



Club Newsletter

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Message from the President

September 2010

Footscray & Sussex Club Members,

The Showing Season has drawn to an end for 2010 and we have all instigated our 2011 show breeding program. Our incubators are all running continuously, and all of our chicks are potential champions.

Next year will be very busy again with our auctions, shows and meetings.

Our Clubs is always in need of more members to put their hand up to take a share of some of the more menial roles, such as kitchen and cleaning, that seem to lack volunteers, but are essential to the Club's existence. I would ask that you consider trying to contribute in some way, to these more "boring" jobs so that the few who are tied to these duties can also take a share in some of the more desirable duties.

Poultry exhibition is the hobby that we all share in, we also need to share the workload to enable our hobby to continue.

I congratulate all members who were successful at showing over the year, and

I wish you well with your breeding programs, to see you in good stead for next year's show season.

*Jack Pavey
[President]*

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Club Members News

We are mid Show Season and members have been attending shows all over the state. Several members have also been attending interstate Breed Shows.

The Royal Melbourne Show is again drawing very close and we have all been busy getting our late season birds trained and in shape. We wish all members success with their exhibits.

Our Annual Show, with Interstate Judge Peter Smith coming down to Judge our Sussex section, was well represented.

- ◆ *Please email Club Members' News and Show results from all states, include photos if available. Editor*

Poultry Health Hints

Poultry layer status check

Hold the bird securely, check its general condition and its laying status:

1. A good layer will have a large, smooth, moist, pinky-white vent.
2. The two small bones at the sides of the vent are called the pubic bones.
3. They should be flexible and wide apart, with at least two finger widths between them (one finger width = 2cm).
4. The abdomen should be deep, soft, and pliable without an accumulation of body fat.
5. The depth of the abdomen is measured between the tip of the keel or breast bone and the pubic bones.
6. Laying hens should have a depth of three or four finger widths (6 to 8 cm).
7. The non-layer will usually have a smaller body with a shallow, firm abdomen.
8. Pullets and non-laying hens have a depth of about two finger widths (4cm) between the pubic bones and keel.
9. The pubic bones are usually stiff and close together when the hen is not laying the distance between the pubic bones is one finger width or less.
10. The vent of a non-layer is usually small, puckered, and round.



Champion Sussex at Annual Show 2010



*Alan Lawrence accepting awards for
Chapion Bird in Show at our recent
Annual Show, on 31st July 2010*



Photo Gallery

Annual Show 31st July 2010



Exhibitors in Dining Hall after lunch, watching successful competitors being presented with awards.

*John Burke
Champion
Waterfowl*



*Joe Azuolas receiving trophy for
Champion OEG Bantam*



*Judge Peter Smith speaking on
the Sussex he came down from
up North to Judge*



*A & L Lawrence were successful in taking
many Champion trophies.*



*David Hughes
Champion Bird in Show*

News from Our Annual

Annual Show 2010 was once again very well attended with exhibitors coming together from all over Victoria, and down from New South Wales.

This year with we held a Sussex Feature. Trophies were presented to Best of each colour and Best Junior Exhibit. Feature was very well represented with Judge Peter Smith OBE adjudicating.

Send your photos in for inclusion in Photo Gallery by email or post, including your name, a brief description of photo. Please include a stamped addressed envelope for return.



Show Days, Helmsman Auctions, and Club Meetings

Upcoming Events

October Meeting Sunday October **10th** 2.00pm

November Meeting Sunday November **14th** 2.00pm

December Meeting Sunday December **12th** 2.00pm

October Auction Sunday October 10th 2010

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Next Show Early Show 21st May 2011

Next Helmsman Auction 10th February 2011



We meet 2.00 pm on the second Sunday of month

Footscray & District Poultry Club Inc. Sussex Club of Australia Inc.

Clubrooms "Melbourne Poultry Pavilion"

Racecourse & Recreation Reserve

Balliang – Bacchus Marsh Rd. Bacchus Marsh. Victoria. 3340

All Club members welcome to attend all meetings and functions.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend or two to any event.

This is your Club. Make the most of it !

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