BSFBtm (h)	North of England	Black Btm Male
Ben Rangeley	Best Junior	North of England	Black Btm Hen
Tina Jauncey	Show Champion	Ramsey Fur & Feather	Black Btm Cock
Con Sheehan	BLSF	Irish Soc of Poultry Fan	Large Black Male

RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL SHOW HELD AT STONELEIGH ON 17th/18th NOVEMBER 2012

LARGE FOWL

BLACK COCK (1)

1 R J Bett

BLACK COCKEREL ()

1 D G Pownall

2 R O'Rourke

3 R O'Rourke

BLUE MALE (1)

1

2

3

WHITE MALE (0)

AOC MALE (6)

1 N & J Allman (Spangled)

NON STANDARD M OR F (2)

1 A Armes

2 A Armes

BLACK HEN (5)

1 J & J Dwight

BLACK PULLET (6)

1 D G Pownall (Champion)

2 D Cook

3 T Marshall

BLUE FEMALE (5)

1 T Marshall

2 N Lewis

3 N Bohemia

WHITE FEMALE (4)

1 N & J Allman (Best White)

2 N & J Allman

AOC FEMALE (7)

1 N & J Allman

2 N & J Allman

3 N & J Allman (Best Jubilee)

BANTAMS

BLACK COCK (3)

- 1 J Watson
- 2 H Crane
- 3 L & S Kershaw

BLACK COCKEREL (17)

- 1 S A & G Hodge
- 2 Priestley and Sanders
- 3 S A & G Hodge
- 4 P A Swandel

BLUE COCK (2)

- 1 W Burdett MBE
- 2 W Burdett MBE

BLUE COCKEREL (4)

- 1 S A & G Hodge
- 2 S A & G Hodge
- 3 R J Bett
- 4 Goodwin & Mannion

WHITE MALE (3)

- 1 S A & G Hodge

A/C NON STANDARD MALE (4)

- 1 H Crane
- 2 D T Tanner
- 3 L Agg

BLACK HEN (11)

- 1 R O'Rourke
- 2 D G Pownall
- 3 R Stott
- 4 R O'Rourke

BLACK PULLET (17)

- 1 S A & G Hodge (Res Champion)
- 2 S A & G Hodge
- 3 J Freeman
- 4

BLUE HEN (3)

- 1 W Burdett MBE (Best Blue)
- 2 W Burdett MBE

BLUE PULLET (4)

- 1 S A & G Hodge
- 2 S A & G Hodge
- 3 Goodwin & Mannion

WHITE FEMALE (4)

- 1 S A & G Hodge

AC NON STANDARD FEMALE (4)

- 1 H Crane (Best Non Standard)
- 2 L Agg
- 3

NOVICE/JUNIOR (2)

- 1 Corbett & Crane
- 2 R Lewis

TRIOS

LARGE (0)

BANTAM (0)

CLUB SHOW RESULTS STAFFORD 15th/16th DECEMBER 2012

LARGE FOWL

BLACK COCK (0)

BLACK COCKEREL (5)

- 1 B Sharp
- 2 R O'Rourke
- 3 D G Pownall
- 4 L Oman

BLUE MALE (5)

- 1 M Rangeley
- 2 M Hanson
- 3 A Richardson
- 4 D Cook

BLACK HEN (4)

- 1 D G Pownall
- 2 M Rangeley

BLACK PULLET (7)

- 1 D Cook (Res Champion)
- 2 D G Pownall
- 3 M Rangeley
- 4 L Oman

BLUE FEMALE (6)

- 1 A Richardson
- 2 M Rangeley
- 3 M Hanson
- 4 A Richardson

WHITE MALE (2)

1 N & J Allman

AOC MALE (4)

1 N & J Allman (Spangled)
2 M Rangeley (Best Cuckoo)

NON STANDARD M OR F (3)

1 A Armes (Chocolate)
2 A Armes (Chocolate)
3 D Cook (Gold Laced)

WHITE FEMALE (4)

1 N & J Allman (Best White)
2 N & J Allman
3 S Hildreth
4 S Hildreth

AOC FEMALE (9)

