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Camden Show Poultry Newsletters (2022 to 2025)



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The Year in Review

A landmark show for Camden Poultry with a new look pavilion in action for the first time in 88 years. An early show saw 511 entries from 65 exhibitors great long distance judges Scott Nordstrom Cory Nordstrom and Les McCrae. Exhibitors came from up to 235 kilometres from the north and 220 kilometres to the south and included 20 exhibitors who were competing for the first time. Record prizemoney of \$6,500 resulted in the top 3 prize winners each take home at least \$500 in prizes. A record attendance of 48,886 checked out the new pavilion which received wide acclaim. Notable classes included 36 Belgian bantams and the Junior Softeather bantam female class with 20 entries and 10 exhibitors including Dominic Sims Goulburn who took 1st, 4th and 5th in this class but was pipped by The McBurney Kids from Lakesland who won the champion Junior Exhibit with an Australian Game female.

Joshua Vella put his name on The Camden Cup winning Grand Champion Bird in Show with a Pekin Drake. Joshuas name also went on to the perpetual trophy for the most entries benching a team of 43 entries. He just fell short of the 'triple crown' finishing a close second in the Most Successful Exhibitor point score. Celebrations went well into the night at Kurrajong. It was Bob Brookes who once again won the Most Successful Exhibitor Award making it three consecutive wins in the points score in a show career now spanning 70 years. Can he continue into his eighth decade????

TOP 10 MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS POINTSCORE:

1 st	Bob Brookes	Oakdale	109	6 th	P & L Williams	Pheasants Nest	39
2 nd	Joshua Vella	Kurrajong	105	7 th	Beverly Bird	Somersby	38
3 rd	Sean Phillis	Exeter	62	=8 th	Ben Dixon	Bowen Mountain	34
4 th	Steve Adams	Llandillo	52	=8 th	Kerry Stephenson	Ourimbah	34
5 th	Adam Trompp	Pheasants Nest	49	=8 th	John Graveur	The Oaks	34

Show Stats.

Male exhibitors 57% Female exhibitors 43%

Macarthur District 71% Long Distance 29%

Exhibitors Under 40 - 54% Over 40 - 46%

Media Watch

Some interesting print media stories and photos mostly in Australasian Poultry magazine from the last year or two featuring poultry people connected to the Camden Show.

The New Pavilion, a local exhibitor with a Sussex bantam and The Camden Cup made the front page page of The District Reporter in a lead in story for The 2024 Camden Show. Great to see the poultry section make the front page.

Jim Bushell – Young. AP August and December issues features photos of Jim and two of his winners at Boorowa and Royal Canberra Shows.

Media Watch cont.

John Graveur – The Oaks. August AP featured a storey and photos turning the clock back 50 years to Johns memories of his first Royal Show in 1974. An in depth look at many things going on in the pavilion and behind the scenes in 1974.

The Late Peter Williams – Pheasants Nest. Not long before his passing Peter penned a story for AP December issue on the Hamburg NSW Annual Show in Mudgee includes a photo of Peter Pat and Luke Williams Grand Champion Bird of Show.

Gary Hart - Caringbah . Long time Camden Show judge and one of the judges for this years show is a regular columnist in AP magazine with a diverse range of articles dealing with many issues in the show poultry world.

The Late Bruce Raines – Catherine Field. A piece by Peter Gooch paying tribute to Bruce in AP Oct issue.

Adam Jordan – East Kurrajong. Adam a prolific junior exhibitor is featured on the front cover of AP in June 2023 with his story and more photos inside including other Camden show exhibitors Bob Jordan and Ben and Lucy Dixon from Bowen Mountain. I also recall seeing Adams mother Amanda on television in recent times talking about Adams passion for poultry in a news story about the Centre for Excellence in Agriculture a new agricultural high school located at Western Sydney University in Richmond which Adam attends.

Local Exhibitors at the 2024 Sydney Royal Show – Championship Winners

Elderslie High School – Most Successful School Exhibitor, Champion Hardfeather Standard Schools, Champion Softfeather Standard Heavy Schools, Reserve Champion Schools Standard. Champion Softfeather Light Bantam, Reserve Schools Waterfowl, Champion and Reserve Egg Plate Schools.

MF Peel & Fletcher Gleeson - Theresa Park Most Successful Geese Exhibitor, Champion Goose or Gander with Grey Toulouse, Champion and Reserve Champion African, Champion and Reserve Champion Grey Toulouse, Champion and Reserve Champion White Toulouse Champion and Reserve Champion Toulouse.

John Graveur - The Oaks – Champion Standard Light Trio Black Minorcas, Champion and Reserve Champion Large Minorca, Champion and Reserve Champion Sussex Bantam, Champion and Reserve Champion Light Sussex Bantam, Champion and Reserve Champion Coronation Sussex Bantam.

Adam MacCarthy - Lakesland – Champion and Reserve Champion Guinea Fowl.

P & L Williams Pheasants Nest – Reserve Champion Standard Softfeather Light. Champion White Muscovy and Champion Muscovy, Reserve Champion Large Hamburg, Champion Black Hamburg, Champion Silver Spangle Hamburg, Reserve Champion Hamburg AOC, Champion Hamburg, Reserve Champion Black Rosecomb .

Jasmyne Clarke Rossmore – Reserve Champion Silver Spangled Hamburg.

Kate Banks Theresa Park- Champion and Reserve Champion Gold Laced Wyandotte Large.

Robert Brookes Oakdale – Reserve Champion Bantam Team, Champion Standard Exhibition Pair.

The Pavilion Upgrade

Work has continued since the completion of the show in March on the pavilion upgrade consisting of doing remaining things necessary to complete unfinished items from before the show and returning remaining items removed from the pavilion in 2023 including alterations needed to facilitate their use in the new pavilion concept.

Further works completed by volunteers since March 2024 include;

- Build trolley for and rebuild remaining turkey pens.
- Make 7 x 6 metre x 4.25 metre plastic covers with edge beams to cover pens in storage position.
- Number all 40 trolleys and draw stack diagram to facilitate layout and pack up by all users as well as providing permanent access corridor for bi monthly pest inspections.

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- Time trial conducted to see how long it takes to position the 600 pens under the new format. 1 person can lay out or put away pens in 45 minutes max.
- 71 bantam pens have been remodelled from the 11 long sets into 22 smaller sets providing 57 larger pens. Now – easier to store - easier to lift – small enough to fit into available spaces to increase capacity by 57 to 651 pens for shows with large entries. First maintenance on these pens in 47 years since they were built by volunteers in Dec-Jan 1977-78.

Works done on the pens include;

- Remove pen fronts and panel beat /repair/ cut 57 larger fronts 75mm wider out of the old fronts where possible. Replace any doors beyond repair. Make 12 new pen fronts to cover short fall in material.
- Cut old pen bodies into sets of two and three and pressure clean.
- Panel beat old bodies and dividers to repair dings.
- Drill out 500 rivets and move dividers to make pens bigger. Re drill and rivet 500 holes to make 57 new bigger pen bodies in sets of two and three.
- Paint pens.
- Refit 57 pen fronts by re drilling 400 holes and attaching with netting clips.
- Design, order materials and make staging to accommodate the remodelled pens.
- Design new egg display and trolley.

Works are continuing at the time of writing this newsletter. Total hours work now done by volunteers on pavilion upgrade project to date is **at least 2285 hours** (and counting).

The works have been carried out by 32 group working bees and approximately 355 sessions of work by individuals.

In addition the builders have replaced the roof on the old bar adjoining the northern end of the pavilion with new iron matching the roof of the pavilion.

Vale Bruce Raines

In July the poultry world lost a well known administrator, exhibitor and judge with the passing of Bruce Raines a person who had contributed a lot to the hobby as far back as the 1970s. A prolific breeder of Sussex fowls both large and bantam in many colours as well as Brahmas and had many notable wins on the show bench. I had the pleasure of judging some of his winners including a large Buff Sussex pullet that won Grand Champion in Show from 600 entries at the Fairfield Rare breeds show (perhaps the only Buff to ever win the top award at any show in this country). I remember also judging a massive Light Sussex pullet that was Champion Large Sussex at the 2008 National Poultry Show in Canberra (the largest Sussex female I have seen this century). Another great Raines specimen was an outstanding Large White Sussex cockerel that beat a field of 60 Lights and other colours to win best Sussex at a Camden Poultry Club Show. This cockerel was later featured on the front page of Sydneys Daily Telegraph newspaper standing on a football as part of an NRL Grand Final week promotion.

He was a tireless volunteer worker being a long term president of the Exhibition Poultry Association and Camden Poultry Club and would have clocked up thousands of hours of work at working bees and meetings I recall what may have been his first volunteer work in 1978 when he provided his truck and bobcat to help install the red sand floor in the Camden pavilion. Many will have got to know him through the many hours that he and his family spent working in the office at the Royal Easter Show. He also gave up time away from his family and business travelling far and wide judging many poultry shows. I had the pleasure of joining him on one such trip to Uralla where we judged the New England Poultry Club Show. He had judged the Camden Show twice in the last decade.

Above all he was a great friend to many in the poultry world, always ready with a friendly greeting when he saw you. He sure will be missed.

Vale Peter Williams

Another great local poultry fancier lost in September with the passing of Peter Williams from Pheasants Nest. A great poultry breeder and showman and part of the very accomplished P & L Williams partnership a joint venture with his sons Pat and Luke. Big Show winners and in many breeds including Muscovys, Indian Runners, Hamburgs, Rosecombs, Leghorn, Australorp and Ancona bantams. In particular Peter was one of the premier Hamburg exhibitors in Australia at the time of his passing winning Grand Champion in Show at Dapto Show with a large black cockerel just a week or two before his passing. His last show season in particular was incredible winning multiple Grand Champion awards and many other major awards at 7 or 8 shows that I can recall in 2024 including Reserve Softfeather at Camden Show, Reserve Standard Light Breed at the Sydney Royal and Best in Show at the Hamburg NSW Annual show in Mudgee, Dapto Poultry Club Show and Albion Park Show. A black female won reserve champion in show in the international Challenge against the Hamburg Club of Great Britain.

Peter was always a great supporter of those he saw as great workers in the poultry fancy often congratulating and paying tribute to them and offering support. He attended at least 10 working bees between December and March helping with the pavilion upgrade. I recall the sweat dripping from his brow on some of those hot summer days and nights as he drilled hole after hole through steel to bolt wheels on the new trolleys. He sure had an action packed last year in the poultry world.

Peter was part of what you could call a poultry dynasty in the Williams family. As mentioned his sons Pat and Luke are very accomplished poultry exhibitors in their own right and I expect they will carry on the P & L Williams partnership. Luke will also join us as a judge at this years Camden show. In addition to his sons Peters brothers Mark and Matthew are also very well known and successful poultry exhibitors ensuring the Williams dynasty will continue around the poultry show circuit with Peter supervising from above. Peter will be remembered for his significant contributions to the poultry world.

Position Still Vacant

As mentioned in last 2 newsletters there are positions vacant that needed filling. One role has been filled but no one has come forward to fill the pavilion managers role which is the planning/designing/ordering arranging and carrying out/supervising all physical works relating to the show, pavilion and pens. For the last 25 months this job has been done by the person who arranges/supervises all the administrative, computer, marketing, paperwork for the show. This has taken a toll on and has had consequences for that person.

The Year Ahead

The 2025 Show is on Thursday April 3 to Sat April 5. **Entries close Wednesday March 26th.** Schedules, entry forms and waiver forms are now available on the Camden Show Society web site. www.camdenshow.com Online entry option will be open by early February.

The main message that the show office and myself wish to emphasise to intending exhibitors is **YOU MUST READ THE 12 PAGE POULTRY SCHEDULE BEFORE ENTERING THE SHOW**

Need help identifying that breed, or other assistance?

Contact John Graveur The Oaks – 0412 617923 or text/email photo jgproperty@live.com.au

2025 Judges

A quality line up of judges that deserve good support;

Hardfeather – Andrew Horne Baulkham Hills

Softfeather Bantams – Ken Bergin Bensville

Waterfowl and Softfeather Large – Gary Hart Caringbah

Schools, Juniors, Field and Forest and Eggs – Luke Williams Pheasants Nest.

Thanks to all our Poultry Section Sponsors for their sponsorship of the 2025 show.

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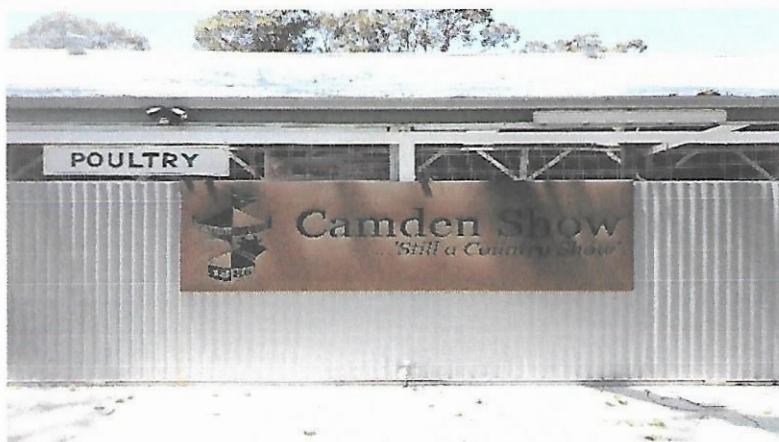
campbelltown@aceohlsson.com

Vella Stock Feeds

thevellagroup.com.au

Bellingham Engineering

bellingham.net.au



Bellingham Engineering's sponsorship consists of this fantastic 3 dimensional 'Camden Show' sign mounted on the poultry pavilion door.

The sign features the show logo and motto. Thousands of dollars in the making it is the crowning glory on the poultry and produce pavilion renovations.

CHANGES & ADDITIONAL AWARDS FOR 2025 SHOW

Schools section has been completely revamped with the format consisting of 8 classes for single birds instead of the previous teams format. These changes have been made following requests from schools who are finding it difficult to bench teams exhibits of 6 birds. For the first year of this new format the winner of each class will receive a trophy in addition to another other cash and feed prizes. Total prizes in the school section is around \$400. Total prizemoney in schools and juniors combined is now \$1500 the highest of any show in Australia.

Some sponsors and donors have retired after great generosity this year but we have additional new sponsorship including bags of feed and vouchers from D & R Stockfeeds, Ace Ohlsson, Macarthur and Vella Stock Feeds. Most breeds on the schedule now have prizes for the champion in each breed.

Total cash, trophies, vouchers feed and ribbons available for competition in 2025 will be equal to years record amount of \$6,500 (excluding perpetual trophies) which maintains this shows position in the top 5 shows in Australia for total prizes available.

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This prize list is made possible not only by our major sponsors but by all those other people who continually donate prizes each year to make the Show the success it is. Thanks to the following prize donors.

Michael Peel, Bob Brookes, Sonia Green, S & K Bell, Graham Sharpe, Camden Poultry Club, Matthew Williams, Sue Sharpe, Rowan Moore, Sergio Bestulic, P & L Williams, Russell Woods, Pure Poultry Photography, John Graveur.

INFORMATION TO ASSIST BEGINNERS

Standards/Presentation Required for Entries

It is a requirement of all shows that all birds are of appropriate age, condition and health or it is not appropriate to show them. All birds should have reached adulthood/sexual maturity for their breed (typically 20-30 weeks). Birds cannot be exhibited if affected by parasites or any disease including fowl pox, any respiratory illness, Marek's disease or any injury. **Animal welfare and bio security is of paramount importance to the Camden Show Society and all poultry lovers.** Exhibits will be checked at penning.

Need Poultry Vaccines?

Uralla Poultry Brendan and Graeme Sharpe 0408 471512 [or email urallapoultry@gmail.com](mailto:urallapoultry@gmail.com)

Vets Direct Anthony Lo Conte 410 Werombi Rd Brownlow Hill 0493 586 359 info@vetsdirect.com.au

Allfarm Animal Health – Victoria 03 59794488 www.allfarm.com.au

There are often supply and delivery problems with vaccine so order early.

Need information on poultry health problems?

If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder/exhibitor **you will need a poultry health book.** The recommended text is the Chicken Health Handbook by Gail Damerow 2nd edition now available from many suppliers on the internet from around \$30-\$40.

How do I know what to look for in each breed?

You will need a copy of the Australian Poultry Standards Published by Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association. Secretary VPFA PO Box 928 Shepparton Vic 3632. www.vpfa.com.au

Training your birds

Birds are most receptive to training when they reach sexual maturity. For females, this is at point of lay whilst male birds vary but typically it is about one month later. Birds should be trained in slow but gradual steps to gain their confidence. Hand feeding of small portions of bread over a period of days will soon have birds coming to your hand at which time they can be touched and eventually picked up and handled. Holding a judging stick in your hand whilst doing the daily feeding soon makes them use to the sight of the stick. Once fairly quiet birds can be placed in show size pens for short periods of time.

