



# Official Newsletter of The Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia



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## TAKING THE ROYAL CROWN

Old English Game results from this year's Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide,  
Perth and Hobart Royal shows. **Pages 9 – 18**



*Champion Large Hardfeather and Champion Large Old English Game at the Melbourne Royal Show, a large Black Red D/L cockerel, Pyke & Nash. **Picture: Andy Vardy***



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tim Polley

Well it is almost that time again when the fat man comes to some of us and not to others.

I'm not sure what it was that I did, but Santa hasn't left me anything for a number of years now.

It hasn't bothered me overly as I have had plenty of chickens usually at this time of year to keep me busy over Christmas.

Unfortunately this year I have not had the opportunity to breed the normal number of chickens that I have in the past, mainly due to my relocation from Cressy in the sunny north of Tasmania to Brighton, located on the northern edges of Hobart in the south.

The weather in Tasmania, especially in the south, has been extraordinarily dry. The grass has already gone brown and died in some areas.

I sincerely hope that all members have had a successful breeding season and reared plenty of chickens that will take them to the next level in their breeding program and help them achieve their ideal Old English Game Fowl, and maybe a few show champions.

I have heard reports from our members from all over the country of having mixed results from their breeding season – the highs, the lows and the odd “how the on earth did that happen, I can't figure it out” and “oh my god, can't believe she brought out 17”.

The highs and lows are part-and-parcel of the frustrations of breeding poultry.

The passion we have for our hobby makes you appreciate the good times when all the ducks line up, pardon the pun.

The rearing of chickens, watching their growth and development I find is the most rewarding time of the year.

As mentioned before, Christmas is upon us and 2016 is going to be another big year for our club, with our annual show going to South Australia for the first time in the club's history.

It is also the first time in the club's history that the show will be held outside of Qld or NSW.

Salisbury in Adelaide is the nominated venue for the 2016 show and the committee of the All Game Club of South Australia are busily organising themselves to make next year's show an outstanding success.

I have shown at the Salisbury pavilion in 2002 and 2014 and the shed is fantastic, as good as any in the country.

The dinner and the accommodation that are organised for the 2016 show will be the same as was used for the All Game Club of South Australia Centenary Show last year, simply fantastic.

The accommodation and dinner venue are all within walking distance of each other and only a 5-8 minute journey from the poultry pavilion.

This will consolidate on what the committee believes will be a successful venture and a new chapter in the club's illustrious history.

There is talk of some central NSW members making the trek to South Australia, which is extremely pleasing.

I encourage all members to give the club show in South Australia some thought and book it in for 2016.

Carpooling would be a great way of reducing the expenses. Potentially if someone had a horse float and was prepared to do the drive others could send their bird on the float and fly down to Adelaide and chip in for the expenses of the member towing the float.

I would like to wish all members a safe, happy and prosperous Christmas-New Year period and I am looking forward to catching up with you all soon.

**“A man without a hobby is a lost soul; and I have yet to find a more interesting hobby than the breeding of Old English Game Fowl.”**

*Mark Marshall, The King of Fowls*



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Michael Paterson

Best wishes to all, hopefully everyone has enjoyed a successful breeding season. It has been a long, wet winter in Victoria but the weather has improved over the past month.

We had an unusually warm spell in August and I hatched a clutch of chickens, which is early for me as I don't usually have chickens on the ground until October.

Nature continues to be unbeatable with the success rates from my broody hens, much better than incubator hatching. Even when I use egg wash and sterilise the incubator the old hen that fouls in the nest still produces better results.

Also, although my incubator instructions and various textbooks I have read say to put water in the incubator tray and run the incubator at 60 per cent humidity during the incubation, I find that I obtain much better results if I run the incubator dry only adding water once the eggs have pipped.

Perhaps if I controlled the humidity in the room I situate the incubator in, I would be able to follow the incubator instructions, but as I live in the wettest and one the highest towns in Victoria this is not always possible.

I avoid assisting chicks too weak to hatch themselves out of the shell – again this mostly occurs in the incubator due to poor temp/humidity control and is less common under broody hens.

I believe if you encourage these chicks out they will be weak and there is the risk that the strain will develop chickens that will pick up this trait and produce poorer hatching in the future.

I read of a farmer in the mid-American west at the turn of the 1900's who bred chickens and set eggs on a Monday so they could be put on the only train service the town had, which passed through on a Wednesday.

He would load the chicks up and would be left with the one that had hatched too late to meet the train. Over the years by breeding from these later hatched chicks he found that the ratio of birds that met the Wednesday train reduced and the percentage that hatched on the Wednesday and missed the train increased – we can't beat nature.

Another natural phenomenon I have always been fascinated with is hen feathering in males.

Whilst nature has produced some spectacularly coloured males to attract females to them – the peacock probably being the best example – nature has also decided to produce hen feathered males that still manage to attract and breed with females, allowing the strain to survive.

The first hen feathers to enter England were in the 1500's being imported from India where they were and still are common.

In the pit I have read accounts where there was considerable debate as to whether hen feathers should be permitted to enter mains against normal feathered males, as the normal males would think they were females, the hen feather even on occasions taking the squatting pose similar to that of a female when a male is near.

The hen feather would then often strike the first blow catching the other off guard.

Perhaps that is the reason why nature permitted this evolution to allow these males to fly under the radar so-to-speak and allow them to prosper.

I was lucky enough to secure a trio of large hennies recently from Graham Burton of Queensland where they still have a few keen followers.



*Michael Paterson's new large hen-cock acquired from Graham Burton in QLD.*



**SECRETARY'S REPORT – cont-**

I am indebted to Graham for parting with one of his males and for also sourcing some females from a fellow henfeather enthusiast.

Hopefully I can breed a few and raise awareness and interest in them in Victoria.

Best wishes for the festive season, which is just around the corner.

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**EDITOR'S REPORT**

Nathan Watson

It was a long show season this year and the past few months I have enjoyed time away from the pavilions and have focussed on breeding chickens.

Fortunately I was able to get an early start and finish breeding well ahead of past years, and now the hard work really starts.

Hopefully it all pays off and a few good ones blossom into potential champions for next year's shows.

I hope all other members have also enjoyed a successful hatching season and have plenty of numbers on the ground.

Reflecting on the past show season, and it was one of the most enjoyable ones I can remember, highlighted by our show in Rosewood in July, a trip to the All Game Club of SA back in June and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary show of the Game Fowl Club of WA in late August.

Across the country, many members of our club have worked hard to pull together numerous club and agricultural shows and you all deserve a pat on the back for your efforts.

Without willing, dedicated people to organise and run these shows our wonderful hobby would cease to exist.

This newsletter is a chance to look back at the show season and share some of the OEG results from all states.

Among the winners have been some wonderful examples of our fine breed and congratulations to those who have bred and shown them.

Here in Albany, not long before this newsletter went to print, the annual Albany Agricultural Show was held and a very special occasion it was with a visit from Royalty itself – Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall.

The Royals were on a tour of New Zealand and Australia and Albany was chosen as just one of two regional towns where the red carpet was rolled out, the other being Tanunda in South Australia's Barossa Valley. As 2015 draws to a close, the committee is beginning to look ahead and plan for the club's first show in South Australia next year.

If you missed the wonderful weekend at Rosewood, be sure to pencil in a trip to Adelaide.

