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25th Anniversary Show winners, Wyong, NSW, 2014

Members travelled from all over Australia to attend the club's Silver Anniversary Show in Wyong on the Central Coast of New South Wales on the weekend of July 19-20.

Almost 900 birds were benched for judges Owen Glover (QLD), Nathan Watson (WA) and Dr Robert Sheen (VIC).

Fittingly, it was Tony Davis who won the Champion Bird in Show award with a Blue Red L/L bantam cock, 25 years after winning the champion bird title at the club's very first show.

Tasmanian fancier and club president Tim Polley capped off an outstanding show season winning the Reserve Champion Bird in Show with a stunning large Black Red D/L hen. Congratulations to both exhibitors.

The presentation night on Saturday was also a special occasion for two stalwarts of the club – Chris White and Keith Dubber – who were both honoured with life memberships. Unfortunately due to his commitments with the Pekin show, Mr Dubber was unable to be present on the night but everyone gave him a warm round of applause when his email graciously thanking the club for the honour was read to those present.

Mr White gave a short speech and too was congratulated by everyone before he donned his life member jacket. A very deserved honour for both men.

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Champion Bird in Show, Champion Bantam, Champion Division 1 Bantam, Blue Red L/L Cock, Davis Gamefowl Stud.



Reserve Champion Bird in Show, Champion Large Fowl, Champion Division 1 Large, Black Red D/L Hen, Tim Polley.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tim Polley



Hello members,
Well what can I say, the Silver Anniversary Show was a huge success and so fitting for the milestone show to be celebrated in such a successful manner.

I am very proud to be President of this

fantastic club and part of a new era in the club's fantastic history.

Firstly I would like to reiterate my sincere thank you to all those members who contributed in every way from the people that helped on the day, from those who travelled from a long way away like Martin Fullagar (Emerald, QLD and supplier the beautiful steak for the BBQ) to all those who made donations to support the outstanding trophy and cash prize pool.

The support from the Queenslanders was great to see and the fact that the 26th Annual show will be in Rosewood Qld is also a tribute to these guys.

It was also great to see Les McCoy make the trip down to the show after recent illness.

The representation out of South Australia was great to see too, with Malcolm Fuller, Anthony Klatt, Ron and Michael Hall as well as Melissa Bulke all making the journey over.

Michael and Melissa did a fantastic job of the photography, thank you for your contribution.

It was good to see Tony Mann and Barry Bilton making the trip up from Victoria.

On the whole it was very pleasing from the President's position to see all those attending the 25th anniversary show from NSW.

The quality throughout the shed was second to none, although the numbers were down it was a credit to all those who attended and entered their birds. It just goes to show that you don't need a large number of entries to put on a first class show.

I think that the past and present members along with the group of gentlemen who were part of the foundation group that developed our great club would be proud of the show

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that we had and the camaraderie that was shown of our membership.

Welcome to the new committee members and I look forward to working with you over the coming years. I'd also like to acknowledge the contributions of Tony Davis and Corinna Sloane and thank them for their contribution and input in their time as position holders in the club.

A big thank you to Chris White in delivering a fantastic shed for the show single-handedly, a huge job well done. Once again Anna Shaw, thank you for your efforts in the Treasurer's role over the past three years and the editor's role in the last 12 months and it is pleasing to see that you are staying on as the web page manager.

Lastly but not in the least I would like to make mention of the two life memberships that were bestowed on two foundation members and stalwarts of the club in Chris White and Keith Dubber. Both have been position holders in the club and made valuable and continuous support for the last 25 years and have helped shape our club into what it is today.

Unfortunately Keith was not able to be at the show this year due to his commitments as secretary of the Pekin Club of Australia.

Best wishes for the coming breeding season and the remainder of the show season to all, keep safe.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Michael Patterson

Much of this edition of the newsletter will be focused on the 25th Anniversary Show which was recently held in Wyong.

It was a great weekend, with 370 large fowl benched and 527 bantams, giving a total of 897 exhibits – this was slightly up on Albury last year where we had 858.

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all who made it a memorable weekend.

As I said at the AGM, the club must acknowledge the amazing amount of work Tim and Anna put into organising the show and to Chris White for being show secretary/manager.

Anna and daughter Molly also spent the whole day manning the club merchandise stand which Anna put an enormous amount of work into organising.

On the day, Bruce Patterson was a great help deciphering the stewards scribbles, whilst Tony Mann and Mark Shaw were invaluable on cooking duties.

Alf Woods also deserves a mention for leading the junior judging competition, as do our judges and stewards.

One of the most exciting items to come out of the AGM was the commitment made by all present to try and rotate the club show over a wider geographical area, to give more members the opportunity to attend our club show at least once every few years without having to travel excessive distances.

To achieve this goal we need poultry clubs to put their hands up and offer to hold the event with the prerequisite that we are keen to keep the date of the third weekend in July as the date of the show, and the venue has to be able to cater for a similar amount of birds that have been benched over the past few years.

Club membership currently sits at 175, and if we can get to a wider audience hopefully this will grow, with the club and game fowl in Australia continuing to flourish

Next year we will be heading to Rosewood in southern Queensland, and then after that maybe to a town near you!

There have been some changes to the committee with Malcolm Fuller (SA) coming on board as treasurer/membership secretary, Nathan Watson (WA) joining as newsletter editor, and Owen Glover (QLD) as vice president.

Welcome and thank you for taking up the challenge and thanks also to the state representatives of Terry Politch (QLD), Jason Calloway (VIC) Michael Hall (SA), Brian Bennett (TAS), Nathan Watson

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(WA) and Norman Ironside (NSW) and publicity officer Mick O'Connell. It can only help the club by having such strong representation through out the country.

Many thanks to Anna for her work as treasurer /newsletter editor and Corrina for her work as membership secretary. Also thanks to the following who are retiring, Tony Davis (vice president), and state reps David Holden (VIC) and Malcolm Fuller (SA).

Best wishes for the breeding season.



EDITOR'S REPORT

Nathan Watson

This is my first newsletter as the new editor for the club and I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.

I would like to thank Anna Shaw for the fantastic job she did as stand-in editor of the newsletter. Having been a newsletter editor for clubs in the past I can appreciate how difficult a job it can be at times sourcing enough content. Well done Anna.

I also want to thank the members for electing me to the position and I am very much looking forward to having more hands-on involvement in the club through this role.

As is traditionally the case, this newsletter is dominated by the annual show results and photos which this year come from Wyong, NSW. Thanks to everyone who has helped compile all this information – it is no small task.

Special mention must go to Michael Hall and Melissa Bulke for the fantastic job they did photographing the many major winners on Saturday and the short turn-around printing the winners' birds onto framed certificates ready for the presentation dinner. They looked fantastic.

Their efficiency also ensured the photos were up on the club website within days, meaning many of the members who could not attend this year's show got prompt news of the results.

It is fantastic that this club has so many members across Australia, and in my judge's report later in these pages I commend the positive steps the club is taking to cater to its members far and wide.

There are many challenges with being a national club, and one of the ways we can ensure the club reaches and engages with all its members is through its newsletter.

