



Budgie Bulletin



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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, 2019

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1st, 2018, who will be financial for 2019)

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 2018 rings.

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EDITORIAL FOR APRIL 2018

What did we do during March?

Some of us may have, for a little while, carried on breeding beyond Spring and early Summer with our more productive pairs to take advantage of the January 2018 ring issue. If that was the case, then we would have cleaned out the breeding room during March and sprayed the walls, cages and nest boxes with F10 or an equivalent product.

Some days would have been cool enough to catch up all the birds, check them over and list them on our inventory of stock. A preliminary cull was done to weed out the smallest youngsters and youngsters with narrow heads and heavy flights all of which clearly had no future on the show bench or in the breeding program. Assessment of the rest would have been deferred until after their April moult, except for any that may have been bred early in the year just after the 2017 ring issue.

Some of the youngsters may have been short listed for the show team, pending assessment after their passage through the April moult when they may show dramatic further improvement. Some of the breeding stock may have been identified for moving on at the earliest opportunity if already it was seen that enough of the youngsters will replace or even surpass their parents.

Roundworm infestation can be a risk to the flock especially if purchased birds have not been wormed on arrival or if wild birds have visited the wire rooves of external flights. March was a good time for preventative action by dosing for 24 hours with moxidectin, on a coolish day. Another dose in early July after the show season, including purchased birds, can be done prior to breeding from August onwards.

The more adventurous among us may have considered cutting mature tail feathers half way along their shaft, in early March. Tail feathers needed to be left in this state for at least two weeks to allow the feather to die and not damage the follicle when pulled. It takes about 10 weeks from cutting until the feather regrows to normal length to restore balance to the outline of the bird. If we did this, why did we? The national show and therefore the state selection show are now run a month too early and if the tail drops out naturally during the April moult there is not sufficient time for it to regrow. Some advocate a similar approach for flight feathers, but I have never felt that to be necessary. Sometimes the new tail drops out anyway, causing us to wonder what difference cutting the tail actually makes!

Again, due to the national show being a month too early, our best birds can still be at the tail end of their moult in May. All teams were similarly affected last year at the Mackay national show. Note that SA had more sense and opposed the change back to May, but we were outvoted. Some claimed that the ongoing moult was due to the vagaries of the season, but really the same problem happens every year because the show is simply too early. So how can we mitigate that? One approach is that in about mid-March we may have attempted to induce the moult by significantly changing the diet of the birds, by drastically decreasing the percentage of high protein seed such as canary seed. This may have synchronised the moult across all individuals within the flock onto a moulting schedule that may now be completed before the start of the serious show season. That's the theory anyway. One never knows if it is going to make much real difference as we don't know how the moult would have progressed without our intervention. Once we see the moult underway in early April we will need to restore a regime of optimal nutrition to facilitate feather replacement without causing physiological stress to the bird and to enable it to build up to optimal feather and body condition in time for the shows.

John Mulley, March 2018

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

2018 RINGS

2018 Ring Issue

Rings (Red) for 2018 are now available. Cost is 50cents each in multiples of ten.

Unfortunately the ring manufacturer omitted to include the "NE" code on our current lot of rings. However the rings still carry the ANBC and SA codes.

Members should therefore treat the rings as "SA" coded. No other "SA" coded rings have been issued in South Australia.

When entering birds in shows/auctions/sales the ring number should be shown as, for example, SA 18/1234.

To ensure that you have all the rings that you are likely to need for the breeding season, you should purchase all of your rings **now**. If you get half way through the breeding season and find that you are going to need additional rings, then you may find yourself asking other members if they have any spares that can be transferred to you.

Dennis Lomman
Ring Officer

*******NOTICE TO MEMBERS*******

**As of the April 2018 Meeting
The start time for the meeting will be 7.30pm.
The day will still be the second Wednesday of the month.**

BCSA and NEBS 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.



NEBS TRADING TABLE



The Trading Table has a range of products which are available for purchase at the NEBS Monthly Meetings or from Michael Sloper on 0423365378 or at tradingtable.nebs@gmail.com

Nutritional supplements which are popular with members include;

Passwell Liquid Gold	Vetafarm Multivet/Moulting Aid
Passwell Budgie Starter	Vetafarm Soluvite D
Murphy's Minerals	Vetafarm Breeding Aid
Calcium & Iodine Bells	Vetafarm Spark
Mineral Blocks	Elliott's Sulpha D

Other popular products include Vetafarm Triple C* **antibiotic**, Vetafarm **Probiotic*** and Passwell Multi-Clens **disinfectant** as well as various **Wormers** and **Scaly Face** treatments.

