

Club Show 2016

Venue: Federation Championship Show, Stafford

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Judge: Gold and Silver Laced - Mr. Richard Heath

Judge: Blue and Buff Laced - Mr. Grant Brereton

Entry: 33 Large Fowl / /3 Bantams / 3 Bantam Trios

## Large Fowl

### Gold Laced Male (3)

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 5992 | Karen Elliott        |
| 2nd | 5993 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 3rd | N/E  |                      |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

### Silver Laced Male (3)

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 5999 | Jeff Watson          |
| 2nd | 5998 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 3rd | N/E  |                      |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

### Blue Laced Male (3)

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 6015 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 2nd | 6014 | Mark Vaughan         |
| 3rd | 6013 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

### Buff Laced Male (1)

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 6022 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 2nd | N/E  |                      |
| 3rd | N/E  |                      |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

### Trio (2)

|     |     |                        |
|-----|-----|------------------------|
| 1st | 18  | Steven & Harley Dace * |
| 2nd | N/E |                        |
| 3rd | N/E |                        |
| 4th | N/E |                        |

### Gold Laced Female (3)

|     |     |                      |
|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1st | 599 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 2nd | 599 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 3rd | 599 | Karen Elliott        |
| 4th | N/E |                      |

### Silver Laced Female (12)

|     |     |                      |
|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1st | 600 | Ian & Lynsey Hornsby |
| 2nd | 600 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 3rd | 600 | Jeff Watson          |
| 4th | 601 | Steven & Harley Dace |

### Blue Laced Female (6)

|     |     |                         |
|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| 1st | 601 | Steven & Harley Dace ** |
| 2nd | 601 | Steven & Harley Dace    |
| 3rd | 601 | Steven & Harley Dace    |
| 4th | N/E |                         |

### Buff Laced Female (2)

|     |     |                      |
|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1st | 602 | Steven & Harley Dace |
| 2nd | N/E |                      |
| 3rd | N/E |                      |
| 4th | N/E |                      |

## *Bantam*

### **Gold Laced Male (0)**

|     |     |  |
|-----|-----|--|
| 1st | N/E |  |
| 2nd | N/E |  |
| 3rd | N/E |  |
| 4th | N/E |  |

### **Silver Laced Male (10)**

|     |      |                     |
|-----|------|---------------------|
| 1st | 6027 | Tim & Val Moss      |
| 2nd | 6028 | Richard Hoggarth    |
| 3rd | 6033 | F., M. & S. Jackson |
| 4th | 6035 | Jordan Day          |

### **Silver Laced Pullet (20)**

|     |      |                 |
|-----|------|-----------------|
| 1st | 6052 | Len Lockley *** |
| 2nd | 6045 | Tim & Val Moss  |
| 3rd | 6051 | Len Lockley     |
| 4th | 6044 | Tim & Val Moss  |

### **Blue Laced Male (8)**

|     |      |                |
|-----|------|----------------|
| 1st | 6063 | Richard Rowley |
| 2nd | 6070 | Jordan Day     |
| 3rd | 6068 | Mark Vaughan   |
| 4th | 6066 | Ken Leggett    |

### **Blue Laced Pullet (16)**

|     |      |                |
|-----|------|----------------|
| 1st | 6076 | Richard Rowley |
| 2nd | 6082 | Ken Leggett    |
| 3rd | 6077 | Richard Rowley |
| 4th | 6085 | Mark Vaughan   |

### **Buff Laced Male (3)**

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 6094 | Ray & Frankie Dowden |
| 2nd | N/E  |                      |
| 3rd | N/E  |                      |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

### **Bantam Trio (2)**

|     |     |                    |
|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 1st | 76  | Tim & Val Moss     |
| 2nd | 77  | F. M. & S. Jackson |
| 3rd | N/E |                    |
| 4th | N/E |                    |

### **Gold Laced Hen (2)**

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 6025 | Ray & Frankie Dowden |
| 2nd | 6026 | 1st                  |
| 3rd | N/E  | 2nd                  |
| 4th | N/E  | 3rd                  |

### **Silver Laced Hen (6)**

|     |      |                     |
|-----|------|---------------------|
| 1st | 6040 | Len Lockley         |
| 2nd | 6042 | F., M. & S. Jackson |
| 3rd | 6038 | Richard Hoggarth    |
| 4th | 6039 | E-F. Lane           |

