

Notes from the President

My name is Chris Mauch and I am the new President of the Queensland Pit Game Fowl Club. Together with Steve Kavanagh (Secretary) and Alan Cook (Treasurer), I hope to bring some new ideas and create a better atmosphere to the club, which will hopefully bring new breeders and old breeders back to the club. The Club only had 140 birds exhibited this year and I certainly want to improve on this number in 2010 and beyond. As the Club represents the whole of Queensland we hope to return it to its former status of being the show breeders strive to win and be deemed the best Pit Game in the State. We have a good team of fresh blood on the committee with Steve and Alan, and we are already working flat out together with members to source new sponsorship whilst preserving the ones we already have. With improved prizes and greater entries we hope this will create incentive for breeders to exhibit these magnificent birds at our Shows. We have jointly agreed personal politics will not be entered into and we are only interested in breeding, showing and promoting Pit Game in Queensland.

I got my first Pits when I was nine years old, this was a trio of large (Sid Dwyer line) my grandfather bought for me from Keith Shelbach from Warwick. I had so much fun with them as a kid growing up. This trio consisted on a red brass muff cockerel and one black and one blue hen. I have bred hundreds of chicks from them over the years and were a regular Sunday lunch on the farm. My grandfather taught me so much about breeding, fitness and general bird health. In 1983, when I was thirteen, I mated up with Glen Banks at High School who also loved Pits. We would swap birds at School and smuggling them home on the bus was quite a challenge I must say. When I turned seventeen my grandfather and I went to Ron (Kanga) Smith's house in Warwick. Ron had great game fowl at the time and I got some birds to put into my flock. Shortly after this football, rodeo, martial arts and girls of course, took up a great deal of my time and I did not breed more than forty to fifty birds for a couple of years. They basically ran wild on our family farm at Freestone. In 1994 when I was twenty-four years old I backed off some of my sports, mainly due to injuries, which gave me a good opportunity to get back into my Pits. It was at this time I decided to start showing my large Pits and with the help of Dick Schubert I exhibited my first birds. I then purchased my first pair of bantam Pits from Merv Whally in Bundaberg and later from Jeff Kolonowski both being great Pit breeders. In 1996/97 it was great to catch up with my old school mate Glen Banks and we began swapping Pits again and still do to this day. Some twenty years after our first meeting, I ran into Keith Shelbach again and I would have to say Keith has been the biggest influence in my exhibiting of Pit Game Fowl. He took me down to Sid Dwyer's yard where I bought three large females and one large male together with one bantam male. I put one female with my old line and kept the rest pure. Around the same time I bought a blue muff hen from Noel Warwick which I infused into my muff line and have never looked back since, with both plain face and muff. It was approximately ten more years before I felt the need to get more outcross birds, and in 2007 I swapped a couple of birds with Sid Dwyer and also purchased some Peter Grady Pits and a brown red Old English Game from Terry Politch. Over the years I have had a set rule to never exhibit any of the birds I have bought or swapped, only showing birds that I have bred myself.

With the yearly reducing number of entries for our Annual Show and in particular this year's meager 140 entries, it is now more important than ever for all Queensland Pit Game enthusiasts to rally and work together to return this once great club to its former standing.

Chris Mauch

Notes from the Secretary

Firstly as your incoming secretary I would like to thank my fellow club members who attended the clubs annual general meeting, who showed the belief in me. A little about myself, I have been showing pit game plain face bantams for 4 years now and just recently have started breeding muffs as well. I love breeding and showing and try to get to as many as possible. I am learning more about this breed each day and with great breeds around me it has helped me a lot. I have had a little success and all of it has been with pits even though I breed old English as well. In voting me into my current position as your secretary, I am looking forward to working with the new committee and fellow members in making this one of the premiere clubs in Queensland. I implore all pit breeders through out this great state to get on board and share apart in the clubs blossoming future. Myself and the committee hope to see as many members and non members as possible to our next general meeting on the 7th of February at 1pm at the Ipswich poultry pavilion to discuss ways to raise much needed funds for the club and how to make our show in 2010 bigger and better than ever. Thank you and I hope to see u there.....