A range of **accessories** are also available including; Mason Jars and Bases, Drinkers, Wire Fronts for Show Cages, Finger Drawers, Show Cage Carriers, Ring Cutters**and more!**

Also **New and Quality Used Show Cages.**

All of these products are available at better than the normal retail price. Some items, e.g. those above with an "*", may not always be immediately available due to their shorter use by dates however they can be readily reordered. Other items can also be ordered on request.

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Saddleback: Bird of the Month for April

I have been asked why include Saddleback into the Bird of the Month series when there is no chance of any being benched in the night show and none in South Australia. We are all students of the bird we breed so we should be aware of the existence of the Saddleback and know that there is a national standard for the variety. The only Saddlebacks I have seen were in the aviary of the late Bob Bourke from Bargo in NSW and others in NSW have Saddlebacks. I recollect that my visual impression at that time was that they looked like the Opaline but their tails and wing markings and wing colour between the markings were different.

A Saddleback was first recorded from Sydney in 1975 in a nest from the mating together of two Normal Sky Blues. The head and saddle (the clear V-area) showed Opaline features but the wings showed ground colour (white) rather than the characteristic opaline (blue) body colour between the markings. It was a cock so could not have been a morph of the Opaline since Opaline is sex-linked. Subsequently the Green Series Saddlebacks showed yellow between the wing markings rather than the characteristic green that would be the case for an Opaline. Markings present in the head and saddle region are grizzled dark grey rather than black, and wing markings are grey in the shoulder region merging to black on the secondary and primary flight feathers. Tail feathers are as per the Normal Series. The inheritance is now well established as autosomal recessive, the same as Recessive Pieds, Fallows, Greywings, Clearwings and Dilutes.



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Avian Gastric Yeast (Megabacteria)

Dr Anne Fowler
**BSc(Vet)(Hons) BVSc MANZCVS (Avian Health, Wildlife Health,
Unusual Pet Medicine)**

Cause:

Avian gastric yeast is caused by *Macrorhabdus ornithogaster*. This is a large cigar-shaped fungus that was originally mistaken for a very large bacteria, and thus its common name, Megabacteria. Avian gastric yeast, as the name suggests, lives in the stomach of the bird.

What clinical signs do you see?

A bird with a serious avian gastric yeast infection is likely to be thin. There may be undigested seeds in the faeces. The bird may appear to be ravenously hungry. In some cases, the bird may present with generally feeling unwell.

How is this condition diagnosed?

Although physical examination may be suggestive of this disease, there are many other diseases that may present with these symptoms. Ideally the vet examines a sample of faeces under the microscope and sees the yeast. Even one yeast is diagnostic of this condition. Heavy burdens are likely to result in many yeast in the faeces.

How is avian gastric yeast treated?

As yeasts divide and grow slowly, treatment is required for a month. Oral medication is given to the beak twice daily during this time. It is possible to treat aviary flocks (where some deaths are tolerated) with other in-water medications.

Rechecks are required at 10 and 30 days. If the bird is becoming more sick, then a more urgent revisit is required as the damaged gut may become infected with bacteria or other fungi.

In-water treatments such as apple-cider vinegar are ineffective.

What is the prognosis?

The thinner and sicker the bird, the worse the prognosis. This is a disease that can kill. Mild cases can be treated successfully. A recurrence is possible if the bird becomes stressed (moult, breeding, illness) in the future.

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Adelaide Bird & Exotics Vet Centre on 8443
4838*

Food and Feeding Exhibition Budgerigars

By Bob Deverson

PART 5: Vitamins

Vitamins are integral and necessary parts of a budgerigar's diet. It is important to remember that nature supplies most of the vitamin needs in a budgerigar's diet, provided that a wide variety of fresh foods are consumed. Vitamins are trace nutrients and function as either cofactors or hormones. Vitamin E is the exception as it acts as an antioxidant. Diets that are low in vitamins are often low in essential amino acids, which produce quality protein. Sickness also increases the demands for vitamins and may interfere with the absorption and utilization of vitamins by the body. Fresh natural foods such as vegetables, sprouted seeds and seeding grasses are the best balanced vitamin and mineral food for budgerigars.