Poultry Sales/Auctions - Need to buy or sell?

Goulburn Poultry Auction every 2 months goulburnpoultry@gmail.com

Australian Online Poultry and Pigeon Auction (A.P.P.A.P) – a facebook group.

Other sources of information equipment and medications etc.

- **Camden Poultry Club.** C/- Secretary Noelle Buckley 0412 874 985
Meetings 2nd Monday of each month. Annual Show 3rd Saturday of May.
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- Exhibition Poultry Association of NSW facebook.
Calenders with show dates, club contacts, judges register. Fashion merchandise.
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- Ace Ohlsson 55 Blaxland Rd Campbelltown 02 46281300 campbelltown@aceohlsson.com
- Australasian Poultry Magazine Ph 03 57924000 Available at newsagents or by subscription.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME – the history/tradition/people.

In this issue we will look at some of the Camden Show judges from yesteryear. I have set the wayback machine to pre 1960 and as far back as 1900 to see what I could find. I have come up with some of the most famous names in Australian poultry history. A few notes about just two of them Joe Maude and Athol Giles



Joe Maude



Athol Giles

Joe Maude

Judged Camden Show as far back as the early 1900's. Born in Yorkshire in 1860 he started exhibiting poultry pigeons dogs rabbits and cats at 11 years of age. His first job at 16 was as a reporter for 'The Stock Keeper' a poultry paper in England. He was also on the staff at the English 'Fanciers Gazette'. He arrived in Australia in 1883 and continued as a journalist writing for the 'Rural Australian' and the 'Town and Country Journal'. He judged his first show in Kiama in 1886. Moving between residences in Sydney and Melbourne his first large poultry set up was in Oakleigh in Victoria and in 1890 he was elected secretary of the Victorian Poultry and Dog society from a field of 200 applicants. There first show under his control broke the Australian record by 800 with 2500 entries and increased the gate takings by 500 pounds (equivalent of \$34,000 today). He was known to have exhibited up to 200 entries at a single show. Later he returned to Sydney setting up his poultry pigeon and dog stud in the St George district a base from which he judged shows throughout Australia and New Zealand including shows at Camden. His business activities included being a prolific importer of poultry pigeons and dogs from the UK. For some of his consignments he would travel by boat taking 6 weeks to reach England, fill all the orders in his consignment and return with them on the boat dropping orders off at the various Australian ports. Some of these consignments consisted of over 100 fowls pigeons and dogs. He died at Goulburn Show after completing a days judging in March 1935 aged 75. Complaining of chest pains to Stewards during judging he continued on, completed the judging and collapsed afterwards. Ambulance officers pronounced him dead at the Show. Joe was described by some as the first true legend of Australian Poultry.

Athol Giles

Judged Camden Show many times between the 1930s and 1960s. Considered by many one of the all time greats of Australian poultry. Renowned breeder exhibitor and dealer in poultry under the name Bonaventure Poultry Farm at Mount Druitt (set up by his father Walter in 1888) and later at Bundanoon. Bonaventure became the most commercially successful poultry stud for sales in the Commonwealth after very humble beginnings. Original pens had pole frames with corn sack walls white washed on both sides and bark roofs because funds were so tight. Huge numbers of birds were despatched by train throughout NSW and interstate from Mount Druitt train Station. In the early days birds were transported to the train station in a wheel barrow.

Athol was a prolific writer and would give lengthy reports on shows that he judged often published in 'Poultry' newspaper. He judged both the 1948 and 1949 Camden Shows and in his report he was complimentary about the new pens built in the Camden pavilion over that two year period. These pens Athol is referring would be the two bays of white bantam pens and the large white mesh softfeather large pens that remain in the pavilion today making them around 75 years old. Athols reports were also full of praise for Chief Steward Laurie Dunk and his assistants for how

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well the exhibits were looked after. Among other Camden Shows Athol judged was the 1955 show where he reported a then all time record entry of 461 with some entries knocked back owing to lack of pens.

My family and I had the pleasure of spending time with Athol at his Bundanoon property on a Sunday morning in July 1974 when we went to buy a breeding pen of Australorps for dad. I remember Athol apologising that he could not get together a better pen of birds for dad but we bred many show winners including numerous Grand Champions from that stock. Athol was still showing and judging into the 1970s before passing away in 1980 aged 78.

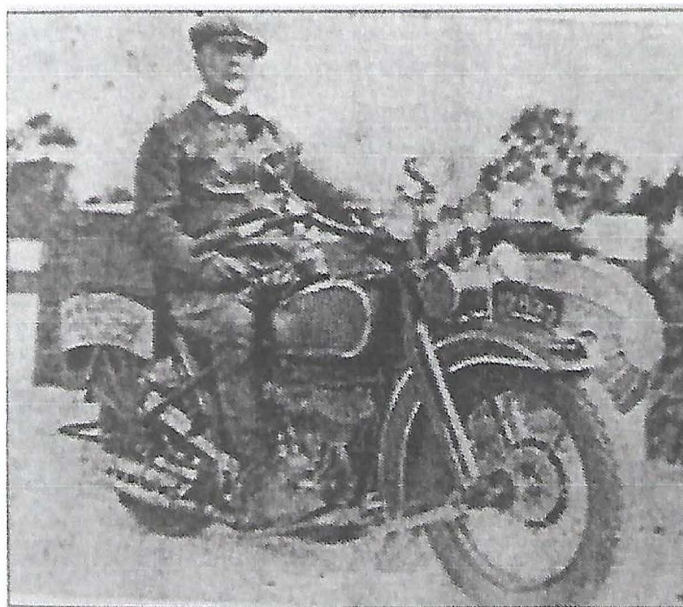
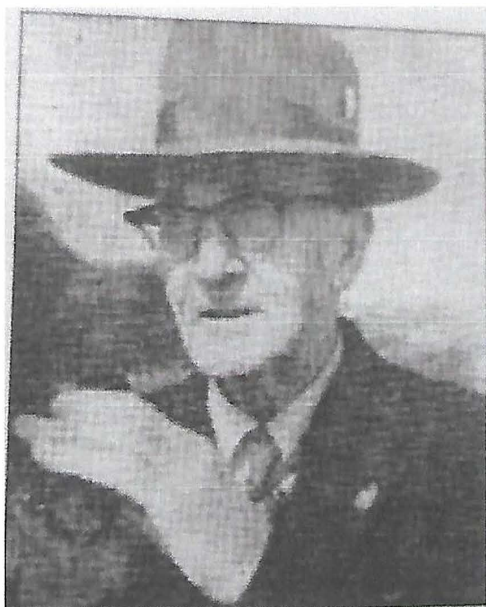
Poultry History Questions – Test your knowledge???

Questions

- Q. Who were the 3 local judges among the 24 who officiated at the 1960 Sydney Royal?
- Q. When and where was the first Poultry Society show held in Australia?
- Q. Which poultry judge famously refused to award a card to any of the 45 entries in a class of White Leghorns at the 1924 Victoria Poultry & Kennel Club Show?
- Q. Which Melbourne based poultry judge appeared in the classic Hollywood movie 'On the Beach' in 1960 which was partly filmed in Melbourne and starred Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner and Fred Astaire?

Answers

- A. Ted McGoldrick Campbelltown judged 135 Pekin bantams.
Claude Mulley Camden judged 287 OEG bantams which was about 60% of the total in that breed.
Harold Boardman Camden judged 271 Rhode Islands in Utility Standard and Bantam classes.
- A. The Ornithological Society of Tasmania held the first poultry show on 2nd January 1855 in Hobart. In 1857 there was a name change to the Tasmanian Poultry Society.
- A. Harry Maude of Kogarah. He considered all 45 entries were undersize and would not award any prizes.
- A. W.W. 'Wal' Scott who travelled the world and appeared as a movie extra in films in the USA and Australia. He judged his first show at 14 and in his travels judged poultry shows in Ceylon, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, India, France and Australia.

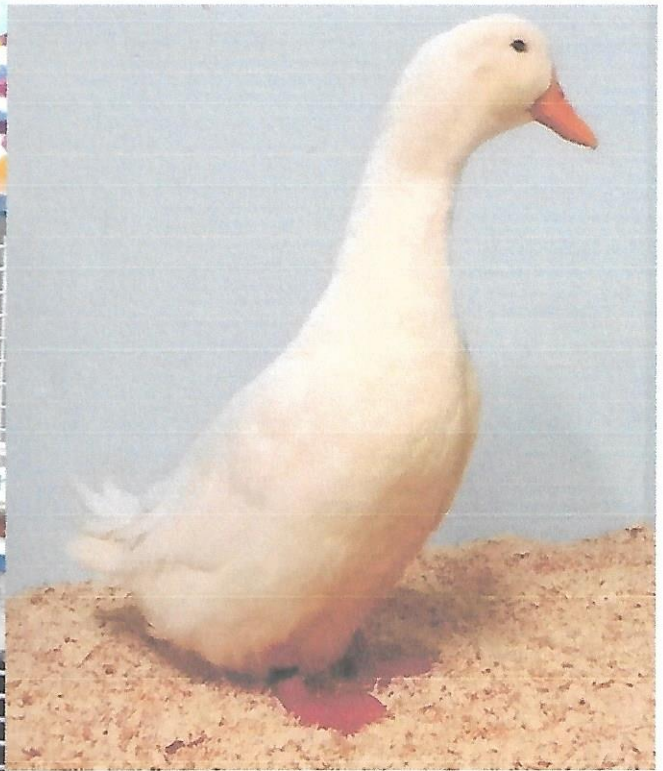


Judge W.W. 'Wal' Scott pictured here and on his motorbike on which he would travel to interstate judging appointments and take his dog 'Sox' on the bike with him.

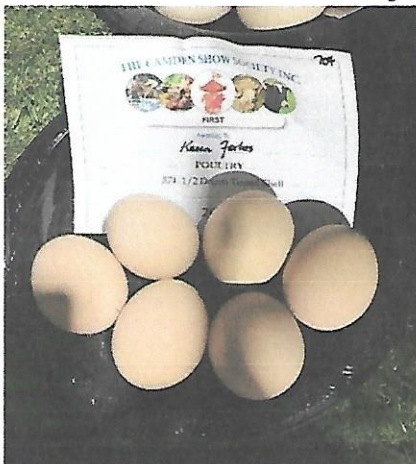
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- 'Poultry' newspaper 1948,1949,1955,1964
- 'Australasian Poultry' Dec/Jan 2024/2025 'The Forthright Joe Maude' by Mungo Stuart

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2024 CAMDEN SHOW



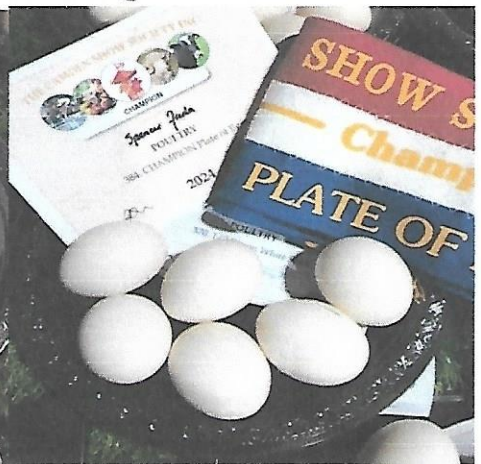
Joshua Vella Kurrajong with The Camden Cup and his winning Pekin Drake



Tinted Shell Eggs
Karen Forbes



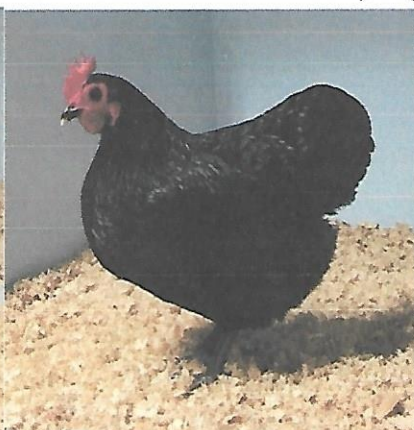
Blue or Green Shell Eggs
Tim Clune & Grant Lubyckij



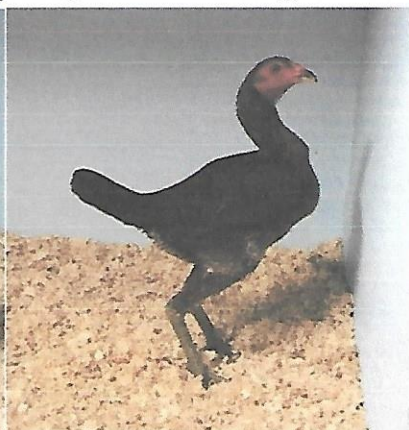
Champion Plate of Eggs
Spencer Fuda Large White Shell



Champion Belgian Bantam
Joanna Martin D'ucelle

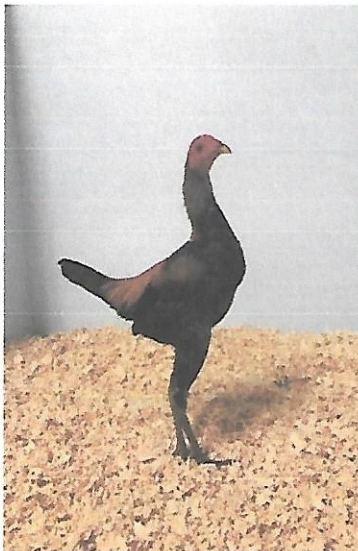


Res Champion Junior Exhibit
Dominic Sims Australorp



Champion Junior Exhibit
McBurney Kids Aussie Game

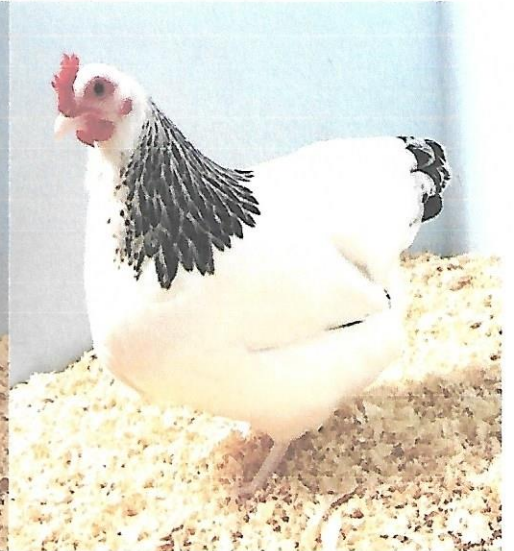
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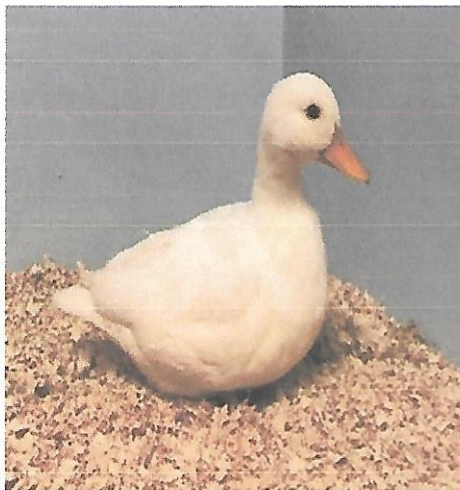
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Sean Phillis Modern Game



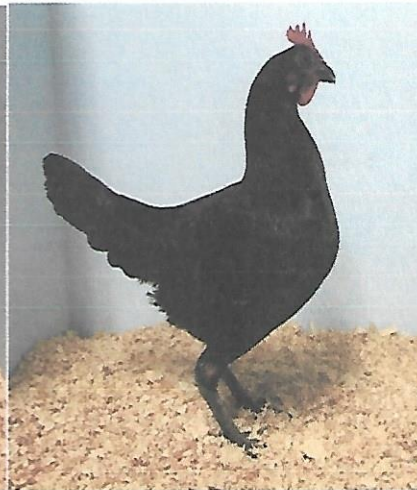
Champion Softfeather Large Female
Sean Phillis Light Sussex



