



Budgie Bulletin



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NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

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CLUB OBJECTIVES

TO PROMOTE FEELINGS OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP AMONG ITS OWN MEMBERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BUDGERIGAR.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING VARIETIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ONES.

TO ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND STIMULATE THE BREEDING OF BUDGERIGARS.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All subscriptions become due January 1st, 2018

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1st, 2017, who will be financial for 2018)

SINGLE \$20.00, DOUBLE \$30 (Single fee plus 50%)

FAMILY Single fee (\$20.00) plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age

Under 18 years – no charge in family situation

JUNIOR \$13 (65% normal fee)

PENSIONER Single \$16, **Double** \$24 (Both 80% of normal fee)

PARTNERSHIP \$15 per person (75% of normal single fee)

BCSA Membership fee: \$15 per person

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2017 rings.

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Some articles for this magazine are supplied from:
Budgerigarworld.com
The international website for the hobby worldwide.

2017 Ring Issue

Rings (Blue) for 2017 are available for purchase. However the initial order has almost sold out.

A further order can be placed in June. However members need to let me know asap if they are definitely going to require further rings as NEBS will only order additional rings in June if there is a **known** shortfall for 2017.

Dennis Lomman
Ring Officer

MID YEAR RAFFLE

Deluxe Mobile Cage on stand donated by GEMBIRDS

Assembles to 62 (L) X 40 (D) X 140 (H) cm

For the breeder: Ideal nursery cage or holding cage

For the pet enthusiast: Ideal for Finches, Canaries, Budgies or
Cockatiel

Tickets on sale at the April, May and June club meetings and
the Breeder Show & Fisher Annual Show

To be drawn at the Fisher Annual Show on June 24

NEBS Budgerigar Display at Gem Birds, Pooraka

Over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of April, NEBS put on a budgerigar display at Gem Birds, Pooraka. Most colours and varieties were included in the display.

Steve Turner, Gem Birds proprietor, generously provided six prizes for a raffle which was run over both days. Steve also arranged for a face painter, Miss Fairy Floss, to be there on both days. It was not just the children who lined up for some face painting! Thanks to John Mulley and Dennis Lomman for organising the display and to Lloyd Edwards, Vicki Sanford, Graeme Alchin and Luke Jamieson who put in time manning the display and selling raffle tickets.

There was a lot of interest in the birds by the public and several were interested enough to take a NEBS membership application form.



General Overview



Steve draws the raffle



John meets Miss Fairy Floss



Miss Fairy Floss' handiwork!

The raffle prize winners were as follows:

- First Prize: L. Edwards – Cage with pet bird
- Second Prize: Chloe – Cage with pet bird
- Third Prize: Sponge Bob Snail – Aquarium
- Fourth Prize: Miss Fairy Floss – Budgie Playground
- Fifth Prize: Miss Fairy Floss – Carry Box
- Sixth Prize: D. Hutchand – Four large Feed/Drink trays

Raffle drawn by Steve Turner Proprietor of GEMBIRDS

Thanks to GEMBIRDS for donation of all prizes: Raffle raised \$127 for the club

Winners were delighted with their prizes

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BCSA and NEBS New Websites

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The **BCSA** website can be viewed at www.bcsa.com.au.

Results of all Club and State shows are posted on the website. The Photo Gallery features photos of the winning birds.

The **NEBS** website is a subset of the BCSA website and can be accessed by clicking on the NEBS logo on the BCSA Homepage or directly at www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/.

Information available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.

The Most Soul-Destroying Variety of Budgerigar.

By Don Burke

Which variety of budgie do you think is then hardest to breed? Certainly fallows are hard to breed – super-modern fallows are very rare indeed. Clearwings are hard to breed with super contrasting colour between wings and body PLUS modern feather and type. But in my experience it is the Blackeyed White that wins the prize for the all-time nightmare to perfect. While it is dead easy to breed a stunning dilute, it is impossible to breed a really modern Blackeyed White with pure white colour. It is clear to me that both the white body colour and the clear white wing colour are linked to poor feather quality.

In particular, poor head feather, including short mask feathering and poor directional feathering seem to be tightly bound to pure white colouring. This is also true with Blackeyed Yellows, but they are much easier to breed than the BE Whites. So much so that, to the best of my knowledge, there has never been a truly great BE White. No BE White has ever won Champion of show so far as I know.

