

The Orpington Club of Australia (Inc.)

‘The Orpington Outlook’ Autumn 2020



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

So much has happened since last newsletter, in these days of Covid-19 it is very easy to focus on the negatives of life. For those who are suffering hardship whether it be economic, or health related my sympathy go out to you. My wife is currently suffering from a severe dose of husband overload with the current restrictions in place, but I am sure she is not the only woman in Australia suffering from that debilitating sickness.

So what have we as a club be doing the last few months with no shows.

1. Thanks to a very positive action instigated by member Steve Parker we have started our face book education modules, the first which ran 2 weeks ago was a big success. We learnt from this activity and will improve on the module.
2. The Covid-19 egg promotion. In an attempt to improve the general standard of Orpingtons in Australian backyards I am really pleased to announce that we have has over 50 respondents wanting eggs. What I am also very proud of is the way the leading breeders of Orpingtons have volunteered in a most generous fashion to make this concept work. Thank you all.

What do we have to do in the next few months.

1. Start making some money for the Club. Whilst the bank balance is good I don't like sitting on laurels. This will involve marketing the Orpington Standard prints. We had planned to do this at the National, but unfortunately as Robert Burns would say "the best laid plans of mice and men". Needless to say we need to get our act together and make something happening here.
2. The proposed Orpington judging school needs to kick off in the next 12 months, anyone interested in being involved in this please contact me directly.
3. Management of the Facebook site. Facebook has revolutionised (not necessarily for the better) the way breed clubs like ours are run. As a Club we owe the executive members an enormous thank you for the job they are doing managing this. What is so difficult and time consuming about face book is that whilst it is a wonderful promotional platform it runs 24/7 365 days a year and there is always one idiot waiting around the corner ready to say something negative. This takes management and I would like to think that your Administration team is doing the very best they can to achieve this . Thankyou team.

To our new members, welcome, please don't be shy about asking for help or assistance. There is always someone willing to help in our Club

We are hoping we may be able to run a NSW State Show in mid-July but this of course is in the lap of the gods. If this occurs this will be in Uralla so if you are interested in attending please let me know.

Take care of yourselves

Ross Gibson

From the Secretary's desk

Like everything and everyone the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted on the Poultry fancy in 2020. Our National Orpington Show along with most of our State Feature shows have been cancelled as we all work together to flatten the curve aka the spread of the virus.

The main part of my contribution to this Newsletter is to focus on the light at the other end of this tunnel we are all in – which isn't the train by the way. Like many others I am now working from home (WFH) for at least two months. The good thing about this situation is that I am able to wander down to my fowl pens whenever I feel a little blue or overwhelmed. Just watching my growers scratch around the orchard oblivious to the health and now economic crisis affecting the world creates a calm that I feel most grateful for.

WFH also gives me more time to think Orpingtons. Along with your executive and state reps we are taking this time to address the current environment and plan for the future.

In the short term we have postponed the 2020 AGM to the 2021 National Orpington Show - which is going back to Dubbo NSW on the weekend of the 26/27 June 2021- and also extended the membership of all current 2019-20 financial and junior members until 30th April 2021. The website www.theorpingtonclubofaustralia.net.au - has also been updated and you will now find an FAQ on arrange of topics, an archive area for all (29) Online Club newsletters produced since spring 2011 as well as a section of faults to look out for and a countdown clock to the 2021 National Orpington Show.

With more people having more time at home our Facebook site has been going off with more members, more posts and more likes than ever. After some discussion the Club now has a bit of more of an idea about the role of social media and we are now looking at leading the debate rather than waiting for content. Steve Parker has kindly agreed to set up a regular education post helping newbies in particular understand what a fault such a split wing, wry tails, bent toes looks like and why it is undesirable to breed with.

Finally hats off to our President Ross for his initiative in helping bring a bit of joy to the world with the free fertile eggs Clubs offer that was posted via Facebook. The responses have been most positive and gratifying and which will lead to better quality Orpingtons around the land. Which has got to be good for the breed.

For now though stay safe, follow the self- isolation directives, clean your hands more often and above all enjoy your Orpingtons.

Martin D

Secretary The Orpington Club of Australia.



From the Editor

Hi everyone,

Well sadly due to COVID-19 we are seeing more and more shows being cancelled for 2020. On the bright side, it may mean more time sorting out the breeding pens....