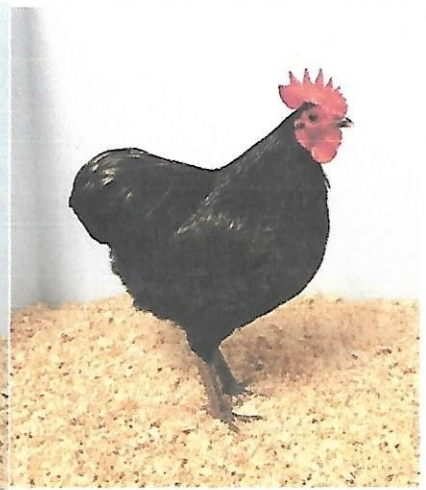
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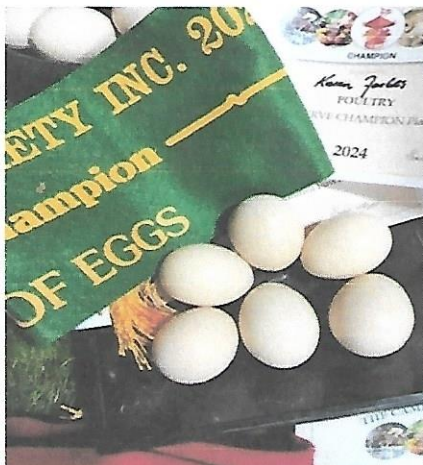
Reserve Champion Waterfowl
Joanna Martin Call Duck



Champion Hardfeather Large
Scott McBurney Pit Game



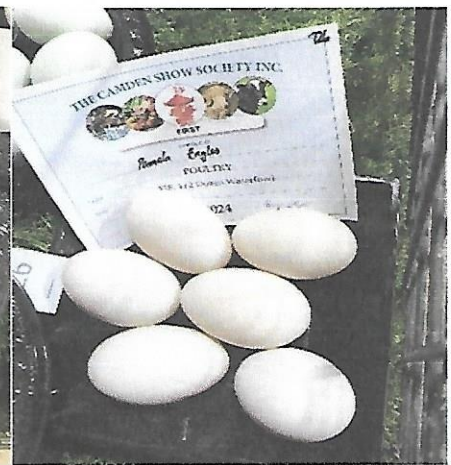
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P & L Williams Australorp



Reserve Champion Eggs
Karen Forbes Tinted Bantam



Large Brown Shell Eggs
Susan Fell



Waterfowl Eggs
Pamela Eagles

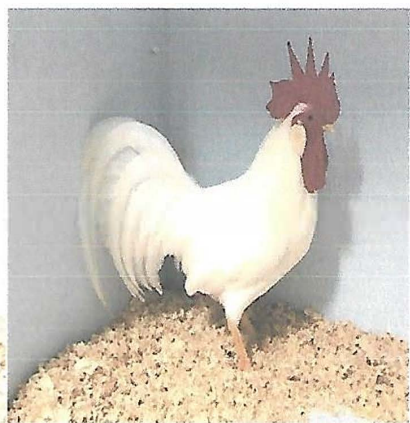
SOME OF THE WINNERS AND VISITORS 2024 CAMDEN SHOW



Champion Softfeather Large
Sean Phillis Langshan



Reserve Champion in Show
Steve Adams Pit Game Bantam



Champion Leghorn
Nelson Last Bantam Male



Camden Show Young Woman entrant Georgia Rogers and Camden Show Young Woman of the Year Stephanie Hennings mastered the art of holding a Grand Champion Pekin Drake and The Camden Cup at the same time.



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The Year in Review

A very late and rushed newsletter this year as there has simply been no time to get it done with all that has been going on at Camden Showground over the last 14 months. A landmark year for Camden Poultry with a huge entry at the show a new look pavilion for the first time in 88 years.

At 660 entries the second largest entry in the 137th year history of the show and the biggest ever in the month of March. Exhibitors came from up to 350 kilometres away and included a record 28 new exhibitors. Record prizemoney of \$6,000 seen the top 3 prize winners each take home at least \$500 in prizes. The Camden Cup a perpetual trophy celebrating winners of Grand Champion Bird of Show unveiled by guest of honour Rowan Moore who was celebrating a 70 year involvement with the poultry section as exhibitor steward and prize donor having commenced as a junior exhibitor and steward in 1953. Notable sections included 69 plates of eggs (record), 68 junior entries, 44 Belgian bantams (record) 9 turkeys & 90 pens of waterfowl. A grand way to see out the 87 year old pavilion.

Mark Williams Brownlow Hill etched his name on The Camden Cup making his first visit to the Grand Champions pen with this Large Rhode Island Red Cockerel.



TOP 10 MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR POINTSCORE:

1st	Bob Brookes	Oakdale	122	6th	John Graveur	The Oaks	41
2nd	Joshua Vella	Kurrajong	68	7th	Stallard Sharpe	Bickley Vale	38
3rd	Steve Adams	Llandillo	64	8th	Gleeson & Peel	Theresa Park	36
=4th	Michael Underwood	Oakdale	50	9th	Kerry Stephenson	Ourimbah	35
=4th	Adam Jordan	Kurrajong	50	10th	Scott McBurney	Lakesland	33T

The veteran Bob Brookes came out of retirement to score a convincing win the Most Successful exhibitor competition as well as putting his name on the trophy for exhibitor with the most entries with 43 in a close contest just ahead of Stallard Sharpe 42, Joshua Vella 40 and Adam Jordan 35

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Special thanks to our judges Tim Beard – Crookwell, Stuart Fraser – Berrima, Jess Bonnitcha – Mudgee for completing one of the longest judging days, we have had in recent memory.

The Pavilion Upgrade

A huge undertaking and people are very lucky to see this materialise. Very special thanks upfront to Martin Weber and his team Tony Max and Joel at Weber Constructions for efforts and support of the Show above and beyond what anyone could expect. Likewise, Ben the concreter for his efforts and support of the Show.

The before and after shots.



I suspect that there may be a total lack of understanding of exactly what was involved in renovating the pavilion and the extent of the works that have been carried out by builders and volunteers. So at the risk of boring everyone here is a list of just some of the work that has been carried out.

Works carried by out building contractors

Tree surgery to remove dead limbs and branches close to roof of pavilion.

Installation of termite bait stations to all the perimeter of pavilion and establish monthly inspections.

Excavate and remove 120 tonnes of material from floor of pavilion to provide pad for new concrete slab floor.

Pour approximately 450 square metres of 150mm reinforced concrete slab.

Pour two 6-metre-wide access ramps plus strips for door tracks.

Remove all old skylights and iron cladding from roof and front wall.

Replace 500 square metres of roof with new Colourbond sheeting and 8 skylights.

6 roll down shade cloth covers provided to skylights.

Install 8 new roof ventilators.

New painted pine timber battens to roof.

Replace any damaged rafters with new painted hardwood.

Repairs/new fixings to existing roof. Metal bracing to end walls of pavilion.

New Colourbond wall to front facade including old office wall and front roof.

Excavate 48 posts and check condition, bitumen paint and wrap in membrane.

13 posts completely replaced. All posts patched where necessary and painted.

Install fascia boards.

Remove old chain wire ventilation front and back and replace with new 25mm bird proof mesh.

Line all interior walls with rustic finish iron recycled from the roof of the pavilion.

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Plumbing/Drainage

Install 3 ag pipe drainage lines adjoining the old back wall with fibros cement sheeting between the trench and the old wall and connect to stormwater drainage line at north east corner of pavilion

Install front and rear gutters for the first time with gutter guard and 8 downpipes connected to the underground drainage system.

Establish new stormwater drainage system and restore failed section extending from new bar to Mitchell Street near swimming pool. New system starts in the adjoining yard south of the pavilion via a drainage grate into the pipe which runs the full length of the pavilion picking water from all down pipes before exiting the pavilion at the north east corner of shed at an inspection pit near the turkey pens where it also picks up drainage from the 3 ag pipe lines that run along the outside of the back wall. Then connects to new concrete pit near the old bar before crossing to another new concrete pit in front of the current bar and on to Mitchell Street.

Doors

Install two six metre long sliding doors to front elevation.

Install 3m x 3m sliding door to enclosed yard at southern end of pavilion plus steps.

Install two new six metre long sliding doors to front facade

Electrical Fitout:

Disconnect and strip out all old electrical fitout.

New LED lighting throughout pavilion.

Eight double power points located throughout pavilion

8 new 3 speed oscillating fans.

Four double power point on front elevation of pavilion for adjoining stall sites use.

Four fluorescent lights to pavilion exterior.

24 hour sensor light to main entrance door.

Two fire exit lights.

New light switch and power point to poultry office.

Connection point for data cables running from main show office.

Value of works including monies expended from Government Grants and Show Society funds in the last 12 months and previous years, donations to the project, sponsorships in lieu of cash payments at least \$275,000 excluding GST.

Plus works carried out by volunteers on this project.

- Research, design and, ordering for construction of 39 new trolleys of different lengths, heights and widths to support 600 pens.
- Research materials and best price options throughout Australia and overseas for all materials needed for trolley construction and pen refurbishment.
- Demolition and removal of 32 old waterfowl pens.
- Build 35 new waterfowl pens by stripping back and cutting to size and painting 100 old pen panels donated by the RAS and formerly used at the Moore Park Showgrounds. Fit new plywood floors and roofs to the refurbished pen panels.
- Cut hole through southern bay of bantam pens and make 4 metres by 2m hole in wall of shed to facilitate quick removal of pens to adjoining compound.
- Approximately 30 trips to hardware stores and factories to obtain or inspect materials.
- Take delivery of and store approximately 30 consignments of materials used in the upgrade.

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- Working bee in July to remove 600 existing pens and egg benches from pavilion along with demolishing 87 years of old staging, and removal of debris and all office contents. Store on showground and volunteers properties. Disposal of or recycle all building materials removed.
- Attendance at meetings with builders and Show society officials throughout the last 14 months in addition to other meetings, options reports and documentation for grant applications over the last 10 years ultimately leading to this project.
- Refurbish the oldest 83 pens in the pavilion to prolong their useful life. Most of these wall panels and fronts date back to the 1800s used when poultry first appeared at the Royal Easter Show at the Moore Park showground and later donated by the RAS.
- Works involved in the refurbishment of these 83 pens and the 35 waterfowl pens included;
 - Pull apart 260 pen panels ready for repair
 - Panel beat into shape 260 wall panels.
 - Panel beat and repair 118 pen fronts.
 - 1316 pieces of panel painted allowing for two coats on both sides.
 - Drill 2080 holes in panels for cable ties.
 - 2132 cable ties to rebuild these pens.
- Repairs to the 200 white bantam pens included;
 - Panel beat clean and paint 50 old floors for bantam pens. Drill 150 holes to facilitate reattachment to pens with cable ties.
 - Make 30 new metal wall and floor pieces to facilitate splitting up bays of bantam pens. Involved 240 cuts, 90 bends, drilling of 180 holes to sheet metal and attached with 180 rivets or cable ties.
 - Paint all new pieces.
- New rear panels for soft feather large pens;
 - Cut 70 pieces of old sheet metal, sand off rust and apply paint to 280 pieces.
 - Drill 280 holes attach with 280 cable ties.
- Building of 39 trolleys and associated new flooring and roofs where applicable involved;
 - Cut 660 metres of 25mm hollow steel tubing into 1012 pieces.
 - Make pieces of steel into frames with 2024 joins using 592 joiners.
 - Drill 636 holes in steel tubing to provide for wheel attachment.
 - Attach 318 wheels using 636 bolts.
 - Cut 86 sheets of plywood into 225 pieces for floors and roofs of pens.
 - Attach plywood to trolleys using 785 screws.
 - Drill 1062 holes in plywood to attached floors and roofs to pens.
- Move 600 pens back into shed.
- Touch up paint on the fronts of 390 pens.
- Panel beat and paint touch up to 138 damaged pen numbers.

Total hours work done by volunteers to date **at least 2100 hours** (and counting). These hours have included in summary diverse items of work including engineering design, purchasing officer work, skilled labour and unskilled labour. This does not include the additional 625 volunteer hours of normal show work that has been going on throughout the year at the same time as the construction work.

The works were done by 30 group working bees and approximately 300 sessions of work by individuals.

I will leave it to your judgement as to how much monetary value per hour to put on these 2100 plus hours but when added to the value of works carried out by contractors above you will arrive at a sum that I believe makes this the biggest poultry pavilion upgrade ever in Australian poultry. Let me know if you are aware of any other pavilion upgrades where more time and money has been spent. I would say that the poultry people of this region would be the most spoilt in Australia.

Positions Vacant

As mentioned in last year's newsletter there were positions vacant that needed filling. No response from the hundreds of poultry people in the district over the last 12 months has resulted in one person covering 3 roles during the busiest year in history. These positions include section chair/committee representatives and pavilion manager. Some help is at hand with existing Show Society committee member Lee Abrahams coming forward to take on the role of section chair and committee representative. Another existing volunteer has indicated a willingness to nominate for the Show Society committee when a vacancy comes up. More would be good as poultry has been unrepresented on committee for 12 months where in the past there have been up to 5 poultry people on the committee. We still need someone to look after the pavilion manager role.

Sydney Royal Show Championship Winners

Elderslie High School – Most Successful School Exhibitor, Reserve Champion School Exhibit, Champion Hardfeather Standard Schools, Champion Softfeather Standard Schools, Champion Schools Standard and Champion Standard Male and Female, Champion Hardfeather Bantam, Reserve Schools Waterfowl.

MF Peel & Fletcher Gleeson - Theresa Park Most Successful Waterfowl Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Goose or Gander with Grey Toulouse, Champion and Reserve Champion African, Champion and Reserve Champion White Chinese, Champion and Reserve Champion Embden, Champion and Reserve Champion Sebastopol, Champion and Reserve Champion Grey Toulouse, Champion and Reserve Champion Toulouse, Reserve Champion Muscovy AOC, Reserve Champion Rouen.

John Graveur - The Oaks – Champion Standard Trio, Champion and Reserve Champion Light Trio Black and Blue Minorcas, Champion and Reserve Champion Large Minorca, Champion and Reserve Champion Sussex Bantam, Champion and Reserve Champion Light Sussex Bantam, Reserve Champion Coronation Sussex Bantam, Reserve Champion Standard Plate of Eggs.

Adam MacCarthy - Lakesland – Champion and Reserve Champion Guinea Fowl.

Scott McBurney - Lakesland – Reserve Champion Pit Game Bantam and Champion Pit Game Bantam Female Bantam, Champion Australian Game Duckwing Female Bantam.

Michael Underwood Oakdale – Champion and Reserve Champion Large Araucana

P & L Williams Pheasants Nest – Reserve Champion Large Hamburg, Champion Black Hamburg, Champion and Reserve Champion AOC Hamburg, Champion Black Rosecomb, Reserve Champion Brown Red Rosecomb, Champion Rosecomb.

Kate Banks Theresa Park- Champion and Reserve Champion Gold Laced Wyandotte Large.

Serge Bestulic Theresa Park – Reserve Champion Bourbon Red.

Robert Brookes Oakdale – Reserve Champion Large Exhibition Team, Reserve Champion Bantam Exhibition Team, Champion Hardfeather Bantam Exhibition Team, Reserve Champion Bantam Softfeather Light Team, Champion Large Hardfeather Team.

Vale John List

The poultry world lost a well known exhibitor, administrator and judge with the passing of John List from Picton in July 2023. A legend of the Rhode Island Breed in Australia John was a past president of the Rhode Island Club of Australia and a great mentor for the breed. John was a great contributor to the Camden Show over several decades as an exhibitor, judge and volunteer. John was truly one of the gentlemen of the poultry world and a well known identity in many aspects of Picton life whose memory will live on.

The 2024 Show

It is now full steam ahead with the Camden Show upon us and a new pavilion that would be the envy of most of Australia poultry fraternity. Exhibitors, you have got what you wanted now it is up to you to perform in support of the Society, the builders and individual volunteers who have absolutely busted themselves to make this a reality. Entries are about to close.

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Thanks to all our Poultry Section Sponsors for their sponsorship of the 202 show. Support those who support the Camden show;

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campbelltown@aceohlsson.com

*****NOTE - ADDITIONAL AWARDS FOR 2024 SHOW - NOTE*****

Even more new awards added for this year's Show;

The following additional prizes are large bags of feed donated by Ace Ohlsson Macarthur

Champion Indian Runner

Champion Call Duck

Champion Guinea Fowl

Champion Hardfeather Bantam

Champion Wyandotte Bantam

Champion Leghorn

Champion Sussex

Encouragement Award Award Rare Breed Junior

Champion Junior Exhibit

Champion Harfeather Bantam Pair

Rare Breed Encouragement Award – Trophy and \$50 cash donated by Melissa

Bonnitcha Pure Poultry Photography via profits from South Coast and Tablelands

Poultry Calendar

In addition, Rowan Moore who is now in his eighth decade of involvement with the poultry section has increased the amounts donated for the following awards;

Champion Softfeather Bantam \$40

Best Crested or Beared Softfeather \$30

Champion SoftFeather Bantam Pair \$30

With the new awards the total cash, trophies, vouchers and ribbons available for competition in 2024 will be at an all-time record of \$6,500 (excluding perpetual trophies) which would put this Show in the top few of the 750 poultry Shows held in Australia for total prizes available. Includes \$1400 in prizes for juniors and schools.