I began breeding my miserable little whites in 1957. They were small, ugly, misshapen, and not very white at all. I worked so hard on them for miserable results. On and off I have bred them until today. I always hoped to win champion of show with a Blackeyed White one day.

Loyal friends have often said that my BE Whites are the best around. This is like saying that my collection of toenail clippings is better than anyone else's. I suppose that my friends felt sorry for me: "Poor Don and his wretched Whites,still, he loves them so much!".

Well about 5 years ago Peter Dodd leant me a stylish White cock and I purchased a buff White hen from Ernie Wise. I crossed them to my strain of homely Whites and started to make progress. Eighteen months ago I bred about 70 really nice BE Whites. They were a long way from Best in Show, however.

The best of them was a stylish modern White cock (see photo). Still, one stylish male doesn't necessarily make a winning strain. Early this year I hatched six BE White babies from my top pair. As they grew, all were very good indeed, BUT one stood out as something special: a snowy white baby girl with all of the bells and whistles. She had excellent directional feathering, a long mask and a huge head. Plus all the other bits, wide shoulders, large overall size etc etc. She is now six and months of age and is everything that I ever wanted (see photo). The best news is that I have about 40 of these improved whites now.

My hope in showing you all these photos is to say: Every variety can be perfected, so never give up on your dream. But my main aim is to find one or more serious breeders who will take my Blackeyed Whites forward into the future and make them even better birds. It would break my heart if these agonisingly difficult Whites fizzled out because no-one can be bothered with them. We never really own elite budgies – we just hold them in trust for future breeders.

They are now a stable strain of elite exhibition Budgerigars that will reliably produce good babies. But had I known how heartbreakingly difficult it would be and how long it would take to get there (60 years), I would have probablydone it anyway.



My first stylish male Blackeyed White.

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This is my best Blackeyed white ever. She is nearly 7 months of age, is pure white, is very large with good shoulders and directional feather. She is as good as the best normals and Spangles around.



**Budgerigar
Council
South
Australia**

BCSA AUCTION EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To be held on Saturday June 17th, 2017

Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Rd., Enfield

Cocks: limited to 2014 bred and younger; Hens: limited to 2015 bred and younger

50/50 split is preferred, more hens gladly accepted, a lesser split relating to cocks may see bird selection numbers reduced and/or not included in the catalogue.

A 10% commission to the BCSA will apply with a minimum of \$5 per lot.

A handling fee of \$5 for unsold lots will also apply.

Any birds with major permanent deformities and disabilities or evidence of illness will not be accepted on the day however a commission will still apply. Buyers to negotiate direct with vendor for passed in birds. Unsold birds will be returned at owner's expense.

TO THE VENDORS

The emphasis is on quality rather than quantity

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Approximate numbers (refer below) to the Auction Coordinator

NO LATER THAN TUESDAY APRIL 21st, 2017

AUCTION; Limited to approximately 180 lots

Initially, 10 auction lots only, per Vendor

Dependent upon numbers submitted this may be increased for selected vendors if warranted by the average sale price for their lots in previous years.

Please indicate in the expression to the Coordinator the number of additional auction birds if space is available ***if you have further auction birds.***

AUCTION CONTACT and COORDINATOR

Dennis Lomman (08) 83448363; dennisem@chariot.net.au for expressions of interest and submission of lots for inclusion in the auction catalogue. Please use terminology (Variety followed by Colour) as per The Standard when describing lots

John Mulley (08) 83310097; jmulley@bigpond.net.au for other organizational matters. It will be appreciated if Vendors and others could accept assigned tasks on the day

NOTE: The BCSA will hold its AGM on the morning of the Auction at the same venue in a separate room at 9.00am and prior to viewing the auction birds. This provides an opportunity for BCSA members to attend their AGM.

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John & Tony Wallis



Vitamin D₃ in the Modern Budgerigar Breeding Environment

By Bob Deverson

Through the 50s to the early 80s aviary roofs were constructed with part covered and part wire, enabling birds to sun themselves and absorb vitamin D₃. You would notice the birds lying on the aviary floor with wings outstretched sunning themselves. The problem with this type of aviary was that wild birds would roost on the top and excrete through the wire and introduce lice, mites and all sorts of other nasties into the aviary. The aviary birds would consume the droppings, causing all sorts of health problems. Thus, the fully covered aviary roof came into vogue. I believe that we all now understand that all birds need unfiltered sunshine to produce vitamin D₃. During the last three decades we have seen many styles of aviaries, some fully enclosed, and some with walkways on the front, most not allowing the unfiltered sun to enter, depriving the birds of that much needed sunshine. Most breeding rooms have very little if any access for the sun.