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year





MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010
1.30pm on 22/11/09

Present: (15) Gavin Anderson, W.Berghofer, Eric Ghee, Ray Hall, Graeme Hopf, Eric Innes, R.Jones, Stephen Kavanagh, Brett Knight, Chris Mauch, Darryl Scamp, John Stumer, Steve Vaughan, William Vaughan, Noel Warrick.

Apologies: (8) Glen Banks, M.Cockroft, Allan Cook, Darren Dangerfield, Peter McQueen, Ken Parker, F.Stanford, Wayne & Lisa Stumer.

Due to Allan Cook being unable to make the meeting Ray Hall put forward a motion for Stephen Kavanagh to record the minutes of the meeting. This was seconded by Brett Knight and carried.

1. **President's Welcome** – Gavin Anderson began by thanking all member's in attendance for making the meeting and for those member's in attendance who were able to make the annual show in July. Gavin especially thanked W.Vaughan & S.Kavanagh for all the work they did in organizing the show and pushing the raffle, which raised much needed funds for the club.
2. **Minutes of Previous A.G.M** – Due to the absence of Allan Cook the previous minutes were unable to be read at the meeting.
3. **Secretary's Report** – As above the secretary's report was unable to be done because of their absence.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Before giving the treasurer's report, Bill liked to thank Noel's daughter's for all their help getting the entries and everything sorted for the 2009 show. He expressed how entries were drastically low leading up to the week prior to the show, and without the aid of the raffle the club would have made a massive loss. Bill revealed to the member's in attendance that the F.C.A.Q (Feather Club Council of Queensland) billed us twice in the current year (\$65 membership) and F.A.C.Q.

***The club banks the funds generated with the Bendigo bank.**

Income from the raffle, donations, membership and entries	\$ 1067.60
Out goings (expenses)	\$ 608.00
Bank Balance (money still in account)	\$ 552.00

Which brings the clubs financial balance as at 22/11/2009 to be \$ 1011.00

Bill stated there is still an expenditure outstanding to the Queensland government of \$51.00

Bill also stated that the club also had another expenditure of \$50.00 for a flower wreath that was given to Neol's wife at the time of her passing.

- o Chris Mauch interrupted the treasurer's report to raise the point that Stephen Kavanagh should be thanked in some way for all the money he raised for the club. Which Bill replied that, the matter should be looked at during the general minutes section of the meeting.
- o Neal then raised the issue of enquiring about who was signing the cheques with Bill so that the money could be accessed from the clubs accounts. Bill replied that no cheques had been signed till today, which he said he had a number of cheques on hand for him to joint sign. Bill stated that the last cheques that were signed were for the F.A.C.Q membership before the show and for sashes for a cost of \$98.

The treasurer's report was then motioned by W.Vaughan and seconded by Graeme Hopf.

5. **Chief Stewards Report** – Noel convened in his address to member's that he had loved being chief steward for for the club for so long. But he said at this stage in his life he is unable to fulfill his duties as a chief steward, because of his deteriorating health and stated that he'd like to push and see younger member's to get involved or carry the torch so to speak so as to allow the club to continue on long after he's gone.

Election of Officers

When the committee stood down pending reelection, the members at the meeting elected Eric Innes to proceed over the nominations and to count votes if need be.

All positions were declared vacant

Nominations Received

Patron – Ken Parker Pending his acceptance

President – Chris Mauch Nominated S.Kavanagh seconded G.Anderson elected unopposed

Secretary – Stephen Kavanagh Nominated C.Mauch seconded G.Anderson elected unopposed

Vice President – Gavin Anderson Nominated J.Stumer seconded C. Mauch elected unopposed

Assistant Secretary – Lisa Stumer Nominated S.Kavanagh seconded D. Scamp elected pending acceptance

Treasure – Allan Cook Nominated S.Kavanagh elected by silent ballot over W.Vaughan

(A secret ballot was conducted by the members present and was tallied by Eric Innes with the aid of Brett Knight)

Chief Steward – Graeme Hopf Nominated E.Ghee seconded by D.Scamp

F.C.A.Q. Delegate to represent the club – Chris Mauch Nominated S.Kavanagh seconded G. Hopf elected unopposed

Res F.C.A.Q. Delegate – Gavin Anderson

The Queensland Pit Game Club Inc Pty
General Meeting as at 22 November 2009
Commencing at 2.51pm

Opened by incoming president Chris Mauch

Presidents address as president in the front page.

