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THE BUFF ORPINGTON CLUB
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Our main Championship shows of the winter season have been and gone and we can all look back on another successful Club Show, details of which are below in this newsletter. Congratulations to all who have had success and hopefully we will all try and breed that elusive winner for the 2013 season.

Our 2012 AGM was held, along with our Club Show, at the Poultry Club National Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. It was at the AGM that I was delighted to be elected by you, the members, as an Honorary Life member of the Club, in recognition of 21 years service as your Secretary. Thank you very much to everyone for this much appreciated honour. I would also like to thank everyone involved for what was a big surprise to me at the Stafford Show to be presented with an engraved glass picture frame and champagne to recognise this 21 year anniversary. Thank you so much to everyone and it was great to drink a toast and enjoy your company at our Club Stand on the Sunday morning at Stafford.

A full report of the AGM business will appear in our 2013 Year Book, but things of immediate interest were the election of Judges for the main 2013 Shows:-

2013 Club Show Judge – R J Bett, 2013 Federation Show, Stafford – P Morgan

This year it was also decided that we should also go back to selecting our own judge for the Buff classes at the Scottish National Show. Entries have grown over the past few years which now make it worthwhile to have our own judge. Judge therefore for the Scottish National Show to be held in January 2014 would be Philip Smedley.

CLUB SHOW RESULTS

Our Club Show was held on Saturday and Sunday 17th and 18th November 2012, in conjunction with the Poultry Club National Championship Show, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, and this year I had the pleasure of judging our Buff classes.

Congratulations go to all the class and trophy winners. Richard Bett continued his impressive Club Show wins by again taking the award for Champion Large Buff and Club Show Champion this year with a lovely large Pullet. Best Opposite Sex and Reserve Champion went to Paul and Tina Jones with their winning large Cockerel. Champion Bantam award went to Julian Jones from Crickhowell with his Cockerel.

I would like to express our thanks to Mannie Van Wyk, who, on behalf of the Orpington Club of South Africa, had once again donated a glass 'diamond' trophy to the leading exhibitor with the most point at this year's Club Show which was won by Richard Bett. Thank you also to Manie for donating the lovely trophy in memory of John Vale awarded to the best large fowl adult bird and won by our Chairman, Tim Biela. Thank you also to the continued generosity of

Robin Elflett who donated a very nice piece of Scottish Crystalware to the Champion Bantam, a lovely memento of his win for Julian Jones to keep outright.

A full judge's report will appear in the 2013 Year Book. Entries were this year down slightly in numbers, particularly in the bantam classes and there were on the day, several empty pens. Particularly noticeable was, for this first time in many years, no Buff Trios on show. Quality of the birds on display varied. Most of the large cockerels needed still more time to complete their feather growth and a great many of the large pullets were very uneven in top colour and showing signs of weathering.

The bantams lacked consistency. Just one or two nice birds being easy to spot with the rest difficult to place.

I must say well done to Alicia and Thaylia Smith who penned two lovely large fowl cockerels in the Juvenile class with the winning bird going on to take the award for Champion Juvenile Large Fowl in Show.

Trophy winners and full class results are shown below.

Stan Steer Trophy – Champion Buff – R J Bett
Wilf Allen Cup – Best Opposite Sex – P & T Jones
Cockerel Cup – P & T Jones
A Hammond Browne Pullet Trophy – R J Bett
David Bruce Trophy – Champion Trio – No Entries
Benno Crezee Novice/Juvenile Trophy – Alicia & Thaylia Smith
Anne Stredwick Trophy – Champion Bantam – J Jones
Jones Trophy – Best Opposite Sex Bantam – S A & G Hodge
J Vale Memorial Trophy (Best Large Fowl Adult) – T J Biela
Denis Phillips Centenary Trophy (Most Points) – R J Bett
South Africa Diamond Trophy – R J Bett

TRIOS

LARGE (2) – Non forward

BANTAM (No entries)

LARGE

COCK (5) – only 1 forward

1. P & T Jones

HEN (7)

1. T J Biela
2. R J Bett
3. D Cook
4. Priestley & Sanders
5. P & N Morgan
6. A Bowden

COCKEREL (15)

1. P & T Jones – **Res Ch & BOS**
2. D G Pownall
3. R J Bett
4. D G Pownall
5. P & T Jones
6. R J Bett
7. S & C Fuller

PULLET (21)

1. R J Bett – **Club Show Champion**
2. R J Bett
3. D G Pownall
4. D G Pownall
5. N Bohemia
6. P & T Jones
7. P & N Morgan

NOVICE (No entries)

JUVENILE (4)

1. A & T Smith – **Best Novice/Juvenile**
2. A & T Smith
3. C Clark

BANTAMS

COCK (1)

1. R J Boothman

HEN (3)

1. R J Bett
2. T J Biela
3. R J Boothman

COCKEREL (9)

1. J Jones – **Champion Bantam**
2. S A & G Hodge
3. S A & G Hodge
4. F C & J M Millward
5. J Jones
6. S J Carr
7. R J Bett

PULLET (11)

1. S A & G Hodge– **Best Opp Sex Bantam**
2. S A & G Hodge
3. J Jones
4. J Jones
5. J Jones
6. R J Bett
7. J Jones

NOVICE (No entries)

JUVENILE (2)

1. Reanna Quinn
2. Reanna Quinn

FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - STAFFORD

On Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th December 2012, it was the turn of the Federation Championship Show at Stafford. Judging this year was Tim Biela

The William Cook Trophy for Champion Buff went to Paul & Tina Jones with their large Cockerel whilst Champion Bantam, Best Opposite Sex and the trophy for Reserve Champion went to Philip Smedley's Bantam pullet.