Vitamin D₃ is synthesized in the skin, especially the unfeathered parts, by the action of direct sunlight. It is also believed that the secretion of the preen gland is converted into vitamin D₃ by the action of sunlight when it is spread on the feathers. Vitamin D₃ is a hormone that controls calcium levels in the blood. It is needed for producing healthy bones and muscles, and the absorption of calcium and phosphorus for the making of egg shells. It is also needed to maintain the quality of the beak and claws. It promotes the retention of minerals by increasing absorption or decreasing their excretion. It is important to maintain vitamin D₃ levels all year round. A deficiency of this vitamin will cause bone problems in the young and suspicions should arise when chicks develop weak legs with swollen joints. Affected adult birds are also stunted, and limb fractures could occur without any accident or altercations taking place. Adult hens that are deficient lay thin shelled or soft shelled eggs and clutch size may be reduced. Leg weakness in adult birds, softening of the beak and claws, fractures, caved in ribs or bending of bones is a sure sign of vitamin D₃ deficiency and is known as adult rickets. A deficiency of vitamin D₃ prevents absorption of calcium and phosphorus, which are essential to strengthen bones and support the body.

A high excess of vitamin D₃ which can come about by repeated administration of the vitamin in large amounts. When it does it will probably cause kidney damage. Calcium salts get deposited on the walls of blood vessels and kidney tubules, especially the major vessels as they leave the heart.

Vitamin K

It is important to remember if you administer high doses of vitamin D₃ supplements you may need to administer Vitamin K. The primary role of Vitamin K is to help move calcium into the proper areas of the body such as bones. It also helps to remove calcium from areas it shouldn't be, such as arteries and soft tissues. Vitamin K deficiency is what produces the symptoms of Vitamin D₃ toxicity, which includes inappropriate calcification that can lead to hardening of the arteries. When you administer Vitamin D₃, the body produces more Vitamin K dependent proteins that move calcium around the body. Without Vitamin K, those proteins remain inactivated, so the birds never gain the benefits of those proteins.

Previous theories held that dietary deficiency of Vitamin K is extremely rare, but the use of broad spectrum antibiotics can reduce Vitamin K production in the gut by nearly 74%. Diets low in Vitamin K also increases the body's Vitamin K concentration. Vitamin K is found chiefly in leafy green vegetables, dandelion green, spinach, silverbeet, lettuce, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, broccoli and brussel sprouts. Mung beans have the highest percentage of Vitamin K of any seed or grain (43% in every cup).

STEWARDING

One of the most rewarding aspects to joining a budgerigar club is the opportunity to participate in club activities, especially stewarding. It is an essential step on the path that could lead to judging.

Role of the Steward

A Steward assists the Judge in the following ways:

1. Moving cages to the Judge's eye level on tiered staging without frightening any of the birds
2. Ensuring all birds entered in each class are placed before the Judge
3. Fetching the Show Manager where clarifications or de-benching are required
4. Running results to the Show Secretary after each class is judged
5. Moving cages to and from the Major Award staging where applicable
6. Ensuring judging is carried out for all awards as listed per the Show Schedule

A Steward assists the Show Manager in the following ways:

7. Returning cages to their original positions at completion of judging
8. Applying place cards at completion of judging

What a Steward should NOT do

1. Do not place cages on the floor
2. Do not obscure any cage yet to be judged
3. Do not roughly handle cages
4. Do not identify ownership of any of the entries
5. Do not push to the front your birds or birds you think should win
6. Do not move in front of the Judge while judging
7. Do not get out your entry form while judging is in progress
8. Do not wander off to check placings of your birds under another Judge

Exhibitors who are NOT stewarding

1. Stay well clear of the staging from cage check-in until completion of judging
2. Under no circumstances interfere with cages unless requested and under the direct supervision of the Show Manager
3. Do not remove cages from the venue until cleared to do so