With this the last newsletter of the year, I'd like to wish all members a happy and safe festive season and hope that your yards of chickens are full of champions.

**WEBMASTER'S REPORT**

Kerin Politch

The planning for a new-look website is going well.

There will be some great information included as well as extra sections for promoting more about Old English Game. A feature will be online access to newsletters by members only.

It will be a structured web page that's beneficial to new comers and members and allow merchandise to be purchased online with easy pay pal payments for those not wishing to send money via mail.

I'm very excited about having this web page up and going soon. There's been large amounts of time in making sure I have the correct structure and thought process to make the website inviting to all.



**ABOVE:** Malcolm Fuller, pictured with his friend and mentor Barry Bilton and holding one of his Black Red Old English Game cocks in 2009. **Picture: Malcolm Fuller**

## Father's memory lives on in Fuller family stud

PROFILE - Malcolm Fuller, Lewiston, SA

### By Nathan Watson

Situated about 45 minutes north of Adelaide is a small property in the middle of one of the State's equestrian strongholds.

The property is home to a former farrier, but there are no horses in sight. Instead, there are rows of chook sheds – and they house one of this country's most consistent and successful studs of large dark-legged Black Red Old English Game fowls.

Many of you would have guessed by now this is the home of the Fuller family – Malcolm, Lyndal, Mark and sons Kaleb, 16, and Clem, 5.

I met Malcolm briefly at the OEG Fowl Club of Australia show in Wyong in 2011 and again at the South Gippsland Game Fowl Club in Victoria in 2012 and am honoured to have called him a friend since.

The Fuller family name has been among the major show results for several generations, and that continued at the All Game Club of South Australia show in late June where the Fuller family won Champion Bird, Champion Large Fowl and Reserve Champion Large Fowl.

The day after the show before my flight home, I was privileged to be taken by Michael and Melissa Hall to visit the Fuller family and look over their fine stud and collection of awards and memorabilia.

As well as the large Black Reds, there were some very nice Wheaten and Brassy bantams, including a lovely Black Tail pullet which was awarded Reserve Champion Bantam at the All Game Club show.

But it was the pens of large fowl that most caught my eye – they were like peas in a pod, showing all the attributes of top game fowl with fantastic temperament.

Malcolm's current strain started with stock from Victorian statesman Barry Bilton, and, like most of the successful studs of big Black Reds of recent decades, have their origins in the yards of the esteemed Athol Pengilley.

Among Malcolm's fowls were a couple of pens of outstanding Black Red hens, a number of splendid cock birds in fine feather and a row of very neat cockerels which will all cock-out into magnificent fowls.



### MALCOLM FULLER PROFILE – cont-

It was a pleasure to walk along the row of cockerels and discuss their finer points with Malcolm and Michael, and imagine which ones might make the better cocks.

Among the many major awards the Fuller stud has won are numerous Reserve Champion Bird in Shows at the Adelaide Royal Show, Reserve Champion Large Fowl at the OEG Fowl Club of Australia show in Albury 2013, and the afore mentioned Champion Bird in Show at the All Game Club of South Australia, to name a few.

However, there are a some Malcolm has taken extra special pride in achieving – Champion Bird of Show at the Adelaide Royal in 2003 and 2011, Reserve Champion Bird in Show at the OEG Fowl Club of Australia in 2004, and a memorial trophy at the All Game Club of South Australia awarded to the Best Large Black Red OEG Fowl, which he has won several times.

Malcolm is also quite proud that he was awarded Life Membership of the All Game Club of South Australia earlier this year.

While those achievements are grand on their own, you need to learn more about Malcolm's poultry journey and his family's involvement in the hobby to appreciate just what they mean to him.

Malcolm's love of Old English Game and professionalism in breeding and showing stems from his father Colin Fuller, a man who instilled more than just a love of poultry in his son.

"I was extremely close to Dad," Malcolm recalls. "We would speak every day right up until he died.

"He was a great hunter, trapper, shooter, poacher. I would go out trapping with him from when I was 4 and through my Dad I developed a love for the bush and animals."

That love for animals is understandable – Colin had quite the menagerie.

"Dad kept bantams, pigeons, ferrets, rabbits, dogs – they weren't show fowls to begin with, just game-cross bantams."

Malcolm was still in primary school when he remembers his Dad being given a pair of stud Pile Old English Game bantams, kick-starting the family's interest in show poultry.

"My interest in show fowls developed with his," Malcolm said.

"This fella gave him a pair of Old English Game bantams, Dad said they were stud birds and the rooster had one eye, so we called him the 'one-eyed stud'. We got another pair off the same breeder later.

"By that time Dad had shared with me the history of the breed and I knew about its fighting origins, so I called the next rooster Lionel after famous Australian boxer Lionel Rose."

Another breeder, fourth generation blacksmith and Old English fancier Kip Turner, became a family friend of the Fullers and from him Malcolm procured his first real show birds – dark-legged Black Red bantams.

It was through this same friend Malcolm became a farrier by trade – a job that sadly ended after a sickening



**ABOVE:** Malcolm Fuller and judge Chris White with the Fuller Family's large Black Red D/L cock which won Champion Bird of Show at the All Game Club of SA annual show this year.

**Picture: Michael & Melissa Hall**



**ABOVE:** Malcolm's father Colin Fuller, pictured in 1992, had a love of OEG fowls and a memorial trophy is named in his honour at the All Game Club of SA. **Picture: Malcolm Fuller**

**MALCOLM FULLER PROFILE – cont-**

accident in late 2004 when he was kicked in the head by a horse. While reminiscing on the stalwarts who had helped his father and him get a start in breeding show poultry, Malcolm also had praise for another South Australian poultry stalwart.

He has been a familiar face around the State’s shows for longer than Malcolm can remember and someone who many others can also credit with being privileged to have received his help and advice.



**ABOVE:** A Black Red cock Malcolm considers the best bird he has ever bred. This cock was Reserve Champion Large Fowl and Champion Large Cock in Show at the 2013 OEG Fowl Club of Australia show in Albury. **Picture: Michael & Melissa Hall**

**BELOW:** A painting of the above bird hangs pride of place in the Fuller family’s lounge room. **Picture: Malcolm Fuller**



“Tom Bowden OAM gave much encouragement and generous help to myself, brother and father from the beginning and throughout our years in the fancy,” Malcolm said.

Looking back at his early years travelling to the shows, Malcolm said one of the fond memories was not only the family outings – his sister Michele and brother Mark also showed chooks – but meeting many old game men, some whom earlier in life had seen and possibly taken part in the sport of cockfighting before it became illegal.

One of those stalwarts was a man named Percy Abbott who despite winding down as he was in his 80s, still kept some large Old English Game and helped Colin start a line of his own.

“So Dad went on with the big Old English Game and I went on with the bantams,” Malcolm said.

“My sister kept Modern bantams and when she dropped out of the hobby in her late teens, my brother Mark took them over.”

Later in life Malcolm would also become well known for his success with Modern Game, especially the rare large fowls, but Old English Game have always been a mainstay.

“It was a few years before Dad died – about the late 1990s – that I got to know Barry Bilton and got into big Old English Game myself, when I had my own place.

“When Dad passed away I took on his big Old English too, for sentimental reasons, and went out of the big Moderns as it was too many to manage.”