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This prize list is made possible not only by our major sponsors but by all those other people who continually donate prizes each year to make the Show the success it is. Thanks to the following prize donors.

Michael Peel, Bob Brookes, Sonia Green, S & K Bell, Graham Sharpe, Camden Poultry Club, Martin Holmes, Matthew Williams, Sue Sharpe, Rowan Moore, Sergio Bestulic, P & L Williams, Russell Woods, Pure Poultry Photography, John Graveur.

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2024 Judges

In what may be a first in Australian poultry a family of four will judge the Camden show father Scott Nordstrom and sons Jamie, Adam and Cody from Rocky River near Uralla are headed to Camden to sought out the line up. Let us know if you are aware of any of families of 4 or more judging any show.

Schedules and Entry Forms

Schedules, entry forms and waiver forms are available on the Camden Show Society web site. www.camdenshow.com Online entry option available. **Important Note:** It is the responsibility of all intending exhibitors to read all the times and dates contained within the poultry schedule to ensure your Show experience runs smoothly. There is a growing trend for exhibitors not to read the schedule.

Pass this newsletter on!

If you have read this newsletter either email or hardcopy and you do not wish to keep it for reference purposes, please pass/email it on to other poultry enthusiasts to help promote the Show and the keeping of exhibition poultry. Marketing and publicity is a must going forward if we are to keep our Shows and poultry world strong. Please assist with this.

INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU LEADING UP TO 2024 CAMDEN SHOW

Show dates Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March. **Entries close Wednesday March 6th.**
Need help identifying that breed, or other assistance?

Contact John Graveur The Oaks – 0412 617923 or text/email photo jgproperty@live.com.au

Standards/Presentation Required for Entries

It is a requirement of all poultry shows that all birds entered in the Show are of appropriate age, condition and health or it is not appropriate to show them. All birds should have reached adulthood/sexual maturity for their breed (typically 20-30 weeks). Birds should be pen trained and well-conditioned carrying appropriate size and body weight for their breed and not be affected by internal or external parasites. e.g. Worms, lice, mites, scaly leg mite. Birds should have faces and legs/feet cleaned and it is customary to wash light coloured breeds to have them looking their best. Birds should be washed 2-7 days prior to the Show and should not be benched in a wet condition.

Birds cannot be exhibited if affected by any disease including fowl pox, any respiratory illness, mareks disease or any injury. **Animal welfare and bio security is of paramount importance to the Camden Show Society and all poultry lovers.** Exhibits will be checked at penning.

Need Poultry Vaccines?

Uralla Poultry Brendan and Graeme Sharpe 0408 471512 [or email urallapoultry@gmail.com](mailto:urallapoultry@gmail.com)

Vets Direct Anthony Lo Conte 410 Werombi Rd Brownlow Hill 0493 586 359 info@vetsdirect.com.au

Allfarm Animal Health – Victoria 03 59794488 www.allfarm.com.au :

There are often supply and delivery problems with vaccine so order early.

Need information on poultry health problems?

If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder/exhibitor **you will need a poultry health book.** The recommended text is the Chicken Health Handbook by Gail Damerow 2nd edition now available from many suppliers on the internet from around \$30-\$40.

Having trouble keeping your birds laying & in condition near Show time?

Birds lay in response to the number of hours of light that hits their eye each day. 13-14 hours light per day will bring birds that are not laying back into top laying condition in 2-4 weeks. Simply run an extension lead to your sheds with sufficient light globes to light all the shed. Buy a timer at the Mitre 10 hardware store (approx. \$10) to add extra light in the morning and/or evening to bring the total light per day to at least 13 hours. Additional light can be helpful in stopping young birds going into a false moult during the autumn show season or for bringing older birds out of the moult and into lay a little quicker. Also helps keep the eggs coming for the egg classes.

Training your birds

Birds are most receptive to training when they reach sexual maturity. For females, this is at point of lay whilst male birds vary but typically it is about one month later. Birds should be trained in slow but gradual steps to gain their confidence. Hand feeding of small portions of bread over a period of days will soon have birds coming to your hand at which time they can be touched and eventually picked up and handled. Holding a judging stick in your hand whilst doing the daily feeding soon makes them use to the sight of the stick. Once somewhat quietened the stick can be run over the bird without much fuss. Once fairly quiet birds can be placed in Show size pens for short periods of time and ideally be trained to stand quietly for the judge displaying the correct stance for the breed in question and then returned to their normal pen.

Poultry Sales/Auctions - Need to buy or sell?

Goulburn Poultry Auction every 2 months goulburnpoultry@gmail.com

Australian Online Poultry and Pigeon Auction (A.P.P.A.P) – a facebook group.

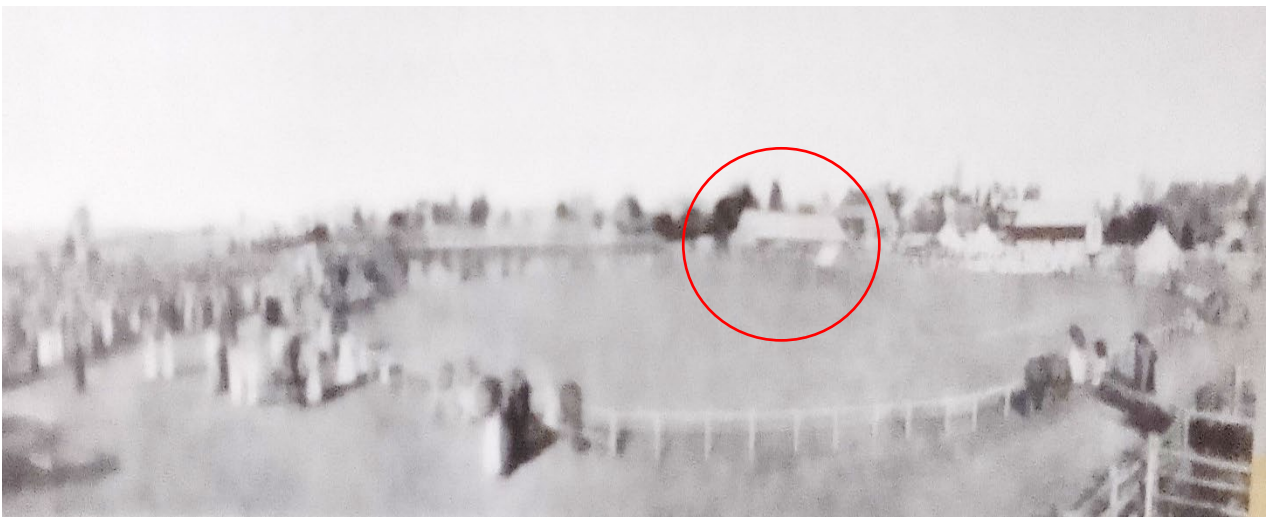
Further sources of information equipment and assistance with all thing's poultry.

- Camden Poultry Club.
C/- Secretary Noelle Buckley 0412 874 985
Meetings 2nd Monday of each month. Annual Show 3rd Saturday of May.
Email camdenpoultryclub@gmail.com Camden Poultry Club facebook.
- Exhibition Poultry Association of NSW epansw@outlook.com
Calenders with show dates, club contacts, judges registry. Fashion merchandise.
- Multiquip. www.multiquip.com.au Austral. Brooders, incubators, feeders and drinkers.
- Bellsouth Textbooks Equipment and other poultry supplies. www.bellsouth.com.au
- Planet Poultry. Books, Healthcare, Equipment www.planetpoultry.com.au
- D & R Stockfeeds 10-12 Edward Street Camden Ph 02 46 555433
- Derks Pet and Rural 31 Wonga Rd Picton www.derks.com.au Full range of feed. Feeders, waters, pet packs, nests, vitamins, pest products and medications.
- Ace Ohlsson 55 Blaxland Rd Campbelltown 02 46281300 campbelltown@aceohlsson.com
- If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder exhibitor **you will need a copy of the Australian Poultry Standards** Published by Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association. Secretary VPFA PO Box 928 Shepparton Vic 3632. www.vpfa.com.au
- Australasian Poultry - Poultry Information Publishers Available at most newsagents. Published every 2 months.
- Internet pages. Most breeds have club websites, social media pages or breeders network groups to provide information about breeds and contacts for assistance.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME – the history/tradition/people.

Some brief historical notes about the Camden Poultry Pavilion.

- Originally built in 1886 for the first show at a cost of 120 pounds.
- Iron used as wall and roof cladding was imported into Australia from England in the late 1800s under the trademark Redcliffe. It was manufactured by the Redcliffe Crown Galvanised Iron Company in Bristol UK at the Bristol Iron Works. Several sheets stamped with this trademark were found during renovations and the builder has preserved these sheets and positioned them in prominent positions around the pavilion among the rustic iron wall linings. Acknowledgement to builder Martin Weber and Vice President in charge of assets Kent Palmer for information and research.
- Original location was a short distance to the west of its present position between Rotunda and show ring. In the photo below from the 1886 show it appears in the background approximately midway between a grandstand and a row of horse stables.



- Used as Camden Primary School during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918.
- Relocated to Show Society land from Council land in 1936 for the 50th Anniversary Show and opened along with the two brick offices fronting Argyle Street.
- Remained mostly unaltered until 2023 except for.
 - Dirt floor replaced by sand in 1978.
 - Full height chain wire front wall replaced by Colourbond sheeting to 1.8 metres in Sept 1981.
 - Small show box storage room used for rail bird boxes expanded into much larger office/storage room in the 1990s.

Some more poultry history notes courtesy of Kellee Cordina and her 'A journey through life in Camden' page. Extracts from the *Festival of the Golden Fleece* program 1960.

- Commercial poultry farms evident in Camden as far back as 1910.
- Among the first to specialise in poultry were well known exhibitors Harold and Charlie Boardman who ran an operation of over 1600 birds which was considered very large for the time.
- Harold Boardman's first prize was won at the 1900 Camden Show and he went on to exhibit for over 60 years at Camden Show. He collected over 15,000 prizes at Royal, Metropolitan and Country Shows.
- By the 1920s there were many commercial and poultry stud farms in Camden. Other notable poultry farmers were Stan Longley of Narellan, Locketts poultry farm at The Oaks and the Tegel poultry farm at Leppington.

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2023 CAMDEN SHOW



Reserve Champion Bird in Show
Michael Underwood



Grand Champion Bird of Show
Mark Williams



Champion S/F Bantam Female
Bob Brookes



Res Champion S/F in Show
Bob Brookes



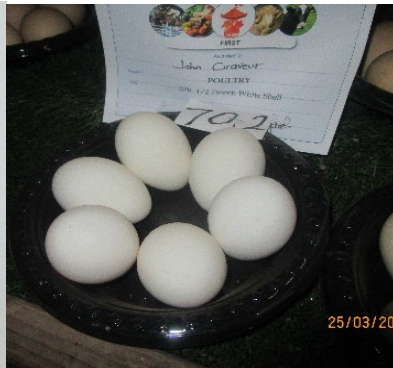
Champion Hardfeather in Show
Steve Adams



Champion Hardfeather Large
Bob Brookes



Champion H/F Large Male
Scott Mc Burney



Large White Shell Eggs
John Graveur



Res Champion H/F in Show
Justin Carroll



White Shell Bantam Eggs
Benjamin Dixon



Champion Plate of Eggs
Karen Fell



Res Champion Junior
Olivia Stallard

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Large Blue or Green Shell Eggs
Sarah Smith



Quail Eggs
James Cassar



Waterfowl Eggs
Samantha Cassar



Res. Champion Plate of Eggs
Lucy Dixon



Mixed Plate of Eggs
Adam Jordan



Large Tinted Shell
Michael Underwood



Guinea Fowl Eggs
Ambarvale High School



Champion Junior Exhibit
Lachlan Knight



Champion Pair in Show
P & L Williams



Res Champion Waterfowl
Joshua Vella



Champion Waterfowl Pair
Johanna Martin



Champion AOV
John Graveur



Champion Schools or Junior
Elderslie High School



Champion Belgian Bantam
Karen Forbes



Champion Modern Game
Margaret Keeble

Some more photos from a hectic 2023



Stripped out July 1st



Martin, Tony and Max - Weber Constructions strip and replace iron and roof frame section at a time.



One volunteers home verandah has looked like this for the last 14 months.

Some more photos from a hectic 2023



Tony completing subsurface waterproofing of the 48th Post. “The Last Post” Yes a bugler was playing!!



Internal drainage line runs the full length and width of the pavilion.



Stage 1 slab down. Slab Stage 2 site excavated, underlay down, mesh about to be fixed in place.



All decked out for Sponsors Night March 1st. Pens in the background behind hoarding to the left.



And to finish on a very bright note. Young Bronte Graham from Douglas Park at Wednesday night penning has her hands full delivering an impressive Rhode Island Red Female.

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The Year in Review

What can I say. There is not that much to report on the poultry show front with the show cancelled for a third year in a row. This time on account of floods. Behind the scenes however there has been a lot happening with a lot of work being put in to secure a successful return and future for the poultry section and the Show as a whole.

In the absence of any new Show winners the photos in this year's newsletter will be a further selection of past winners plus some other photos of happenings at the showground this year.

Flood Watch

Flood 1 Early March showground flooded. Water got to within 30 metres of pavilion at flood peak.
Flood 2 Tuesday March 8 pavilion flooded. Average depth of water in pavilion 450mm (18inches).
Flood 3 Friday April 8 pavilion flooded. Average depth of water in pavilion 600mm (24inches).
Flood 4 Sunday July 3 pavilion flooded. Average depth of water in pavilion 1350mm (4ft 6inches).
Flood 5 Friday September 30. Pavilion contents evacuated to higher ground in anticipation of flood that did not eventuate in Camden but has severely impacted a lot of NSW. Lucky escape!!!



One of the March floods before its peak in the poultry pavilion. Show Society Treasurer Katie Palmer and Groundsman Keith Maddock wading through the water in front of the pavilion.

Photos Jo Martin via Australasian Poultry Magazine

Funding Grant for Poultry/Produce Pavilion

I have good news. In December I attended Camden Showground for an announcement by the Minister for Lands Kevin Andrews from Tamworth along with Member for Camden Peter Sidegreaves, Mayor Theresa Fedeli and a delegation from Camden Show Society. The Minister was visiting Camden to announce a grant of \$148,720 from the 2022- 2023 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for upgrade of the poultry/produce pavilion. This is in addition to the \$50,000 received from the same fund in 2021-2022 which was specifically earmarked to be used only for preliminary plans, studies, consultants etc. for any Show Society assets. Some of this \$50,000 has already been spent on architectural heritage consultants and was used as documentation lodged in support of the application for this year's CRIF grant and other applications. The gathering went for over 1 hour with a sizeable delegation present as well as media. Speeches were made outside the poultry pavilion outlining some of the history of the building, its usage and the need for funds to provide for better usage in future. An internal inspection of the building was also conducted. More photos on Camden Show Facebook.



New Chief Steward Required

Martin Holmes has retired from his roles as Chief Steward, and pavilion manager in the poultry section after over a decade of great service. We thank Martin for his considerable efforts during this time. Martin has moved to Nowra and is Vice President of Nowra Show Society. The Society and poultry fraternity of this district now need people to step forward to fill vacancies left by Martins departure. We have hundreds of people in this district involved in exhibition poultry. Some have contributed up to 48 years' service to this Show and the poultry world. But we require the others who have never shown the initiative to take on positions of responsibility and do their share to maintain the prominent position this Show now enjoys.

Media Watch

Dominic Sims previously of Thirlmere and now Goulburn featured in August issue of Australian Poultry Magazine including 6 photographs.

Graham Wrights story about floods at Camden pavilion featured in Australasian Poultry June issue.

John Graveur interviewed by AAP in July about the flooded poultry pavilion at Camden Showground. Story reported by print media throughout Australia.

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New Relocated Show Office

Don't get lost! Many of you have cause to visit the Show office each year. Newly refurbished Show offices have just been opened and are now located directly off Argyle Street in the two brick rooms at the front of the AH&I Hall. The restoration featuring a heritage style fit out sees the Secretary's office to the right side of the entry hall and the J.K. Chisholm committee/meeting room to the left side along with kitchen facilities. This room can be used for a variety of purposes. J.K. Chisholm was the first President of the Show Society from 1886 to 1908.