I am hoping through these pages we can help the club's aim of reaching its more isolated membership and include news, photos, show results, member profiles and other articles of interest from across the country.

A few members have lamented to me the newsletter at times has not included enough around-the-country information, so I'm asking you all to help me improve this aspect.

Email me the OEG results and a few photos of the winners from your show, send me some words on yourself and photos of your fowls as a member profile, share a humorous anecdote or two from your travels, or share a little of your knowledge on breeding / showing with other members.

This is your newsletter and while I am privileged to be charged with compiling it, these pages will only be as interactive as the members make it. On file already are some results and photos from a few shows in South Australia and WA, which will filter into the next newsletter due to this edition focussing on Wyong.

My email is nwatson83@hotmail.com and I will be grateful for any story ideas or contributions.

With another show season now almost over, we turn our attention to breeding next year's champions. I wish everyone a successful breeding season.

MEMBERSHIP: All membership enquiries or new memberships must be directed to Malcolm Fuller (contact details on Page 2).

One year membership \$25 / Three year membership \$65.

25th Anniversary Show

Saturday & Sunday, July 19-20, Wyong, NSW



Owen Glover takes a closer look at a tasselled Pile cockerel while judging the Division 3 bantams.

JUDGE'S REPORT

Owen Glover, QLD – Division 1 Large / Division 3 Bantam

What an honour it was to judge the annual show at Wyong this year and to experience the thrill of adjudicating over such large classes brimmed with quality.

One doesn't get that opportunity even at Royal Shows hence I relished the experience of "cutting my teeth" so-to-speak with a large gallery on hand and plenty of depth in quality in the pens.

Let me say at the outset of this report the friendly atmosphere was very evident for the entire two days and the show was very professionally managed and conducted by the usual few who roll the sleeves up and get the job done.

My congratulations to Tim, Anna, Michael and Tony, from the former committee, and the great work done by Chris in preparation, and Big Bruce for his tireless work on show day.

Great efforts by all of you guys, it did not go unnoticed and that team was well supported by several others, that is the mark of a great club, many willing to chip in.

I am pleased again to be part of the committee going forward and am really excited about the new model in relation to shows, a model that puts the club on a more national footing, a consideration that many felt essential, in order for the club to grow.

Rosewood is first off in the new four-yearly rotation and the pressure is on us Queenslanders to get right behind the show as we need to put up or shut up as they say, pull a good entry and continue on the great atmosphere from Wyong.

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I have no doubts we will do so, with a good youthful contingent plus Poppy Prior making the trek down to Wyong, all are keen to be involved. I dare say Terry and myself as committee members will be heavily involved with the young turks to put on a show, Queensland style.

Wasn't it great to see Les McCoy on hand at Wyong after a tough bout of illness. He hasn't lost any of his joyous frivolity either, those shrivelled peas will leave a lasting etch in my mind! We have all shared in his stories over the years and Les you are one of the true characters of our club.

It was also wonderful to see the two elder statesmen of the club from Victoria, Alf Woods and Barry Bilton, friends to many of us and their quiet counsel is still well respected and was apparent at the meeting.

Then Father Bishop in his usual not so reverend way always provides interesting humour and debate and it was great to see the South Australian contingent of Malcolm Fuller, Anthony Klatt and Ron and Michael Hall.

I can go on as it was one of the best weekends I have had for a long time just catching up with friends and meeting new fanciers and getting to know others better. We are all the richer for the experience. Now I guess I better talk about the fowls, and as I said in my speech at the presentation, the awards in my opinion speak for themselves with some very outstanding exhibits on display.

I talked about the grey area in our interpretation of the standard – not too far to the right and not too far to the left. I guess I have rightly or wrongly always tried to sit in the moderate centre and I hope my judging displayed that line of thought.

For me consistency is the important thing and all you can ask of anyone in interpretation, and I was fortunate in most classes to find fowls and bantams that met my expectation. Of course it is always healthy to have some slight variation and adhere to the same over-arching principles. After all Atkinson's plates clearly display this.

I made a decision early not to handle all exhibits but I do feel I carefully gave every exhibit repeated inspection several times as I walked along before marking and handling those that would potentially go further.

My intention was not to offend or disappoint anyone as at normal shows I would not be so severe but with the large strong classes I felt it would be easy to fall into a confused state if a thorough process was not adopted early. I also appreciated starting on the bantam Division 3 section, so I could warm myself up before hitting the larger classes in Grey Bantams and Division 1 Large Fowl.

That is a strategy I suggest should be maintained at future shows to best support even the most experienced judge.

When looking at a quality Old English Game fowl or bantam I like to visually see a fowl that displays true game character, good carriage, active movement in the pen, close heel with superior leg set and wing placement amply protecting the thigh and of course wonderful type, square shoulders and proper point placement – don't confuse that with over exaggerated shoulder width – and that correct body shape and tapered type. All characteristics that are determined on close inspection from outside the pen.

Upon handling these characteristics are further considered along with the fitness and in-the-hand qualities with correct keel structure and wing contraction.

Having grown up watching and stewarding for some of the greats of the game arena at shows in Queensland my reflection is very much of those very competent exponents using the first impression as a strong yard stick to the ultimate awards with the necessary consideration of the allocated 15 points for handling done in context and as a necessary, confirmation of the exhibit's game character, handling, balance and general structural requirements.

I know I may be at odds with some on that, but I think it imperative that the fowl needs to look good and handle good in consideration of the allocated standard points.

The outstanding fowls that I judged were without a doubt the winning Partridge hen and pullet, and these were pressed by the other carded exhibits in each of the classes. One could find several outstanding fowl amongst these females.

The winning hen had wonderful carriage, beautiful type, great across the top in regard to shoulder points and placement, large deep wing and in the hand she was fit with wonderful keel structure and a well balanced bird to boot.

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The pullet was only beaten I guess on maturity in comparison to the hen and will make a beautiful hen.

In the males I felt the cock class was won by a lovely male that was not really at his peak and followed by a couple of good cocks not quite up to my expectations.

The winning cockerels were good males and even though the winning cockerel had a broken feather I deemed him very worthy of the award. Another good cockerel in that class that I carded was a bit gangly on the day but no doubt has the makings of a wonderful cock, but I only judge them on the day, not tomorrow.

In bantams I came across some wonderful exhibits in Brown Reds, a cracker furnace hen, a very good creel hen and my ultimate Reserve of the Division a self black hen well shown, good type and very fit in the hand. I would have liked a little minor improvement in her head and tail character, but she is the best self colour I have seen for many a year.

The greys were a wonderful class of fowls with my Champion Division 3 being the Grey Cock, a wonderful bird, true miniature of the grey fowl with a fantastic tail set, wonderful wing carriage covering and protecting the thigh and great type.

From outside the pen he looked possibly a little bigger than I normally would like, but in the hand he was very fit and corky and certainly deceiving from outside the pen.

The winning cockerel was another quality fowl, very toey and didn't really want to show off his obvious good carriage, a smidgeon more spur on maturity would also help him that on closer inspection was another small imperfection that detracted from him going a little further.