It was 2004 when Malcolm lost his Dad and since then, large Black Reds have remained his focus. The family tragedy was also in the middle of two of Malcolm’s biggest show achievements – one was winning Champion Bird of Show at the Adelaide Royal for the first time in 2003 with a classy light-legged Black Red bantam cock.

“That was the holy grail for me and Dad, before I became more involved in



### MALCOLM FULLER PROFILE – cont-

the OEG Fowl Club,” Malcolm said. “Dad had never won it, though he tried hard, but he lived to see it when I won it and was just as proud as I was.”

A few months after Colin’s passing, Malcolm exhibited at the Old English Game club show for the first time, at Albury, where he won a swag of awards including Reserve Champion Bird in Show, fittingly with one of his father’s favourites, a large dark-legged Black Red pullet.

Another award Malcolm’s fowls have won several times, including this year, and which he is always more honoured to win than best in show for obvious reason, is the Col Fuller Memorial Trophy at the All Game Club of South Australia show for the best Black Red OEG Fowl.

It is an award he will be striving to win again next year, with chickens on the ground from six pairs mated up after this year’s Adelaide Royal.

Malcolm aims to hatch about 60 to 70 large Black Reds each year and has a simple but meticulous record keeping system that includes numbering every fowl with leg rings handcrafted using his farrier skills.

As well as accurate records, Malcolm keeps his pens immaculately tidy and fusses over his show preparation, right down to what I am told by others includes a closely-guarded secret recipe for a spray that gives his fowls’ feather a little extra shine on show morning.

That extra gloss on a full-feathered, proud and healthy Old English cock is a sight befitting a bird Malcolm considers is the ultimate “king of fowls”. “Their form, movement and history interests me a lot. Their history especially, I think, creates more interest to the breed,” he said.

“You have to be a student of the breed and study their history to properly understand them and do well with them.”

The fowl Malcolm crowns as the king of all he has bred over the years was a large Black Red cock which won Reserve Champion Large Fowl and the Patron’s trophy for Champion Large Old English Game Cock at the Old English Game club show at Albury in 2013.

“I don’t think I have bred a better fowl,” Malcolm said.

“Sadly, I lost him in the summer heat here that same year, on a 47-degree day, and I only got a handful of chickens out before he died.

“I made the same mating that produced him last year and have a brother to him as a cockerel this year I am breeding from.”

Although the finest-ever of Malcolm’s cocks died, it has been forever immortalised in a painting which hangs pride of place in the Fuller home, where one day a picture of an equally-admired bird may hang, albeit a Crele Old English Game bantam.

Five-year-old Clem is showing a keen interest in the Crele bantams and Malcolm will be only too happy to nurture the interest and share his wealth of experience when he finally sources a few birds for his son to keep.

Finding the right birds is key, and Malcolm’s strongest advice for beginners in the breed.

“Get foundation stock from a good strain and don’t mix them up,” he said.

“Another piece of advice I give to a lot of fanciers – not even new breeders – is don’t cull too early. Hang on as long as you can before culling, especially if breeding from an established strain.”

With such a strong track record as the Fuller family has, it sounds like sage advice indeed.



**ABOVE:** Kaleb, Lyndal, Malcolm and Clem Fuller.  
**Picture:** Malcolm Fuller

**BELOW:** A hen Malcolm exhibited at the 2013 Adelaide Royal. **Picture:** Terry Politch





# AROUND THE ROYALS

## Melbourne Royal Show, July 11-12

### MAJORS

- Grand Champion Standard Hardfeather** – Pyke & Nash (Black Red D/L Cockerel)
- Champion Large OEG** – Pyke & Nash (Black Red D/L Cockerel)
- Reserve Champion Large OEG** – Alan Lawrence (Blue Duckwing Cockerel)
- Champion OEG Bantam** – Ian Nash (Gold Duckwing D/L Cockerel)
- Reserve Champion OEG Bantam** – Ian Nash (Grey Cockerel)
- Champion Junior Bird in Show** – Harrison Taylor (Large Black Red D/L Hen)
- Champion Junior Bantam OEG** – Courtney & Erin MacFarlane (Silver Duckwing D/L Hen)
- Reserve Champion Junior Bantam OEG** – Bailey Collins (Pile Hen)

### LARGE

#### Black Red D/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Bros Poultry Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Mann.  
Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Bros Poultry Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Azoulas. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> CH & 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyke & Nash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Porter & Gribble. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyke & Nash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaughan Family.

#### Black Red L/L

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Woods Bros Poultry Stud.

#### Blue Red

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Porter & Gribble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Barber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Lawrence, 3<sup>rd</sup> Laurie Barber.

#### Ginger Red

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Paterson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Porter & Gribble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaughan Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Porter & Gribble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaughan Family.

#### Gold Duckwing D/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> S & L Chalmers. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence.

#### Blue Duckwing

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Lawrence. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence.

#### Duckwing AOC D/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Lawrence.

#### Mealy Grey

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Michael Paterson.

#### Pile D/L

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Porter & Gribble. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Porter & Gribble.

#### Yellow, Honey & Silver Dunn

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Paterson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Michael Paterson.

### Cuckoo or Crele

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vaughan Family. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Vaughan Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Vaughan Family.

### Brown Red

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Michael Paterson. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Paterson.

### Ginger Red

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Paterson. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Welsh.

### BANTAM

#### Black

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Nash. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Porter & Gribble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Nash.

#### Brown Breasted Brown Red

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Ian Nash. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Laurie Barber. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Moloney.

#### Creel or Cuckoo

Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Alan Lawrence.

#### Furnace, Brassy Back & Polecat

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tony Mann. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Robin Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tony Mann.

#### Silver Duckwing D/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Dennis Knight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney & Erin MacFarlane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Paterson. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Paterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Fahey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Nash. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Paterson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> George Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Paterson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence.

#### Silver Duckwing L/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Smith & McFarlane. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Dennis Knight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Mann. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Smith & McFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Mann.

#### Gold Duckwing D/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Nash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dennis Knight. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Nash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence.

**MELBOURNE ROYAL RESULTS – cont-****Blue Duckwing**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Nash. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Nash.

**Pile L/L**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Porter & Gribble.

**Pile D/L**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Moloney. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Sonya Ford. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonya Ford.

**Black Red D/L**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Mann. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Laurie Barber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Mann.

**Partridge D/L**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Ian Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Barber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Azoulas. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Ian Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Moloney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Laurie Barber.

**Black Red L/L**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Woods Bros Poultry Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyke & Nash, 3<sup>rd</sup> TJ & DM Dent. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Knight, 3<sup>rd</sup> Porter & Gribble.

**Black Tail Wheaten**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Bros Poultry Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Hogan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Laurie Barber. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Laurie Barber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Sibraa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Lawrence.

**Black Red Partridge L/L**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Smith & McFarlane. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Sibraa, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Smith & McFarlane.

**Blue Red Partridge**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Porter & Gribble.

**Blue Red Wheaten**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> TJ & DM Dent, 2<sup>nd</sup> George Ferguson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Hogan. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Laurie Barber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Porter & Gribble, 3<sup>rd</sup> Smith & McFarlane.

**Blue Tail Wheaten**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> S & L Chalmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Smith & McFarlane. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Smith & McFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> S & L Chalmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Akers Flock.

**White Tail Wheaten**

Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Robin Hogan.

**Dark Grey**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Michael de Keyzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Azoulas. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Nash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Barber. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Mann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael de Keyzer.

