

# THE BRAHMA CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi to all Members,

What a brilliant display of Brahma's at our second Annual Club Show.. Congratulations to all the exhibitors for presenting their birds in fine fettle for Bruce Pattinson, his second consecutive judging appointment for the Brahma Club. Many Thanks to Bruce, for his valued time and efforts, and his judging comments that we can take back to the breeding pen.

I cannot praise the Central Coast Poultry Club enough for their diligence and hard work involved in preparing and cleaning up their marvelous pavilion to host the two breed clubs. This relationship looks to continue for the next years show but with more input by its members on the organizational and layout aspects.

A big thank you goes to Carol and Khris for the majority of effort towards our show and the newsletters. If it wasn't for these two Indians the cogs would stop turning.

Most of the feedback from the show was that there wasn't enough time..... Time to exchange ideas; receive advice on breeding programs and problems; obtain additional breeding stock from fellow exhibitors etc. It just seemed flat out from start to finish. A different format proposed for next year may help.

I was able to catch up with Don Jones during the show, who made available to me a trio of his typey Dark Brahma bantams. In concentrating on breeding my standard Brahma's I've neglected the bantams, having dispersed my last project (that of the gold) a couple of years ago. Sadly there was no patronage of the Gold bantam classes at our second annual show.

A longer time has lapsed since I have bred the light bantams, but I don't have to go far to see them, as Ron Smith from Newbridge took them over where I left off. Ron has found it difficult to obtain some fresh blood for his Light bantams so we decided to select the smallest standard lights from my flock to cross with them. The bantams should get a vigour boost, as my standard birds have not been crossed with bantam blood for over 12 years. In previous years I have discarded these smaller birds but I feel they do have a place in a bantam program.

On the other end of the scale, my oldest light cock bird died suddenly, recently, without showing any signs of illness. He was in prime condition, which prompted me to put him on the scales. He weighed out at 5.23 kilograms (11.5 lbs.) which is encouraging to think our Brahma's can achieve the upper end of the standard weights.

A letter was sent to the secretaries of both the Brahma and Belgian Bantam clubs by a concerned junior member, Michael Mills, relating to the health of the birds at the 2002 show. While I may not have the diagnostic powers that Michael possesses, I do feel that the show pen has no room for ill thrift and infested birds. This issue will have to be addressed by both clubs over the coming months to find an easy solution.

In most shows the poultry shows with open competition, the championship pens are usually filled with Black fowls. This is usually the norm at shows such as Dubbo, but 2002 saw a more colourful result with a Gold Brahma Cockerel in the Reserve Champion Softfeather Standard pen. Dubbo is a progressive club that has catered for Brahma's for the last four years.

This brings me to the Brahma Standard, and in particular the colour standard. At the 2002 AGM, the membership passed a motion to include twenty new colours taken from the Wyandotte Standard and the Modern Game Standard, as well as changing the name of two Brahma colours. This motion was tabled very suddenly with little or no time for members to study the various Standards and to make an informed decision.

As I mentioned previously, the fact that black fowls dominate champion pens, a lot more thought is needed in formulating a black standard for our Brahma's, to be able to compete in open competition. Brahma's along with Wyandotte's, Cochins and Pekins all have Yellow legs, but when you breed them in the Black variety all sorts of problems arise. Undercolour in the plumage, eye colour, beak colour and leg colour are all affected when you combine these two conditions.

Let me first state the Wyandotte standard specific to black in full: ***"Male and Female Plumage - web, fluff and shafts of all feathers in all sections, Black. Surface lustrous, greenish black... Undercolour Black"....."Beak colour-Bright Yellow."....."Eyes-reddish Bay..... Comb, face, wattles and earlobes-Bright Red. Shanks and toes - Yellow"***