1. **Correspondence – In – Out** – To my recent knowledge no correspondence had so far been received to the club, pending investigation.
2. **Business Arising out of Correspondence – Nil**
3. Chris raised the issue of the club's show date and whether member's present were happy to leave it on the 3rd Sunday in July. Bill Vaughan stated that the 3rd Sunday in June was also available. But it was decided to leave the show date on the 3rd Sunday in July was kept by members

4. Chris then raised the topic of appointing judges for the 2010 show

1st preference *Brain Kennedy* Nominated *Chris Mauch*

2nd preference *Robbie Monement* Nominated *Darryl Scamp*

3rd preference *Errol Hetherington* Nominated *John Stumer*

It was decided that Brain Kennedy would be first approached to judge the 2010 show, pending on entries it will be considered whether or not we should appoint a second judge.

5. The issue was raised for the date of the next meeting to take place and which issues will have to be discussed at it. Like sashes, trophies, jobs allocation on the day, Sponsors (Business/ Government/ Individuals), raffles and other ways in which the club can raise money.

It was decided that the next meeting will take place at 1pm on Sunday February 7th at the Ipswich show grounds (2010).

6. Chris raised the issue that the club membership should be raised from the current fee of \$8 to the new fee of \$10. This was motioned by *Neal Warwick* and seconded by *S.Kavanagh* and passed. **New membership price \$10**
7. Graeme Hopf pushed for the club to include in the 2010 schedule a section for JNR's, stating the age group should be classed from 4 to 16 years of age and that their entry fee's should be half the price of an open competitor. Graeme also said he would put up \$50 of his own money to finance the section, this was then seconded by *S.Vaughan* and passed.
8. Graeme Hopf also raised the point that, because of the RSPCA's influence as of late, the club should state on the show schedule that exhibitor's have to feed and water their own exhibit's and is not the responsibility of the club. Because of the spot checks that are being conducted by the RSPCA at local ag shows down south recently. This motion was put forward by *Graeme Hopf* and seconded by *J. Stumer*.
9. Graeme also suggested that it should be stated on the show schedule that the "show in question shall be judged to the Australian Poultry Standards". This was then seconded by *G.Anderson*. The reason for this is some people are trying to change the way pits are interpreted. So by stating this will make it clear to perspective exhibitors how the show will be run and judged...
10. It was also brought to the attention of the members present that the F.C.A.Q has raised the showing insurance membership to \$10 for those of them that were unaware.
11. Bill Vaughan then brought out the last remaining club badges 4 in total that were \$10 each. They were purchased by E.Innes, D. Scamp, S. Vaughan, *J.Stumer*.
12. Brett Knight re raised the topic about finding someway to show appreciation for the work I have done. I then intern thanked the member's who were there who bought ticket's and sold them for me. It was then motioned that I should be awarded a horary 2 years membership. This was then forwarded by G. Anderson and seconded by *J.Stumer*.

The meeting was then closed at 3.45pm by Chris Mauch

The Queensland Pit Game Annual Show Results

2009 18th annual Show

Judge Ken Graves (Esk)

Entries 150

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JOHN STUMER

BEST BANTAM FEMALE

W&J STUMER

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JOHN STUMER

If anyone has any show results dating back to 1991 could you please let me know. I'am trying to create an archive book for the club. Also any member who wishes to purchases a FACQ calendar threw the club please let me know I think there about \$12.50.They should be out late January or early february...



I intend to make the newsletter a quarterly editorial talking about everything from showing tips, to reports and pics from members from show about how members and their pits are going

I would also like to publish a section like Australian poultry does for Pit breeders and jnr pit breeders I hope to have a list of questions published in issue 1 in 2010. Until then I wish all my fellow Pit game enthusiasts a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year, hoping all ur young chicks are showing promise for the coming show season.

Don't forget the 7th of february at 1pm hope to see u there!