The New Show Office on Argyle Street Camden



Entry Hall off Argyle Street



Office Window/Counter



The New Office

The New J. K. Chisholm Committee/Meeting Room and kitchen opposite the Show Office



Sydney Royal Show Major Award and Breed Championship Winners

Mark Williams Brownlow Hill - Reserve Champion Softfeather Large , Reserve Champion Heavy Large – Rhode Island Red Pullet, Champion Rhode Island and Champion Rhode Island Red.

Elderslie High School – Grand Champion Egg Exhibit, Champion and Reserve Champion School Egg Plate, Champion and Reserve Champion School Exhibit, Champion Large and Champion Hardfeather Large school exhibit – Jungle Fowl, Champion Schools Bantam Male – OEG Black Red, Champion and Reserve Champion Schools Waterfowl - white Indian Runners.

Peel Ridge Stud Theresa Park Champion and Reserve Champion Goose or Gander with Grey Toulouse and Brown Chinese, Champion African, Champion Brown Chinese, Champion and Reserve Champion White Chinese, Champion and Reserve Champion Embden Champion and Reserve Champion Grey Toulouse , Champion and Reserve Champion Toulouse..

John Graveur The Oaks -Reserve Champion Bantam Breeding Trio, Champion Bantam Heavy Trio with Light Sussex. Champion Coronation Sussex Bantam, Champion Light Sussex Bantam. Champion and Reserve Champion Sussex Bantam

Adam MacCarthy Lakesland – Champion and Reserve Champion Guinea Fowl.

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P & L Williams Pheasants Nest –Reserve Champion Muscovy, Champion White Muscovy
Champion AOC Muscovy, Champion Silver Spangled Hamburg, Champion Black Hamburg,
Champion AOC Hamburg, Champion and Reserve Champion Hamburg, Champion Rosecomb AOC
Graham Wright Rossmore – Reserve Champion Black Rosecomb, Reserve Champion Rosecomb -
Black Ckl.

Logan Ockers from Elderslie high School - Overall winner of the Showmanship Competition as well as winner of the school's section

Thanks to all our Loyal and Patient Sponsors and Donors.

Thanks to all our Poultry Section Sponsors for their patience over the last 3 years and their sponsorship for the 2023 Show. Support those who support the Camden Show.

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Michael Underwood

John Graveur

Vale Barry Weatherstone

The poultry world lost a well-known exhibitor and judge with the passing of Barry Weatherstone early in 2022. Barry had in years past been a regular exhibitor at Camden Shows with his wife Vanda. This was in the 1970s and 1980s when he lived at Mulgoa. He has since been residing in Central West NSW a base from which he drove many kilometres judging shows throughout NSW and interstate. In those early days at Camden, he and Vanda won many major awards with white Leghorn bantams, and I also recall some wins with White Wyandotte bantams including one at the first poultry club show where there were big classes of Wyandottes in a line-up of 1000 plus entries. Barry was a gentleman who will be very much missed.

The Year Ahead

Agricultural Youth Expo

Last September the Society hosted a youth expo featuring Alpacas, Beef and Sheep attended by 100 students from 8 schools. There is interest from the Society and participants to extend this to include poultry. The expo can cover things such as judging, handling, show preparation/husbandry. I know that people in the local poultry community have indicated a desire in the past to have such an event. **Here's your chance. Act now.** If this is to happen volunteers will have to come forward and organise the poultry section of this event.

The 2023 Show

It is now full steam ahead with the Camden Show only 2 months away. Time to sort out and start conditioning your birds for the Show. Remember every exhibitor and every entry counts. Help maintain the world of exhibition poultry by keeping the 137-year tradition of poultry at the Camden Show strong. We all have to work hard to bounce back after three years with no Show and pick up where we left off with the record-breaking Show of 2019.

*****NOTE - ADDITIONAL AWARDS FOR 2023 SHOW - NOTE*****

Even more new awards added for this year's Show including the following all donated by D & R Stockfeeds.

Champion OEG Large \$50 prize.	Champion Pit Game Large \$50 prize
Champion Indian Game Large \$50 prize	Champion Australian Game Large \$50 prize
Champion Malay Game Large \$50 prize	Champion AOV Game Large \$50 prize
Champion OEG Bantam \$50 prize.	Champion Pit Game Bantam \$50 prize
Champion Indian Game Bantam \$50 prize	Champion Australian Game Bantam \$50 prize
Champion Modern Game Bantam \$50 prize	Champion AOV Game Bantam \$50 prize
Champion Belgian Bantam \$50 prize	Champion Plate of Eggs \$50 Prize
Reserve Champion Plate of Eggs \$25 prize	Best Schools Team \$50 prize

These prizes are in addition to any already offered in these categories.

Last time we held a Show we went into the Show promoting \$4,000 in total prizes. With the new awards the total cash, trophies, vouchers and ribbons available for competition in 2023 will be at an all-time record of \$6,000 (excluding perpetual trophies) which would put this Show in the top few of the 750 poultry Shows held annually in Australia for total prizes available. Includes \$1400 in prizes for juniors and schools. The McDonalds in Macarthur junior poultry presentation will be around 3pm on Saturday afternoon in the poultry pavilion.

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This prize list is made possible not only by our major sponsors but by all those other people who continually donate prizes each year to make the Show the success it is. Thanks to the following prize donors.

Michael Peel, Bob Brookes, Sonia Green, S & K Bell Constructions, Graham Sharpe, Camden Poultry Club, Martin Holmes, Matthew Williams, Sue Sharpe, Rowan Moore, Sergio Bestulic, Les Simone, Pete's Hire Cars Camden, Donald Mulligan, Russell Woods, Rob and Jane Hunter, The Jones Family.

Plus Perpetual Trophies

The new perpetual trophies are yet to be unveiled by Sponsors Michael Underwood and John Graveur. Exact time for the trophy unveiling is to be confirmed but probably Thursday morning around 9am or 10.30am.

Below is the latest list of past winners of Champion Bird of Show and Exhibitor with Most Entries. Please help if you can fill in any gaps or advise if you think there is an error. All of these names are already engraved on the trophies. Who's the next name to go on the list?

The Camden Cup – Grand Champion Bird of Show

1907 C Kelloway Camden	1927 Boardman Bros Camden	1953 H Boardman Camden
1955 CJ Mulley Camden	1969 CJ Mulley Camden	1970 D Stewart & Son Woonona
1971 Armstrong Camden	1972 W Unsworth Bowral	1973 W Unsworth Bowral
1974 J Longley Narellan	1975 H Channel Cawdor	1976 H Greenhalgh Bowral
1977 W Babidge Tilba Tilba	1978 W Babidge Tilba Tilba	1979 H & J Graveur The Oaks
1980 J Crawford Cobbitty	1981 J Graveur The Oaks	1982 J Parkes Theresa Park
1983 K & A Watson Picton	1984 V Tickner Camden	1985 W Ross Parramatta
1986 J Graveur The Oaks	1989 M Peel Theresa Park	1990 K & A Watson Picton
1993 K & A Watson Picton	1996 K & A Watson Picton	1998 R Brookes Oakdale
1999 J Graveur The Oaks	2001 K & A Watson Temora	2002 M Peel Theresa Park
2003 J Graveur The Oaks	2005 B Bushell Oakdale	2006 M Williams Thirlmere
2007 K Cassar Oakdale	2008 M Underwood Oakdale	2009 M Underwood Oakdale
2010 Tara Poultry Thirlmere	2011 G Tooth Bundanoon	2012 M Peel Theresa Park
2013 P & L Williams Pheasant Nest	2014 S Bestulic Theresa Park	2015 Jones Family Belimbla Park

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2016 J Demetrious Toolijooa
2019 B Porter Watson ACT

2017 S Egan Moss Vale

2018 J Demetrious Toolijooa

Silver Cup for Exhibitor with Most Entries

2009 G Sharpe

2010 Stallard Sharpe

2011 Stallard Sharpe

2012 M Peel

2013 B & A Green

2014 Stallard Sharpe

2015 Stallard Sharpe

2016 Allport & Graham

2017 Stallard Sharpe

2018 S Gill

2019 Stallard Sharpe

Camden Show Poultry

'Maintaining the traditions of the past and forging new frontiers going where no show has been before' 1886 - 2023

Camden Show Judges

The longest running appointments in history, now at the 4-year mark continue with Stuart and Tim.

Softfeather – Stuart Fraser - Berrima

Hardfeather and Waterfowl– Tim Beard - Crookwell

Juniors, Schools and Eggs – Judge yet to be appointed

STOP PRESS: Veteran out of retirement already??? Surely it can't be true???

Readers of last year's newsletter will recall the story about veteran exhibitor Bob Brookes life in poultry following his retirement from exhibiting poultry two years ago. It was drawn to my attention recently that Bob may be out of 'retirement.' Shocked by this news I immediately dispatched a drone from my nearby property on a reconnaissance flight over the Brookes holding at Oakdale to see if there was any evidence in support of the rumours. The surveillance footage from the drone was revealing. Based on what I saw I estimate there could be as many as 200 birds on Bobs property. Well and truly out of retirement I would say. So, what has caused this turnaround? Is it the \$6000 in prizes at this year's Show or is he eyeing off The Camden Cup or the trophy for exhibitor with the most entries. Come to think of it he is also still the defending champion in the Most Successful Exhibitor category from the last Show in 2019. Could he be chasing the triple crown by winning all 3 of these awards??? Only time will tell what the unpredictable veteran is up to.

Schedules and Entry Forms

Schedules, entry forms and waiver forms are **now available** on the Camden Show Society web site.

www.camdenshow.com Schedules will also be mailed out in mid to late February to regular exhibitors. Please read all the Schedule carefully to be aware of everything that is going on in the poultry section. The schedule has a new format with the now very extensive prize list spread throughout the classes adjoining the classes they relate to. There are some additional prizes that were too late for inclusion on the schedule.

New in 2023- Online Entry Option. Simply follow the prompts by visiting www.camdenshow.com

Working Bees

Working Bees to set up the pavilion for the Show will be held on the two Monday evenings March 13th and March 20th prior to the Show from 7pm to approx. 10pm. All are welcome to attend and assist with Show preparations. The Sunday morning clean-up is proving an outstanding success with most exhibitors cleaning out their pens and many staying to give further assistance with the pack up. **'Ask not what your Show can do for you but what you can do for your Show'**.

PLEASE NOTE TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES

1. It is the responsibility of all intending exhibitors to read all the times and dates contained within the poultry section of the Schedule to ensure your Show experience runs smoothly. There is a growing trend for exhibitors to get times/dates wrong. **Please be careful to note the right times and dates.**

2. The mail service is increasingly unreliable in the time it takes for mail to be delivered. Show organisers and exhibitors are encountering problems every year. If you are relying on Australia post to deliver your entries to Camden Show allow plenty of time and **text or email John 0412 617 923 or jgproperty@live.com.au** indicating, you have mailed entries that day.

Pass this Newsletter On!

If you have read this newsletter either email or hardcopy and you do not wish to keep it for reference purposes please pass/email it on to other poultry enthusiasts to help promote the Show and the keeping of exhibition poultry. Those who have received the newsletter as an email are asked to forward it on to all your other contacts in the poultry world no matter where they are located to add to the promotion of Camden Show and poultry showing generally. Marketing and publicity is a must going forward if we are to keep our Shows and poultry world strong. Please assist with this.

INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU LEADING UP TO 2023 CAMDEN SHOW

Show dates Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March.

Entries close Wednesday March 15th.

Need help identifying that breed, or other assistance?

Contact one of the following stewards for assistance before entering the Show.

North – Les Simone Catherine Field – 02 96065293 or 0415 460036

South – John Graveur The Oaks – 0412 617923 or text/email photo jgproperty@live.com.au

Standards/Presentation Required for Entries

It is a requirement of all poultry shows that all birds entered in the Show are of appropriate age, condition and health or it is not appropriate to show them. By this we mean the following.

All birds should have reached adulthood/sexual maturity for their breed (typically 20-30 weeks). Birds should be pen trained and well-conditioned carrying appropriate size and body weight for their breed and not be affected by internal or external parasites. e.g., Worms, lice, mites, scaly leg mite. Birds should have faces and legs/feet cleaned and it is customary to wash light coloured breeds to have them looking their best. Birds should be washed 2-7 days prior to the Show and should not be benched in a wet condition.

Birds cannot be exhibited if affected by any disease including fowl pox, any respiratory illness, mareks disease or any injury. **Animal welfare and bio security is of paramount importance to the Camden Show Society and all poultry lovers.** Exhibits will be checked at penning. Exhibitors who need assistance/clarification in these matters are asked to contact the phone number/email provided **PRIOR to the closing date for entries.**

Need Poultry Vaccines?

Treidlia Biovet Seven Hills Ph 02 96741488 Email

info@treidlia.com.au Allfarm Animal Health – Victoria Ph 03

59794488 www.allfarm.com.au

Note: There are often shortages of vaccine in Australia so order early.

Need information on poultry health problems?

If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder/exhibitor, **you will need a poultry health book.** The recommended text is the Chicken Health Handbook by Gail Damerow 2nd edition now available from many suppliers on the internet from around \$30-\$40.

Having trouble keeping your birds laying & in condition near Show time?

Birds lay in response to the number of hours of light that hits their eye each day. 13-14 hours light per day will bring birds that are not laying back into top laying condition in 2-4 weeks. Simply run an extension lead to your sheds with sufficient light globes to light all the shed. Buy a timer at the Mitre 10 hardware store (approx. \$10) to add extra light in the morning and/or evening to bring the total light per day to at least 13 hours. Additional light can be helpful in stopping young birds going into a false moult during the autumn show season or for bringing older birds out of the moult and into lay a little quicker. Also helps keep the eggs coming for the egg classes.

Training your birds

Birds are most receptive to training when they reach sexual maturity. For females, this is at point of lay whilst male birds vary but typically it is about one month later. Birds should be trained in slow but gradual steps to gain their confidence. Hand feeding of small portions of bread over a period of days will soon have birds coming to your hand at which time they can be touched and eventually picked up and handled. Holding a judging stick in your hand whilst doing the daily feeding soon makes them used to the sight of the stick. Once somewhat quietened the stick can be run over the bird without much fuss. Once fairly quiet birds can be placed in Show size pens for short periods of time and ideally be trained to stand quietly for the judge displaying the correct stance for the breed in question and then returned to their normal pen.

Poultry Sales/Auctions - Need to buy or sell?

Goulburn Poultry Auction every 2 months goulburnpoultry@gmail.com

Australian Online Poultry and Pigeon Auction (A.P.P.A.P) – a Facebook group.

Further sources of information equipment and assistance about the poultry world

1. Camden Poultry Club now in its 41st year. **40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW IN 2023**
C/- Secretary Noelle Buckley 0412 874 985
Meetings 2nd Monday of each month at Camden Showground. Annual Show 3rd Saturday of May. Email camdenpoultryclub@gmail.com Camden Poultry Club Facebook.
2. Multiquip. www.multiquip.com.au Austral. Brooders, incubators, feeders, and drinkers.
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3. Planet Poultry. Books, Healthcare, Equipment www.planetpoultry.com.au
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7. If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder exhibitor, **you will need a copy of the Australian Poultry Standards** Published by Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association. Secretary VPFA PO Box 928 Shepparton Vic 3632. www.vpfa.com.au
8. Australasian Poultry - Poultry Information Publishers Available at most newsagents. Published every 2 months.
9. Internet pages. Most breeds have club websites, social media pages or breeders network groups to provide information about the breed you are interested in and contact opportunities for assistance.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME – the history/tradition/people.

Whilst ‘scuba diving’ around the history vaults to make sure all archives had been removed out of harm’s way as flood waters continued to rise, I came across a rare find sealed in a plastic pouch. A full copy of the 1949 Sydney Royal catalogue, all 67 pages including all results. So, we will turn back the clock 74 years and see what was going on in the poultry world via the ’49 Royal Show.

Some particular points of interest

- 8 day Show with judging on the Tuesday before Easter. Rail birds would have been away from home for 12 days looking at their timetable.
- Yorkshire Insurance Co. offered show insurance for 14 days for birds including transit to and from Show.
- Pavilion open 9am to 5pm and again from 7pm to 10 pm each day except Easter Sunday when the Show was closed.
- 24 judges including one lady and R.H. Boardman from Camden who judged Langshans. 6 of these judges also acted as specials judges, one for each of the six sections of the Show.
- Pure bred poultry entry was 2856 plus 884 pigeons, 300 cage birds. 31 pheasants and 23 table poultry for a total of 4094. 2856 poultry was only 27 below the then record of 2883 set the year before in 1948
- Exhibitors numbered 586.
- Biggest exhibitor was CL Savage from Normanhurst with 107 entries.