**Streaky, Laced or Mottle Breasted Grey**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Azoulas. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Laurie Barber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael de Keyzer. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH S & L Chalmers.

**Mealy Grey**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Laurie Barber.

**Ginger Red**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Porter & Gribble, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Moloney. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Moloney.

**Spangled**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Guy Fahey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Moloney. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> S & L Chalmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Guy Fahey. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> S & L Chalmers. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy Fahey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Azoulas.

**Muffs & Tassels**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Bros Poultry Stud. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Woods Bros Poultry Stud. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, Laurie Barber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith & McFarlane. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Barber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Smith & McFarlane.

**AOC**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Robert Moloney.

**TRIOS**

Spangled, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy Fahey. Black Red, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Woods Bros Poultry Stud.

**JUNIORS****AC Large Hen**

1<sup>st</sup> & CH Harrison Taylor.

**Bantam Blue Red**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Harrison Taylor.

**Bantam Blue Tail Wheaten**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Harrison Taylor.

**Bantam Black Red L/L**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Harrison Taylor.

**Bantam Partridge, Clay or Wheaten L/L**

Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Harrison Taylor.

**Bantam Duckwing AC**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Courtney & Erin MacFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Stewart. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Courtney & Erin MacFarlane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Stewart. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Courtney & Erin MacFarlane.

**Bantam AOC**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Donvale Christian College. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Bailey Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donvale Christian College.



**ABOVE:** *Champion OEG Bantam, Ian Nash.*

**Picture:** *Andy Vardy*



**MELBOURNE ROYAL RESULTS – cont -**



**TOP:** *Champion Junior in Show, large Black Red D/L hen, Harrison Taylor.*

**ABOVE:** *Reserve Champion OEG Bantam, Grey cockerel, Ian Nash.*

**RIGHT:** *Reserve Champion Large OEG, Blue Duckwing D/L cockerel, Alan Lawrence.*



**PICTURES:** *Andy Vardy*

## The Ekka, August 5-14

### JUDGE'S REPORT

Terry Politch – OEG Bantams

Many thanks to the organisers, volunteers and stewards of the 2015 Brisbane Royal Show.

As with all Royals it is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and exhibitors and this year was no different with many poultry people joining together to make this a great event.

At this time of year keeping fowls in show condition is always going to be a problem, with many females either laying or very close.

Full credit to all exhibitors that presented their fowls in really good condition, with a few travelling long distances to show.

The winning Black Red L/L and OEG Bantam was best on the day with condition and presentation just tipping the balance in his favour.

His owners have been around the show scene for many years and this experience came to the fore in the show pen.

The Reserve OEG Bantam was also in great condition, which for a female at this time of year seemed unusual, until it was found her origins were over the border at Armidale where they were still getting snow until just before the show. Congratulations to her young owner.

There were also many other fowls worthy of mention that only had the time of year against them, congratulations also to their owners.

Thanks again to Owen Glover and his team for a well run show, the opportunity to judge and for a great day.

### MAJORS

#### Champion Large Hardfeather Fowl of Show & Champion OEG Large

B & J Williamson (Brown Red Hen)

#### Reserve Champion Large Hardfeather Fowl of Show & Reserve Champion OEG Large

Errol Hetherington (Black Red D/L Cock)

#### Reserve Champion Hardfeather Bantam of Show & Champion OEG Bantam

DW Scamp & S Hughes (Black Red L/L Cockerel)

#### Reserve Champion OEG Bantam & Champion Junior Exhibit of Show

Lachlan Potts (Duckwing D/L Hen)

### LARGE

#### Black Red D/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Errol Hetherington. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Poppett. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Errol Hetherington, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Errol Hetherington.

#### Blue Red

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Williamson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmett Jones. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Williamson.

#### Pile AC

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Glen Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bryan Poppett. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson.

#### Blue Duckwing

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Raymond Hall. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes.

#### Duckwing AC

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Hall. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmett Jones. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Errol Hetherington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmett Jones.

### Brown or Orange Red

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Joey Gilpin. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Williamson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Joey Gilpin. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Joey Gilpin.

### Grey

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH James Barns. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns.

### Dunn AC

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmett Jones. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Emmett Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson.

### Ginger

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Errol Hetherington. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Errol Hetherington, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Williamson.

### AOC

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Emmett Jones. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Williamson.

### Henfeather

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Graeme Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Joey Gilpin. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Joey Gilpin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graeme Burton. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joey Gilpin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graeme Burton.



**THE EKKA RESULTS – cont-**

**BANTAMS**

**Black Red D/L**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia & Helen Hetherington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mick Vernon. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> PJ & LJ Arnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mick Vernon. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Brian Castle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson, 3<sup>rd</sup> PJ & LJ Arnett. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> PJ & LJ Arnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Thomas.

**Black Red L/L**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> O & J Glover, 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia & Helen Hetherington. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH & 3<sup>rd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> O & J Glover.

**Black Tail Wheaten**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Jason Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> O & J Glover, 3<sup>rd</sup> James Barns. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> O & J Glover, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Hall.

**Blue Tail Wheaten**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Ray Law & Kelli Dawson.

**Blue Red**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH O & J Glover, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> James Barns. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes.

**Duckwing D/L**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> O & J Glover, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Law & Kelli Dawson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lachlan Potts. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Lachlan Potts. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Reinke, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> O & J Glover. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes.

**Pile**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Hall. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Hall.

**Duckwing L/L**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH O & J Glover.

**Brown or Orange Red**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Law & Kelli Dawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes.

**Grey**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Law & Kelli Dawson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Law & Kelli Dawson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH Ray Law & Kelli Dawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Law & Kelli Dawson.

**Ginger**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindy Nesbitt. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Monement & Sessions Gamefowl, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> DW Scamp & S Hughes. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Jade Sandor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Thomas.

**Spangled**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH DW Scamp & S Hughes. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindy Nesbitt. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> James Barns. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> James Barns.

**AOC/AOV**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & CH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Glen Williamson. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> B & J Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> D & R Ebert. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Hall.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Champion Large Hardfeather, Brown Red hen, B&J Williamson. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Reserve Champion Large Hardfeather, Black Red D/L cock, Errol Hetherington. **Pictures:** Cathy Newton



**THE EKKA RESULTS – cont-**

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**ABOVE:** Best Large AOC, Black Red Y/L cockerel, DW Scamp & S Hughes.

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**ABOVE:** Best Large Ginger, cock, Errol Hetherington.

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**ABOVE:** Best Large Henfeather, Wheaten pullet, Joey Gilpin.**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Best Large Blue Red, cockerel, DW Scamp & S Hughes.**PICTURES:** Cathy Newton

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**ABOVE:** Best Large Pile, hen, Glen Williamson.**ABOVE:** Best Large Blue Duckwing, cockerel, DW Scamp & S Hughes.

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**ABOVE:** Best Large Dunn, hen, Emmett Jones.

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**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Hardfeather Bantam, Black Red L/L bantam cockerel, DW Scamp & S Hughes.



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**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion OEG Bantam, Duckwing D/L hen, Lachlan Potts.



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**ABOVE:** Grey Bantam cock shown by DW Scamp & S Hughes.



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**ABOVE:** Best Ginger Bantam, cock, DW Scamp & S Hughes.