This edition is playing catchup a bit with photos and results from the Feature Shows in 2019. The next edition will feature a few breed articles.

Hoping you all stay safe & well in these unusual times.

If you would like to see any topics or articles in future Outlooks, I'm always happy to receive items for the newsletter. What would you Junior members like to see in the newsletter? Drop me a line at katgo@mullum.com.au or send to the Secretary.

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NSW Northern Feature Show, Macksville NSW – 11th May 2019

Judge Joe Madirazza

Bird in Show	Large Black Hen – Rose Gibson	Reserve Champion Bird in Show	Bantam Buff Pullet – Megan Gavenlock
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Large Section Results – total of 72 entries

Champion Large	Black Hen – R Gibson	Res Champion Large	Buff Pullet – D & J Stannard
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Champion Black	Hen - Rose Gibson	Res Champion Black	Ck - Rose Gibson
Champion Buff	Plt - D & J Stannard	Res Champion Buff	Ck - Megan Gavenlock
Champion Blue	Plt - Steve Parker	Res Champion Blue	Ckl - D & J Stannard
Champion White	Plt – Kate Goulding	Res Champion White	
Champion Cuckoo	Ckl – Kate Goulding	Res Champion Cuckoo	Plt - Kate Goulding
Champion Splash	Plt - D & J Stannard		

Class	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Ck	2	Rose Gibson (RES)	Rose Gibson	
Black Hen	8	Rose Gibson (CH)	Rose Gibson	Rose Gibson
Black Cockerel	13	D & J Stannard	Tydd Family	Tydd Family
Black Pullet	21	Rose Gibson	Rose Gibson	Rose Gibson

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Buff Ck	1	Megan Gavenlock (RES)		
Buff Hen	2	Megan Gavenlock	Jacob Price	
Buff Cockerel	3	Jacob Price	Jacob Price	D & J Stannard
Buff Pullet	10	D & J Stannard (CH)	D & J Stannard	D & J Stannard

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Blue Cockerel	2	D & J Stannard (RES)	D & J Stannard	
Blue Pullet	6	Steve Parker (CH)	Steve Parker	D & J Stannard

	# entries	First	Second	Third
White Pullet	1	Kate Goulding (CH)		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Cuckoo Cockerel	1	Kate Goulding (CH)		
Cuckoo Pullet	1	Kate Goulding (RES)		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Splash Pullet	1	D & J Stannard (CH)		

Bantam Section Results – total of 35 entries

Champion Bantam	Buff pullet – Megan Gavenlock	Reserve Champion Bantam	Black Pullet – Steve Parker
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Champion Black	Plt - Steve Parker	Res Champion Black	Ckl - Steve Parker
Champion Buff	Plt - Megan Gavenlock	Res Champion Buff	Ck - Megan Gavenlock
Champion Blue	Plt - Chris Hardman	Res Champion Blue	Ck - Chris Hardman
Champion Splash	Ckl - Chris Hardman		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Hen	2	Chris Hardman	Chris Hardman	
Black Cockerel	6	Steve Parker (RES)	Chris Hardman	Steve Parker
Black Pullet	5	Steve Parker (CH)	Steve Parker	Chris Hardman

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Buff Ck	3	Megan Gavenlock (RES)	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock
Buff Hen	3	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock
Buff Cockerel	6	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock
Buff Pullet	5	Megan Gavenlock (CH)	Megan Gavenlock	Megan Gavenlock

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Blue Ck	1	Chris Hardman (RES)		
Blue Hen	1	Chris Hardman		
Blue Cockerel	1	Chris Hardman		
Blue Pullet	1	Chris Hardman (CH)		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Splash Cockerel	1	Chris Hardman (CH)		

Champion Junior	Rose Gibson	Reserve Champion Junior	Jacob Price
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Champion Breeding Pair Large	Megan Gavenlock	Champion Breeding Pair Bantam	Megan Gavenlock
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Bird in Show – Large Black Hen, Rose Gibson



Victorian Northern Feature Show, Shepparton Vic – 6th July 2019

Judge Duane Rhall -

Bird in Show	Large Black Cockerel - Trevor & Denise Dent	Reserve Champion Bird in Show	Large Blue Pullet - Sonya Ford
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Large Section Results – total of 86 entries