If we were to adopt the Wyandotte standard in full, the Black and some of the other new colours would be very difficult to achieve and therefore would be unable to compete with other breeds of fowls in the same colour. To do justice for the Brahma, we have the unique opportunity to pick and choose through the Australian Poultry Standards and provide a formula that is advantageous and more specific to the breed. Still using the Black as an example, and looking through the Standard we can find the Black Cochin, which states: ***"Male and Female.....rich black, well glossed, free from golden or Reddish feathers. Beak- Yellow, Horn or Black. Eyes- Bright Red, Dark Red, Hazel or nearly black, Legs- Dusky Yellow"*** This would be more relevant to Brahma's, but we can go further and find parts of the Black Pekin Standard that would be an advantage. It states in part: ***"Male plumage undercolour-dark. Light undercolour is permissible provided it does not show through whilst the bird is in a natural stance. "Shanks and feet- Yellow, darker legs are permissible provided the soles of the feet and the back of the shanks are Yellow."***

I feel that the colour standard that is to be adopted needs more collaboration and discussion amongst our membership to gain as many ideas as possible before a final draft is put forward. The club was formed as a collection of members to make informed decisions and is not designed for individuals with private agendas.

I therefore emphasize that any important proposals or motions has to be formally admitted to the Club Secretary prior to the AGM so members can be informed through a Newsletter or similar communication. By now members would realize my sentiments concerning the motion. May I state therefore that I voted against the motion at the AGM.

On a lighter note, I hope everyone's preparation, for the coming breeding season are running smoothly.

Wishing you all well.  
Andrew

# **PRESIDENT OF VICE**

(Vice President)

Hi All Brahma club members,

I hope everyone is well and have managed to avoid all those nasty colds and flues that seem to be around this time of year.

Well that time of year is fast approaching us all and it is time to get out our incubators and hatchers, dust them off, test out the temperature and get the humidity levels correct before we embark on the breeding season. A good book to buy and is an asset to any serious breeder is *Guide to Better Hatching* by Janet Stronberg.

## **Anyway here are some tips:**

- 1 Set only fresh eggs 7 days old at the most.
- 2 Follow precisely the incubator instructions.
- 3 Feed especially well 6 weeks prior to egg collection.
- 4 Make sure the birds are not infested with lice or mites particularly at the start of the season.
- 5 Maintain the best sanitation.
- 6 Make sure there is adequate drinking and feeding space per bird.
- 7 Prior to Incubation maintain the eggs at 45-55 F degrees. For the heathens this equates to about 10 C.
- 8 Turn eggs a minimum of twice per day, more if at all possible and/practical.
- 9 Absence to make sure of active male birds. Separate the males for a few days.
- 10 Maintain healthy breeding females.

## **Reasons for Poor Hatches.**

- 1 Infertile eggs.
- 2 Eggs to old when set.
- 3 Parent stock weak, unhealthy or fed a nutritionally deficient diet.
- 4 Improper care of eggs prior to incubation.
- 5 Shell contamination.
- 6 Eggs not turned often enough.
- 7 Temperatures to High / Low or variable.
- 8 To Little or to much Humidity.
- 9 Improper ventilation.
- 10 Oxygen starvation.

Also, don't forget about those broody hens, as they do a marvelous job without all the worries of the incubator or power failure. As long as your broody has a safe, clean and sheltered nest. Also dust it with Pesticide to kill off mites and lice. Access to food and water and away your broody goes.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thanks to the Central Coast Poultry Club, for hosting our Brahma Clubs Annual Show and AGM. The facilities were excellent, and also Thanks for providing the BBQ breakfast and Lunch and the afternoon tea. I am sure that next year, as our Brahma Club grows, it will be even bigger and better.

I would like to congratulate all the show winners, and the way they presented the birds. Well done. Maybe next year we could have a couple of volunteers to help with Show day, as many hands make light work. In only our third year there has been a marked improvement in our Brahma. I am sure that this will continue.

Regards Bryan.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone. Thanks to everyone who voted me in again as Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to welcome to all the new members also, some of whom I was fortunate enough to meet at the Annual show. Congratulations to Andrew Rathbone who was unanimously voted in as President again, to Bryan Jon who again was voted in as Vice President and Khris Abuid as Patron. We have all worked well as a team and I'm sure we will continue to do so.

Khris and I came home feeling very keen for our next Annual Show, and I do hope that we as a whole have a great breeding season, as our hopes are to have 200 plus birds on Show next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped to get our fundraising so high. Some members excelled themselves, which was very much appreciated. Further details of the amount are in the Treasurers Report elsewhere in this issue.