A particular feature of the schedule were classes for utility birds in some breeds of softfeather large which were generally the largest classes in the show. Utility classes stayed on the Australian Show scene until at least the 1970s in Victoria before eventually disappearing all together. Utility birds were judged in accordance with standards adopted by the Poultry Club of NSW. There were single and teams’ classes. The team classes were judged for; 1. General Breed character. 2. Correctness (balance) of mating. 3. Vigour and Stamina.

Some of the largest classes were: -

- 141 large utility Leghorns and 110 standard Leghorns
- 144 large utility Australorps including 64 pullets and 56 cockerels
- 154 large Rhode Island Reds consisting of utility and standard types.
- 111 large Australian Game.
- 213 Modern Game bantams.
- 91 OEG Spangle bantams.

Major award winners were: -

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| Light Utility – CA Clarke & Son Baulkham Hills | White Leghorn cockerel. |
| Heavy Utility – Dr. FR Vincent Frankston Vic. | Rhode Island Red Pullet |
| Large Heavy Male – RH Boardman Camden | Rhode Island Red Cockerel |
| Large Heavy Female - JE Gibson Pennant Hills | Light Sussex Pullet |
| Large Light Male - C Elliot Adamstown | Brown Leghorn Cockerel |
| Large Light Female – AJ Lamont Bodalla | White Leghorn Pullet |
| H/F Large Male - N Emelin – Adamstown | Australian Game Black Red Cock |
| H/F Large Female – F McPherson – Tweed River | Pit Game Hen |
| S/F Bantam Male- CA Clarke & Son Baulkham Hills | Black Rosecomb Cockerel |
| S/F Bantam Female – NJ Rigney Bankstown | White Wyandotte Pullet |
| H/F Bantam Male – Reg Tutty Lane Cove | OEG Spangle Cock |
| H/F Bantam Female – CR Thompson Merrylands | Modern Game Black Red Pullet |
| Duck or Drake - AH Crommelin Pennant Hills | Pekin Duck |
| Goose or Gander - RH Fotheringham Epping | Embden Gander |
| Most Successful Exhibitor CR Thompson Merrylands 98 points (64 entries) | |

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Local exhibitors included, RH Boardman Camden, E Brookes Kirkham Lane, PC Cross Elderslie, L Dunk 55 Argyle St Camden, H Holyoake Camden, CJ Mulley Cawdor, WA Shaw Ingleburn, Turner Bros Ingleburn.

Meanwhile 1 decade later, photos of 3 major award winners from the 1959 Sydney Royal - Photos from 'Poultry' Newspaper Special Easter Edition March 28, 1959, via Graham Wright



Utility Heavy Breed Female
DS Connor Langshan Pullet



Utility Heavy Breed Male
IW Benson Australorp Ckl



Large Light Breed Male
FT Greenaway Minorca

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2019 CAMDEN SHOW



Champion Rosecomb
Graham Wright



Champion Hamburg
P & L Williams



Champion Indian Game
Sonia Green

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2019 CAMDEN SHOW - Continued



Champion American Breed
Robert Brookes



Champion Leghorn
P & L Williams



Champion Pekin
Catherine Sheil



Best Crested or Bearded Bird
Joshua Vella



Champion Softfeather Pair in Show
Brett Porter



SOME OF THE WINNERS 2016 CAMDEN SHOW



Champion Junior Exhibit
Stacey Keeble



Ch. Softfeather Bantam Female
Jason Demetrious



Champion Pair in Show
Cath Sheil



Ch. Hardfeather Bantam Male
Stallard and Sharpe



Ch. Softfeather Large Male
Jason Demetrious



Ch Hardfeather Large Male
Adam Trompp



Res Ch, Softfeather in Show
Neal and Lynda Lynch



Champion Modern Game
Allport and Graham



Ch. Hardfeather Large Female
William Linger Pit Game

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2015 CAMDEN SHOW



Champion Sebright
Melinda Hayter Silver Female



Champion OEG
Stallard Sharpe Blue Red Female



Best Natural excluding Pekins
Cath Sheil Japanese Female



Champion AOV Game
Adam Trompp Malay Female



Champion Pekin
Chris Gorringer & Noele Buckley



Champion Leghorn
P & L Williams White Bantam



Champion Rhode Island
Robyn Stallard Bantam Male



Champion Araucana
Camden High School Female



Champion Schools Female
Elderslie High School Rouen



Champion Waterfowl Pair
Michael Underwood White Mallards



Reserve Champion Junior Exhibit
Olivia-Rose Reilly Muscovy



Champion Waterfowl
Michael Underwood Runner



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Chief Steward: M Holmes

Stewards: W Satara, L Simone, R Brookes, M Sheil, C Sheil, S Sharpe, S Green, M Underwood, C Eagles, A Wear, K Pearce, John Graveur (0412 617 923) (jgproperty@live.com.au).

The Last Two Years in Review

A two year break since the last newsletter for reasons you will all be well aware of. There is not that much to report on the two years just past with the 2020 and 2021 Camden Shows cancelled because of the Covid 19 pandemic. The 2020 show was a particular disappointment with much of the work done the show was cancelled a few days before close of entries.

This decision was necessitated in particular by state government orders under the Public Health Act making it illegal to hold a gathering of 500 people. This is the first time since WWII that the show has been called off. I also recall phoning poultry exhibitors at lunch time on the Saturday to unpen when a show was abandoned in the 1980s on account of heavy rain.

The cancellation of the show was very frustrating to the poultry section with hundreds of hours of work already put in and a substantial number of entries already received by the Friday before the closing week for entries. By even the most conservative expectations from where the entries were at the time of the first government recommendations/restrictions being announced we were going to be past 600 and possibly a lot more than that. An entry of 600 would have been the first time the show had back to back entries of over 600 in its history. Among the exhibitors that had entered were 8 new exhibitors and it is particularly disappointing that we did not get to welcome these new exhibitors to the show. Among them were new junior, schools and senior competitors.

With probably only 40% of entries in, some notable numbers already to hand were Waterfowl 61, Modern Game Bantams 35, and Belgian Bantams 26. Enquiries from potential exhibitors had been received from up to 430 kilometres away at Uranquinty.

Perhaps many have had a little more spare time on our hands at home over the last 21 months and extra time has gone into poultry activities which will enhance results in the year ahead.

For all those that had entered thank you for your interest and support. Thanks in particular to stewards who had put in a lot of work throughout the year in arranging the cancelled shows and attending the first of the working bees to set up the 2020 show in particular. It is important we maintain the momentum we have built up in recent years as we go into 2022.

In the absence of any new show winners the photos in this years newsletter are a selection of winners from the last decade or so. I note that some of our workers social media postings of photos from the show and indeed the whole newsletter are now appearing on various poultry media pages world wide.

Thanks to all our helpers and supporters

Thanks to all our poultry section sponsors most of whom have agreed to roll over their sponsorship to the 2022 show. Support those who support the Camden show;

Major Pavilion Sponsor	Multiquip Hatchery	www.multiquip.com.au
Camden Mitre 10		mark@williamsmitre10.com.au
Camden RSL Club		www.camdenrsl.com.au
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Thanks also to our donors all of whom have also rolled their support over to 2022 also to keep that large prize list among the best in Australia. Thanks to the office and ground staff for their all year round support. No doubt they were very frustrated with the shows cancellation.

Media Watch/Public Relations

Michael Peel, Olivia De La Mare and Katie Gleeson in The Land newspaper April 2nd 2020 discussing five generations of showing at the Royal and the absence of the show in their lives this year.

Several locals were featured in Australasian Poultry Magazine in the last two years; Neil and Linda Lynch Kentlyn in the April 2021 issue profiling their poultry activities and in particular their New Hamsphires, Langshans and Brahma Bantams. A colourful 3 page spread.

One of our Judges for the 2022 show Tim Beard Crookwell is in the June 2021 issue with an interesting article on setting up a new housing complex for Indian Runner ducks.. Includes an essential checklist of things to consider before you start construction.

Long time exhibitor and sponsor of the Camden Show Mark Williams Brownlow Hill appears in the October 2021 issue along with several of his prize Rhode Island Reds. The article examines not only the Rhode Islands but Marks life and times in poultry from beginner to now president of the Rhode Island Club. Some great photos too.

Camden Show judge and regular exhibitor Kory Graham Moss Vale has a photo of a Wheaten Modern in the June 2020 issue which was Champion Bird in Exhibition Poultry Australias online show. Well done Kory.

Also with two winning photos in the August 2021 issue was Margaret Keeble Bickley Vale who achieved a clean sweep at the Mudgee Poultry Clubs 75th Anniversary Show winning best softfeather and best hard feather in show with a Modern Game Partridge and Black Langshan bantam.

P and L Williams Pheasants Nest made the back cover pictorial in August 2020 with a Black Hamburg male that was Reserve Champion in Show in the Hamburg Club online show.

Vale Ron Kilgour

The Camden Show lost a great friend and supporter in March 2020 with the passing Ron Kilgour just short of his 90th birthday. Ron exhibited at many Camden Shows over the years with his much loved Silkies and Belgian Bantams which won him many prizes around the shows over the years. Ron assisted with the running of many different shows and was a prize card writer at Camden Show for several years. He was also active in the Bantam Club, Silkie Club and Belgian Club. He was a real character and a great friend of the Camden Show which he was always full of praise for. He in particular loved receiving this newsletter each year. In recent years his health made driving and exhibiting difficult so he would catch the train from his home in Riverwood to Campbelltown and then the bus to Camden so he could visit the Camden Show. He will be missed.

Vale Denis Patison

A sad loss late in 2020 with the passing of veteran poultry enthusiast Denis Patison from Austinmer. A regular judge and exhibitor at Camden Shows Denis was also well known around the Sydney and south show circuit and was one of the quite gentlemen of the poultry world. Denis was a great contributor to the poultry world having been involved in running Bulli Poultry Club. Denis was accomplished exhibitor renowned in particular for Australian Game of high quality. He was also a Royal Show judge and last judged at Camden in the then record breaking show of 2014 when 99 exhibitors entered.

The Year Ahead - The 2022 Show

First and foremost we hope that everyone has either avoided or managed to survive the pandemic and other natural disasters of the last 2 years and are rearing to go in pursuit of success at this years show. We all have to work hard to bounce back after two years with no show and pick up where we left with the record breaking show of 2019. Lets not lose the momentum we have built!

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Exhibitor with the most entries – Perpetual Trophy donated by Michael Underwood
Champion Bird of Show - now \$300 with additional \$200 donated by Benwerrin Estates
Champion Hardfeather Male Bird in Show - \$200 donated by Benwerrin Estates
Champion Hardfeather in Show – now \$125 with additional \$100 donated by Benwerrin Estates
Champion Softfeather in Show – now \$130 with additional \$100 donated by Benwerrin Estates
Champion Waterfowl in Show – now \$120 with additional \$100 donated by Benwerrin Estates
Champion Junior or School Waterfowl – now \$115 with additional \$100 donated by Benwerrin Estates.
Champion Bird in Schools or Junior Section - \$100 donated by Benwerrin Estates.
Champion Junior Exhibit – Copy of the Australian Poultry Standard (value \$100) donated by Rob and Jane Hunter
Champion Junior Hardfeather - \$40 donated by The Jones Family.
Champion Australorp \$30, Champion Langshan \$30, Champion Modern Game \$30, Champion Silkie \$30
Champion Pekin Bantam \$30. These five prizes donated by Bob Brookes
Best Ancona bantam \$15 donated by Russell Woods.

These and all other cash, trophies, vouchers and ribbons available for competition means the total prizes in 2022 will be an all-time record of \$5,250 which would put this show in the top ten poultry shows held annually in Australia for total prizes available. Includes \$1360 in prizes for juniors and schools.

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This prize list is made possible not only by our major sponsors but to all those other people who continually donate prizes each year to make the show the success it is. Thanks to the following prize donors;

Ace Ohlson Produce Campbelltown, Michael Peel, Bob Brookes, Sonia Green, Multiquip, S & K Bell Constructions, Graham Sharpe, Camden Poultry Club, John Graveur, Martin Holmes, Matthew Williams, Sue Sharpe, Rowan Moore, Sergio Bestulic, Les Simone, Pete's Hire Cars Camden, Donald Mulligan, Russell Woods, Rob and Jane Hunter, Michael Underwood.

Camden Show Poultry

**'Maintaining the traditions of the past and boldly forging new frontiers going were no man has been before'
1886 - 2022**

PLUS - STOP PRESS

After 12 years of research and planning we are pleased to announce that 'THE CAMDEN CUP' will soon be unveiled as the long awaited perpetual trophy for Grand Champion Bird of Show.

Michael Underwood and John Graveur have donated the funds for this substantial trophy. The aim of the trophy is to create a permanent record of show history and create a significant marketing tool through photos of the winning exhibitor and bird with the trophy each year. Ultimately the intention is to make this trophy a symbol of excellence in Australian poultry.

Below are some of the past winners names we have collected so far. Please help if you can fill in any gaps or advise if you think there is an error. All of these names are being engraved on the trophy which will immediately linking over 100 years of history through this trophy. Some of the most accomplished breeder/exhibitors in the history of Australian poultry are on this list. Whose name is next to go on 'The Camden Cup'???

1907 C Kelloway Camden	1927 Boardman Bros Camden	1953 RH Boardman Camden
1955 CJ Mulley Camden	1969 CJ Mulley Camden	1970 D Stewart & Son Woonona
1971 R Armstrong Camden	1972 W Unsworth Bowral	1973 W Unsworth Bowral
1974 J Longley Narellan	1975 H Channel Cawdor	1976 H Greenhalgh Bowral
1977 W Babidge Tilba Tilba	1978 W Babidge Tilba Tilba	1979 H & J Graveur The Oaks
1980 J Crawford Cobbitty	1981 J Graveur The Oaks	1982 J Parkes Theresa Park
1983 K & A Watson Picton	1984 V Tickner Camden	1985 W Ross Parramatta
1986 J Graveur The Oaks	1989 M Peel Theresa Park	1990 K & A Watson Picton
1993 K & A Watson Picton	1996 K & A Watson Picton	1998 R Brookes Oakdale
1999 J Graveur The Oaks	2001 K & A Watson Temora	2002 M Peel Theresa Park
2003 J Graveur The Oaks	2005 B Bushell Oakdale	2006 M Williams Thirlmere
2007 K Cassar Oakdale	2008 M Underwood Oakdale	2009 M Underwood Oakdale
2010 Tara Poultry Thirlmere	2011 G Tooth Bundanoon	2012 M Peel Theresa Park
2013 P & L Williams Pheasant Nest	2014 S Bestulic Theresa Park	2015 Jones Family Belimbla Park
2016 J Demetrious Toolijoa	2017 S Egan Moss Vale	2018 J Demetrious Toolijoa
2019 B Porter Watson ACT		

New classes to be seen for the first time at the 2022 show have been added for quail eggs and a mixed plate of 6 eggs to consist of at least 3 distinct varieties of eggs.

Camden Show Judges

Invitations have been accepted by the following for 2022:

Softfeather – Stuart Fraser - Berrima

Hardfeather and Waterfowl– Tim Beard - Crookwell

Juniors, Schools and Eggs – Hannah Jenkins - Picton

Hannah will be the second youngest judge in the history of the poultry section at Camden Show (behind nly Claire Blayney (2018 judge)). Hannah has been busy on the show scene prior to the pandemic and comes a highly credentialed young judge being a recent winner of the RAS NSW State Judging Final

At the other end of the spectrum Tim and Stuart are 'well travelled' judges being two of the most experienced poultry people in the business with decades of experience as judges, breeders, exhibitors and more.

Schedules and Entry Forms

Schedules and entry forms will be available on the Camden Show Society web site from January 2022.

www.camdenshow.com Schedules will also be mailed out in mid to late February to regular exhibitors. Don't forget waiver forms. Please read all the schedule carefully to be aware of everything that is going on in the poultry section.

New in 2022- Online Entry Option. Online entries will be accepted for the first time. Simply follow the prompts to complete your entry form on the Show Society website and send to the show office. This will prompt the issue of an invoice back to you. Call the show office to pay. Your entries are not accepted until you have paid. Therefore those entering on line close to the closing time for entries will need to arrange payment very quickly.