1 D & J Short (Best Jubilee)
2 N & J Allman (Jubilee)
3 N & J Allman (Best Spangled)
4 D & J Short

BANTAMS**BLACK COCK (2)**

1 H Crane
2 J Watson

BLACK COCKEREL (14)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S A & G Hodge
3 S A & G Hodge

BLUE COCK (4)

1 W Burdett MBE (Best Blue)
2 W Burdett MBE
3 A Richardson
4 A Richardson

BLUE COCKEREL (3)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S A & G Hodge
3 R O'Rourke
4 N Pinfield

WHITE MALE (2)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S Hildreth

NON STANDARD M OR F (3)

1 H Crane (Chocolate)
2 E Jopling (Cuckoo)

NOVICE/JUVENILE(6)

1 Ben Rangeley
2 Alicia Smith
3 Alicia Smith
4 Alicia Smith

BLACK HEN (13)

1 D G Pownall (Champion)
2 R O'Rourke
3 J Watson
4 C Slater

BLACK PULLET (19)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S A & G Hodge
3 C Slater
4 T Paice

BLUE HEN (4)

1 W Burdett MBE
2 W Burdett MBE
3 A Richardson
4 A Richardson

BLUE PULLET (4)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S A & G Hodge
3 F Stobinski
4 N Pinfield

WHITE FEMALE(2)

1 S A & G Hodge
2 S Hildreth

THE POULTRY SCENE OVER ON THE EMERALD ISLE

Well where to begin, in Northern Ireland we have about six poultry clubs/societies/associations. All running shows through the winter show season roughly from the middle of October to the beginning of February, with summer shows at the Agricultural shows throughout the province.

Due to the recent loss of some clubs' halls most winter shows have been moved to the very large comfortable Flemish hall which is in Ballymena. It is located in the North East of this country which makes it relatively easy to access for us all due to the motorway. Some from the Republic of Ireland make the trip north for some of the shows. The quality of birds on show can vary but I think the constant competition keeps our standards high as can be seen with some of the successes recorded when some of my fellow countrymen make the journey over to some of the mainland shows. The numbers at these shows can vary from 150 to over 1000 depending on the venue, classes, pens available etc.

Ballymena is the stronghold of the OEG and with all the expert exhibitors showing, winning a card can be quite a feat. Classes of moderns are also very competitive; some of the piles are amazing in terms of clarity of colour, shape and style. I am aware that this article is for the Orpington club so I mustn't forget to mention the big fluffy giants. To be honest the large fowl can be under represented due to a low number of breeders and even fewer regular exhibitors, but I think this problem is experienced all over due to the current costs related to breeding and showing large soft feather.

Overall large soft feather numbers at shows are stable, just certain breeds seem more popular than others. In fact I judged this section and found myself with almost a dozen light Sussex females to judge. With most being well presented and of a high standard. The bantam Orpington numbers can fluctuate but on most occasions a class of six is the norm but on rare occasions classes can be bigger. At one time these classes would nearly always only contain blacks but of late buffs have started to make appearances some of them equal to if not better than most of the blacks. It would be nice to see more colours on show. Despite low numbers, Orpingtons still seem to challenge for the main awards so I suppose it proves that numbers may not be there but the quality certainly is.

Waterfowl are well represented (I suppose all this rain has to be useful for something) over here with most shows having a few waterfowl classes. There are currently two waterfowl only shows over here, one being held by the Waterfowl club of Northern Ireland and the other by the waterfowl section of the Dromore and District Poultry Association. Call ducks are the most numerous with entries above one hundred a common occurrence. Also Rouen classes can be big and hotly contested. Only a few clubs can cater for geese classes but Toulouse seems to be the breed of choice going by recent shows, but many other breeds on show.

We are also mindful to look out for young fanciers many of whom can breed and prepare stock just as well as their adult counterparts. There is always a novice class or a children's class, with some shows going all out with young handlers competitions. It is marvellous to see some of these young people talk about their birds demonstrating their knowledge and skill, I feel assured that in the future many of them will be making a trip across the water to compete and take judging tests.