What a lovely welcome we received at Central Coast Poultry Club, the premises are superb and for those who weren't at Castle Hill you cannot imagine the difference there was in the shedding and cleanliness of the place.

It was unfortunate that we were a bit cramped this year but I've been reassured that it will be better next year and I know from what I have seen that I can mentally place what will be where. I have a lot of ideas on how to improve next year's show and some fundraising ideas, but please, the more ideas the better. One idea presented was the possibility of a fruit or vegie basket, but the unfortunate side to that are "Fruit Fly" restrictions in various areas of the different states. It would not be fair on those who live in or have to travel through those areas. An option to that would be to have a Winner having first choice of a selection of prizes and second draw getting what's left, although this could still lead to the same problems.

It has been suggested that we start to sponsor clubs that put on Brahma classes in their shows, with a Sashe. We already sponsor the Newcastle show each year, as they put on Brahma classes, so if you know of a club who puts on classes for Brahma, let us know and we could look at getting either sashes or Rosettes for sponsorship. It would be a way to encourage more breeders to exhibit Brahma's.

Another suggestion was to hold a mid year fundraiser. Can members get back to me on the feelings for this idea, personally, I'm all for it. For those members who were not able to make it to the AGM and Show, it went well, but new ideas were asked for-re Fundraising, Show Improvement also items for the Newsletters ie, What do you feed your birds? Do you change for the breeding season? What do you do to keep your birds healthy? How do you prepare your birds for showing? These are all questions that other members are asking. Maybe they will change the way they do things or maybe you will change the way you do things by reading each other's ideas. Please put pen to paper. Literacy is NO excuse. We can always reword if and as required.

Anyway that's about it from me, again Thanks for the vote of confidence in me.

Carol

## TREASURER'S REPORT

		Expenditure	Income	
Opening Balance				479.30
1/4/2002	Gov. Debits Tax	00.30		479.00
20/5/2002	Aust Post May Newsletter	22.80		456.20
27/5/2002	Computer Sashes Show plus extra Sashes plus edging	119.37		336.83
1/6/2002	Gov. Debits Tax	1.60		335.23
5/6/2002	Spotlight Fabric for Displays	12.48		322.75
12/6/2002	Castlemaine Office Supplies Cartridge	45.00		277.75
25/6/2002	Castlemaine Cellars Wine for the Judge as gift.	18.45		259.30
1/7/2002	Gov. Debits Tax	00.90		258.40
5/7/2002	Big W Copy Paper	13.50		244.90
12/7/2002	Memberships \$261.00 Show Entries \$158.50 Fundraising/Donations \$721.50		1,141.00	1,385.90
24/7/2002	A Rathbone For Trophies and Engraving of Trophies	65.60		1,320.30
19/8/2002	E.P.A Fees and Insurance	79.00		<b>1,241.30</b>

## PATRON'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Once again thank you for voting me into this position.

By now everyone is recovering from the Annual Show and AGM. The venue was great, and even better still for those of us who had a way to travel it was certainly a godsend that we didn't have to spend a couple of hours cleaning up our mess after the show.

I know that we have all thanked Central Coast Poultry Club and their members but I would really like to take the opportunity to Thank them all here and to Don Jones, who was instrumental in suggesting then helping to make the transition from Castle Hill to Central Coast so smooth and easy. I can tell you all now for the extra hours driving, it was worth every second of it as far as I was concerned being the driver. For those who were not able to attend, it is a brilliant venue and this next Annual Show there will definitely be a get together on the Saturday evening, which didn't happen this year due to a number of circumstances. On that subject, in the Newsletter before the show members will be asked to identify whether or not they will be coming to the get-together so that we can ensure the venue don't get us as a surprise.

One unfortunate thing was that the photo's I took didn't work out. My fault for not checking out the new second hand flash I had bought a couple of months previously.

At the moment I am working on a website for the club. If any member has information that they feel would be suitable please send it to me, preferably electronically.

I hope we all have a great breeding season.