Working Bees

Working Bees to set up the pavilion for the show will be held on the three Monday evenings March 7th, March 21st and March 28th prior to the Show from 7pm to approx. 10pm. Whilst attending the working bees it is the responsibility of the stewards to ensure that Volunteer Registration Forms are completed for all for insurance purposes. Anyone is welcome to attend to assist with what is a big job. The Sunday morning clean-up is proving an outstanding success with most exhibitors cleaning out their pens and many staying to give further assistance with the pack up. **'Ask not what your Show can do for you but what you can do for your Show'.**

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! PLEASE NOTE TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES

1. It is the responsibility of all intending exhibitors to read all the times and dates contained within the poultry section of the schedule to ensure your show experience runs smoothly. There is a growing trend for exhibitors to get times/dates wrong. **Please be careful to note the right times and dates.**
2. The mail service is increasingly unreliable in the time it takes for mail to be delivered. Show organisers and exhibitors are encountering problems every year. If you are relying on Australia post to deliver your entries to Camden Show allow plenty of time and **text or email John 0412617923 or jgproperty@live.com.au** indicating you have mailed entries that day. **Note the new online option outlined above.**

Pass this newsletter on!

If you have read this newsletter and you do not wish to keep it for reference purposes please pass it on to other poultry enthusiasts to help promote the show and the keeping of exhibition poultry. Those who have received the newsletter as an email are asked to forward it on to all your other contacts in the poultry world no matter where they are located to add to the promotion of Camden Show and poultry showing generally. Marketing and publicity is a must going forward if we are to keep our shows and poultry world strong. Please assist with this.

INFORMATION TO ASSIST YOU LEADING UP TO 2022 CAMDEN SHOW

Show dates Thursday 31st, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd April.

Entries close Wednesday March 23rd 2022. **Need help identifying that breed, or other assistance?**

Contact one of the following stewards for assistance before entering the show;

North – Les Simone Catherine Field – 02 96065293 or 0415 460036

South – John Graveur The Oaks – 0412 617923 or text/email photo jgproperty@live.com.au

Standards/Presentation Required for Entries

It is a requirement of all poultry shows that all birds entered in the show are of appropriate age, condition and health or it is not appropriate to show them. By this we mean the following;

All birds should have reached adulthood/sexual maturity for their breed (typically 20-30 weeks).

Birds should be pen trained and well-conditioned carrying appropriate size and body weight for their breed and not be affected by internal or external parasites. e.g. Worms, lice, mites, scaly leg mite. Birds should have faces and legs/feet cleaned and it is customary to wash light coloured breeds to have them looking their best. Birds should be washed 2-7 days prior to the show and should not be benched in a wet condition.

Birds cannot be exhibited if affected by any disease including fowl pox, any respiratory illness, Marek's disease or any injury. **Animal welfare and bio security is of paramount importance to the Camden Show Society and all poultry lovers.** Exhibits will be checked at penning. Exhibitors who need assistance/clarification in these matters are asked to contact the phone number/email provided **PRIOR to the closing date for entries.**

Need Poultry Vaccines?

Treidlia Biovet Seven Hills Ph 02 96741488 Email info@treidlia.com.au
Allfarm Animal Health – Victoria Ph 03 59794488 www.allfarm.com.au
Note: There are often shortages of vaccine in Australia so order early.

Need information on poultry health problems?

If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder/exhibitor **you will need a poultry health book**. The recommended text is the Chicken Health Handbook by Gail Damerow 2nd edition now available from many suppliers on the internet from around \$30-\$40.

Having trouble keeping your birds laying & in condition near show time?

Birds lay in response to the number of hours of light that hits their eye each day. 13-14 hours light per day will bring birds that are not laying back into top laying condition in 2-4 weeks. Simply run an extension lead to your sheds with sufficient light globes to light all the shed. Buy a timer at the Mitre 10 hardware store (approx. \$10) to add extra light in the morning and/or evening to bring the total light per day to at least 13 hours. Additional light can be helpful in stopping young birds going into a false moult during the autumn show season or for bringing older birds out of the moult and into lay a little quicker. Also helps keep the eggs coming for the egg classes.

Training your birds

Birds are most receptive to training when they reach sexual maturity. For females, this is at point of lay whilst male birds vary but typically it is about one month later. Birds should be trained in slow but gradual steps to gain their confidence. Hand feeding of small portions of bread over a period of days will soon have birds coming to your hand at which time they can be touched and eventually picked up and handled. Holding a judging stick in your hand whilst doing the daily feeding soon makes them use to the sight of the stick. Once somewhat quietened the stick can be run over the bird without much fuss. Once fairly quiet birds can be placed in show size pens for short periods of time and ideally be trained to stand quietly for the judge displaying the correct stance for the breed in question and then returned to their normal pen.

Poultry Sales/Auctions - Need to buy or sell?

Goulburn Poultry Auction every 2 months subject to Covid restrictions goulburnpoultry@gmail.com
Australian Online Poultry and Pigeon Auction (A.P.P.A.P) – a facebook group.

VIDEOS OF POULTRY INTEREST ON YOUTUBE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Videos Peel Ridge Stud - Geese.	Pedigree Poultry
Exhibition Bird Bio Security QDAF	Show Bird Preparation NSW Dept. of Ag.
Suffolk and Essex Poultry Show 2017.	Inside the Ohio National 2019
APA Modesto Show - 2016.	2016 Reading and District Bantam Show - UK
Heartland Poultry Club - NZ .	2015 Fed Show - 3 parts
Pee Dee Poultry Show - South Carolina USA.	Monroe poultry Show
Dunedin Poultry Show 2012 – NZ.	Chicken Show 2015 – Columbia Mississippi USA.
Wyandotte Club of Australia Qld Branch State Titles 2015.	
National Poultry Show Australia 2008.	National Poultry Show 2018 Telford 1 - UK
The 2015 North Eastern Poultry Congress.	National Poultry Show – UK
‘Dixie Classic Poultry Show’ - Tennessee Valley Poultry Club USA	
2014 American Poultry Association National Show – USA.	
Crossroads of America Poultry Show 2011 – Indianapolis USA 10,276 entries, features Indian Game.	
Poultry All Ireland Youtube - 26 th National Show - 580 entries.	
Beauty Queens of Poultry Pageantry – Pioneer Poultry Show Qld.	
Nebraska State Poultry Show 2019	Turkey AI youtube
The Scottish National Poultry Show	New Hampshire Chronicle – Show Chickens
Poultry Show Ep 20 - Better Homes and Gardens Sydney Royal 2013	
Show Poultry Farming Techniques - Garden Home – Ohio National 2016	

Further sources of information equipment and assistance about the poultry world

1. Camden Poultry Club now in its 41st year. **40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW IN 2022**
C/- Graham Wright 70 Graham Rd Rossmore 2171 Ph 02 9606 5888
Meetings 2nd Monday of each month at Camden Showground. Annual Show 3rd Saturday of May. Email camdenpoultryclub@gmail.com Camden Poultry Club facebook.
2. Multiquip. www.multiquip.com.au 260 Tenth Ave Austral brooders, incubators, feeders and drinkers
3. Bellsouth. Textbooks Equipment and other poultry supplies.
C/- 8/5-7 Vesper Drive Narre Warren Vic 3805 Ph 03 9796 7044 www.bellsouth.com.au
4. Planet Poultry. Books, Healthcare, Equipment www.planetpoultry.com.au Ph 0437 542422
5. Oveds QLD. Healthcare products. www.ovedspetandhorsestore.com.au
6. Derks Pet and Rural 31 Wonga Rd Picton www.derks.com.au Ph 02 46 770093 Full range of feed. Feeders, waters, pet packs, nests, vitamins, pest products and medications.
7. If you are going to be a successful poultry breeder exhibitor **you will need a copy of the Australian Poultry Standards** Published by Victorian Poultry Fanciers Association.
Secretary VPFA PO Box 928 Shepparton Vic 3632. www.vpfa.com.au
8. Australasian Poultry - Poultry Information Publishers PO Box 438 Seymour Vic 3661 Ph 03 5792 4000 Available at most newsagents. Published every 2 months.
Internet pages. Most breeds have club websites, social media pages or breeders network groups to provide information about the breed you are interested in and contact opportunities for assistance. There are also many other general exhibition poultry groups on social media such as state poultry bodies, auction sites.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME – the history/tradition/people.

In this years history section we take a look at a lifetime in poultry of the exhibitor that goes back further at the Camden Show than anyone else. Bob Brookes from Oakdale who has recently announced his retirement as an exhibitor has an involvement that spans 7 decades at the Camden Show from the post war 1950s to the 2010s So to mark this occasion the poultry newsletters sent its senior reporter to catch up with the man, the myth, the legend that is Bob Brookes, a 66 year poultry veteran. In particular we look at the early years in the 1950s and 1960s a period that very few others in our ranks is familiar with.

In 1948 at two years of age Bob moved with his foster parents Ted and Marjorie Smith to 'Camelot' at Kirkham Lane Camden. This property will be well known to locals but to others reading this it is the location of the television series 'A Place to Call Home'. Bob lived at Camelot for 28 years. Bobs interest in exhibition poultry was ignited in 1953 when as a 7 year old he walked into town to visit his first ever Camden show. An inspection of the poultry pavilion and he was hooked with a trio of Buff Pekins purchased later that year and the breeding began!

Bobs first ever exhibition with his Buff Pekins was the 1954 Camden Show when he was 8 years old. Local taxi operator George Small was booked to provide transport for Bob and his birds to Camden Showground for Wednesday night penning. George waited while Bob penned his birds and then provided transport back home. Boxes were stored at the pavilion in those days in a small store room that that now forms part of the pavilions office.

The prominent feature of the whole show and the poultry section in this period was the Junior farmer movement which Bob was a member. Each member had to have a project that they worked on and Bob chose poultry of course. The poultry section had a subsection for junior farmers which was later renamed 'rural youth'. The winner received the 'RC Tucker' ribbon.

In these early years Bob also attended poultry auctions held in the Camden township. The first that Bob recalls were weekly auctions to coincide with the cattle sales held behind Whitemans store where the produce store is still located. This auction closed and another was later held behind Wylies Furniture store in Argyle Street fronting the present day Larkin Place car park.

Bob soon expanded his interest in Pekins by purchasing a trio of black Pekins from Arthur Smith of Granville and a trio of whites from a gentleman by the name of Harrison at Bondi Junction in the days when suburban Sydney had a lot of poultry in back yards. On the other side of the ledger he sold a trio of black Pekins to Wally Kemp of Coogee who won a softfeather championship at the Sydney Royal with them. Wally would ultimately become Bobs father in law.

Within a few years of starting Bob was on the Sydney show circuit in earnest and in 1960 he caught the train to Granville along with his mother and 4 boxes of birds to compete in the Bantam Club of NSW annual show which was held at Granville showground. By the mid sixties it was an even more elaborate trip to get Bob to his first Sydney Royal. It took a taxi and 3 to 4 trains to get to central railway station and then on to the Moore Park showground. Bobs recollection of this period at the Royal was very few breeds but very big classes as compared to today. Other shows included the long gone Bantam Club of Australia show.

Meanwhile the breed collection was expanding with Blue Pekins developed by mating a black male with light under colour to a white hen then the sports from this mating crossed back to the hen.

This era saw the presence of many of the big names in Australian poultry who had established themselves as exhibitors and judges. Among the top competitors that Bob encountered were Ian Benson and Jim Burrows with the judges roster including, Athol Giles, McGilvary, Owen French and Bill Marr all of whom I note judged Camden Show at various times.

Bob also competed in the Sydney Royal junior judging competitor in the 1960s and was a three time winner of the White Leghorn judging. The adjudicator was Ian Benson. Another popular venue for poultry competitions in this era was the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. One such competition for a team of two involved selecting the 3 birds that were laying out of a line up of 50 pullets. Bob and team mate Wayne Tildesley representing Camden Rural Youth won the competition and received 6 dressed birds as the prize.

Bobs numbers peaked at 500 birds in the late 1960s which also saw him add Rhode Island Reds, Australorps and White Wyandottes to the list of breeds.

Outside of his poultry interest in this era Bob was a champion runner having won the Fishers Ghost Fun Run in 1964 at 18 years of age. Other achievements included;

- Record holder at school over the mile and 880 yard distances.
- 3 time winner of the mile run at Camden show – held on the Friday night of the Show.
- 17th in the 1968 City to Surf.
- Two third places in the Sydney Cross Country Championship at Centennial Park. The two athletes that finished in front of Bob were members of the Australian Track and Field team for the Perth Commonwealth Games
- In the late 50s period Bob also excelled on horse back at the show in the flag races, pony scurry, bending races and walk trot gallop event.

1970 saw Bob take a lengthy break from poultry to tend to the business of a family and he was also living out of the district during this period. He returned some years later with large teams of birds in recent decades at the Camden show with his achievements well known to most of the present day exhibitors.

Personalities that Bob remembers in his early years at Camden Shows included Jack Longley, Col Dengate, Keith Thorne, Claude Mulley, RH Boardman, from Camden, Ossie Wonson with Wyandottes, John Watson with Silkies and Roden Gale with Anconas all from Picton and Peter Chowne who would travel to Camden by car from Beverley Hills with his Leghorns at a time when other entries from Sydney came by train. Bobs biggest and best wins included Champion Bird of Show at Camden in 1998 with a black Australorp bantam pullet under judge Cec Denney and a double triumph at a Penrith Poultry Club Show where he won Champion Bird of Show and Best opposite sex in show with Silkies.

Asked what Bob thought were the most notable changes he had seen in the poultry world in his time he replied the erratic nature of present day judges decisions and the need for birds to be much better presented than in the old days. Also notable was trophies in the old days were of a higher standard being mostly silverware. Today the lack of poultry in peoples back yards was very different from the old days.

In his retirement Bob plans to travel more but has also committed to continue on as a steward at the Camden Show. Below are photos of Bob with some of his winners at the Camden show.



History /Trivia Quiz Questions. Test your knowledge!

- Q1. Multiple Choice. Approximately how many poultry shows are held each year in Australia?**
(a) 250 (b) 400 (c) 550 (d) 750.
- Q2. How many different exhibitors have entered in the Junior classes at the Camden Show in the last decade?**
- Q3. Multiple choice. How many different exhibitors have entered Camden Show in the last decade?**
(a) 200 (b) 225 (c) 265 (d) 300
- Q4. How many poultry entries were at the then record breaking 1948 Sydney Royal Show?**
- Q5. During the Spanish Flu outbreak in 1919 what was the previous Camden poultry pavilion used for?**
- Q6. How much is the entry fee at the Poultry Club of Great Britains Annual Show?**

Answers

- Q1. (d) approximately 750.**
- Q2. 75.**
- Q3. (c) 265**
- Q4. 2883. This number has been eclipsed numerous times since including most recently in 2014 when 3,393 pure bred poultry entries were received.**
- Q5. For a period of two months during the pandemic the pavilion was used as a school. The show itself was cancelled that year.**
- Q6. \$16 Aus. for non members, \$11 for members and annual membership is \$75.**

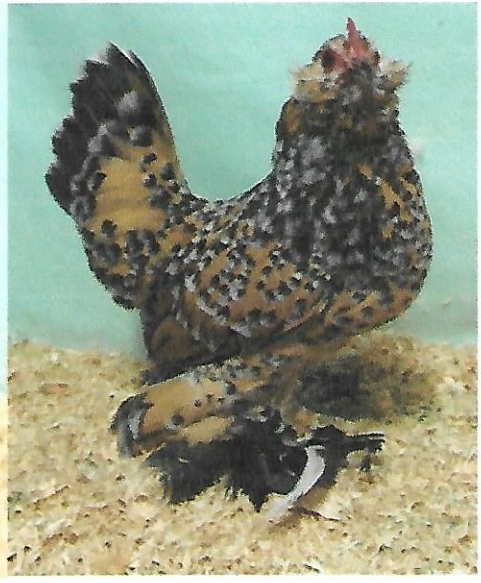
SOME OF THE WINNERS CAMDEN SHOW 2014



Champion Indian Runner Michael Peel Drake



Champion Harfeather Pair Bruce Tiyce Moderns



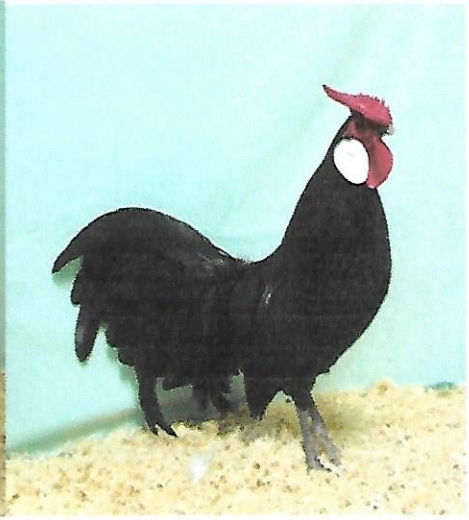
Champion Belgian Gregor Mackenzie D'Uccle