The female classes had some good females on exhibition but some had been to a few shows and were showing signs of laying not far around the corner.

The other quality bantam that surprised me was in the tassell class – a very stylish pile cockerel and he closely pushed the Grey cockerel for Champion Cockerel.

All the fowls out the front were a wonderful line up and interesting that in the large fowl all the champions were females, something that a few commented to me as unusual with the game cock supposedly the ultimate, and so it is but you need the females to breed them so I don't prophesise to the theory that the male is what we should look for in preference.

It gets no further consideration for me than we do in Australorps and Leghorns as the males are very regal but don't lay many eggs and they still rightly win!

My congratulations to Chris White on his induction as a life member, I can think of no one more fitting as he now joins an esteemed group of great game fanciers.

It was also fitting to see Tony Davis annexe the Grand Champion award and clearly demonstrates his commitment to the breed and club after winning the same award 25 years ago. I dare say the few of us who go back to the start all those years ago had many reflective moments of the great fanciers who have now passed on from all states through the years.

This was a show we can all remember with pride for many years to come and my sincere thanks to the membership for the honour of judging the 25th Anniversary Show, for showing under me, for accepting the awards with distinction and humility and for most of all making it a wonderful environment that many a laugh and story was told by all.

All the best to the club for the next 25 years, many of us will be gone but I am confident the club will still be in good hands.

JUDGE'S REPORT

Nathan Watson, WA – Division 3 Large / Division 1 Bantam

What a fantastic weekend was had at Wyong where the club celebrated its Silver Anniversary! I was extremely privileged to have been invited to be one of the judges at this show and I believe have the honour – I will stand corrected though – of being the first West Australian judge to officiate at the show.

JUDGE'S REPORT -cont-

It follows on from Rob Mellor and Michael Rigg being the first WA exhibitors to show their birds at the OEG Club show when they attended Albury last year and demonstrates the club is reaching all corners of the country and can boast a truly national representation.

WA is a long way away and it is not often we get the chance to catch up with our Eastern States friends or meet other club members, and it was this social aspect that I really enjoyed at Wyong. Despite the Nullabor divide and the all-too-infrequent chances we Westerners have to attend the club's show, the lasting friendships made and warm welcome we receive when we can attend helps break down the long-distance barrier.

The motion passed at the Sunday AGM to start a four-yearly rotation of the club's show to extend further West, perhaps even into South Australia, was a fantastic step towards better catering for the club's national membership and I know it will make it easier for WA members to make an effort to get to at least one show every four years.

There are a good group of Old English Game breeders in WA who would relish the opportunity to exhibit at the club's show and, when the time comes, we may be able to pool together and embark on a road trip East.

Back to Wyong, and there were a number of highlights for me. I have mentioned the social aspect – what a great night was had on Saturday night – and on top of this it was great to see two stalwarts of the club in Chris White and Keith Dubber honoured with life memberships. Congratulations Chris and Keith.

Sharing a room with fellow judge Owen Glover and visitor Ben Williamson was also unforgettable –



Nathan Watson judging Division 3 large.

I've never heard synchronised snorers before but these two had it down pat. We shared many good laughs and a few rums while sharing stories late into the night and early in the morning over coffee, and it was an example of the new friendships that can be forged at these events.

The other major highlight of course was judging the birds and what an exceptional line-up of birds greeted me on Saturday morning.

I had the pleasure of judging Division 1 bantams and Division 3 large, and while there were numerous good birds to be found – as one would expect in such large

classes – the winners stood out on the day. It is not often in WA we get to see such big classes and to see some with more than 30 birds was fantastic. There were good numbers in large Gingers and Creles and a good line up of Duns and Orange Reds.

Most disappointing for me in the large fowl was the number of birds that lacked good heel – too many stood too wide – and some good exhibits were let down by their wild nature. However, the winning birds displayed the carriage, heel, activity and temperament I was looking for.

My best on the day was a large D/L Ginger pullet, which showed herself off the whole time I was judging. She was not coarse or overdone in any way, with beautiful tail set, well balanced and came to hand easily and was happy to be handled. While she did tend to throw her tail to one side when relaxed (many others in this division also had this undesirable trait and I believe it is something breeders need to try and eliminate) she held the tail straight and high when moving around the pen. The Ginger pullet was pushed by a very smart yellow-leg Black Red cockerel that unfortunately didn't show himself to fullest advantage on the morning I judged, possibly because he drew one of the darkest pens in the shed, but this bird was easily the best male in the large division 3 with good length of neck, upright carriage, high and full tail, good thigh placement and heel, and cleverness in

JUDGE'S REPORT -cont-

hand. Later in the day when he came out the front in the larger, lighter pens he perked up and showed himself off better. Both birds were worthy winners and the Ginger went on to be the Reserve Champion Large Fowl.

Other fowls that stood out in Division 3 were a Grey cockerel and pullet, the first and second placed Creel cockerels, a Dun hen that was too wild to judge properly, and a yellow-leg Black Red hen and pullet.

I then came to Division 1 bantams – almost 200 wheatens, enough to daunt any judge! Being a colour I specialise in as a breeder, it was an absolute privilege to judge this division and I was super impressed with how deep the quality was, with numerous uncarded birds capable of winning top prizes on another day.

The winners I chose in all the classes had the attributes I was looking for – upright carriage, activity, length of neck, good thigh and heel, balance and flow of feather. Some of the bantams were still a bit horizontal in carriage and short in neck for me, but were still nice birds and just came up against some very strong competition.

In the Black Red L/L cock class, the winner stood out. He was fit, had good thigh and heel, upright carriage and was in perfect feather. A little more flow of neck hackle would be desired, but a worthy winner. The 2nd, 3rd and highly commended cocks were all good birds, with the correct carriage, heel and balance, but were not in the feather quality or quite as fit as the winner on the day.

The cockerels were not as good as the cocks on the day, however the winners showed all the traits I was looking for and should make much better cocks.

I was pleased with how many females in both the hen and pullet classes handled as it is very hard to get females in top fitness for a show, and while some were showing signs of being a few weeks past their peak they were still very good in hand. It was also good to see the awards spread around and shows there are a few very good studs of wheaten bantams around.

The best black tail pullet went on to be my best pullet in Division 1. She was a great little fowl and should breed some more winners for its owner.

Onto the Blue Red L/L and the cocks in this class were exceptional, the winner an outstanding fowl and my best on the day, going on to win Champion Bird in Show. This bird was balanced in all aspects, with good carriage, and shown in outstanding condition. The 2nd and 3rd cocks in this class were also outstanding and would win major awards at most shows.

The Blue Red L/L cockerels were a great line up too and I felt better than their Black Red counterparts on the day. The winner though stood out and was champion Division 1 cockerel and my Reserve Champion of Division, his superior carriage and length of neck edging out the 2nd placed Blue Red cock for that prize on the day. This cockerel has all the attributes to make an outstanding cock.

The Blue tail females were again a solid bunch and not much separated the winners, just condition sorting out the placings. The winning hen and pullet were both lovely little fowls, the hen going on to win Champion Division 1 hen in a dominant day for the blues.