John Mulley, February 2017

BUDGERIGAR

EVENTS IN

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FOR 2017

✿	SAT	25th March	BSSA	Future Champions & Novice Show
✿	SAT	13th May	NEBS	Breeder Show
✿	SUN	21st May	BCSA	State Pre Selection Show (LOGAN)
✿	SAT	27th & 28th May	ANBC	NATIONAL'S - (Mackay)
✿	SAT	3rd June	Mt Gambier	Diploma Show (Young & Adult Birds)
✿	SAT	10th June	BSSA	Stan Watson Annual Show
✿	SAT	17th June	BCSA	Auction & AGM
✿	SAT	24th June	NEBS	Fisher Annual Show
✿	SAT	1st July	BSSA	Ron Norman Show
✿	SAT	8th July	Pt PIRIE	Annual & Breeder Show
	SAT	19th August	KADINA	Agriculture Show
		26th & 27th August	GAWLER	Agriculture Show
	SAT	23rd September	BALAKLAVA	Agriculture Show
	SAT	14th October	CLARE	Agriculture Show
✿	SAT	21st October	Mt GAMBIER	UBC Show
	SAT	28th October	BSSA / NEBS	Inter Club Challenge Show

✿ Indicates Potential Status Points Show

Dates may be subject to change

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

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HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday March 8, 2017

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.00pm

APOLOGIES: Bill and Kate Davis, Shiralee Reardon, Kay Harding, Michael Smith

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 25

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: BRASEA March Auction Catalogue and Autumn Bulletin with copies on the table to take

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. To Port Adelaide Enfield Council about the air conditioner dripping water and some light bulbs in the hall needing to be replaced
2. NEBS Breeder Show Schedules were sent out electronically to the club's membership
3. Logan Shield Show Schedules were sent out electronically to the club's membership

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00; Incentive Saver \$5,680.94; Cheque Account \$4,715.04. Total Funds \$22,895.98

RING OFFICER REPORT: Supply of 2017 rings are on hand. Supplementary ring order going in around June and probably the only one, so make sure all your needs for the rest of the year are considered by then

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Second hand cheap show cages \$25. Scaly Face and Leg reduced to \$5

BCSA REPORT: BCSA meeting held on February 24:

1. Logan Shield Show Schedule was finalised and Show Manager, Electronics Supervisor and Bird Carers were appointed
2. BCSA Auction Coordinators were appointed with Expressions of Interest for sellers due by April 21. Previous vendors have been contacted by email but for anyone else the Expression of Interest form is on the table to take

NEW MEMBERS: Trevor Russell

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. NEBS will put on a display at Gembirds over the Saturday and Sunday of March 18-19 to promote the club. Birds to display representing each variety have been arranged. Has anyone got an olive? Nobody
2. BSSA sponsored Novice – Intermediate show schedules are on the table for prospective exhibitors to take. The show will be held on March 25 and the schedule includes a call for expression of interest from anyone for entering sale birds to be sold on the day of that show
3. NEBS Breeder Show Schedules for the show to be held on Saturday May 13 are on the table to take for prospective exhibitors and anyone who did not get it electronically, or prefer hard copy
4. Logan Shield Show Schedules for the State Selection Show to be held Sunday May 21 are on the table to take for prospective exhibitors and anyone who did not get it electronically, or prefer hard copy. Take note of the requirement to spot the birds to avoid penalty given that Bird Carers can't do all the spotting now that 81 birds comprise the Team that goes to the Nationals
5. BCSA Show Manager has asked for names of anyone interested in Stewarding or any other jobs at the Logan Shield, **by Friday April 14**, as part of the BCSA commitment to succession planning. Several members volunteered to have their names passed on to the BCSA Show Manager
6. Committee needs to set the Program for the second half of the year. Any suggestions for topics from the floor: Sue Adams made a great suggestion. Any volunteers to present a topic: the usual response

7. There were some complaints about the venue where we held the Christmas dinner. Suggestions for an alternative venue were called for from the floor, for the next one
8. Nominations are needed for BCSA delegates from NEBS for the 2017-18 year, for the election of delegates to be held next month at our April meeting

ENTERTAINMENT: This was to be the Mini Show but this had to be cancelled due to the BCSA and RSPCA temperature policy. Ben volunteered to step in at short notice with an interesting presentation entitled Hybrid Australian Parrots. Thanks Ben

MINI SHOW RESULTS: Show cancelled

LUCKY ENVELOPES: Ken Harris won the show cage

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Sue Adams; Second: Luke Jamieson; Third: Vicki Sanford