### **Blue Laced Hen (5)**

|     |      |              |
|-----|------|--------------|
| 1st | 6075 | Jordan Day   |
| 2nd | 6073 | Ken Leggett  |
| 3rd | 6074 | Mark Vaughan |
| 4th | N/E  |              |

### **Buff Laced Female (2)**

|     |      |                      |
|-----|------|----------------------|
| 1st | 6096 | Ray & Frankie Dowden |
| 2nd | 6095 | Fiona Cattell        |
| 3rd | N/E  |                      |
| 4th | N/E  |                      |

\*\*\* **Champion**

\*\* **Reserve Champion**

\* **Best Trio**

## ***Judge's Report – Silver & Gold***

It was a great honour to be asked to judge the silver and gold laced Wyandottes at the club show. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to judge the colours of Wyandottes I have bred and shown since age ten. This was my first experience at judging at a major Show and therefore I was filled with excitement and dare I say feeling a little nervous when heading into the Bingley Hall. I can remember trying furiously to remember all the brilliant advice offered to me by well-known and experienced judges. I was delighted to see a good number of birds forward on first inspection as I was a little concerned the bird flu situation might have meant fewer birds.

I was looking for crisp, open, even, and clear lacing, I must admit I was a little disappointed to find a number birds present with smutty feathering. There were a few which were exhibiting quit prominent and widespread double lacing; such birds should be avoided in the breeding pen. The 1<sup>st</sup> placed silver laced pullet (club champion) had quit exceptional lacing and type, I was happy to see this bird go on to win the best soft feather heavy bantam in show.

There were some really nice exhibits, I found a good many birds that I would happily have bred from and shown myself. It was clear that most birds had been washed well however I found a few with dirty legs'. It is important to ensure birds are clean and well presented.

### ***Large Fowl***

**Gold Laced Male** – 3 entered 2 present.

|                 |           |                                                          |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | K. Elliot | Good lacing, nice type, good head                        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | S. Dace   | Good lacing, not as typy as first, lacking at the front. |

**Gold Laced Female** – 3 entered 3 present.

|                 |           |                                                                                                |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | S. Dace   | Really nice clear even lacing, good uniformity of colour across the bird, good head, good type |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | S. Dace   | Good lacing, not as typy as first                                                              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | K. Elliot | Lacing uneven, widespread smut in feathers. Very pale colour almost citron                     |

**Silver Laced Male** – 3 entered 2 present

|                 |           |                                                  |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | J. Watson | Good lacing, strong bird, typy, good yellow legs |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | S. Dace   | Not the type of winner, a little brassy on back  |

**Silver Laced Female** – 12 entered 11 present

|                 |               |                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | I.&L. Hornsby | Good lacing and hackle, good head, excellent type, very nice wings                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | S. Dace       | Good lacing, excellent type, good wings and head. Slightly brassy neck hackle                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | J. Watson     | Good size and type, darker in neck. Nice clear lacing, slightly faded on breast                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | S. Dace       | Some smut on base of feather. A little small and not as typy as those placed higher. Good wings and eye. |

*Bantams*

**Gold Laced Male** – no entries – disappointing.

**Gold Laced Female** – 2 entered 2 present.

|                 |              |                                                                 |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | R.&F. Dowden | Good lacing, excellent type, nice even ground colour, pale legs |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | W.D. Moon    | Lacing uneven and faded, fair type, dull in face, pale legs     |

**Silver Laced Male** – 10 entered 8 present (all pullet breeders)

|                 |                 |                                                                                             |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | T.&V. Moss      | Lightest coloured pullet breeder. Excellent type, very good breast lacing, good neck hackle |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | R.N. Hoggarth   | Good type, good lacing, weaker neck hackle                                                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | F.M.&S. Jackson | Not as typy as 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> , good lacing and hackle                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | J. Day          | Good type and lacing. Oversized comb; ugly head                                             |

**Silver Laced Hen** – 6 entered 4 present.

|                 |                 |                                                                                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | L. Lockley      | Very good type, clear even lacing if a little heavy, excellent wings, good head. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | F.M.&S. Jackson | Good lacing, not as typy as 1 <sup>st</sup> , messy head, excellent yellow legs  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | R.N. Hoggarth   | Good type, Some smut on base of feather                                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | E-F. Lane       | Widespread smut, uneven lacing                                                   |