Again I'd like to thank the club for inviting me to judge what is the most prestigious show in the country for an Old English Game enthusiast, and congratulations to all the exhibitors who put down a fine exhibition of fowls, they were a credit to you all.

JUDGE'S REPORT

Dr Robert Sheen, VIC – Division 2 Large & Bantam

It gives me considerable pleasure to report on the 2014 club show. A Silver Anniversary Show is a significant milestone and The Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia is to be congratulated on staging a highly successful event.

During the time that the club has existed, the Annual Show has become the premiere gamefowl event in the country. It is a venue that attracts the best birds from the best breeders and exhibitors. To be invited to judge the Club Show is a great honour.

JUDGE'S REPORT -cont-

The weekend centred on the third Saturday in July is a time we all look forward to. It is a chance to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones. We can also indulge our passion for OEG with like-minded enthusiasts. The social side of the poultry fancy is something we all value. It gives us a common bond and helps bring us together as a community.

I judged Division 2 Large and Bantam classes. The birds were generally of high quality and were well presented. The exhibits that gained the top awards were close heeled and handled well. They also demonstrated typical OEG breed characteristics. Members of our Club understand this to mean the kind of bird we come to understand from a study of Atkinson's paintings. We are fortunate to have these illustrations, which provide a visual representation to the words of the standard.

The standout exhibits were amongst the Duckwings in both Large and Bantam classes.

There were also some excellent large Blue Red females and bantam Black Red females.

I was also pleasantly surprised by a superb line-up of bantam Pile cockerels with the winning bird demonstrating all of the visual and handling characteristics of a typical Atkinson OEG.

The Club is currently served by an enthusiastic and dynamic committee. They have excelled in organising an outstanding event of which we can all be immensely proud. As Members we can feel well represented knowing that our Club can look ahead to a bright and successful future.



Dr Robert Sheen judging Division 2 large.

MAJOR AWARDS

Champion Bird in Show: Davis Game Fowl Stud (Blue Red L/L Bantam Cock)

Reserve Champion Bird in Show: T. Polley (Large Black Red D/L Hen)

LARGE	Division 1	Champion	T. Polley (Black Red D/L Hen)
		Reserve	C&C White (Black Red D/L Pullet)
	Division 2	Champion	N. Ironside (Duckwing D/L Pullet)
		Reserve	N. Ironside (Duckwing L/L Cock)
	Division 3	Champion	C&C White (Ginger D/L Pullet)
		Reserve	T. Polley (Black Red L/L Cockerel)
BANTAM	Division 1	Champion	Davis Game Fowl Stud (Blue Red L/L Cock)
		Reserve	T. Polley (Blue Red L/L Cockerel)
	Division 2	Champion	Davis Game Fowl Stud (Duckwing D/L Cock)
		Reserve	R. Robinson (Pile L/L Cockerel)
	Division 3	Champion	T. Politch (Grey Cock)
		Reserve	M. Waters (Black L/L Pullet)

Champion Breeding Pair: T. Polley

Champion Junior: C. Shaw

Reserve Champion Junior: C. Sneesby

LARGE FOWL

Division 1

Black Red (D/L)

Cock (25): 1st Davis Game Fowl Stud, 2nd & 3rd C&C White, 4th Scamp and Hughes.

Hen (34): 1st CH & 2nd T. Polley, 3rd N. Ironside, HC A. Mountney, HC M O'Connell, HC Janman & Virtue.

Ckl (26): 1st, 2nd & HC C&C White, 3rd Scamp & Hughes, HC T Polley.

Pullet (40): 1st & HC C&C White, 2nd T. Polley, 3rd & HC T. Johnson, HC Janman & Virtue.

Division 2

Duckwing (L/L)

Cock (11): 1st CH, 2nd & 3rd N. Ironside.

Hen (4): 1st N. Ironside, 2nd A. Mountney.

Ckl (6): 1st C&C White, 2nd K. Gossage, 3rd T. Johnson.

Pullet (4): 1st C. Jaeger.

Duckwing (D/L)

Cock (3): 1st T. Mann, 2nd M. Paterson, 3rd A. Frewin.

Hen (3): 1st & 3rd M. Paterson, 2nd T. Mann.

Ckl (2): 1st M O'Connell, 2nd M Paterson.

Pullet (7): 1st CH N. Ironside, 2nd & 3rd C&C White

Blue Red (D/L)

Cock (3): 1st Scamp & Hughes, 2nd M. Bulke, 3rd T. Johnson.

Hen (4): 1st CH A. Mountney, 2nd T. Johnson, 3rd C&C White.

Ckl (4): 1st M. O'Connell, 2nd A. Mountney, 3rd T. Johnson.

Pullet (5): 1st C&C White, 2nd J. Osland, 3rd M. O'Connell.

White or Pile

Cock (3): 1st T. Johnson.

Hen (12): 1st T. Johnson, 2nd & 4th Scamp & Hughes, 3rd C. Jaeger.

Ckl (4): 1st A. Mountney, 2nd M. Paterson, 3rd Monement & Sessions.

Pullet (9): 1st CH A. Germon, 2nd M. O'Connell, 3rd M. Shaw, 4th C&C White.



Champion Large Division 1 Cock, Davis Game Fowl Stud.



Champion Large Division 1 Cockerel, C&C White.



Champion Large Division 1 Pullet, C&C White.

Division 3

Ginger (L/L)

Cock (2): 1st CH & 2nd C. Sneesby.

Hen (4): 1st & 2nd C. Sneesby, 3rd Monement & Sessions.

Ckl (12): 1st & 2nd C&C White, 3rd C.

Sneesby.

Pullet (6) 1st & 3rd C&C White, 2nd S. Moss.

Ginger (D/L)

Cock (5): 1st Davis Game Fowl Stud, 2nd T. Johnson, 3rd S. Moss.

Hen (9): 1st, 2nd & 3rd T. Johnson.

Ckl (5): 1st & 3rd C&C White, 2nd T. Johnson.

Pullet (6): 1st CH & 2nd C&C White, 3rd C. Sneesby.

Black Red (L/L)

Cock (5): 1st & 2nd N. Ironside, 3rd Scamp & Hughes.

Hen (3): 1st N. Ironside, 2nd J. Osland.

Ckl (12): 1st CH T Polley, 2nd & 3rd C&C White.

Pullet (4): 1st T Polley, 2nd & 3rd M. O'Connell.

Wheaten

Hen (1): 1st Monement & Sessions.

Pullet (1): 1st CH Monement & Sessions.

Brown Red

Cock (3): 1st CH C&C White, 2nd Davis Game Fowl Stud, 3rd T. Johnson.

Hen (5): 1st & 2nd T Johnson, 3rd P.Irvine.

Ckl (8): 1st C. Jaeger, 2nd T. Johnson.

Pullet (5): 1st & 3rd C&C White, 2nd A. Germon.

Grey

Cock (4): 1st P. Irvine, 2nd A. Frewin, 3rd T. Johnson.