**ABOVE:** Best Black Red D/L Bantam, cock, Brian Castle.

## Adelaide Royal Show, September 4-13

### MAJORS

- Champion Old English Game Fowl** – B Oakey & A Williams (Black Red D/L Ckl)  
**Reserve Champion Old English Game Fowl** – K Hebbberman (Black Red D/L Hen)  
**Best Old English Game Fowl (other than Black Red)** – D Blown (Pile Hen)  
**Champion Hard Feathered Bantam Section 1** – TW Bowden (Black Tailed Wheaten Hen)  
**Champion OEG Bantam** – TW Bowden (Black Tail Wheaten Hen)  
**Reserve Champion OEG Bantam** – M Scruby (Black Tail Wheaten Pullet)  
**Best OEG Bantam (other than Wheaten/Black Red)** – D Hughes (Blue Red L/L Cock)

### LARGE

#### Black Red D/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> B Oakey & A Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fuller Family.  
 Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> K Hebbberman, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family.  
 Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> B Oakey & A Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> K & K Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family.

#### Black Red L/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> K & K Hancock.

#### Clay or Wheaten

Hen or Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> K & K Hancock.

#### Ginger Red

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family.

#### Duckwing

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> J Blown.

#### Blue Red

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family.

#### AOC Blue

Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> J Blown.

#### Grey or Birchen

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> J Blown. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> J Blown.

#### Pile

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> D Blown.

#### AOC

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> D Blown. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> T Schwarz, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Blown.

### BANTAM

#### Partridge L/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Burdon, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer.

#### Black Red L/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> D Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer, 4<sup>th</sup> TJ & DM Dent. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> TW Bowden, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, D Jungfer, 5<sup>th</sup> Hall Family.

#### Wheaten Black Tailed

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> TW Bowden, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Scruby, 3<sup>rd</sup> D Hughes, 4<sup>th</sup> A Klatt. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> M Scruby, 2<sup>nd</sup> J & J Hawker, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TW Bowden.

#### Wheaten Blue Tailed

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> A Klatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> TJ & DM Dent, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family.  
 Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> B Oakey & A Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Hughes, 3<sup>rd</sup> F & J Brincat-Tree.

#### Best Old English Game Bantam Male (classes 496 & 497) – TW Bowden (Black Red L/L Cockerel)

**Best Old English Game Bantam Female (classes 494, 495 and 498-501) – TW Bowden (Black Tail Wheaten Hen)**

#### Black Red D/L

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> B & J Hallahan. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Watters, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Klatt. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> C Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Klatt.

#### Spangled

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> B Oakey & A Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> T Dunn. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Hall Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Taylor. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> T Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> R Taylor.

#### Duckwing D/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> A Klatt. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Klatt. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hall Family, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Klatt.

#### Duckwing L/L

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Burdon. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> M Moyes.

#### Best Old English Game Bantam Cock (classes 502, 506, 510 & 514) – Hall Family (Spangled)

**Best Old English Game Bantam Hen (classes 503, 507, 511 & 515) – B Oakey & A Williams (Spangled)**

**Best Old English Game Bantam Cockerel (classes 504, 508, 512 & 516) – D Jungfer (Black Red D/L)**

**Best Old English Game Bantam Pullet (classes 505, 509, 513 & 517) – T Dunn (Spangled)**

#### Blue Red L/L

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> D Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> TJ & DM Dent, 3<sup>rd</sup> B Oakey & A Williams. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> B & J Hallahan. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer.

#### AOC Blue

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> B & J Hallahan.

#### Creel

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> J & L Bezzina. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> C Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer, 3<sup>rd</sup> R Burdon. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> D Jungfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Burdon.



**ADELAIDE ROYAL RESULTS – cont-**

**Black**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> R Burdon, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Fuller Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Burdon, 3<sup>rd</sup> D Jungfer.

**Brassy**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family.

**Furness**

Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> Hall Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fuller Family.

**Brown Red**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> H Kroemer. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> T Schwarz. Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> T Schwarz, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Taylor.

**Grey**

Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> A Klatt. Hen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> A Klatt. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> A Klatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Jungfer.

**Pile**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> F & J Brincat-Tree. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> B Oakey & A Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> F & J Brincat-Tree.

**Ginger Red**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> D Hughes.

**AOC**

Cockerel, 1<sup>st</sup> D Hughes. Pullet, 1<sup>st</sup> F & J Brincat-Tree, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Klatt.

**Best OEG Bantam Cock (classes 518-569) – D**

Hughes (Blue Red L/L)

**Best OEG Bantam Hen (classes 518-569) – B & J**

Hallahan (Blue Red L/L)

**Best OEG Bantam Cockerel (classes 518-569) – D**

Hughes (Ginger Red)

**Best OEG Bantam Pullet (classes 518-569) – B**

Oakey & A Williams (Pile)

**Best OEG Bantam Cock overall – D Hughes (Black Red L/L)**

**Best OEG Bantam Hen overall – TW Bowden (Black Tail Wheaten)**

**Best OEG Bantam Cockerel overall – D Hughes (Ginger Red)**

**Best OEG Bantam Pullet overall – M Scruby (Black Tail Wheaten)**



**ABOVE:** A Brassy Bantam cock shown by the Hall family.

**LEFT:** Champion Hardfeather Bantam Section 1 and Champion OEG Bantam, Black Tail Wheaten hen, Tom Bowden.

**PICTURES:** Michael & Melissa Hall.

**GOT SOME NEWS?**

If you have any reports, breeder profiles, show results or photos of show winners to share with our members in this newsletter, please email Nathan Watson at

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## Perth Royal Show, September 24-October 1

### MAJORS

- Champion Old English Game Large Male** – Cloverdale Stud (AOC).  
**Champion Old English Game Large Female** – Duncan Scanlon (Blue Red)  
**Champion Old English Game Bantam Male** – Lester Flint (Blue Red).  
**Champion Old English Game Bantam Female** – Thomas Spencer (Duckwing)

### PAIRS

- Large** – 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan Scanlon.  
**Bantam** – 1<sup>st</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Lester Flint.

### LARGE

- Black Red D/L**  
 Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan Scanlon. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloverdale Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan Scanlon.

### Black Red L/L

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale Stud. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale Stud.

### Blue Red

- Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan Scanlon.

### Pile

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Reece Jerrett. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Duncan Scanlon.

### AOC

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale Stud.

### BANTAM

- Black Red Wheaten**  
 Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Lester Flint.

### Black Red Partridge

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Lester Flint, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cloverdale Stud. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Lester Flint.

### Clay or Black tail Wheaten

- Female, 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrew Ryall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Duncan Scanlon.

### Blue tail Wheaten

- Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Ryall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lester Flint.

### Blue Red

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Lester Flint, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cloverdale Stud.

### Duckwing A/C

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Spencer. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cloverdale Stud.

### Pile

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Shane & Jacquie McNamara.

### AOC

- Male, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale Stud. Female, 1<sup>st</sup> Cloverdale Stud, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Ryall.