Khris

## MEMBERS LETTERS

To Whom it may concern,

It has raised mine, and several other club members concern, of the high amount of diseased and parasite affected birds present at the last Belgian/Brahma club Show, held at the Central Coast Club Pavilion. It is obvious that the show bench is no place for birds that are diseased or parasite affected and I was surprised to see that the judges of the day gave a number of these birds placings. It was clear that both the judges and the clubs took these issues lightly, as nothing was done about it. When in fact these issues should be taken very seriously as every bird present on the day is at risk.

As I walked down each isle there was at least one bird of which was in bad condition, with symptoms ranging from that of Mareks disease, Coccidiosis, various respiratory problems, lice, flea and worm infestations. Most of these can be carried on just by contact and something as simple as the judge doing his job or the shaking of hands could take out an exhibitors pride and joy.

Blame should not be pushed onto the club or any individual, but it should be taken in mind that this is an issue of the exhibitors as a whole. As they are the ones that let this continue.

A resolution for these problems could be something as simple as a routine check up, where each and every bird is looked over by the judge, veterinarian or a steward before the show begins, and I advise all exhibitors to talk to the club secretaries about this issue as nothing can be done without your consent, as you are what makes the club what it is.

Hopefully this is not taken lightly and I hope to see a pavilion of healthy, stunning birds next year.

From a concerned junior member,

Yours sincerely

Michael Mills

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My interest in Brahma Bantams was generated after reading an article in The Australasian Poultry Magazine, on Don Jones and his Light Brahma while living and showing at Geelong in Victoria. I purchased a trio of Brahma advertised in the local paper very near to where we were living at Indented Head.

From these first Brahma (which I believe to have been made up by John Mercieca, who also made up Buff Cochins) from these earlier matings I noticed some chickens were of a Buff colour and some pure White. So I decided to go with the Buff colour. Since then I have shown against Don Jones and have decided to join the Central Coast Poultry Club where I hope to get some competition.

This leads me to attempt at breeding Gold Brahma's. I am in the position of having two strains of Brahma Bantam, one strain, Dark Brahma rooster from NSW over Buff Columbian or just Buff. This first mating I am pleased with and will inbreed to bring out the recessive colour. I am now waiting for these pullets to lay bigger eggs.

Any feedback on how to achieve a better result would be appreciated.

Hope to see you all at the Brahma Show.

Yours in Poultry

Garry O'Donnell

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## Memories of the Brahma

(by Leigh Keidge)

There are precious few true "old poultrymen" around these days. Most of them are more than happy to sit down with you and chat about chooks. They are an invaluable source of first hand experience and knowledge that you can't find in a book. Maybe they are the inspiration to many modern day poultry fanciers to re-create and maintain the old breeds of poultry that, for various reasons over the decades, died out in this country. One of these men is Les Dowdle.

Les has been breeding and showing various breeds of poultry since 1925. There was a time when Les was showing up to 14 different breeds at once with considerable enjoyment and success. He has bred and shown most breeds of hard feather and soft feather breeds in both bantam and standard size, however his all-time favourite breeds are Pekins and Dark-Barred Plymouth Rocks to which he still shows today. But one of his most memorable breeds were his Large Light Brahma's.

Les saw his first Light Brahma at a poultry show in Murgon in 1930. they belonged to a gentleman, Mr Barber, who originally imported the birds from England. Although living in Gympie, Mr Barber would follow the poultry shows north and take a selection of various fowls with him for showing. Les obtained the Brahma's when Mr Barber came into hard financial times due to most of the Gympie mines closing. Although Les was very successful in showing and breeding his Brahma's, the breed was becoming rare even back then as he never saw any other Brahma's at other poultry shows.

By 1945, Les was living in Gayndah and was having great difficulty in locating a Brahma cockerel to breed with his Brahma hen. Many poultry judges were asked to try and locate another breeder of the birds. Even a poultry magazine editor was enlisted to help with the search. Although these men traveled all over Australia, a cockerel could not be found. For that reason, Les used a large Columbian Wyandotte over his Brahma hen and planned to breed with the offspring. One afternoon in the summer of 1946, Les returned home from work one afternoon to find his Brahma hen dead. The temperature that day had soared to 115 degrees and his 7 year old Brahma hen had died from heat stress. With the demands of a growing family, the remaining crossed offspring ended up on the dinner table.