**Silver Laced Pullet** – 20 entered 14 present.

|                 |            |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | L. Lockley | Excellent bird, clear even crisp lacing, excellent type and wings. Clean tidy head, Fantastic bird<br><i>Club Champion</i><br>Also - Best Soft Feather Heavy Bantam in Show |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | T.&V. Moss | Good clear even crisp lacing, big feathers, good type, good yellow legs, wings could have been better, otherwise a very good bird                                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | L. Lockley | Good clear lacing, small feathers, good type                                                                                                                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | T.&V. Moss | Good lacing could have been crisper, very good type, nice bird                                                                                                              |

**TRIO** – 1 entered 1 present.

|                 |         |                                                                                      |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | S. Dace | Nice trio, hens very close match. Cock could have been better, cut away at the front |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Richard Heath**  
**December 2016**

## ***Judge's Report – Blue & Buff***

Firstly, I would like to say what an honour and a privilege it was to be invited to judge the Blue and Buff Laced Wyandottes at the Federation show. I would like to thank my steward Bernie Scholes for all his assistance on the day (and for organising the coffee - I hope he enjoyed the experience), and I would also like to thank The Laced Wyandotte Club for having me.

I have kept both Blue and Buff Laced Wyandottes over a period of many years and can relate to the challenges posed by both varieties. To begin with, you only get around half exhibition stock from your breeding pens (pre-selection), so breeders are owed great credit for their efforts, and some classes were very strong.

It wasn't always easy deciding the order of the placings and the Standard can only guide us so much. With so many factors to get right in all Laced Wyandottes, any judge is always going to be torn in certain areas (and between birds) and many decisions aren't necessarily obvious. Judging isn't an easy task, but ultimately decisions have to be made.

I have included a few comments which I think will help breeders go forward and stand a chance of competing for that much-coveted 'best in show' award in future... The large fowl have come a long way in the last few years, but could just do with that bit more 'waft' about them and Wyandotte type that cannot be ignored - especially the incline and the back-line, which of course is much easier to get at home.

It was surprising to see that the 3 large Blue Laced females all had better wings than many of their bantam counterparts - particularly in the flight area, and I feel this needs to be addressed. Also, many of the bantam males had long, 'almost Oxford Game-type' wings that met at the back beneath the vent. This, in my view, is an important point to raise.

The bantam pullet class appeared very strong from the outside of the pens, but closer inspection would reveal many issues such as weak, split and badly split-winged specimens. This was a bit disappointing and spoilt some otherwise-good-birds.

The outer lacing on the secondaries was missing on many specimens, both male and female, which detracted from the overall laced look of the bird(s). I was also a little disheartened to see good specimens with mahogany in the legs like some Rhode Island Reds have, which is no doubt a side effect of the Mahogany-type genes in Blue Laced.

Other factors such as odd-coloured toenails may seem unimportant to some, but will no doubt be picked up by others. I would have liked to have seen a bit

more fitness in the face of some of the specimens on display, but most did appear to be in peak fitness. Also, things like feather stubs on the legs which have clearly been pulled and have begun to grow back don't bode well for any judge. This is obviously frustrating for the exhibitor as they always happen on the best birds! Too much blue in the hackle of Blue Laced females was also an issue in most exhibits.

And most of these faults can be left at home, particularly leg colour, leg faults and wing problems, which are the basics. But it wouldn't be prudent to mention these factors without the offer of some help. Feeding split maize in the evenings from about 8 weeks onwards has worked wonders for me; just a small scattering. When I judge I am hoping to put something forward that the Championship Judge won't easily be able to pass over or ignore, and sadly that 'superstar' bird wasn't really available to do that on this occasion. Some came close but then let themselves down with split wings etc.

I would ask that breeders take these factors into consideration (for their own benefit) and aim to take it up a notch, so that next year's judges have a challenge on their hands when picking between the elite. It's a great feeling when you are washing a bird for show that has many pleasing factors, so let that be the aim - to enter something that makes you really proud and that you'd never sell! I know we have the breeders and the skills to do it, so I throw open the challenge to you. Maybe next year's best in show will be a Buff or Blue Laced Wyandotte?

Thanks once again and have a great 2017 season! A great club!

### *Large Fowl*

***Class 1338 - Large Blue Laced Male:*** 3 Entries, 3 Present

- 1st - 6015: This bird had good overall lacing and a reasonable type that could be slightly better. It also had a good head and legs, as well good thigh lacing. The flights could have shown better saturation of blue in the primaries. A nice overall bird.
- 2nd - 6014: This bird had a nice type but its lacing was a little thick on the lower breast. Its leader slightly goes off to one side. Legs were a bit light, and there was a degree of smut in the secondary feathers.
- 3rd - 6013: This bird was slightly cut-away and needed to finish in the hackle. It had nice overall lacing but wasn't in the league of the other two in terms of type.