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Show Preparation, especially Spotting. Bird of the Night Clearbody

REMINDERS: Please pick up the show schedules and other material from the table by the door

MEETING CLOSED: ~9.00pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Feathered World February-March Newsletter from Canary and Cagebird Federation; BSSA January-February Budgie Digest

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: To Vetafarm asking for continuation of sponsorship

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Received two \$50 vouchers from Vetafarm in support of our Breeder and Fisher shows

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00; Incentive Saver \$5,680.90; Cheque Account \$4,828.34. Total Funds \$23,009.24

RING OFFICER REPORT: Plenty of 2017 rings available

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Nothing apart from usual supplies at usual reasonable prices

BCSA REPORT: Next BCSA meeting to be held on February 24

NEW MEMBERS: Marcus Strudwicke and Janet Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 2017 memberships now due unless already paid. Required for continued receipt of the club magazine beyond February
2. The club will put on a display at Gembirds over the Saturday and Sunday of March 18-19. Dennis and John have most of the 28 varieties and colours covered but we don't yet have examples of a Normal Olive Green, Normal Mauve, Lutino, Albino and Fallow so need others to make these available
3. March Mini-Show schedules are on the table. Note that classes have been restructured for the two Mini-Shows. The logic behind the revamp is explained in the Editorial in the February magazine
4. BSSA sponsored Novice – Intermediate show schedules are on the table to be taken. The show will be held on March 25

5. The March 25 show will be run in conjunction with a sale of birds as per the last page of the show schedule

ENTERTAINMENT: Butterflies in Your Garden by Gil Hollamby. This powerpoint presentation with supporting displays of pinned specimens was a comprehensive coverage of all butterfly species and their caterpillars seen in SA and what host plants are needed to attract the various species to our gardens

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS: No night show due to temperature exceeding 32⁰C

LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Dennis Lomman; Second: Graeme Alchin; Third: Janet Harris

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Mini-Show Dominant Varieties

REMINDERS: Please stack your chair at the back of the hall prior to supper

MEETING CLOSED: 9.15pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO FEBRUARY

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Ben Hale	4	1
Michael Sloper	7	1
K & J Harris	2	1
Intermediate		
Open		
Dennis Lomman	6	1
John Mulley	9	1

Highest aggregate points in each section each year win either a \$30 Trading Table voucher or a show cage. To be eligible need to enter birds in a minimum of three night shows

THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDSIN THE BCSA ERA

NATIONAL CLASS WINNERS WHO REPRESENTED NEBS IN THE LOGAN SHIELD

1996	Helen Brooks	Fallow	Cairns
1997	Rob McKie	Opaline	Melbourne
2000	John Mulley	Opaline AOSV	Adelaide
2001	M & R Rafferty	Opaline AOSV	Freemantle
2002	S & C Norris	Dominant Pied	Hobart
2003	John Mulley	Blackeyed Self	Cairns
2007	Marshall Family	Albino	Adelaide
2009	Peter Glassenbury	Blackeyed Self	Burnie
2014	Dennis Lomman	Normal Violet	Adelaide
2014	Marshall Family	Recessive Pied	Adelaide
2014	D & R Lange	Crested	Adelaide

NATIONAL JUDGING APPOINTMENTS WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

1994, Malcolm Loveridge, Perth;

1999, Shiralee Reardon, Gold Coast; 2000, Peter Glassenbury and Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide;

2002, Malcolm Loveridge, Hobart, 2003, Peter Glassenbury, Cairns;

2007, Nigel Tonkin and Peter Glassenbury, Adelaide; 2008, Peter Glassenbury, Busselton;

2010, Malcolm Loveridge, Rockhampton, 2012, Peter Glassenbury, Geelong;

2014, Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide

NATIONAL SHOW MANAGER WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

2000 & 2007, Bruce Stafford, Adelaide; 2010, Nigel Tonkin, Rockhampton;

2014, Doug Lange, Adelaide

NEBS LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Lowe (dec); Bob Hancock (dec); Betty Fisher (dec); John Fisher (dec); Arthur Harvey (dec); Coral Harvey(dec); Julie Kakoschke; Kelwyn Kakoschke; Brian Marshall; Bette Marshall; Bruce Stafford; Marion Stafford; Lloyd Edwards; John Mulley; Graham Bell; Helen Edwards; Lea Todd

Please notify the Club Secretary if you know of any errors or omissions in the above