



## Beirut YCC Show Report 2018

By Oliver Quinn



How wonderful for Darren and myself to accept an invitation to place awards at their 2018 show which was held at a most prestigious hall in Beirut How special also it was for me to be joined by my special son Eoin.

From what could have been a rather disastrous start, the weekend proved to be one to remember, for many many years to come. It started with Darren, my son Eoin and myself having a fog delayed flight into Heathrow, culminating with us missing the connecting flight into Beirut by some 35 minutes. Panic, who would judge the show! Fortunately we got a flight 7 hours later viz 22.00hrs via Middle East Airlines and with the 2 hour time differential, we arrived in Beirut at 5.30 am!! Over to the Alexandria hotel ...2 hrs sleep and breakfast and off to judge 650 Yorkies

We were collected by Jack Khoury who was exemplary in the kindness shown over the weekend. As mentioned, there was a marvellous entry of 650 birds, with only 9 being adults. The standard of the Greens and Variegated was particularly high with so many exhibits excelling in shoulder and waistline. Sadly the standard of the clears was of a lesser quality.

Our difficulty in judging was that the birds were only 4 weeks from breeding duties, so cock birds in particular were too high in condition and were misshaped. Yes, what started with some potential disaster proved to be a weekend we will cherish for many years to come. In particular we really valued the new friendships made, ones that will hopefully prevail for many years.

Incidentally, the fact that the committee delayed the post show dinner to allow us watch the history making success of Ireland defeating New Zealand in rugby was invaluable to us. Spare a thought for the excitement of 3 Irish being joined by 8 members of Beirut YCC cheering the history making result

The show itself was an exercise in efficiency, with Darren and I having 2/3 experienced stewards who brought the exhibits to us gently and without fuss. The show manager, Hovig Katourjial deserves great praise

Addendum

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### Winners

Best in Show .	Souheil Hajjali.....	Green Buff cock
2nd Best .....	Bilal Jardal .....	Lightly Var Yell cock
3rd Best .....	Tarek Moussa ....	Green Buff hen
4th Best.....	Maher Zaher ...	Var Buff hen
5th Best .....	Rabia Kopton .....	Green Yellow Cock
6th Best .....	Souheil Hajjali	Green Yellow Hen
7th Best	Houssein Alzein .....	Green Buff Cock

The winning Buff cock was a nice shaped, high shouldered bird with all the characteristics of a showman [maybe like his owner ha ha]

The second best was was nicely shaped with narrow waist which if properly coloured and presented would have challenged more

One feature of the show we thought great was that after judging was complete in each class ,the winners were announced over the microphone ...to the rapturous applause of all exhibitors I could not imagine that happening in Ireland or UK !! Whereas, we extend our sincere gratitude to all members, we wish to give special thanks to Jack,Bil and Thierry.



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