***Class 1339 - Large Blue Laced Female:*** 6 Entries, 3 Present

- 1st - 6017: This bird had a nice type, lacing and wing colour. It also had a great head but could have been a bit fitter (less pale) in the face. It had one white toenail on one of its middle toes when the others were black (which is just an observation), but its legs were good otherwise. Could have done with a bit more red in the lower hackle.
- 2nd - 6019: This bird was fit in the face and had a good type and nice overall lacing (wide), as well as a good head. It was slightly let down by the presence of some dark pigment in its legs and also the inside toe curling inwards on its right foot.
- 3rd - 6018: This bird had a nice type (when it was willing to stand) as well as good markings. Like the winner, this bird also had 1 white toenail as well as having some white in the earlobe, and both inside toes curled inwards slightly. Its eyes were slightly on the light side.

***Class 1340 - Large Buff Laced Male:*** 1 Entry, 1 Present

- 1st - 6022: This bird had a nice depth of ground colour, but with a few black specks in the tail which are difficult to avoid. Its type was reasonable but could have done with a fuller tail. Lacing overall was quite good, but a bit ‘jagged’ in the lower breast. It was bordering on being cut-away in the breast also.

***Class 1341 - Large Buff Laced Female:*** 2 Entries, 1 Present

- 1st - 6023: This bird had a nice type but its ground colour was a little patchy in places. It had a good neck hackle but was slightly let down by light legs and eyes.

### *Bantams*

***Class 1349 - Blue Laced Male:*** 8 Entries, 8 Present

- 1st - 6063: This bird had a nice type, head, eyes, hackle and markings. Its flights could have done with more blue in the wider parts of the primaries instead of orange, but it was a cobby and impressive Wyandotte overall. Its legs were lighter than desirable and ideally the wings could have been shorter, but I felt still deserving of the first place rosette.
- 2nd - 6070: This bird was also a cobby Wyandotte with reasonable type and good legs. Again, its flights could have had more blue in the primaries and it had rather long wattles for a Wyandotte. Its wings were slightly on the long side, and one of its toenails



on the back toe was turning upwards. Hackle was darker than the winner.

- 3rd - 6068 This bird had good wings in terms of colour but unusually the right wing had better markings than the left wing. This bird had reasonable type but again slightly long wings.
- 4th - 6066: This bird had a nice type, head, comb, eyes and legs. Its wing bay lacing was too dark on the edging making it indistinguishable from the mahogany wing triangle when the wing was closed. Its hackle was also darker than its saddle.

***The Non-Placed Birds (in no particular order):***

- 6064 This bird had a nice type and good lacing on the breast, but its flights were too orange and its lacing on the wing bar (secondary coverts) was rather weak. This bird's wings were rather long and it had feather stubs on its legs and some white in the tail. Its yellow legs were one of its plus points.
- 6065 This bird had a good head, eyes, and yellow legs. Its leader was off to one side (slightly). Its type could have been better and it also had rather dark lacing in places. Again, orange in flights.
- 6067 This bird had a good head (comb, eye colour and leader), but its legs were a touch on the light side. Like many others, it was also lacking the wing bay lacing and displayed long wings.
- 6069 This bird's comb was rather Continental in that it was very small and smooth. It had a good head otherwise with good eye colour. Sadly it had wing problems in the form of white patches and a twisted axial feather. Its lacing was somewhat jagged on the wings and lower breast and its hackle was slightly lighter than its saddle. Type was reasonable.

***Class 1350 - Blue Laced Hen: 5 Entries, 5 Present***

- 1st – 6075 Nice bird. Great ground colour and overall lacing. Its lacing was a bit 'nipped' towards the base of the feathers on its back, but it had a lovely type and head as well as leg colour. There was a tiny bit of white in its wings.
- 2nd - 6073 This bird had a good size and a nice head. Its hackle was very blue and thigh lacing was a bit weak and narrow. Its lacing was slightly shafty. Good leg colour.

3rd - 6074 This bird had very good overall lacing. It was a very short in the leg but had excellent leg colour. It had what was bordering on a cyst at the front part of the eyelid on both eyes. It could have been fitter in the face but had a good head otherwise.