Vitamin A: is not found in seeds but is in many vegetables. It is essential for growth. Benefits the vision, and the health of mucous membranes. Helps to prevent infections, and the maintenance of healthy skin. An excess of vitamin A does not seem to be a problem with budgerigars. Deficiencies can result in sinus infections, dullness of feathers, weakness, poor appetite and unsteadiness. When breeding hens are deficient they have a high incidence of dead in shell and very weak chicks.

The B group of vitamins are so closely interdependent in their functions that normally they are dealt with together. If one is lacking, probably the others are as well. Deficiencies of this group can only be

suspected with any certainty when symptoms of the deficiency in other birds are similar and proved to be the case. And if a positive response is gained by restoring the vitamin deficiency in the diet. **Vitamin B Complex:** Is a large group of water soluble vitamins and contains several important and separate vitamins that are a requirement in the diet of budgerigars. Most play an important role in metabolism. **Thiamine (B1):** is found in grains so deficiencies are rare. It is important to all cells of the body as it is involved in the metabolism of carbohydrates. Absence of thiamine causes death which is preceded by severe nervous disorders. Most seeds and grains contain sufficient amounts for the diets of budgerigars.

Riboflavin (B2): is necessary for the normal growth of chicks and it is a necessity for egg production. A deficiency manifests as retarded growth, diarrhoea and leg paralysis. Seeds are deficient in vitamin B2.

Pyridoxine (B6): is necessary in various biochemical reactions concerned with the metabolism of proteins and fat. Vitamin B6 is widespread in the foods of budgerigars. Deficiencies of this vitamin rarely occur.

Biotin B7 also known as vitamin H: plays an important role in helping the body metabolize proteins, fats and carbohydrates. Biotin travels in the blood stream and excess quantities are eliminated in the urine. This means the body does not store it so it has to be ingested daily. Vitamin B7 deficiency is very rare. It is found in most of the foods fed to budgerigars.

Cobalamin (B12): Has numerous functions in the metabolism of food substances and chemicals of the body. It is an important sulphur coating amino acid essential for the production of tissue proteins including those of feathers. Animals do not produce this vitamin and it is absent from green plants and seeds. A dietary source is necessary. Deficiencies can arise from excessive administration of sulphonamides, antibiotics or other antibacterial drugs. Any lack of this vitamin in the diet has drastic effects on skin, feather and growth and causes poor appetite. It also reduces hatchability of eggs.

Pantothenic Acid (B5): Plays an important role in the metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and protein. It also has an important role in the conducting of nerve impulses and their transition into muscle movements. Pantothenic acid is found in seeds and grain fed to budgerigars and is unlikely to be deficient in the diet.

Folic Acid (B9): is involved in carbon metabolism. It is very stable and plays a part in the synthesis of certain body proteins. Seeds and grains have a low content of this vitamin.

Vitamin C: is available in most vegetables recommended for budgerigars. A deficiency will result in haemorrhage.

Vitamin D3: is the form of vitamin D used by birds. It is synthesized in the skin by the action of direct sunlight. The main effect of this vitamin is the normal production of bone and the absorption of calcium and phosphorous for making egg shells. A deficiency of this vitamin should be suspected when young birds develop weak legs with swollen joints. The birds are also stunted, and limb fractures can occur. Hens deficient in this vitamin lay soft or thin shelled eggs and clutch size could be reduced. Weakness of the legs is seen in adult birds. Softening of the claws and beak, fractures or bending of the bones point to vitamin D deficiency, known as rickets.

Vitamin E: Function is not clearly understood in budgerigars. It is understood to be required for the normal development of skeletal muscle, nerve cells, maintenance of protein levels, germ cell production in testes of the cock birds and for the development and growth of embryos. Hen birds lacking vitamin E will continue to lay eggs but the development of the embryo is impaired and will die early in the incubation period.

Vitamin K: is necessary for the clotting of blood. It is mostly present in green leaves and grass. Deficiency of this vitamin rarely occurs but can result from overdosing of antibiotics especially if mixed in the food or water.