Hen (5): 1st T. Johnson, 2nd A. Grimshaw, 3rd A. Frewin.

Ckl (6): 1st & 3rd P. Irvine 2nd L. King.

Pullet (2): 1st CH P Irvine.

Creel or Cuckoo

Cock (2): 1st A. Mountney, 2nd T. Johnson.

Hen (5): 1st C&C White, 2nd J Osland, 3rd A. Frewin.

Ckl (10): 1st CH C&C White, 2nd T. Johnson, 3rd J. Osland, 4th G. Prior.



Champion Large Division 2 Pullet, N. Ironside.



Champion Large Division 2 Cock, N. Ironside.



Champion Large Division 2 Cockerel, M. O'Connell.

Pullet (3): 1st & 2nd T. Polley.

Dun

Cock (1): 1st T. Politch.

Hen (5): 1st C. Jaeger, 2nd & 3rd T. Johnson.

Ckl (8): 1st CH & 3rd L. King, 2nd C Jaeger.

Pullet (2): 1st A. Germon.

Spangle

Cock (3): 1st L. King, 2nd B. Patterson, 3rd R&M Hall.

Hen (4): 1st R&M Hall, 2nd B Patterson.

Ckl (1): 1st CH R&M Hall.

Pullet (1): 1st R&M Hall.

AOC

Cock (1): M&J Sessions.

Pullet (1): G Lewis.

Breeding Pair

(5): 1st & 3rd T Polley, 2nd C&C White.

BANTAM

Division 1

Black Red (L/L)

Cock (33): 1st CH T.Polley, 2nd & HC Davis Game Fowl Stud, 3rd Scamp & Hughes, HC P. Irvine, HC G. Prior.

Ckl (32): 1st T. Polley, 2nd T. Johnson, 3rd Scamp & Hughes, HC T.Politch.

Wheaten Black tail

Hen (26): 1st S. Moss, 2nd A. Grimshaw, 3rd T. Polley, HC G. Prior, HC. P. Irvine.

Pullet (29): 1st CH C. McCall, 2nd T. Polley, 3rd Davis Game Fowl Stud, HC T. Politch, HC C. Sneesby, HC A. Mountney.

Blue Red (L/L)

Cock (12): 1st CH & 3rd Davis Game Fowl Stud, 2nd G. Prior, HC. P. McMillan.

Ckl (15): 1st T Polley, 2nd R&M Hall, 3rd S. Hendrickson, HC A. Mountney.

Wheaten Blue tail/White tail

Hen (21): 1st CH & HC G. Prior, 2nd & 3rd T. Polley.



Champion Large Division 2 Hen, A. Mountney.



Champion Large Division 3 Pullet, C&C White.



Champion Large Division 3 Cockerel, T. Polley.

Pullet (15): 1st T. Polley, 2nd A. Mountney, 3rd C. McColl, HC G. Prior, HC P. Irvine, HC M. Fullagar.

Division 2

Black Red (D/L)

Cock (11): 1st CH C. Shaw, 2nd Scamp & Hughes, 3rd & HC S. Hendrickson.

Ckl (10): 1st B Dixon, 2nd R. Johnstone, 3rd L. Bottom.

Partridge (D/L)

Hen (14): 1st CH A Germon, 2nd M Waters, 3rd T. Mann, 4th R. Johnstone.

Pullet (7): 1st M Waters, 2nd & 4th L. Bottom, 3rd A. Germon.

Partridge (L/L)

Hen (4): 1st K. Gossage, 2nd & 3rd B Patterson.

Pullet (2): 1st K. Gossage 2nd P. McMillan.

Blue Red (D/L)

Ckl (2): 1st Scamp & Hughes.

Spangle

Cock (7): 1st & 2nd R. Johnstone, 3rd R&M Hall.

Hen (10): 1st & 2nd R. Johnstone, 3rd R&M Hall.

Ckl (7): 1st CH R. Johnstone, 2nd & 3rd Scamp & Hughes.

Pullet (7): 1st & 2nd R Johnstone, 3rd R&M Hall.

Duckwing (L/L)

Cock (1): 1st S. Hendrickson.

Hen(1): 1st T. Mann.

Ckl (1): 1st CH S Hendrickson.

Duckwing (D/L)

Cock (10): 1st CH & 2nd Davis Game Fowl Stud, 3rd S. Hendrickson.

Hen (9): 1st C. Sneesby, 2nd & 3rd Davis Game Fowl Stud.

Ckl (17): 1st R&M Hall, 2nd M. Waters, 3rd & 4th Scamp & Hughes, HC S. Hendrickson.

Pullet (14): 1st Davis Game Stud, 2nd & 3rd M. Paterson.

White or Pile

Cock (2): M. Waters, 2nd R. Robinson.



Champion Large Division 3 Cock, C. Sneesby.



Champion Large Division 3 Hen, N. Ironside.



Champion Division 1 Bantam Cockerel, T. Polley.

Hen (4): 1st R. Robinson, 2nd M. Waters, 3rd C. McCall.

Ckl (6): 1st CH & 3rd R. Robinson, 2nd S. Hendrickson.

Pullet (3): 1st R. Robinson, 2nd C. McColl, 3rd M. Fullager.

Division 3

Brown Red

Cock (1): 1st CH P Chapman.

Hen (5): 1st A Mountney, 2nd M Waters, 3rd Scamp & Hughes.

Ckl (3): 1st M. Waters, 2nd Scamp & Hughes, 3rd P. Chapman.

Pullet (4): 1st & 2nd C. Shaw.

Black Breasted Black Red

Cock (2): 1st C McColl, 2nd S. Hendrickson.

Ckl (1): 1st CH C. Shaw.

Ginger (L/L)

Hen (1): 1st C. McColl.

Ginger (D/L)

Cock (4): 1st Scamp & Hughes, 2nd & 3rd R. Gorman.

Ckl (4): 1st CH Scamp & Hughes, 2nd M. Paterson, 3rd P. Chapman.

Pullet (3): 1st M. Waters, 2nd J. Osland.

Grey

Cock (17): 1st CH T. Politch, 2nd P. McMillan, 3rd T. Polley, HC A. Grimshaw, HC A. Mountney.

Hen (16): 1st Scamp & Hughes, 2nd Davis Game Fowl Stud, 3rd & HC A. Grimshaw.

Ckl (18): 1st , 2nd & 3rd T. Polley, HC P. McMillan, HC S. Hendrickson.

Pullet (27): 1st L. Bottom, 2nd & HC J. Osland, 3rd & HC T. Polley, HC C. McCall.

Blue

Hen (4): 1st R. Robinson, 2nd M. Waters, 3rd A. Mountney.

Ckl (1): 1st CH M. Waters.

Pullet (1): M. Waters.

Dun

Hen (2): 1st CH & 2nd A Mountney.

Ckl (1): 1st C. Jaeger.

Pullet (2): 1st Mountany & Claxton.



Champion Division 1 Bantam Hen, G. Prior.



Champion Division 1 Bantam Pullet, C. McCall.



Champion Division 2 Bantam Cock, Davis Game Fowl Stud.