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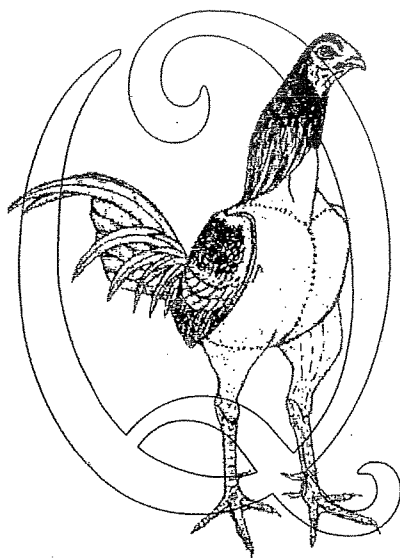
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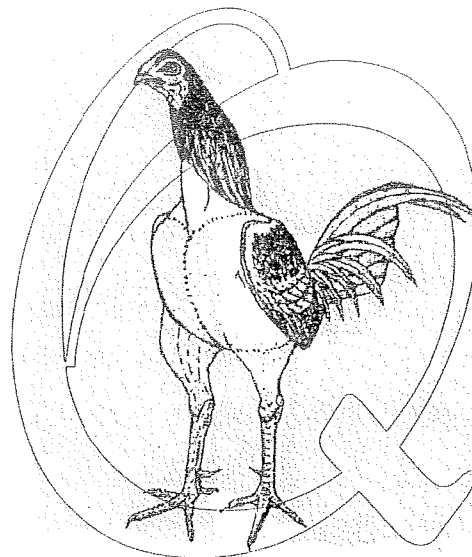
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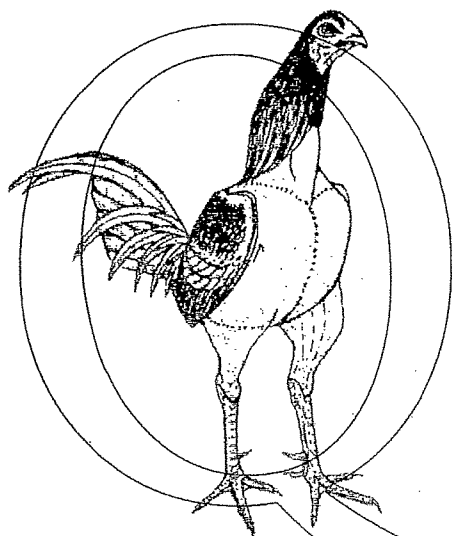
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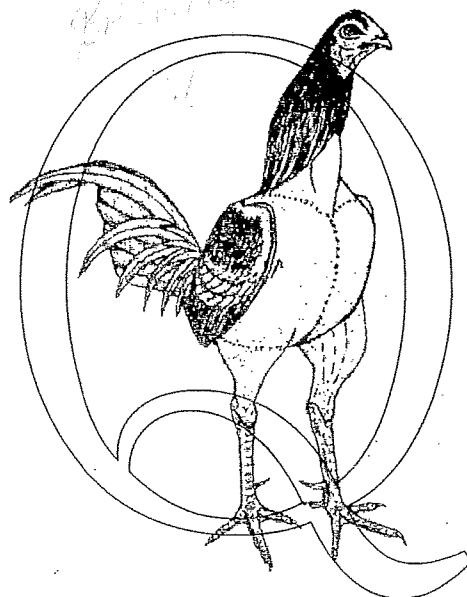
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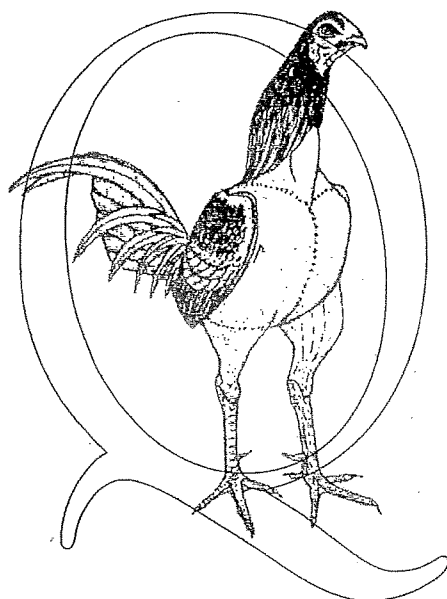
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The following designs are the five I showed members at our agm. I've numbered each so if u could please ponder over and let me know which design u like the most. U can do this by contacting me or by attending our next meeting on the 7th of february. Keep in mind the design that is chosen will become like the Pit on Queensland the official logo of the club. Meaning it's image will be featured on shirts and other item's representing the club. So choose wisely.