## Hobart Royal Show, October 21-24



**ABOVE LEFT:** *Champion Bird in Show, Champion Hardfeather Bantam, Brown Red cock, Peter Spotswood.*

**Picture:** *Luke Rosendale. ABOVE RIGHT:* *Reserve Champion Bird in Show, Champion Large Hardfeather, Grey cockerel, Luke Rosendale. Picture:* *Chris White*



**ABOVE:** Malcolm Fuller holds the Fuller Family's large Black Red cock that won Champion Bird in Show, and Travis Farrugia-Gay with T&N Gamefowl's Duckwing bantam hen that was Reserve Champion Bird in Show.  
**Picture: Michael & Melissa Hall**

## ALL GAME CLUB OF SA

Annual Show, Saturday, June 27

### JUDGE'S REPORT – Chris White, NSW

Travelling to Adelaide to judge the All Game Club of South Australia is always a highlight as this show is the complete package where many of the exhibitors travel long distances to bench their fowls plus the show is about the fowls and not personalities.

The professionalism and work ethic of the committee in organising transport, entertaining and running of this highly successful show is appreciated when travelling from interstate.

Sections I judged were all the standard Old English Game and Division 2 Old English Game bantams.

#### LARGE DIVISION 1

The large Black Red D/L award place getters in all the four classes overall were the best I have seen at this show in three visits over the past 10 years.

The first and second Black Red cocks were outstanding with the winning cock owned by the Fuller brothers also winning the Grand Champion Bird of Show.

Both cocks showed excellent carriage, type, length of neck and were in pristine exhibition condition.

It was disappointing that the winning cock would not be shown at the Old English Game Fowl Club of Australia annual show at Rosewood as he would have been the benchmark for all to beat in his allocated section.

The winning Black Red hens, stags and pullets were also owned by the Fuller brothers, with the hen being awarded Reserve Champion large.

#### LARGE DIVISION 2

Overall this section was disappointing compared to the Black Reds, however the champion of Division 2 was a smart Ginger D/L hen with the reserve being the second placed Ginger hen. Both were exhibited by Ron and Michael Hall.

Most of the entries in the remaining colours lacked gameness as most were course, had poor wing contraction, were not balanced, with short and deep keels.



## ALL GAME CLUB OF SA – cont-

### LARGE DIVISION 3

Like Division 2, there was not large numbers present, however most entries in this section showed refinement and carriage.

The main area for ongoing improvement of most of these entries were that many were hippy and lacked taper to the butt.

T & N Gamefowl won the Champion and Reserve of Division 3 fowl with smart Duckwings.

### BANTAM DIVISION 2

Large numbers of entries were present in the Duckwing and crow-wing classes.

As seen at most shows there was a lot of physical variation in these classes with most of the entries having no wing contraction and balance in hand, which immediately left them out of the running for awards when competing against sound handling miniatures.

In most colours there were a number of exhibits that were sound in hand, tapered from the shoulder to the butt region and conformed to the Australian Standards for Old English Game.

The best in Division 2 was a very fit and well presented Duckwing D/L hen owned by T & N Gamefowl. This hen was a true miniature with deep wing coverage and showed real game presence moving around the show pen.

This hen was also awarded Best Bantam of Show and Reserve Bird of Show to the Black Red D/L standard cock.

The reserve Division 2 bantam was a smart grey stag.

Congratulations to all who participated and contributed to another successful annual show.

### JUDGE'S REPORT – Robert Sheen, VIC

It was with considerable pleasure that I was able to judge the All Game Club of South Australia's annual show this year.

It is always an honour to be asked to officiate at a specialist club's major event.

The club is to be congratulated for last year's Centenary Show. It speaks volumes for the long tradition of game fowl breeding in that state.

It was particularly pleasing to be able to share the judging with my good friends Nathan Watson and Chris White. It is always good to catch up with fellow enthusiasts.

South Australia is fortunate to have a purpose built pavilion. This is well equipped to show the birds at their best.

There are also superb catering facilities – an important part of the social side of the game fowl fancy. My assignment was to judge the Division 1 and Division 3 Old English Game Bantams and also the Junior classes.

When judging bantams it is important to look for the same characteristics as when assessing large fowl. Here, we have Herbert Atkinson's superb description and paintings to guide us in this task.

The winning birds were excellent examples of the breed. They came mainly from the wheaten-bred classes. The winning wheaten pullet showed correct leg placement, carriage and depth of wing. In hand, she was fit, well balanced and had a long, shallow keel. These handling characteristics are often not seen in bantams with short keels being a common problem. She was a worthy winner of the section. There were several other wheaten females of comparable quality.

Many of the best light-legged males were spoilt by poor temperament. This trait is highly heritable so it is important to keep this in mind when selecting birds for breeding.

The Division 3 birds are disadvantaged when competition within a colour group is not so intense. A more rigorous selection for handling attributes would provide a much needed boost to the quality of these lesser-bred colours.

There were not many Junior exhibits but the quality within the Old English classes was high. The club is active in fostering its juniors and this is reflected in their enthusiasm and the excellence of their birds.

Again, the club and all exhibitors are to be congratulated for an excellent show and an opportunity for game fowl fanciers to come together to share their passion.



**ABOVE:** Judges Nathan Watson (other than OEG), Chris White and Robert Sheen at the All Game Club of SA show. **Picture:** Michael & Melissa Hall

**ALL GAME CLUB OF SA – cont-**



**ABOVE:** *Champion Bird in Show, Champion Large Fowl, Black Red D/L cock, Fuller Family.*



**ABOVE:** *Reserve Champion Bird in Show, Champion Bantam, Duckwing D/L hen, T & N Gamefowl.*



**ABOVE:** *Reserve Champion Large Fowl, Black Red D/L hen, Fuller Family.*



**ABOVE:** *Reserve Champion Bantam, Black Tail Wheaten hen, Fuller Family.*



**ABOVE:** *Champion Division 3 large, Blue Duckwing cockerel, T & N Gamefowl.*

**PICTURES:** *Michael & Melissa Hall.*

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## GAME FOWL CLUB OF WA

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Show, Saturday & Sunday, August 22-23

### JUDGE'S REPORT – Ian Nash, VIC

After a four-hour flight from Melbourne to Perth, which included a nanny nap for me, Graham Spedding and I arrived in WA raring to go.

After organising our car, we got the directions out, which were perfect thanks to Joe Hickey, and we arrived at our motel just in time for a meal and a few calm-me-down drinks before the big day judging the Game Fowl Club of WA's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary show.

I had the task of sorting out all the winners in the large and bantam Old English Game and as I started to judge the birds, I knew I was going to be in for a big day.

The winning birds in most of the bantam classes I felt would hold their own in the eastern states.

The Black Tailed Wheaten hen and pullet were both outstanding followed by the Blue Red L/L cockerel and the Blue Tailed Wheaten females.

Around the corner I came across a handsome Ginger male and if his legs were cleaned up he could have gone further.

I was impressed also with the Grey males, some great type birds but they need to come down in size a little for me.

The Gold Duckwing cock I thought was a cracker of a fowl as well as a Brown Red hen, which could have gone further except she had a few broken feathers.

The fowl that stood out for me in the bantam section was a Brassy hen with beautiful fanned tail, the right size and handled well.

Congratulations to the owner Peter Strike, I thought she was a well-deserved winner.

In the large birds there were not many in numbers which was disappointing.

The winning bird there was a Blue Tailed Wheaten hen, which handled well and was alert.

Not far behind was a Honey Dunn cock and a Black Red D/L hen.

Other birds I was impressed with were the piles, very typey.

While I'm at it and although I did not judge this section, I would like to thank the guys who showed the American Game birds, as there isn't many shown in Victoria.

They enlightened me on the finer points of the breed. I would say that it won't be long before one gets up for Champion Bird in Show.