By the time Les had started with his Light Brahmas, the breed had already lost a considerable amount of their original size when compared to when they were first imported into this country. Over the 16 years that Les had his Brahmas, he saw a gradual decline in the popularity in soft-feathered breeds. One of the main reasons was the rapidly increasing interest in high production egg-laying breeds with egg laying competitions being commonplace. Perhaps the Brahma of old is more remembered because the breed virtually became extinct. It is only because of years of patient re-creating from dedicated fanciers and the "old poultrymen" who give guidance and advice from their own "hands on" experience that have stopped the Brahma from only being a picture in a book.

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## Minutes of The Brahma Club of Australia AGM

1. Held: Central Coast Poultry Clubrooms

On: Sunday 30 June 2002

Meeting Opened	10.30 am
Present	Khris Abuid, Ron Smith, Don Jones, M Lavender, J Bunn, Tom Saunders, David Saunders, Gary O'Donnell, Bruce Pattinson, Alex King, Julia Mills, Michael Mills, Bryan Jon, Bruce Raines, Dale Baker, Skye Baker, Neal Lynch, Vicky Mayne, Cliff Virtue, Lance Hicks, Carol Abuid, Andrew Rathbone
Apologies	Nil
Presidents Welcome	Andrew welcomed everyone to our third show and thanked The Central Coast Poultry Club for the use of their first class facilities. Andrew also noted that the club's membership had quadrupled in the 2 years that we have been going and Thanked all the members for their support over the last 2 years of his Presidency.
Secretary's Report	Carol pointed out that the membership now stood at 47, which was good considering we started with 10 members 2 years ago. There wasn't a lot to say, but thanked Central Coast for the use of their rooms. Still needed more input from members re the Newsletter and also ideas for the fundraiser. This year it was live birds. M: A Rathbone S: B Jon Carried
Treasurers Report	Without the Show monies, raffle or current membership monies the balance was \$259.30 A full report in the next Newsletter. M: C Abuid S: B Jon Carried
Vice Presidents Report	Bryan mentioned that maybe we could have the AGM the day before the show so that we were free on Showday to mix and talk chook. During this report some discussions took place on the merits of holding the AGM on the Saturday. It was pointed out that the pigeon shed would be unavailable on the Saturday. (Bryan commented that not to worry, Don would have another shed built by next year) It was ultimately agreed that we would hold the AGM on the Saturday at 4pm next year. Moved: C Abuid S: L Hicks Carried
Correspondence	Discussions took place re Insurance. Carol noted that we had not heard from the EPA re Insurance yet other clubs had. The members were informed that the grounds were covered by the Raceclub and that Central Coast had the shed covered. Lance made the suggestion that we look at joining Central Coast as an associate club. Don Jones and Warwick Saunders were going to discuss at the next Central Coast meeting in a few weeks time. The pro's and cons of Incorporation were discussed. Khris pointed out that being Incorporated didn't cover members from being taken to court, and quoted a case in Victoria in which he was involved. <b>Motion: That we renew Insurance with EPA</b> M: C Abuid S: D Saunders Carried Correspondence tabled for members to view. M: D Saunders S: D Jones Carried
Minutes of AGM	Andrew read out the minutes of the AGM of 1 July 2001 at Castle Hill Showgrounds
Business Arising	Michael Lavender asked the President of his views of Vulture Hocks. Andrew responded that he views them as a minor defect at the moment, but