Champion Large	Black Cockerel - Trevor & Denise Dent	Reserve Champion Large	Blue Pullet - Sonya Ford
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Champion Black	Ckl - Trevor & Denise Dent	Res Champion Black	Plt - D & J Stannard
Champion Buff	Plt - Sonya Ford	Res Champion Buff	Plt - Sonya Ford
Champion Blue	Plt - Sonya Ford	Res Champion Blue	Ckl - D & J Stannard
Champion White	Frank Bunting III	Res Champion White	Frank Bunting III
Champion Cuckoo	No entries	Res Champion Cuckoo	No entries
Champion Splash (AOC)	Ckl - Sonya Ford	Res Champion Splash (AOC)	Plt - D & J Stannard

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Ck	2	TJ&DM Dent	K&K Hancock	
Black Hen	4	K&K Hancock	K&K Hancock	TJ&DM Dent
Black Cockerel	9	TJ&DM Dent (CH)	Sonya Ford	D&J Stannard
Black Pullet	12	D&J Stannard (RES)	Sonya Ford	D&J Stannard

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Buff Ck	1	Fleur Hutchinson		
Buff Cockerel	6	Sonya Ford	Frank Buting III	Frank Buting III
Buff Pullet	18	Sonya Ford (CH)	Sonya Ford (RES)	Sonya Ford

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Blue Hen	2	Lena Driver	Lena Driver	
Blue Cockerel	7	D&J Stannard (RES)	TJ&DM Dent	TJ&DM Dent
Blue Pullet	10	Sonya Ford (CH)	D&J Stannard	K&K Hancock

	# entries	First	Second	Third
White Hen	1	Frank Buting III		
White Cockerel	2	Frank Buting III	Frank Buting III	
White Pullet	1	Frank Buting III		

	# entries	First	Second	Third
Splash Ck	2	Lena Driver		
Splash Cockerel	4	Sonya Ford (CH AOC)	D&J Stannard	Lena Driver
Splash Pullet	5	D&J Stannard (RES AOC)	Sonya Ford	Sonya Ford

Bantam Section Results – total of 6 entries

Champion Bantam	Black Pullet – Paul Johnson	Reserve Champion Bantam	Black Pullet - Sonya Ford
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Champion Black	Plt - Paul Johnson	Res Champion Black	Plt - Sonya Ford
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	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Cockerel	2	Sonya Ford	Paul Johnson	
Black Pullet	4	Paul Johnson	Sonya Ford	Paul Johnson





Junior Section Results – total of 12 entries

Champion Junior	Black Bantam Hen – Millie Ellery	Reserve Champion Junior	Black Bantam Cock - Caitlin Mannix
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Juniors	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Lg Ck	1	Marcus Walsh		
Lg Black Pullet	2	Marcus Walsh		
Lg Blue Hen	1	Millie Ellery		
Lg Blue Cockerel	1	Marcus Walsh		
	# entries	First	Second	Third
Black Bantam Cock	1	Caitlin Mannix		
Black Btm Hen	1	Millie Ellery		
Blue Btm Cockerel	3	Millie Ellery	Caitlin Mannix	Caitlin Mannix
Blue Btm Pullet	2	Caitlin Mannix	Caitlin Mannix	

Judges report Orpington Southern Feature Shepparton 6th July 2019

Firstly, I would like to extend to the OC of Australia to invitation to judge the Southern Feature.

In total app. 110 Orpingtons were appraised by me. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and after many years breeding and exhibiting Wyandottes the move to Orpingtons has been a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

I especially have enjoyed the comradery of the Orpington breeders and their appreciation of good competition amongst their own without the hustle and bustle of a win at all cost attitude. This is a delightful experience not often met with these days and the nature of the breeders and exhibitors lends itself to a hassle free and enjoyable experience from the other end of the judging stick.

The exhibits I handled were a credit to their owners and each one was superbly fit and turned out for the day. In my considered opinion the Orpington breed is a stable in a world of uncertainty, and the breeders again deserve congratulations for maintaining a level of quality in this soft feather breed that is perhaps not found in other breeds.