### ***The Non-Placed Birds:***

In the spirit of good grace, I have left out the descriptions and pen numbers of the non-placed birds in this class, because sadly one had the beginning of a Northern Mite outbreak and the other had clusters of Lice eggs beneath the vent. In terms of type, both were good.

### ***Class 1351 - Blue Laced Pullet:*** 16 Entries, 15 Present

1st - 6076 This bird had a great type and a good head, with great yellow legs. It was slightly let down by having a bit of peppering in the flights, and thigh lacing could have been a bit wider - but a worthy winner of the class.

2nd - 6082 This bird was a very close contender for first place and was just pipped by the winner. It had very impressive overall lacing, along with respectable wing markings and nice leg colour. It also had a very nice head. Sadly it was let down by its back-line which was curved and then straight towards its rather long main tail feathers - 2 angles instead of 1.

3rd - 6077 This bird was quite nice overall but was sadly let down by slight jagged lacing on its shoulders as well as a bit of white in the wing.

4th - 6085 This bird had good ground colour and overall markings. It was good in the wing colouring and had good eye colour. It was slightly let down by the presence of red pigment in its legs, which were also the less-desirable 'horn' rather than yellow.

### ***The Non-Placed Birds (in no particular order):***

6078 This bird had nice type and overall lacing but lacing was a bit narrow on the back. It also had patchy shoulders (varying ground colour) and a slight bit of white in the earlobes as well as primaries and secondaries. It also had a slightly weak wing and leader was slightly to one side. It had really good leg colour.

- 6079 This bird's lacing was narrow and it was badly split-winged. Its ground colour was a little on the light side, but it had good leg and eye colour and reasonable type.
- 6080 This bird had reasonable type but a rather light and shafty ground colour. It also had some white in the secondary feathers but had a reasonable head and good leg colour.
- 6081 This bird was also split-winged and had light, patchy and shafty ground colour. It had a nice head and good leg colour.
- 6083 This bird had a nice type but far too much red pigment in the legs (mahogany on the top outer scales). It had good lacing overall but peppering in the flights and black edging to the blue lacing on the breast.
- 6084 This bird had a nice type, head and legs but its flights were too orange and its lacing in the breast also showed a darker outer edging to the blue lacing.
- 6086 This bird had a reasonable type, good eyes and good leg colour but had peppered flights, feather stubs on its legs and its leader was missing the point. It was also a bit weak in lacing under the breast.
- 6087 This bird was very nice and very difficult to fault in every respect yet had a bad split wing. This bird would have gone much further otherwise, and stuck out as being a very good specimen without the said wing fault.
- 6088 This bird was a bit weak in the thigh lacing and its flights could have been better. Overall quite a nice specimen.
- 6090 This bird was very nice overall. Its flights could have been better and ideally it would have had more thigh lacing on show.
- 6091 This bird was weak-winged and bordering on split. Its lacing was a bit patchy and slightly jagged in places. Otherwise it had good thigh lacing, a nice head and ok leg colour.

***Class 1352 - Buff Laced Male:*** 3 Entries, 1 Present

- 1st - 6094 This bird had a reasonable type and nice lacing. Its flights could have had more white in the larger part of the primaries. It also had black specks in the tail but this difficult to avoid in Buff Laced. Its eyes were slightly on the light side.

***Class 1353 - Buff Laced Female:*** 2 Entries, 2 Present

1st - 6096      This bird had a nice type and good lacing with good wings also. It could have done with more colour in the hackle and also had a bit of white in its ear lobes.

2nd - 6095      This bird had good hackle and leg colour but let itself down in terms of shaftiness and mossy thighs and flights. Its type was a bit extreme at 45 degrees rather than a more subtle 35 degrees for females.

***Class 65 - A. C. Laced Wyandotte:*** 2 Entries, 2 Present

1st                - Both females were good overall but had peppered flights.  
76 (Silver      The male's leader pointed upwards slightly at the back. He  
Laced)          also had ticking on the shoulder which was also a bit sappy,  
and he displayed white flights.

2nd                - Both females were reasonable examples but 1 female had  
77 (Silver      what was bordering on a wry tail. The male was a bit sappy  
Laced)          in the shoulder but had reasonable wings and a better leader  
than the one in the winning trio. Sadly, the 1 female's  
tendency to look wry-tailed occasionally gave the other trio  
the decision of first place.

**Grant Brereton**  
**December 2016**