Black

Hen (3): 1st R. Robinson, 2nd M. Waters.

Pullet (5): 1st CH. M. Waters, 2nd & 3rd R. Gorman.

Furnace, Polecat or Brassy

Cock (6): 1st C. McCall, 2nd P. Irvine, 3rd T. Mann.

Hen (3): 1st CH. P. Irvine, 2nd R&M Hall, 3rd A. Politch.

Ckl (2): 1st A. Politch, 2nd R&M Hall.

Creel – Gold/Silver

Cock (2): 1st & 3rd K. Politch, 2nd M. Waters.

Hen (3): 1st CH M. Waters, 2nd K. Politch.

Ckl (3): 1st, 2nd & 3rd K. Politch.

Pullet (2): 1st K. Politch, 2nd G. Prior.

Cuckoo

Cock (2): 1st & 2nd R. Gorman.

Hen (1): 1st CH R. Gorman.

Ckl (2): 1st & 2nd Davis Game Fowl Stud.

Pullet (4): 1st M. Waters, 2nd & 3rd R. Gorman.

Tassel

Cock (1): 1st R. Johnstone.

Hen (5): 1st G. Prior, 2nd S. Sheridan, 3rd R. Johnstone.

Ckl (4): 1st CH R. Robinson, 2nd Scamp & Hughes, 3rd R. Johnstone.

Pullet (10): 1st & 2nd C. Sneesby, 3rd G. Prior.

Breeding Pair

(9): 1st C. McCall, 2nd L. Bottom, 3rd R. Johnstone.



*Champion Division 2 Bantam Cockerel,
R. Robinson.*



Champion Division 2 Bantam Hen, C. Sneesby.



Champion Division 2 Bantam Pullet, M. Waters.



Champion Division 3 Bantam Cock, T. Politch.



Champion Division 3 Bantam Cockerel, T. Polley.



Champion Division 3 Bantam Hen, P. Irvine.



Champion Division 3 Bantam Pullet, M. Waters.

Special thanks must go to Michael Hall and Melissa Bulke from SA for their fantastic effort taking photos of all the major winners.

All the photos can be viewed on the club's website at www.oegaustralia.com

JUNIOR JUDGING REPORT

Alf Woods, Chairman of the Australian Poultry Standards Committee

When you are asked to conduct a judging competition, this is normally expected to be a 1, 2 and 3 competition or the competitors graded in order of ability by the appointed person or the judge in charge.

This process would have been unfair as the ages taking part at Wyong this year ranged from 13 to 20 years. These seven enthusiastic and promising young people who decided to participate on the day have a great future ahead of themselves in the poultry fraternity.

They were Zac Patterson, Cody Shaw, Mathew Sessions, Peter (surname not known), Sean Phillis, Ashley Grimshaw and Ryan McFarland.

Instead of grading them I decided to let them self examine the knowledge they have gained and to put in writing their thoughts on the birds they were examining, which were Old English Game Fowl and

JUNIOR JUDGING -cont-

Bantams, and how they could relate their thoughts to the requirements as laid out in the 2nd edition of The Australian Poultry Standards.

On the Monday morning after the show reading their written thoughts on the birds (I must mention the birds were only judged from outside the pens as the open judging was still in progress) I was so impressed with the way they all visually noted then committed to paper the good points and the faults in the birds.

I will pick at random from each submission some of the points they raised.

“Not as alert, appears knock-kneed, slightly pinched in the wings, however he had a nice upright stance and moved nicely around the pen.”

“Too thick at the tail setting but had a full tail, no activity but appeared a fine fowl in good feather.”

“White in lobe, legs well set and close healed, action is poor, head fine with a strong beak, cowering at the back of the pen.”

“Great depth of wings covering the thighs, tail carried well up, horizontal body, great flow of feather, throws tail to side, appears too soft and heavy in body, the toes were short, they should be long.”

“Appears balanced and light on his feet, stands up well, a nice distance between the tail and neck, she does not throw her tail, could stand better and her head is too long.”

“Fine-boned fowl but not working the pen, legs too far apart, appears stork-legged.”

“A bit rough in the feather, fans tail and stands nicely at the front of the pen.”

“Appears fit not fat, I could not stop him throwing his tail, this fowl I liked but not as much pen no as he would not show as well.”

“This fowl had a good stance and true to the Atkinson plates and the O.E.G standard, portion of one ear lobe showed white.”

“I liked this one best as she moved around the pen well and also holds her tail well, this pullet has a good head and a knife-edged tail slightly fanned.”

“I liked this fowl’s outline, well presented, good across the shoulder but U-backed, really good eye colour, cuts up well behind, a very nice cock bird, fit and strong, shows off well.”

“Tail straight, some broken feathers, could be fitter, almost leans forward, the thighs curve under the body, close heeled.”

I could quote several more pages of what they wrote. I was pleased that they pointed out so many features that us older breeders and judges also need to watch in our brood stock and on the show bench.

Drawing a conclusion and analysing what they all wrote it appears to me that their concerns were for good action, activity and presentation in the show pen, a correct tail set and the body to be held at the correct angle. A concern was the leg set, they were all looking for good leg and thigh placement, they all showed a liking for excellent quality of plumage, only two mentioned wide shoulders, short backs or big fronts. What pleased me was that on my assessment most of them chose the first and second birds in the right order.

At the conclusion of their written words, they all had to give me a quick verbal explanation of each fowl they had judged. We then found a quiet corner and we talked about the fowls and some of what to look for when judging.

One of these was to judge the bird as a whole and not to allow outstanding merit in one section, or a defect in a section to unduly sway assessment of the bird.

However, this is all explained in the 2nd edition of The Australian Poultry Standards which all Old English Game Fowl breeders and judges must abide by.



Alf Woods with some of the junior judging participants.

AGM MINUTES

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Meeting opened: 4.02pm

President Tim Polley: Thank you everyone for coming. I apologise for the lateness of the meeting. If we could have a minutes silence in honour of Noeleen Battley.

Apologies: Brian Bennett, Keith Dubber, Steve Dubber, Jake Bezzina, Rob Zappalla, Rob Mellor, Michael Rigg, Jason Callaway. *Moved – Alf Woods; Seconded – Mark Shaw.*

Attendance: Tim Polley, Michael Paterson, Anna Shaw, Bruce Patterson, Mark Shaw, Les McCoy, Matthew Sessions, John Sessions, Rob Monement, Mark Waters, Mick O'Connell, Alec Germon, Lyndsay Bottom, Chris Jaegar, Brian O Bray, Graham Prior, Peter MacMillan, Steven Hendrickson, Martin Fullagar, Col McCall, Luke King, Brad Dixon, Andrew Whiteside, Ross Robinson, Peter Irvine, Anthony Klatt, Malcolm Fuller, Ron Hall, Robert Johnstone, Daryl Scamp, Tony Davis, Shane Hughs, Ben Williamson, Ben Cleghorn, Matthew Porter, Luke Nicolle, Rod Gorman (Cowboy), Peter Chapman, Nathan Watson, Keith Gossage, Shane Moss, Jane Sheridan, Tim Tydd, Col Wilby, Justin Osland, Alf Woods, Tony Mann, James Bishop, Molly Shaw, Cody Shaw, Nathan Grimshaw, Ashley Grimshaw, Norman Ironside, Terry Politch, Kerin Politch, Andrew Politch, Tony Johnson, Graham Cleghorn, Clayton Sneesby, Anthony Mountney.