Champion Japanese Cath Sheil Black Tail White



Champion Wyandotte Bob Brookes White Bantam



Champion Softfeather Bantam Male

Bruce Tiyce Rosecomb



Champion Softfeather Large

Bruce Boardman Langshan



Champion Harfeather Bantam

Bower & Graham Australian Game



Reserve Champion Waterfowl

Michael Peel Pekin Drake

SOME OF THE WINNERS CAMDEN SHOW 2014

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2015 CAMDEN SHOW



Reserve Softfeather in Show
John Graveur Minorca Cockerel

Champion Softfeather in Show
Stallard Sharpe Australorp Ckl

Grand Champion of Show
Jones Family Aust. Game

Reserve Champion Waterfowl
Les Simone Emden Goose



Best Bantam Eggs
Bill & Robyn Smith – Tinted

Reserve Champion Plate of Eggs
Camden High School – Waterfowl

Best White Bantam Eggs
Kayla Cassar

Best Brown Bantam Eggs
Kayla Cassar



Best Blue or Green Shell Eggs
Daniel Guthrie

Best Brown Shell Eggs
Kayla Cassar

Winner class with most entries
Jessica Donohue – Large Tinted

Champion Plate of Eggs
Daniel Guthrie – Large White

SOME OF THE WINNERS 2015 CAMDEN SHOW



Champion Modern Game
Robyn Stallard Duckwing



Champion Silkie
Libby Williams Black Male



Champion Indian Game
Sonia Green Bantam Female



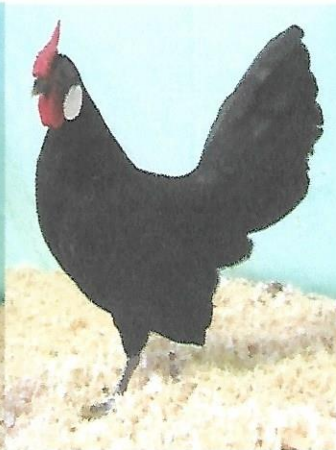
Champion Sussex
John Graveur Bantam Male



Champion Hamburg
P & L Williams Silver Spangle



Champion Pair of Show
Cath Sheil White Japanese



Champion Junior Exhibit
Stacey Keeble Black Rosecomb



Ch. Hardfeather Bantam Male
Jones Family Australian Game



Ch. Softfeather Large Female
Bob Brookes Langshan Female



Ch. Hardfeather Large Male
William Linger Pit Game



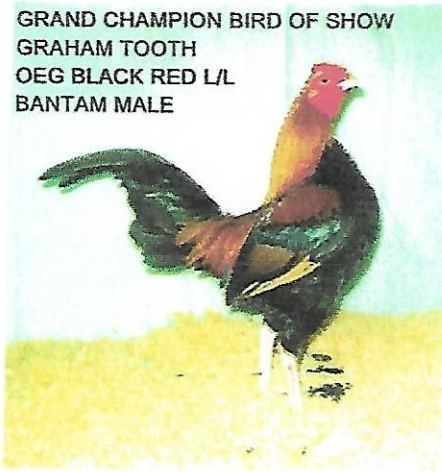
Reserve Hardfeather in Show
Stallard Sharpe Large Pit Female



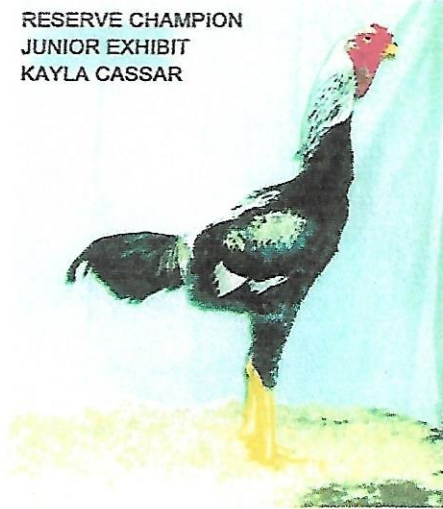
Ch. Softfeather Bantam Female
Bob Brookes Black Langshan.

SOME OF THE WINNERS CAMDEN SHOW 2011.

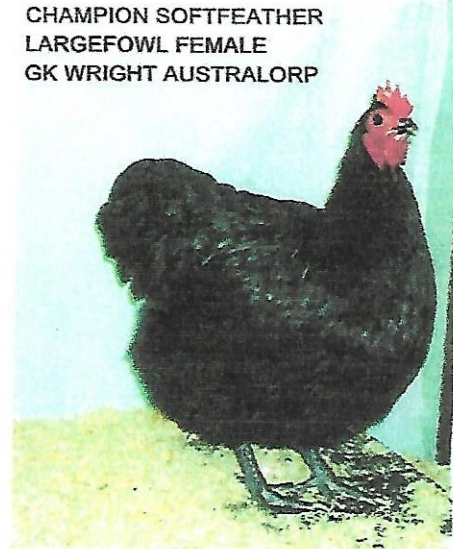
**GRAND CHAMPION BIRD OF SHOW
GRAHAM TOOTH
OEG BLACK RED L/L
BANTAM MALE**



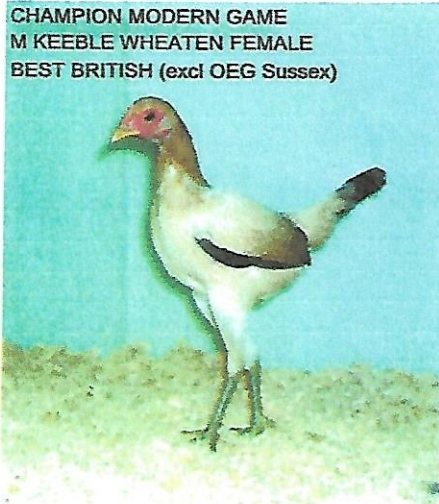
**RESERVE CHAMPION
JUNIOR EXHIBIT
KAYLA CASSAR**



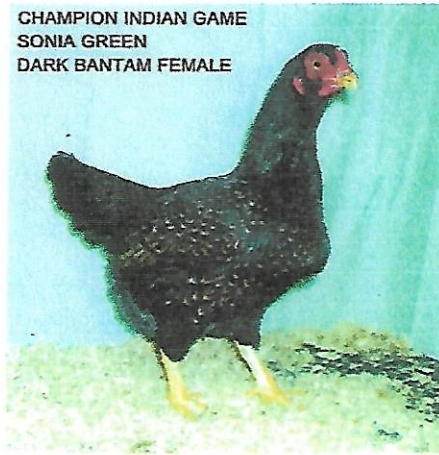
**CHAMPION SOFTFEATHER
LARGE FOWL FEMALE
GK WRIGHT AUSTRALORP**



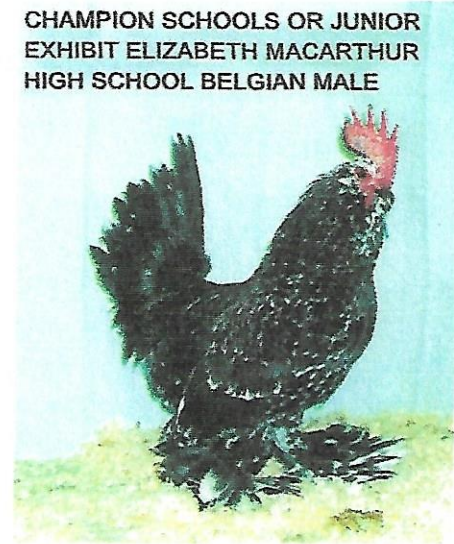
**CHAMPION MODERN GAME
M KEEBLE WHEATEN FEMALE
BEST BRITISH (excl OEG Sussex)**



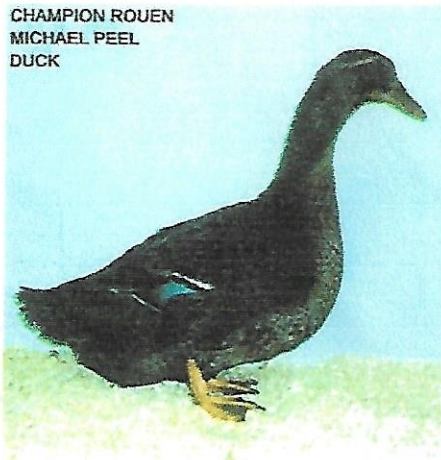
**CHAMPION INDIAN GAME
SONIA GREEN
DARK BANTAM FEMALE**



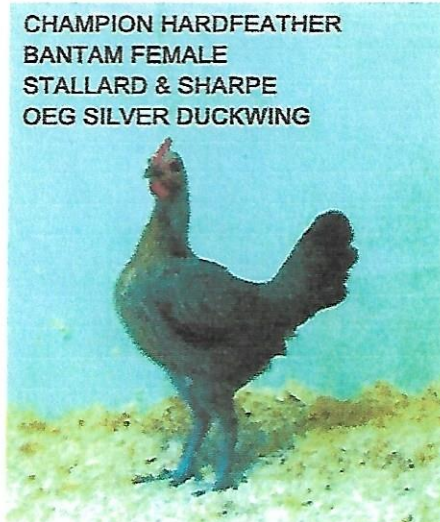
**CHAMPION SCHOOLS OR JUNIOR
EXHIBIT ELIZABETH MACARTHUR
HIGH SCHOOL BELGIAN MALE**



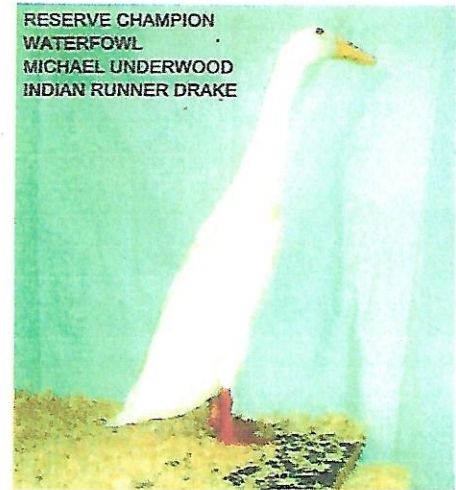
**CHAMPION ROUEN
MICHAEL PEEL
DUCK**



**CHAMPION HARDFEATHER
BANTAM FEMALE
STALLARD & SHARPE
OEG SILVER DUCKWING**



**RESERVE CHAMPION
WATERFOWL
MICHAEL UNDERWOOD
INDIAN RUNNER DRAKE**

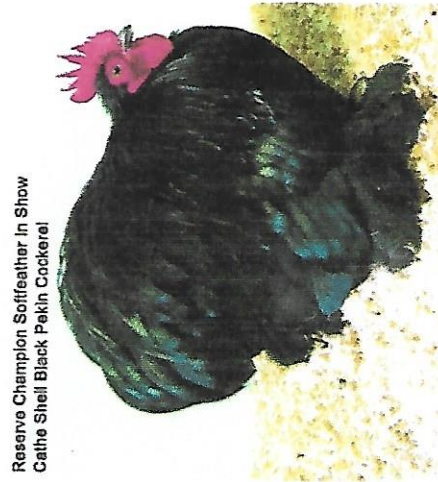


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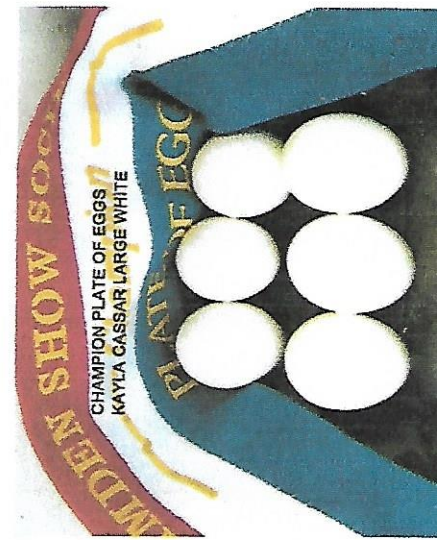
SOME OF THE WINNERS CAMDEN SHOW 2010.



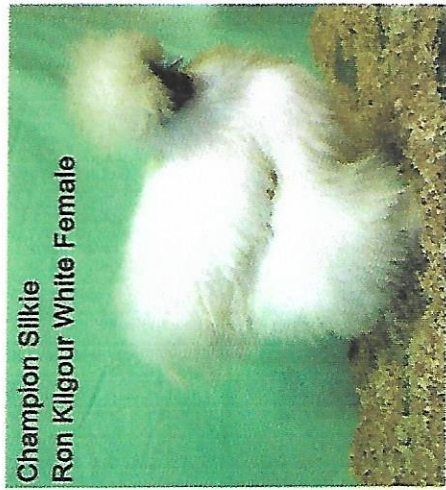
Grand Champion
Bird of Show
Tara Poultry black
Langshan Pullet



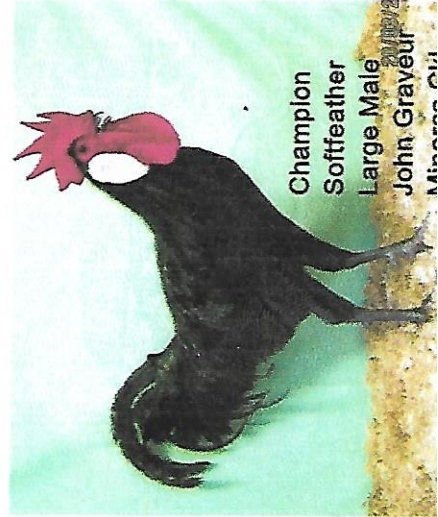
Reserve Champion Soffeather In Show
Cathie Shell Black Pekin Cockerel



Champion
Soffeather
Large Pair
N & L Lynch
Blue Langshans



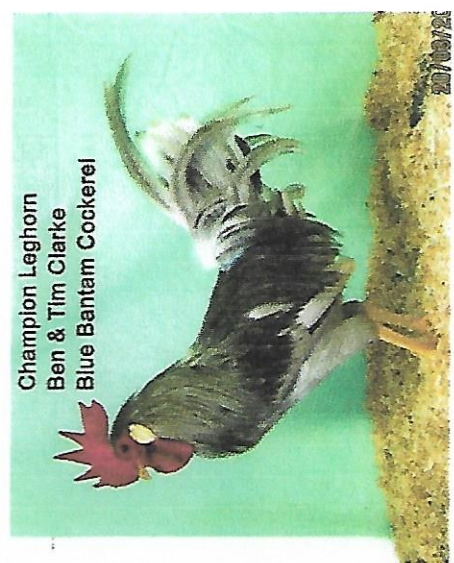
Champion Silkie
Ron Kilgour White Female



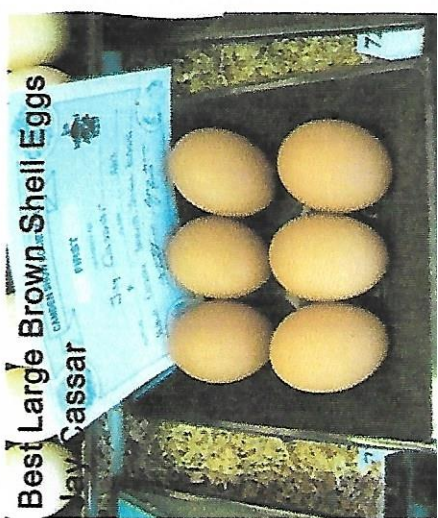
Champion
Soffeather
Large Male
John Graveur



Champion
Soffeather
Bantam Female
Tara Poultry
Australorp Pit



Champion Leghorn
Ben & Tim Clarke
Blue Bantam Cockerel



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BEST ROSECOMB BRUCE TIYCE CKL



BEST MALLARD
MICHAEL UNDERWOOD
WHITE DUCK



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BEST PLATE BROWN BANTAM EGGS
KAYLA CASSAR
Quality
Let's Show Us Some Passion



CHAMPION BIRD OF SHOW
MICHAEL PEEL ROUEN DRAKE



CHAMPION PAIR OF SHOW
JOHN GRAVEUR SUSSEX BANTAMS



CHAMPION SOFTFEATHER
LARGE FEMALE



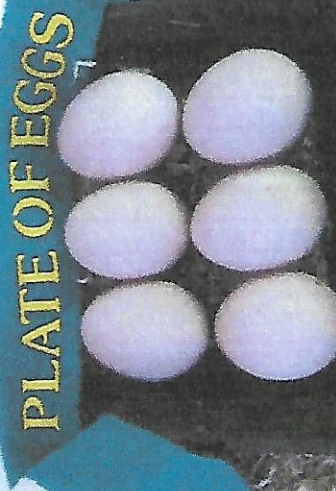
RES. CHAMPION SOFTFEATHER
CATH SHEIL PEKIN FEMALE



BEST SILKIE
JAMES CASSAR WHITE FEMALE



CHAMPION PLATE OF EGGS
MRS K FORBES



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