	<p>hopefully as time goes on we will be able to get rid of them completely.</p>
<p>General Business</p>	<p>Michael asked the Vice President his views on Vulture Hocks.</p> <p>Bryan responded by pointing out in the book by Dr Joseph Batty, that there is a difference between stiff quilled and soft Vulture Hocks. Bryan also pointed out that it was pertinent to the overall shape of the birds. He has tried to cutout vulture hocks last year and in doing so lost footfeather. Don Jones agreed that he had also found that problem.</p> <p>Andrew felt that it would be a long time before they were eradicated. It was agreed that there were more important issues as far as type, that should take priority.</p> <p>Lance described the need for Vulture hocks to be "short and curly".</p> <p><b>Motion: Vulture hocks to be regarded as a minor defect.</b></p> <p>M: D Jones S: B Jon Carried</p> <p>Discussions again took place on the vexed issue of colours.</p> <p>Alex King pointed out that they are asking for submissions for the next edition of the Australian Poultry Standards.</p> <p>There was again debate on what is called what and where whether it be here the US, Europe or the UK. One colour that was discussed at length was the Gold/Partridge and whether or not they are one in the same. That issue still was not cleared up as it appears that the Partridge in the UK is derived from Gold Laced Wyandotte.</p> <p><b>Motion: That the Light and Dark Brahma's retain their names and all other colours in Wyandotte Standard be recognised as Brahma colours with the same names of colours as Wyandotte Standard. Leg feathers to be appropriate colours to body colour.</b></p> <p>M: L Hicks S: A King Carried (3Against 1 Undecided)</p> <p>Bruce Raines suggested that we have 5-6 colours in the Standards and all other colours go into AOV.</p> <p>With the discussions about the creation of new colours Bruce pointed out that they need 7 years or more to breed true. Lance disagreed saying by using the current Wyandotte Standards, the colours are already defined and as with all breeds and colours, the standards are what we all aspire to breed to. Lance cited the case of the Red Cuckoo Wyandotte, which was created 2 years ago and is in the Wyandotte Standards already. He pointed out that you already had the cuckoo pattern and standard and it was only an issue of colour that was changed.</p> <p>Bruce Raines felt we should stand back and look at the birds that we have at the moment, and perfect them for type and size first before we go the way of the Belgians with all pretty colours, but in a lot of cases lacking in type.</p> <p>Andrew made the statement that he felt the motion would cause a lot of confusion and discussion in the future.</p> <p>Alex mentioned that in the 1920's after the show at the Alexander Gardens, that double mating came in. Alex felt that the Darks now were a bit of a hotch potch because of this, with a lot of males showing a lot of white on the breast. This was discussed and Don Jones made mention that he did not believe in double mating and Khris also agreed saying that we aren't double mated and he felt that it was abnormal.</p> <p>Ron Smith pointed out that in the game birds there is only 7 points for colour. Alex then pointed out that we need the points altered as the allotment in the Brahma's is 30 points.</p>

	M: C Abuid S: V Mayne Carried.
Election of Office Bearers	President: Andrew Rathbone M: B Jon S: D Jones Carol pointed out the problem that because we have used the same Constitution as The Belgian Bantam Club that the President could only stand for 2 years and did we want to change it. <b>Motion: That we delete the line in the Constitution: "The Presidents term of office shall, however, not exceed two successive years".</b> M: K Abuid S: C Abuid Carried Unanimously Vice President B Jon M: C Abuid S: L Hicks Secretary C Abuid M: B Jon S: L Hicks Treasurer C Abuid M: D Jones S: K Abuid Patron K Abuid M: C Abuid S: B Jon
Meeting Closed	12.10pm

## Show Results

At the **Orange Show**, Andrew Rathbone managed a clean sweep in the Rare Breeds section:

Champion Standard Rare Breed..... Light Pullet

Reserve Champion Standard Rare Breed ..... Light Cock

Champion Rare Breed Bantam ..... Belgian Bantam Millefleur Cock

Reserve Champion Rare Breed Bantam ..... Belgian Bantam Millefleur Pullet

## Brahma Club of Australia Annual Show

Judges Report.

Brahma Club Show 2002

It was a great pleasure to again judge the Brahma Club Show in the excellent facilities of the Central Coast Poultry Club shed. The pens showed the birds off very well and the light is great. Thanks to those who organised the show as it was extremely well done this year.

The large fowl were my first port of call. The Lights were an extremely strong group of birds with the numbers up on last year. I thought the quality was as well. These birds, as a whole showed good type and the foot feather, hooded brows and size were excellent. The male I chose eventually as Best in Show really was a high quality bird with the pullet not far behind. The legs colour in some of these larger fowl had faded a bit and it needs to be remembered that white in legs is a fault. These birds had improved as a class on the birds shown at Castle Hill in 2001.