President's Report (Tim Polley): A quick report. It has been a challenging year this year with a new secretary. Things have not run as smoothly as I would have liked but we have worked our way through the issues progressively. Thank you to Anna for stepping up to take on the newsletter editor's position with Norman not being able to carry on in the position. Anna it is much appreciated by the committee. This year there has been the added challenge of sourcing a new trophy and sash supplier, we are really happy with the new look awards and the additional donated contributions of a couple of our Victorian members. I am happy to say that we have 900 quality birds in the shed, a slight increase from last year. Thank you everyone. *Moved – Tony Davis; Seconded – Tony Johnson.*

Secretary's Report (Michael Paterson): Firstly, thank you everyone, and special thanks goes to the judges and stewards, Mark and Cody Shaw and Tony Mann for manning the BBQ and Alf Woods for coordinating the junior judging. A special thank you to Central Coast Poultry Club for the use of the pavilion and to Chris White for organising the shed and entries for the show. Every time I spoke to him last week he was here in the shed. Also Bruce Patterson for sorting the awards, a big thanks. Thank you to all of the members who have made the effort to attend, the car park is full of number plates from all over Australia. We hope you have a great time at the show and a safe trip home to those who have driven and those who have flown in. I acknowledge the work of Tim Polley and especially Anna Shaw who as well as completing the Treasurer/Web Master role has put together a wide range of merchandise to mark the 25th Anniversary show, designed new prize cards to mark the occasion, and a banner that will be auctioned off at the presentation tonight. I would like to encourage all members to contact the committee and to feel they can be involved with the running of the club. If you don't feel comfortable coming up and having a word with us then email or a phone call. *Moved – Anna Shaw; Seconded – Tony Davis.*

Treasurer's Report (Anna Shaw): Thank you everyone for coming along and making the 25th Anniversary Show such a special one. I have not been able to have this year's books audited in time for the meeting however, I have the reports here for anyone that would like to go through them and the following information. As I mentioned at the Sydney Royal Easter Show I will not be running again as Treasurer this year. I have enjoyed my time with the club and hope to still be an active member of the Club in the future.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

BALANCE AS AT 1 July 2013

Bank Account	\$7,316.95
Petty Cash / Float	\$101.40

ADD: RECEIPTS

	Members	TOTAL
Members Subscriptions	\$2,320.00	\$2,320.00
Merchandise	\$385.00	\$385.00
DVD/Prints	Nil	Nil
Raffle	\$631.65	\$631.65
Dinner Tickets	\$1,938.00	\$1,938.00
Donations	\$266.50	\$266.50
Sponsorship	\$1,205.00	\$1,205.00
Entries	\$1,855.00	\$1,855.00
Auction	\$31.50	\$31.50
Bank Interest	\$5.35	\$5.35
Petty cash a/c refund of fees + gift	\$200.00	\$200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,838.00	\$8,838.00

LESS: PAYMENTS (APPORTIONED TO)

	Members	TOTAL
Prize money Annual 2013	\$3,560.00 + \$300.00 cash	\$3,860.00
Annual Show Expenses / trophies	\$709.80	\$709.60
Web Site costs	\$420.00	\$420.00
Fund Raising & Raffle Costs	Nil	Nil
Social Function Costs	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00
Cost of Goods for Resale	\$367.40	\$360.00
Fair Trading	\$52.00	\$52.00
Insurance	\$65.00	\$65.00
Advertising	\$35.00	\$35.00
Royal Show Trophies 13/14	\$1,219.00	\$1,219.00
Bounced Chq	\$188.50	\$188.50
Fair trading	\$52.00	\$52.00
Bank Fees & Taxes	\$54.70	\$54.70
Hall Rental	\$170.00	\$170.00
Judge Dinners	\$300.00	\$300.00
Postages & Stationery	\$531.88	\$531.88
Other Payments / Book keeper	\$50.00	\$50.00
Auction payment to vendor	\$288.00	\$288.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$9,743.28	\$10,035.68
BALANCE AS AT 30 June 2014	Bank Account	\$4,628.78
	Petty Cash/Float	\$208.89

TOTAL FUNDS**\$4,837.67***Moved – Norman Ironside; Seconded – Mark Shaw, subject to audit.*

Website Report (Anna Shaw): The website is going ahead in leaps and bounds. I am concerned that there are a limited number of people that send show reports or stories to me so it looks as though I am favouring members. This is not the case. I can only put up what is sent to me so please everyone

AGM MINUTES –cont-

can you start sending things to me at artbyanna@bigpond.com. Show reports, photos stories of interest.

Minutes of the previous meeting true and correct: *Moved – Bruce Patterson; Seconded – Tony Davis.*

Executive of Office Bearers: All positions declared vacant. Alf Woods took the chair.

The following persons were elected:

President: Tim Polley;

Vice Presidents: (Tony Davis stood down) Peter Irvine, Owen Glover and Chris Jaeger;

Secretary: Michael Paterson;

Treasurer/Membership: (Anna Shaw stood down) Malcolm Fuller;

Minutes Secretary: Anna Shaw if the secretary cannot be there to take the minutes;

Public Officer: Mick O'Connell;

Newsletter Editor: Nathan Watson and Daniel Lawton (Daniel was not present at the meeting) a show of hands was unanimous, Nathan Watson new editor;

Merchandise: Terry Politch;

Publicity: Anna Shaw.

Management Committee/State representatives: SA: Malcolm Fuller (retired), Michael Hall elected; NSW: Mick O'Connell (retired), Norman Ironside elected; QLD: Terry Politch; TAS: Brian Bennett; WA: Nathan Watson; VIC: Jason Callaway.

General Business:

1. Judging Criteria Motion raised by Col McCall. That the judging criteria set down at the 2013 AGM be discontinued and we go to the previous system of nominations and voting by the members with the only inclusions that the individual nominated must be a current financial member for a minimum of 12 months. *Moved – Col McCall; Seconded – James Bishop. Carried.*

2. Decision making motion raised by Col McCall. All major decisions concerning the club, particularly those in relation to changes in the constitution, be submitted to all financial members for their consideration and an opportunity to vote on the same. *Moved – Col McCall; Seconded – Kerin Politch. Motion withdrawn.*

3. Correspondence motion raised by Col McCall. All correspondence to the club, with the exception of accounts payable, membership renewals and the general day-to-day running of the club, be printed in the newsletters or be supplied as an attachment to newsletter emails to keep all financial members reliably informed on all matters relating to the club. James Bishop was against the motion, Nathan Watson said trust in the executive. *Moved – Col McCall; Seconded – Kerin Politch. Motion defeated.*

4. Division allocation to Judges motion raised by Col McCall. That the decision on which judge judges which section be drawn as part of the dinner presentation proceedings. *Moved – Col McCall; Seconded – Norman Ironside. Carried.*

5. Voting motion raised by Col McCall. That the voting on the judges to adjudicate and the venue of where the show is going to be held each year, be open to all financial members, not only those who can attend the AGM at the show. *Motion withdrawn.*

6. Voting privileges motion raised by Col McCall. That an individual only attains voting privileges after being a financial member of the club for 6 months. These voting privileges remain in place whilst the member is financial. If membership lapses, voting privileges lapse until the member has been financial for 6 months. *Moved – Col McCall; Seconded – None. Motion lapsed.*

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7. Tim Polley raised discussion to make amendments to the club's by-laws.