DOWN MEMORY LANE Part 4: NEBS SHOW MANAGERS

Perhaps the next most senior of the most active positions in the club's hierarchy after President, Secretary and Treasurer are Show Manager and Ring Officer. I have been compiling information for this DOWN MEMORY LANE series from minutes of the club's Annual General Meetings (AGM's) held every year since the club was founded in 1974. It wasn't until 1986 that the position of Show Manager was listed among the Committee positions at the AGM but club shows were clearly part of the culture from the beginning. Skimming the club's minutes I find that the first reference to a Show Manager was in November 1974 when the Secretary Mr A. Harrison was asked to organise a show. In 1976 there is reference made to W. Charleston as Show Manager, but not as a position listed at the AGM. For some reason the position of Show Manager did not appear to have the profile that it has and deserves in today's club scene. Show Manager was not listed among the Committee positions at any AGM right up to 1985. However, Ken Harris is almost sure that Max Francis carried out the role of Show Manager in those early years because Ken assisted him with show entries in that era and Max stored the trailer and staging at his home. Back then they didn't have the luxury of computers to manage their shows.

The following members are confirmed to have served as **Show Manager** since 1986 when that position began to appear in the list of Committee positions in the minutes of the NEBS AGM's:

1986	Mr L. McCarthy	1 year	1990-2008	Bruce Stafford	19 years
1987-88	Brice Wheaton	2 years	2009-15	Graeme Alchin	7 years
1989	Position was blank on the list		2016-	Luke Jamieson	2 years so far

I didn't come onto the club scene until soon after the beginning of Bruce Stafford's reign but during that period I was impressed by how Bruce enforced exhibitor etiquette. There was no wandering around the staging prior to judging and certainly not during judging, and judges needed to be properly attired. As was common in the past, Bruce was ably supported by Marion who looked after the entry paperwork and organised the army of ticket writers, for which there was I'm told, much competition.

By about 2015 the situation had changed to the extent that we needed, with fewer active helpers, a less labour intensive system to deliver the same show outcomes. To his great credit Andrew Stock was able to implement and apply a commercially available show manager package which I personally found overly challenging to use when the aim was to simplify efficient show management. Then out of the blue Luke Jamieson volunteered to develop his Excel based electronic system in use today.

Whilst the user friendly Luke Show Manager system has been a godsend when change was needed, we haven't quite optimised the electronic evolution. At the Logan Shield we have a Show Manger and Electronics Officer. Similar division of labour is required at club shows but at present one person does both. Ideally we need one person to take responsibility for organising judges and stewards, staging layout and matters that invariably arise during the running of the show and another on the computer to key in the results from judging as they come to hand. That would simply be the modernised version of what use to be done by the Show Manager and Marion's team of ticket writers.

To conclude, there are gaps in the documented early history of show management at NEBS with information on the period 1974-1985 and 1989 missing. Can anyone help fill in the gaps?

John Mulley,

An Insight into Our Breeding Season by Ken & Janet

Hi all. This is how our breeding season starts. First we select a specific pair of budgies searching the aviary for a pair that holds the features that we are hoping to achieve.

We then separate the pairs to ensure that no amorous cocks get to the hen. That gives the pair time to bond in private, away from the prying eyes of their aviary mates.

The breeding cages are all wire and measure 600x400x400 mm with a nest box 230x200x230mm attached to the side. It has a removable lid for easy inspection. Inside the nest box we have a concave and pine shavings. The breeding cages have a water and seed container, cuttlefish and mineral grit, at least 2 perches and a removable tray lined with paper for easy cleaning. The cages are cleaned weekly. We have 12 breeding cages and this enough for us.

When the pair is settled in the breeding cage we introduce soaked seed. After a period of time the hen will start visiting the nest box more and more frequently as the days go by. After approximately 10 to 14 days the first egg is laid most times.

We record the date the 1st egg is laid and every egg after. When the 4th egg arrives we start candling for fertility.

In about 18 to 20 days the egg should start to hatch (this depends on when the hen started to sit). The nest should be checked regularly and after 7 to 10 days depending on size we ring the chicks. This is recorded onto our breeding chart. Once all chicks are rung we clean the nest box regularly.

Once the chick have fledged and feeding on their own they are moved to 1 of 3 of our holding cages which measure 800x520x1000mm. We then hold them there until their 1st moult, and after this time they are released into aviary.