**ABOVE:** Juniors Trent Gumprich and Lloyd Bolt who won OEG Fowl Club of Australia caps. Trent won Reserve Champion Junior OEG with a White Tail Wheaten bantam pullet, and Lloyd won Champion Junior in Show and Champion Junior OEG with a Silver Duckwing D/L bantam cockerel. **Picture: Nathan Watson**

**GAME FOWL CLUB OF WA – cont-**



**ABOVE:** *Champion OEG Bantam pullet & Reserve Champion Division 1 Bantam, Black Tail Wheaten, Joe Hickey.*



**ABOVE:** *Champion Bird in Show, Champion OEG overall, Champion OEG Bantam, Champion OEG Bantam Hen & Champion Division 3 OEG Bantam, Brassy, Peter Strike.*



**ABOVE:** *Champion OEG Bantam Cockerel, Blue Red L/L, Nathan Watson.*



**ABOVE:** *Champion OEG Bantam Cock & Champion Division 2 OEG Bantam, Gold Duckwing D/L, Nathan Watson.*



**LEFT:** *Champion Large OEG, Champion Large OEG Hen, Champion Division 3 Large, Blue Tail Wheaten, Mick Bayntun.*

**PICTURES:** Nathan Watson



## AROUND THE SHOWS IN 2015

Selection of photos from pavilions across Australia.

### Bundaberg Poultry Club, QLD



**ABOVE:** Errol and Helen Hetherington hold their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed large Black Red OEG cocks which went on to win Champion and Reserve Champion Large OEG at the Bundaberg Poultry Club show in July. The winner was also crowned Champion Bird in Show. **Picture: Terry Politch**



**ABOVE:** Champion Bird in Show and Champion Large OEG at Bundaberg Poultry Club show for Errol & Helen Hetherington. **Picture: Terry Politch**



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Large OEG at Bundaberg Poultry Club show for Errol and Helen Hetherington was their 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Black Red cock. **Picture: Terry Politch**

### Albany Poultry Club, WA



**ABOVE:** *Champion Bird in Show, Champion OEG Bantam, and Champion OEG Bantam Old Bird At Albany & Districts Poultry Club for Nathan Watson.*

**Picture:** *Nathan Watson*



**ABOVE:** *Nathan Watson with his Champion Bird in Show and judge Graeme Hopf at Albany & Districts Poultry Club show in August. Picture: Tahlia Watson*



**LEFT:** *Nathan Watson's Reserve Champion OEG Bantam Old Bird at Albany & Districts Poultry Club Show.*

**Picture:** *Nathan Watson*

### Central Coast Poultry Club, NSW



**ABOVE:** *Champion Bird in Show at the Central Coast Poultry Club show in June, Mick O'Connell's large Grey pullet. Picture: Robert Johnstone*

### Canberra Royal Show, ACT



**ABOVE:** *Reserve Champion OEG Large and Champion Grey at the Canberra Royal Show in June for Rob Zappala. Picture: Rob Zappala*



## Gympie Poultry Club, QLD



**ABOVE:** Judges Peter Reinke and Steve Hendrikson with Glen Williamson who won Champion Bird of Show at the Gympie Poultry Club show in July with a large Blue Red D/L OEG cock. **Picture:** Terri-lea Asmus



**ABOVE:** Graham Prior, with judges Henry Surtees and Adam Hansen, holds his Reserve Champion Bird of Show at the Gympie Poultry Club show in June. **Picture:** Terri-lea Asmus



**ABOVE:** Graham Prior's Reserve Champion Bird in Show at Gympie in June. **Picture:** Terri-lea Asmus

## Taree-Wingham Poultry Club, NSW



**ABOVE:** Tim Tydd holds his Champion Large OEG, a Black Red D/L cockerel, and Mark Waters holds his Champion Bantam OEG, a Dunn hen. **Picture:** Mark Waters



### Game Club of Victoria



**ABOVE:** Ian Nash, Tony Mann and Alf Woods during the trophy presentations at the Game Club of Victoria's show in June. **Picture: Sonja King**



**ABOVE:** Champion Bird in Show, a large Black Red D/L cockerel shown by Ian Nash. **Picture: Sonja King**



**ABOVE:** Champion Bantam, a Black Red L/L cock shown by Ian Nash. **Picture: Sonja King**



**ABOVE:** Norm Hand receives one of the many trophies from Alf Woods at the Game Club of Victoria's presentations. **Picture: Sonja King**



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Bantam, a Black Red L/L cockerel shown by Ian Nash. **Picture: Sonja King.**



### Rosewood Poultry Club, QLD



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Bird of Show winner Eric Innes holding his large Black Red D/L OEG cock at Rosewood Poultry Club's show in July. He is pictured with club president Peter Reinke and Champion Bird in Show winner Viv May. **Picture: Cathy Newton**

### South West Poultry Association, WA



**ABOVE:** Champion Bird in Show and Champion Hardfeather Bantam at the South West Poultry Association show in July, Blue Red L/L cock shown by Nathan Watson. **Picture: Nathan Watson**



**ABOVE:** Eric Innes large Black Red D/L cock was Reserve Champion Bird in Show at Rosewood. **Picture: Cathy Newton.**

### Gawler & Districts Poultry Club, SA



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Bird in Show and Champion Hardfeather Fowl at Gawler & Districts Poultry Club show in July, Black Red D/L pullet shown by the Hall family. **Picture: Michael & Melissa Hall.**



**ABOVE:** Champion Hardfeather Bantam, Grey OEG cock, Ray Law. **Picture: Cathy Newton.**



### Bullsbrook Poultry Club, WA



**ABOVE:** Nathan Watson's Blue Red L/L cockerel which won Champion Bird in Show at Bullsbrook Poultry Club in July.  
**Picture: Nathan Watson**

### Narrogin Poultry Society, WA



**ABOVE:** Champion Bird in Show at Narrogin Poultry Society's Young Bird Show in June, Nathan Watson's Blue Red L/L cockerel.  
**Picture: Nathan Watson**



**ABOVE:** Nathan Watson holding his Bullsbrook show champion. **Picture: Michelle Cook**



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Hardfeather Bantam at Narrogin Young Bird Show was Nathan Watson's 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Blue Red L/L cockerel.

### Central Victorian Poultry Club



**ABOVE:** Chris Morcom holds his Grey OEG bantam pullet which was Champion Bird at the Central Victorian Poultry Club show in July under judge Norm Hand. **Picture: Sonja King**



**ABOVE:** Reserve Champion Hardfeather Bantam at Narrogin Open Bird Show in August was Joe Hickey's Grey cockerel.



## Breeding hen-cocks in Gilpin's blood

PROFILE – Joey Gilpin, Nudgee, QLD

### By Nathan Watson

Joey Gilpin is a man on a mission.

A mission to not only preserve a rare variety of Old English Game fowls, but return them to their glory days when his grandfather had them at their peak at his Nudgee property on the north side of Brisbane.

Joey, now 31, never got to know his grandfather well – sadly Jack Gilpin passed away when Joey was quite young – but he has learnt much about him.

Growing up, Joey was told many stories about his grandfather's interest in Old English Game, but they weren't just any Old English.

Jack was a master breeder of henfeathers, and stories are still shared at shows around Queensland by old timers who can remember the fine hennies he used to breed and show.