The large Darks were also stronger with some very impressive birds in the classes. Some are still short on feather and the heads are too narrow but this was not a problem with the better birds. The best of these birds were challenging for majors but just were a bit short. Some good fowl were also to be seen in the Golds (Partridge coloured) and the Buff Columbians, which had also improved but are still behind the others in type and size but certainly are improving.

The other colours were a mixed bag but there were some birds that were very good Brahma type. It will help to have these 'off colours' standardised so breeders have a specific target. Too many

narrow heads, no eyebrow and birds that were very Wyandotte in type were the obvious problems to be overcome. Some good Blacks with yellow legs were to be seen and the type of all the colours was better in general.

The bantams were really a repeat of the large with some incredibly big classes such as twenty- two. This makes the judging fun. The best was a Light female, which showed the classic lines of the type and was in great show form. All the comments about the large can be repeated here but the classes were much stronger than last year and gone were the Pekin types of last year. The birds could do with some more foot feather to balance them as many had bare legs and toes, but many of these were very young birds not yet mature.

One major flaw in the bantams was size. Many of the birds were too small and were losing type. Some were underweight and had sharp breast- bones. More positively the birds were beautifully prepared this year, clean legs and feather. Many had been washed. This makes it much more pleasant to judge. Thanks to my steward, Alex, for making my job easy and to the club for the privilege.

Bruce Pattinson

Sunday, 30 June 2002

### Standard

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Standard Light Cock	B Raines	B Raines	A Rathbone
Standard Light Hen	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	A Rathbone
Standard Light Ckl.	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	A Rathbone
Standard Light Pullet	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	A Rathbone
Standard Dark Cock	T&D Saunders		
Standard Dark Ckl	B Jon	B Jon	B Jon
Standard Dark Pullet	B Jon	B Jon	B Jon
Standard Gold Cock	A Rathbone		
Standard Gold Hen	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	
Standard Gold Ckl	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	
Standard Gold Pullet	B Jon	B Jon	
Standard Buff Cock	A Rathbone		
Standard Buff Hen	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	
Standard Buff Ckl	A Rathbone		
Standard Buff Pullet	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	A Rathbone
Standard Black Hen	A Rathbone		
Standard Black Pullet	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	B Jon
Standard AOC Pullet	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	
Standard Pairs	A Rathbone	A Rathbone	

### Bantam

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Bantam Light Cock	N&A Lynch	B Raines	B Raines
Bantam Light Hen	N&A Lynch	M&J Mills	N&A Lynch
Bantam Light Ckl	L Waters	B Raines	N&A Lynch

Bantam Light Pullet	B Raines	L Waters	L Waters
Bantam Dark Cock	N&A Lynch	T&D Saunders	
Bantam Dark Hen	N&A Lynch	N&A Lynch	N&A Lynch
Bantam Dark Ckl	M Lavender	M Lavender	D Jones
Bantam Dark Pullet	M Lavender	D Jones	N Florczak
Bantam Buff Cock	G O'Donnell		
Bantam Buff Hen	G O'Donnell		
Bantam Buff Ckl	K&C Abuid		
Bantam Black Hen	K&C Abuid		
Bantam AOC Cock	D&T Saunders	G O'Donnell	
Bantam AOC Hen	M&J Mills	D&T Saunders	G O'Donnell
Bantam AOC Ckl	K&C Abuid	K&C Abuid	K&C Abuid
Bantam Pairs	D&T Saunders	M&J Mills	D Jones

### Juniors

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Light Cock	T&M Saunders		
Dark Hen	T&M Saunders		
AOC Cock	T&M Saunders		
AOC Hen	T&M Saunders		
AOC Ckl	J Bunn	J Bunn	
AOC Pullet	J Bunn	J Bunn	J Bunn
Pairs	T&M Saunders		

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JULY. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST  
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**FULL MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00**

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$7.00  
(16 YEARS AND UNDER)**

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