The craic is good at shows, the slagging can be merciless but I don't think we would have it any other way. That is what makes showing it is not the winning (although it is nice) it is the camaraderie between like minded individuals. Where normal people think you are an odd-ball when you state such terms as cock breeder, spur etc you will just fit in. Within show hall walls they are the odd ones. A few yarns, alongside an Ulster fry (I am afraid such delicacies are not available on the mainland so come over and sample) are the order of the day. So come over and enjoy.

After all it is this hobby that gets us up at insane-o'clock after spending an evening washing and Pedicuring birds, challenging our driving skills on ice painted roads. Packing and unpacking mountains of fowl from the car into a cold show hall where we rub untold lotions and potions into the fowl. All for a few prize cards if we are lucky. And yet we still do it, it is a most remarkable disease this Poultryfanciersitis.

I am a patient of this disease I find no doctor can rid you of it and thankfully (I hope you agree) I never want to be cured.

Fellow patients in the fancy I salute you.

Ryan Liggett

Non-Standard Orpington Bantams at the Reading Show held on 25th February 2012

The Reading & District Bantam Society held their first non-standard Orpington classes at their classic two-day show in February 2012.

The female class was won by Richard Stott with a cuckoo pullet, and my own Jubilee pullet took second place. (See front cover)

The size of the male class was really disappointing; with my Gold Laced cock being the only entrant. Hopefully this class will be more competitive in 2013 because winning a class in which your bird is the only competitor is no fun!

Many thanks to Judge Chris Birtwell who was very generous with the time he gave me in the afternoon, going through the good points and drawbacks of the various Orpingtons, and giving me many useful tips, including how to improve pen training.

The Committee would love to receive even more entries in future. Facilities at the Show, which is held at Newbury Leisure Centre, are excellent with ample parking and a good restaurant. Schedules can be downloaded from the Reading & District Bantam Society website at: readingbantam.org.uk, email: readingbantams@gmail.com.

AGM POINTS TO NOTE

Matt Hanson to judge the regional show at the National.

Geoff Hamer to judge the club show at Stafford.

There will be no novice classes at these two shows only junior classes.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the new members listed below, we hope you remain with us for many years and continue to breed, show and promote our tremendous breed.

Mr	Steve	Carver	Telford	Shrops
Mr	Jack	Cuthbert	Kinross	
Mr	John	Potter	Draffan	
Ms	Christine	Lauritsen	by Dunoon	
Mr	Gordon	Walker	Co Armagh	N Ireland
Mr	John	Wightman	Co Down	N Ireland
Mr	Trevor	Spooner		Staffs
Mrs	Sue	Jopling	Welshpool	Powys
Miss	Alicia	Smith		Staffs
Mr	Ian	Sissons		E Sussex
Mr	Morgan	Chapman		Anglesey
Mrs	Keri	Aitken	Ellesmere	
Mr	Craig	Thomas	Derby	Derbs
Mrs	Julie	Manning		W Sussex
Mr	Con	Sheehan	Co Tipperary	N Ireland
Mr	John	Robinson	Coalville	Leics
Mrs	Gina	Cordally-upex		Norfolk
Mr	Kelvin	Petty		N Yorks
Mr	Peter	Duckworth		Dorset
Mrs	Linda	Roberts		Anglesey
Mrs	Fiona	Jackson	Clitheroe	Lancs
Mr	Nigel	Rawbone	Gorseinon	Swansea
Mr	Paul	Henderson	Walsall	

E- MAIL

I have been sending out e-mails to all members when members have stock for sale or other news, it is also a cheap way of forwarding the copies of news letters and year books I get from our sister clubs abroad. If you have not received an e-mail from me in the last few months I may not have your address or correct address so if you can send me a short e-mail I can then add it to our address book and you won't miss out on world news, sadly postage is far too expensive to send out all these publications by snail mail but are available if anyone wants one.

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SUSIE PAGE'S CUCKOO BANTAM PULLET 1st PRIZE CLUB SHOW 2011