STANDARDS

Black: This was a strong section and many good birds were present. The winning cock was a superb bird, deep, round and with the correct back line. He was well moulded and had a typical Orpington skull and comb. The hen class was of good quality, and the winning hen was an Orpington of some quality. The cockerel class was a very close one and not much separated the three carded birds and perhaps 2 other exhibits in this section. The first placed bird went on to be champion Black Orpington and he was superbly turned out on the day. He has wonderful width, stance and a tight underline, possessed wonderful symmetry and moulding as a fowl. He was closely pressed by the second placed cockerel and in the end I felt the winner had a better head and comb by the merest of margins, although a double secretion in the second placed cockerel separated the cards at the end of section. There was also a cockerel unplaced that was a superb bird but his wing feathers were too short, and it appeared if they had been pulled at some stage and were re-growing. This spoilt his chances and in a few months time he would give any of the card places a real run for their money. Pullets were excellent, deep, broad and well moulded. The females were a little fluffy in their underlines and perhaps could have more leg underneath them if the strictest adherence to the standard was applied. The winning pullet and her carded companions were excellent in all other quarters and had terrific heads, eyes, feet and other Orpington characteristics. In this class was also an uncarded female, perhaps on the small side, but very tight in feather and possessing an excellent Orpington type. Again there was an unplaced female of superb Orpington type but just too small to fully meet the standards and the required weights.

Buff: This was a large section and although the type did vary to some degree the variation in colour was very evident. The winning cockerel was a superb specimen, big, upright and bold in his condition and his top colour was excellent, his colour was even and carried all the way to the skin. He was an easy winner in this class. The pullets were a quality class although unevenness of colour and distribution of colour, even within the same bird was evident. The three placed birds were excellent for type, colour, evenness and technically more correct in their buff colour.

Blues: I enjoyed this class and the four sections were characterised by having excellent specimens of the breed and colour in each of them. The winning cockerel was very solid bird, robust in constitution and good

colour. The winning pullets likewise was sound in all quarters. She had a correct back line and that short, concave shape one should look for when evaluating the Orpington.

In this section was a cockerel which I placed second and he was a very impressive bird. He was tight in feathering, carried his top and under line superbly, but his lack of maturity held him back. I really would like to see this male as a cock bird and I am sure he will continue to carry the impressive features he possessed on this day. He is a quality bird with many attributes that together make for an outstanding Orpington. With some growing under his belt he will make for a bird of excellent type, breed characteristics and the correct top and under lines.

Splash: Some excellent birds here. The winning pullets and cockerel were as described, free from rust or gold and of good type. The pale blue ground colour was evident in all the exhibits in this section.

White; whites were few in number but were of good type and colour. Whilst they lag a little behind their black and blue counterparts they have tremendous potential to be a most impressive variety.

Bantams

Were few in number but I chose a black hen as my eventual winner, a sweet headed bird, very sound in colour and type. The winning male was also a good Orpington, lustrous green sheen and of good type.

Juniors

A fair show of some good birds and a black male was chosen as best in this section, of good type, character and an excellent head.

Noted points in need of attention.

It was not good to see that very few exhibits had enamelled lobe, and when this was met with it was in the bantams. Good eye colour was noted in all the birds, as were some excellent cut combs. Double serrations were evident and this needs to be watched out for. Double serrations or fish tailed spikes spoil an otherwise excellent exhibit and although of minor concern they should be guarded against.

Type was excellent throughout the show and no exhibit could be deemed as lacking breed characteristics. This is a tremendous accolade for the breeders who have maintained their birds without changing the characteristics of style, body shape or heads and that are so important for defining a breed as different to all others. The birds I handled were of excellent constitution, vigour and quality. Every colour had a grouping of birds that suitably represented the variety and more importantly the breed. For this standard the breeders deserve hearty congratulations.

In closing I must thank the Club for the invitation to judge and my stewards on the day Trevor Dent and Sonya Ford.

Duane Rhall

Queensland Feature Show, Rosewood Poultry Club 2019



Champion Orpington
Maryanne Lund
Large Buff Cockerel



Res Champion Orpington
Jordan McKeown
Bantam Black Hen

Queensland Feature Show, Darling Downs Poultry Club 2019

Champion Orpington
Karen Bussian
Large Black Cock



Res Champion Orpington
Vicki Owen
Large Buff Hen

Judges Report Qld State Show 2019

It was a pleasure to be asked to judge the Orpingtons at the QLD state show held at Toowoomba.