That the by-laws done by Anthony Klatt in regard to role definitions and put up as a proposal at the Sydney meeting for discussion and left over to the AGM for decision be accepted as same. *Moved – Anthony Klatt; Seconded – Owen Glover. Carried.*

8. There was discussion about the Club's website and whether we keep the one we have or change it. Tony Davis suggested a site with a forum. Anna spoke on this stating that if the club site had a forum it would still only be accessible to those with access to a computer and the costs involved with the distribution of the newsletter would not change. At present the only information that "members only" need to know went out in the form of the newsletter so a forum would not benefit us in any way. It was decided to leave the site the way it is for the time being.

9. Nathan Watson raised a motion to write to the Australian Poultry Standards Committee regarding an error in the scale of points in the 2nd edition of the Australian Poultry Standards. *Moved – Nathan Watson; Seconded – Mark Waters.* It was brought to the attention of all present that the scale of points was incorrect and needed to be corrected. Anna said that she had received a correction from the publisher with regard to this. It was requested that she place it on the web site. *Motion withdrawn.*

10. Motion that club show venues be in the North, South, East and West. *Moved – Chris White; Seconded – Owen Glover.*

Malcolm Fuller spoke positively on behalf of moving the show around to include four regions instead of three, stating that it would give more fanciers the opportunity to attend the Annual Show and make it more of a National club show. Owen Glover agreed and said that QLD wanted the show. *Carried.*

11. Nominations for Judges for the club show and Sydney Royal 2015. Voting slips were handed out. Sydney Royal 2015 Judge nominations were: Nathan Watson, Lance Pittaway, Peter Irvine, Alf Woods, Tim Polley, Terry Politch, Michael Hall and Malcolm Fuller. Post meeting note: The following were elected –

Large Fowl Tim Polley; Bantams – Terry Politch and Alf Woods. Annual Show 2015 Judge nominations were: Chris White, Mick O'Connell, Andrew Whiteside, Malcolm Fuller, Peter Irvine, Les McCoy, Tim Polley, Anthony Klatt, Wayne Hutton, and Brian Bennett. Post Meeting Note: 1st Tim Polley, 2nd Chris White, 3rd Mick O'Connell, Reserve Andrew Whiteside.

12. Nominations of venues for the 2015 Show — Gunnedah NSW, Lismore NSW, Rosewood QLD, Gympie QLD. Voting slips were going to be handed out however Lismore withdrew, Gympie withdrew, Gunnedah had no one to speak on their behalf, so it was unanimous by default that Rosewood Qld will host the 2015 Annual Show.

Meeting declared closed: 5.11pm.



Club president Tim Polley and Champion Bird in Show winner Tony Davis cut the 25th anniversary cake at the presentation dinner on Saturday night.

The next meeting of The Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia will be held at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Awarded at the annual show presentation dinner on Saturday, July 19, 2014

Chris White

I had the pleasure to find out a little bit of the history on our latest life member Chris White. I have to say Chris is a very humble bloke and doesn't like to tell too much of himself.

Chris White was born in Wellington, NSW. Chris' father Charlie White always had fowls and was a great mentor for Chris. Charlie was secretary of the Wellington club and usually billeted the judges for their shows, where Chris had plenty of opportunity to listen to fowl talk.

Chris always had hard feather fowls, his first being Modern Game bantams.

Chris was a very sports-minded young man and played rugby league through school. Chris crossed over to union when he was 19 years old and toured New Zealand in an international side. Chris is a life member of the Gosford rugby club. Chris was an exceptional player and won the best and fairest player for four years in a row.

After an injury ended his playing career, Chris took on coaching and in his first year won the 2nd grade premiership. The next year he was appointed the 1st grade coach. This team had taken out the wooden spoon the previous year. Chris and his team won the premiership and the second year went through undefeated.

Chris started his carpentry apprenticeship with A.V Jennings and won H.I.A Apprentice of the Year. As a young fellow, Chris linked up with Athol Pengilley. In the Pengilley family Chris is known as the third son.

Athol was Chris's mentor through poultry and life. Chris treasures all the friendships that he has made through the poultry scene right through his life. Chris always backs the battler.

Chris would like to thank Dawn and his parents for their support through life.

Article courtesy of Mick O'Connell



New life member Chris White.

Keith Dubber

Keith and I go back well before the formation of the Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia 25 years ago. To look back to those times we both can recall the fond memories of people we have shared the experiences of our OEG Game fowl with and the need to preserve the birds in their true form according the Oxford Standard as depicted in Herbert Atkinson's paintings.

At the Charter Meeting of the OEG Fowl Club of Australia at Lismore, Keith was elected as Charter Senior Vice President and then in the following year became Secretary Manager and Bulletin Editor for the next five years.

In that time the new club continued to grow in membership and support for the ideals according to Atkinson. With his printing business, Keith provided free to the club all printing of bulletins and prize cards, as well as other financial support.



Keith Dubber in 2004.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS –cont-

Keith has continued his association and support for the Club and has attended most of the Annual Shows. He will also be remembered as the MC at the show dinners, which he performed with his inimitable style, but his jokes we won't say anything about. These were great nights and were the highlight of the weekends. He is also connected with other clubs including the Pekin Bantam Club of Australia and as their current Secretary was committed to their Annual Show in Parkes held on the same day as the our 25th show at Wyong.

This prevented him from being present to collect his Life Membership Award at the Saturday evening dinner. He is humbled by the award and was disappointed not to be there.

Keith is recognised as a top breeder of many varieties of both game and soft feather fowls and as an all-round judge of poultry. He has judged at all Royal shows and major shows around Australia and New Zealand. This year he judged the Specials at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Congratulations Keith on a well deserved Life Membership of the Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia.

Article courtesy of Life Member Robert Johnstone

FACES AT WYONG 2014 – Photos by Robert Johnstone



Ron & Michael Hall



Ross Robinson, Graham Prior



Doug Wallace, Norman Ironside



Alec Germon, Michael O'Connell



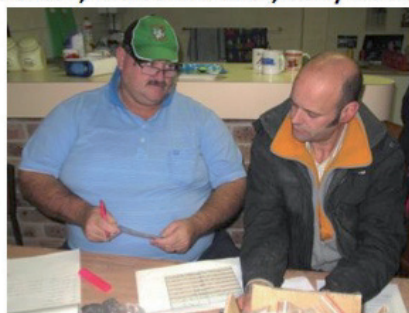
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