Full results:

LARGE TRIO (No entries)

BANTAM TRIO (2)

1. W Burdett MBE

LARGE COCK (No entries)

LARGE HEN (5)

1. S Walker
2. Priestley & Saunders
3. S Walker
4. P & N Morgan

LARGE COCKEREL (8)

1. P & T Jones – **Champion Buff**
2. P & T Jones
3. D G Pownall
4. P & T Jones

LARGE PULLET (8)

1. P & T Jones
2. P E Smedley
3. P & N Morgan
4. P & T Jones

NOVICE/JUVENILE -LARGE OR BANTAM (2)

1. A Smith
2. A Smith

BANTAM COCK (2)

1. S Carr
2. R J Boothman

BANTAM HEN (6)

1. S Carr
2. A S Richardson
3. A S Richardson
4. P E Smedley

BANTAM COCKEREL (4)

1. S A & G Hodge
2. S A & G Hodge
3. P E Smedley
4. P E Smedley

BANTAM PULLET (7)

1. P E Smedley – **Ch. Bantam**
2. P E Smedley
3. S Carr
4. S A & G Hodge

NORTHERN POULTRY SOCIETY

On Sunday 27th January 2013 we held a Regional Show in conjunction with the Northern Poultry Society Championship Show held at Hipperholme Grammar School, Hipperholme, West Yorkshire. Judging was Brian Anderton Entries were disappointing this, due mainly to the fact that Richard Bett was judging and I was unable to attend due to my daughter and son in law emigrating to Australia that weekend. Champion Buff went to Paul & Tina Jones with a Large Cockerel Champion Buff Bantam went to S A & G Hodge

Class results:

LARGE HEN

1. S Walker
2. S Walker

LARGE COCKEREL

1. P & T Jones – **Champion Buff**
2. P & T Jones
3. P & T Jones

LARGE PULLET

1. P & T Jones
2. P & T Jones
3. A & T Smith

BANTAM COCKEREL

1. S A & G Hodge

BANTAM PULLET

1. S A & G Hodge – **Ch Bantam**
2. Rigby & Scowcroft

SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

On Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th January 2013 it was the Scottish National Championship Show held at Lanark Agricultural Centre, Lanark. There was a good entry of birds forward for Hugh Thompson from Northern Ireland to judge. Champion Buff went to Richard Bett with his winning pullet. Reserve Champion and Best Opposite Sex was awarded to Philip Smedley's large hen. Champion Bantam was S A & G Hodge with their winning pullet.

Class results:

LARGE TRIO (No entries)

LARGE COCK (No entries)

LARGE HEN (no entries)

1. P E Smedley – **Res Ch**

LARGE COCKEREL (7)

1. R J Bett – **Champion Buff**
2. P & T Jones
3. P & T Jones
4. P & T Jones

LARGE PULLET (9)

1. R J Bett
2. P & T Jones
3. P E Smedley
4. P E Smedley

BANTAM COCK OR HEN (6)

1. A L & G Hamill
2. D & J McLoughlin
3. P E Smedley
4. A L & G Hamill

BANTAM COCKEREL (7)

1. S A & G Hodge
2. A L & G Hamill
3. M W Thompson
4. P E Smedley

BANTAM PULLET (9)

1. S A & G Hodge – **Ch. Bantam**
2. P E Smedley
3. A L & G Hamill
4. M W Thompson

SHOW RESULTS

Reading Bantam Show held on 23rd and 24th February now has two classes for Buff Bantams and results were:

BANTAM MALE (5)

1. P E Smedley – Best Buff
2. S Carr
3. P E Smedley
4. S A & G Hodge

BANTAM FEMALE (5)

1. S A & G Hodge
2. S Carr
3. P E Smedley
4. P E Smedley

Elsewhere a number of our members have enjoyed success with their Buffs; unfortunately I don't have all the detailed results, but congratulations to everyone.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter we have enrolled the following new members.

Sue Bradbury, Keens Cottage, Lower Chedworth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL54 4AN

John Fuller, White Cottage, Crockenhill Road, Kevington, Kent. BR5 4ER

G L Riby, Low Stonehills Farm, Fraisthorpe, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. YO15 3QR

J M Richardson, Mere Cottage, Setmurthy, Cockermouth, Cumbria. CA13 9SJ.

Richard Roff, 4 New House Lane, Sheldwich, Faversham, Kent. ME13 9QS.

M W Thompson, 4 Odrig Place, Castletown, Thurso, Caithness. KW14 8TS.

YEAR BOOK

Once again I will soon be starting to gather together information and articles for our 2013 Year Book.

Please can I ask for any contributions of articles, however large or small and also anyone who wishes to place an advert please let me know. The cost of a full page Ad' is just £12 and adds greatly to offsetting the costs of printing.

BADGES

I still have a good supply of Club Badges so if you haven't already bought one they are available from me at a cost of £4 each.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Finally, subscriptions for 2013 became due on 1st January - £7 for adults and £4 Juniors (16 years and under).

Thank you to all those who have paid so promptly. If you are still outstanding I have marked below.

Best wishes,
Philip