It was stories about his grandfather's passion that inspired Joey to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and breed henfeathers.

"I had heard a lot of family stories growing up about grandad and it inspired me to keep the henfeathers too," Joey said.

"I always liked chooks, and when I moved back onto Grandad's old property about 9 years ago, that's when I decided to get the hennies back."

Breeding a rare variety is a challenge in itself, but the first big hurdle Joey faced was sourcing henfeathers to start his stud.

"I struggled to find them anywhere in Australia," Joey said.

"Eventually I found Ross Jones, who lived just a few kilometres away and had birds from a few different bloodlines he had kept for about 30 years."

As luck would have it, Ross got his start in henfeathers from Joey's grandfather and although he had no birds left from the famous Gilpin lines, was more than happy to help.

"Grandad kicked Ross off with henfeathers and he returned the favour, kicking me off and we have worked together on them since. He has been my mentor," Joey said. With a common interest and love for the rare hennies, Joey and Ross have forged a strong bond, the two helping each other with brood stock and travelling to shows together.

They keep mainly yellow-legged Wheatens, but also play around with Partridge, Duckwing, Black and Ginger hennies. They are also working on the rare Coffee-Laced colour, which used to be popular in henny Old English Game in the Brisbane area in the 1970s.

Currently they keep about 30 birds between them, 8 males and the rest females, and only breed small numbers.

"I bred about 50 this year, a few more than normal," Joey said. "I don't breed a lot because of council and I have to be careful with how many I keep."

Joey said his friendship with Ross was similar to back in his grandfather's day when Jack bred hennies with about three other blokes, but the breed was much more popular then.

Jack won the Ekka in the 1970s with a large Blue henfeather male, quite the feat, and Joey was proud as punch when he won the Dayboro show a few years ago with a Black cock.



**ABOVE:** Joey Gilpin with one of his favourites, a Wheaten hen-cock, at his home in Nudgee where his grandfather also bred henfeathers for many decades. **Picture:** Joey Gilpin

**JOEY GILPIN PROFILE – cont-**

Asked what inspired him most to keep hennies, Joey said without hesitation it was his family’s connection to the breed and the chance to continue the family legacy. “There is one picture of Dad, when he was about 11, with Grandad both holding hennies,” Joey said. “Dad bred them for a while but had to discontinue them when he moved to Darwin, so it’s nice to now be able to keep them myself. “Also, the henfeathering appealed to me – it’s just something you don’t see at shows and people get excited to see them.” So far Joey and Ross have not spread many birds around, but hope to in the future. “Our goal is to get them back to where they were, in my grandfather’s day,” he said. “They’re not quite there yet, there is a bit of work to do still. We want to get them right before we send them out to other people.”

**TOP RIGHT:** One of Joey Gilpin’s typical hen-cocks, a partridge displaying the henfeathering that makes the variety so distinct and rare. **Picture: Joey Gilpin**



**RIGHT:** A Duckwing hen-cock, which not only displays hen-feathering but also the colour pattern usually associated with females. **Picture Joey Gilpin**



**ABOVE:** Joey Gilpin’s grandfather Jack Gilpin holding a white hen-cock and Joey’s father as a young boy holding a black hen-cock. **Picture: Joey Gilpin.**



**ABOVE:** A pair of Ginger hennies. **RIGHT:** A hen of Joey Gilpin’s henfeather strain. **Pictures: Joey Gilpin**





## Genetics of Henfeathering

By Greg Popplewell,  
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Hen feathering in cocks is controlled by a single gene (Hf) on Chromosome #1 of the chicken genome.

Two copies of the Hf gene (noted as Hf/Hf or 'homozygous' or 'pure') produces a definite hen-feathered male with no sign of cock feathering. In 'heterozygous' or 'impure' form ('Hf/hf') 'half hennies' are produced. Half hennies have variable expression as far as mixture of cock and hen feathering is concerned and this may vary from moult to moult. Half hennie males may have some curved feathers in their tails, but generally not long sickles like non-hennie (hf/hf) males. The function of the Hf gene is to code the hormonal environment of the cock's skin to that of a hen, hence causing it to grow hen feathers.

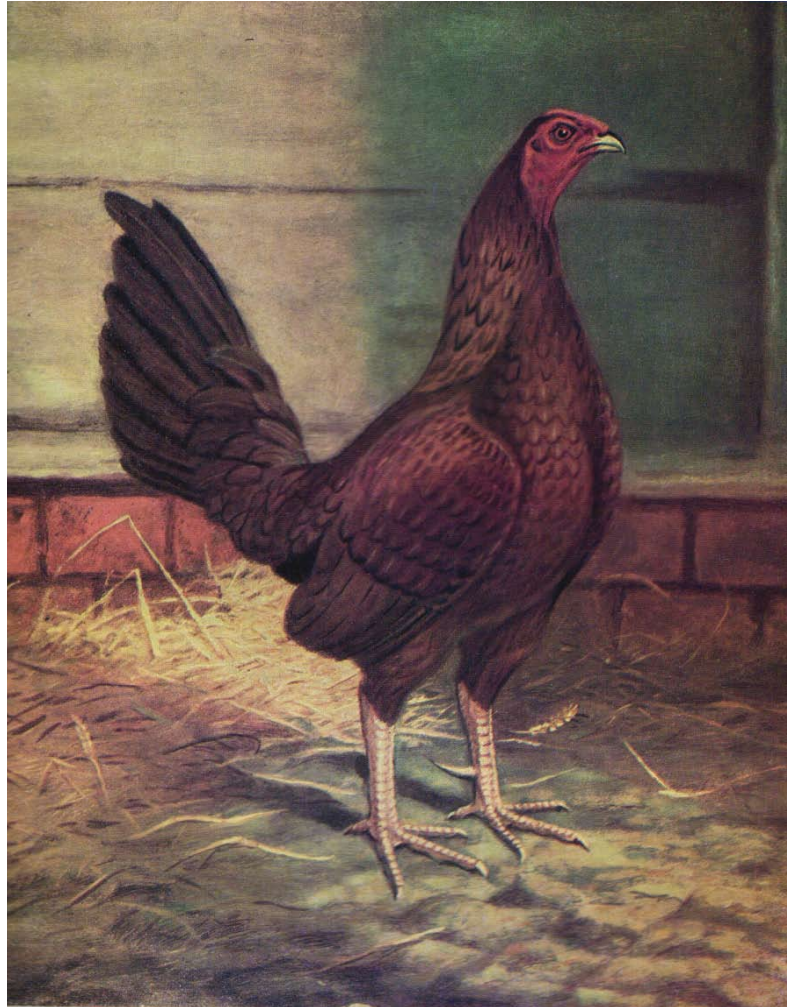
It is not meant to effect sexual hormones in the rest of the cock's body, although in some other breeds breeders claim sub-fertility in hennie males.

The utility of the Hf gene in cock-fighting days was said to trick the other cock into thinking the hen-cock was a mate rather an opponent, catching him by surprise.

The gene is also found in non-game breeds including Sebrights and Campines.

As the expression of the HF gene is limited to males, it may be necessary to progeny test females in order to work out how many copies of the gene they carry.

Progeny testing and good records will allow the gene to be introduced and then fixed into other strains or existing henfeather lines improved with outside genetics if desired.



*ABOVE: Herbert Atkinson's painting of a grouse-coloured hen-cock.*

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