Unfortunately I did not get to judge the Orpington Bantams, but I would like to say that there were tremendous line up of bantams. The buffs and blues have made real headway. The Blacks had some terrific fowls, females and males showing terrific underline. What was also pleasing to see was that there were bantams there that showed type that were not too big. I am afraid some of winning our bantams are getting to large. I heard a leading judge make excuse for this at a recent show I attended were he stated the feathering had to be abundant, so to get that the bantam has to be big. Well know where in the standard can I find the word "abundant" the standard actual says under Plumage Fairly profuse, soft and close, but not loose and fluffy. There were many bantams shown at this show that had fairly profuse feathering whilst still being bantams.. Well done to the Qld breeders.

The large fowl that I judged were a solid lot. The Champion Orpington of Show was a large Black Cock bird exhibited by Karen Bussian. Won easily had a lot going for him. His stable mate was another good cock bird. The rest of the blacks were fair. The buffs were the biggest class plenty of good colour and scale. Many of the males needed better fronts and unfortunately the asiatic eye brow is creeping in from the import blood. It was interesting I judged a large line up of buff cochins the same day and the heads of some of the buff Orpingtons were alarming similar to that of the cochins. Attractive but not too standard. The other problem with the buffs is the feet. I hear calls that the large buffs should be beating the blacks more, alas this can't happen until we get the feet on the buff beauties right. Again I think the import blood has a lot to answer for here. Keep up the good work buff breeders they are magnificent. A few blues a couple with very nice type. Alas I fear we need to do some more work with the colour. The whites for me were an exciting class. The best presented white Orpingtons I have seen and had the pleasure to judge was the highlight of my day. Vicki Owen you are a master of presentation of a white fowl. The cockerel of Vicki's I put up had his problems namely lack of size but his presentation as a white fowl made him unbeatable on the day. A good big female in the white class could have gone further but was not presented well.

Thankyou to the Qld members for the invitation to judge your show, it is always a pleasure to judge in QLD.

Ross Gibson

South Australian Feature Show, Adelaide Royal – 2019

Large Section Results

Champion Large	Black Cockerel - Trevor Dent	Reserve Champion Large	Black Pullet - K & K Hancock
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	First	Second	Third
Black Ck	Unnamed	J & T Mathie	
Black Hen	Unnamed		
Black Cockerel	Trevor Dent	Unnamed	Unnamed
Black Pullet	K & K Hancock	Unnamed	Unnamed

	First	Second	Third
Buff Ck			
Buff Hen	Unnamed	Unnamed	
Buff Cockerel	J & T Mathie	J & T Mathie	Unnamed
Buff Pullet	J & T Mathie	J & T Mathie	J & T Mathie

	First	Second	Third
Blue Cock			
Blue Hen			
Blue Cockerel	B Oakey & A Williams	AJ & AT Lock	
Buff Pullet	K & K Hancock		

Bantam Section Results

Champion Bantam	Black Cockerel - B Oakey & A Williams	Reserve Champion Bantam	Black Cockerel - B Oakey & A Williams
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	First	Second	Third
Black Cock	B Oakey & A Williams	J & T Mathie	
Black Hen	J & T Mathie	B Oakey & A Williams	
Black Cockerel	B Oakey & A Williams	B Oakey & A Williams	B Oakey & A Williams
Black Pullet	B Oakey & A Williams	B Oakey & A Williams	B Oakey & A Williams

	First	Second	Third
AOC Ck	B Oakey & A Williams		
AOC Hen			
AOC Cockerel			
AOC Pullet	B Oakey & A Williams	E Scanlon	B Oakey & A Williams

West Australian Feature Show, Perth Royal – 2019

Large Section Results

Best of Breed - Large	Male - Cliff Weichelt
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	First	Second	Third
Black or Blue male	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt
Black or Blue female	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt
AOC male	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt	Geoff & Joan Armstrong
AOC female	Geoff & Joan Armstrong	Joe & Ann O'Brien	Cliff Weichelt

Bantam Section Results

Best of Breed - Bantam	Male - Cliff Weichelt
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	First	Second	Third
AOC male	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt
AOC female	Cliff Weichelt	Cliff Weichelt	Kevin Nordstrom

2019 National Orpington Club Elected Office Bearers and Direct Appointees

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<i>SA State Rep</i>	Trevor Dent
<i>Vic State Rep</i>	Sonya Ford
<i>TAS State Rep</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>NSW State Rep</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
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