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Part 2

ANNUAL SHOW of the LICHFIELD & DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB February 14th 2015

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Photo: Pair of Silkies by Richard Boden.

Lichfield Poultry Club members produced a great entry for us to judge on the day with the hall full of around 350 exhibits. Most classes were well supported especially in the True Bantam, Asian and Game sections

After a long period of deliberation all section winners were in their respective show pens on championship row. A huge task was in front of Dave Hackett with the large entry of Oxford game fowl in this section, which requires time to be taken on each bird as its assessed for balance when judging proving to be very time consuming.

Nancie's section of True Bantam had good competition in the Dutch classification with a few birds very close to taking top prize cards along with a Belgian female made it a very difficult choice for Best Bird in this section.

In the Soft Feather classes there were a great deal of really good birds, but lost points on broken feathers, poor preparation on feet and legs which caused them to fail in getting into the cards.

The Rare section, although smaller entries, proved to have top quality birds in the section. Very well show prepared and really excellent type conforming to PCGB standard.

Our final choice went to an outstanding Red Saddled Yokohama put down to perfection by Mick Cotterel & son Iain taking award of Best In Show. This bird was faultless and a well worthy example of what time and effort can produce, both in its breeding programme and showmanship.

The same is dittoed in the winning bird owned by Philip Lamb - that was an OEG bantam male, which took the honour of Reserve Best In Show. Standing so fine in the pen showing good shape, also feather perfect and did not disappoint once in the hand, again show prepared to the high standards required for top honours making it a hard decision between the two.

Congratulations to everyone who won and entered on the day.

Right: Best in Show Mick Cotterel, red saddle Yokohama.

Below: Best Modern Game bantam, Charlie and Emma Sparks.



Right: 2nd Gold Sebright, Rebeca Thorpe.

Below: Booted Bantams pair, Jane Harnett.



Below: Best Hamburgh, Richard Boden.



Right: Best Lg Soft Feather, Light Brahma, Alan Kemp.



Left: Best Serama, June Harnett.



Below: Best utility Marans cockerel, Roger Furse.



Above: Best True bantam, Yellow Dutch Bantam, Jane Eardley.

Below: Best Belgian Blue pullet, Jenny Howl.



Below: Jane Eardley, Jenny Howl and Nancie Hutchinson.





Left: Jenny Howl with her Belgian pullets.



Right: Champion eggs, Six Wellsummers, Roger Furse.

Below: Best Waterfowl, Rouen female, Maggie Philips.



Above: David Hackett judging Game bantams.



Left: Rupert judging eggs.

Nancie, Dave and myself would like to thank everyone for the huge warm welcome we received and give a great big round of applause for all the hard working members who contributed to making it a very enjoyable day.

Right: Clare Beebe and Nancie Hutchinson judging.

Not forgetting to thank Rupert for his helping hand of judging the eggs. One thing he did mention was, if in doubt before entering, take a look on the PCGB web page for the correct weight allowed in a bantam class entry, as there were goods eggs shown that were unfortunately too big which had to be disqualified under these rules.



Left: Show hall.



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