

## “Aussie” Judging at the Modern Game Club Section of the Federation Championship Show UK

The Modern Game Club of Australia Inc. and The Modern Game Promotional Society Inc. congratulate Ian Simpson for being selected to judge at the Federation Championship Show being held this year 15th and 16th December 2018 at Staffordshire UK

Both Modern Game clubs will be presenting Awards for Ian to present at the show as support of our “Aussie Judge” at this prestigious show. Ian Simpson will be judging the Modern Game Section which is the Modern Game Club of UK Annual Show. The Modern Game Club UK as it is known today was formed in 1947 following the 2nd World War, and has been a very successful club in the promotion of Modern Game.

Ian Simpson was The MGPS Recipient of the MGPS Book of Recognition 2016 for his achievements and dedication in promoting Modern Game .Ian has judged at Adelaide Royal Show, Hobart Royal and the Melbourne Royal Show on many occasions as well as MGPS Annual Show and at Poultry clubs in Vic, NSW. Ian is also on the Management Committee for MGPS and actively helps to promote Modern Game.

Judging is something that Ian enjoys and he finds it very rewarding and interesting travelling to new places, meeting other poultry exhibitors and to judge other people’s birds from different parts of the country. Another rewarding moment for Ian is meeting younger exhibitors and passing on any encouragement that he can give them, promoting Modern Game and assisting fellow Modern Game enthusiasts with his assistance and advice.

Ian is spreading his wings a bit further this year with the trip to UK. What a wonderful opportunity Ian to be able to meet fellow Modern Game enthusiasts from overseas and the wonderful Moderns you will be able to see and friendships, and I am sure a moment that you will treasure.

We will be advising Modern Game Club of UK of the trophies and ribbons that we will get Ian to take over for us.



The Federation Championship show has become one of the premier poultry Shows of UK, run by the National Federation of Poultry Clubs. The show has Breed sections as per clubs and clubs hold the AGM meetings while there. There are over 1500 classes for pure breed poultry, waterfowl (ducks & geese) and turkeys as well as classes for eggs. The show started mid 1970’s with Entries to the show are about 6500. Since 1979 the show has been held at the Bingley Hall which is part of the Staffordshire County Showground. The show also has numerous trade stands, and is open to the public; the showground has ample free parking.



I asked Ian what being asked to Judge at the Federation Champion Show meant to him and he sent me the following:

To be invited to judge the moderns at the federation show is a personal highlight for me but also an absolute honour to be selected but also I am representing Australia which is the most important for me. This is a show that will showcase approx. 6500 birds and I will have the opportunity to meet fellow judges from Europe and also Britain.

I have always been an admirer of the British moderns ever since I started myself breeding this very unique Show fowl. With the invention of social media I have formed friendships with many English breeders and I am certainly looking forward to meeting them in person.

I am also looking forward to presenting a talk to the Modern Game Members of the Modern Game Club UK at the presentation dinner on the Saturday night and will also be presenting some trophies with the generosity of The MGPS and The Modern Game Club of Australia.

I see this as a very positive move with the intention of strengthening our connection- relationship with our fellow, English Modern Game Breeders. I am also very keen on comparing our breeds of poultry with the English strains.

This is an event that I am looking forward to attending and to report back to everyone with photographs and any other Husbandry practices that I might learn.

Ian Simpson

Thank you for that Ian and below is a selection of Modern Game that have won awards at this prestigious show over the last 6 years.

I look forward to the next publication of our magazine after the show in December 2018 that will have your show report, photos and your experience's and looking at some of the previous winners you are certainly going to have a wonderful selection to choose your Champions from. Congratulations once again Ian.

## Federation Championship Show, 15-16 December 2017 Stafford UK

Judges: Christer Larsson, Klas Björk and Anders Clarhäll



2017 Champion Modern Game of the Modern Game Club UK Section, Annual show, Golden Duckwing Cockerel owned by Graham Cannell

Best opposite sex and best duckwing female, pullet owned by Graham Cannell





Best Silver Duckwing male, Cockerel  
Owned by Simon Mckean



Best Large Modern, Black Red Cockerel  
owned by Anna Lou Daybell

Federation Championship Show, December 2016 Staffordshire UK



Champion Modern  
Graham Cannell's winning pile male

Alan James winning large in pen



Federation Championship Show, December 2015 Staffordshire UK



Champion Modern  
Marc McCullough whose  
Gold Duckwing Male  
This Modern continued on to become the  
Federation Champion bird of Show

Right Large Modern at the show



Federation Championship Show, December 2014 Staffordshire UK



Graham Cannell's Champion Modern and another Modern who continued on to become the Federation Champion Bird of Show

Pile Winner



Federation Championship Show, December 2013 Staffordshire UK



Champion Modern  
Mark McCullough's Silver Duckwing male

David Hall's Brown Red Female



Federation Championship Show, December 2012 Staffordshire UK



Champion Modern  
Graham Cannell's Duckwing Pullet



David Hall's Duckwing Male



David Hall's Birchen Male