After the 2nd moult we then decide on what we want to keep for showing and the next breeding season.

Once breeding is completed we clean and disinfect all the cages, nest boxes and holding cage ready for the next season and hopefully we have bred some birds to be competitive on the show bench.

P.S. We would like to thank all the people who have helped us since returning to the hobby but a special thanks must go to Bob Deverson and Sue Adams.

Written by Janet Harris

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF BCSA MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23

Organizing Committee for the 47th ANBC Show in 2021

It is imperative that we commence processes for the upcoming event.

The key positions listed below are those that need nominees against them and once these positions are filled these persons then take responsibility for assembling internal teams where additional helpers are required.

There is a real need to see some fresh faces in these important roles as the learning gained while knowledge is available will be imperative to future events. Our knowledge base in dwindling and age is also a factor in any future events.

Without these individual section roles, the process will not progress and as such are imperative for the event background progression -

- Event coordinator and media
- Show manager
- Finance and budget
- Registrations and door team
- Venue Electronics
- Photography
- Security coordinator
- Team travel coordinator
- Website coordinator
- Tourism
- Bird room setup
- Bird Carers
- Transport /Storage coordinator (container location/storage)
- Cleaning holding cages and show cages after use (and maybe before use)
- Auction coordinator including management of auction birds
- Head Steward
- Raffle Co-ordinator

Could Delegates please discuss this important item with members and advise names of those persons willing to take on these initial roles.

**BCSA AUCTION
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

To be held on Saturday July 21st, 2018
Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Rd., Enfield

**Cocks: limited to 2015 bred and younger;
Hens: limited to 2016 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 FRIDAY MAY 18th, 2018

AUCTION; Limited to approximately 180 lots

Initially, 5 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 but 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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MONTHLY EVENTS For 2018

North East Budgerigar Society of South Australia Inc.

Details Listed Are Subject To Change

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Wed 10 th Club Meeting	Wed 14 th Club Meeting	Wed 14 th Club Meeting
Entertainment Australian White Cap Door Prize : - A White Cap Budgerigar	Entertainment Birds At The Zoo	Entertainment Mini Show - Recessive Varieties
Bird of Month Australian White Cap	Please Note : This month will be the last Magazine issued to un-financial members so pay up now & continue to enjoy your hobby as a member of the NEBS	No Bird Of Month
	Bird of Month Dominant Pied	
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Wed 11 th Club Meeting	Wed 9 th Club Meeting	Wed 13 th Club Meeting
Entertainment Preparation For Breeding	Entertainment Mini show Dominant Varieties	Entertainment SALE OF BIRDS BY TENDER
44 th Anniversary	No Bird Of Month	No Bird Of Month
Bird of Month Saddleback		

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO February 2018

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Ben Hale	3	1
Michael Sloper	10	2
Marcus Strudwicke	8	1
Intermediate		
Vicki Sanford	28	2
Geoff Murch	6	1
Open		
John Mulley	11	2
Dianna Trevarthen	2	1
Dennis Lomman	10	1
L & H Edwards	2	1
John Farrugia-Gay	8	1
Marshall Family	4	1

Highest aggregate points in each section each year will win a \$30 Trading Table voucher. Eligibility: minimum of three shows entered.

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday February 14, 2018

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin opened the meeting at 8.05pm; APOLOGIES: Paul Schroeder;

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 23; MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The proposal for the two Adelaide clubs to cancel their annual shows to be replaced by a single larger any age show with the organising to alternate between the NEBS and BSSA was not supported by a majority vote of the NEBS Committee

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Feathered World Newsletter from Canary & Cagebirds for February and March (please take); January-February Budgie Digest from the BSSA; CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Notification sent to BSSA and BCSA regarding the decision about the NEBS decision re state any age show;

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit: \$12,500; Incentive Saver \$5,830.65; Cheque Account: \$7,546.82;

Total funds: \$25,877.47. Expenditure on the trailer refurbishment is unknown at present

RING OFFICER REPORT: The club has a plentiful supply of SA code rings

TRADING TABLE REPORT: The price list for the Trading Table stock was handed out and contains a lot of valuable information on usage

BCSA REPORT: Next BCSA meeting is programmed for February 23

NEW CLUB MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Sue and Colin Norris have a cabinet of 9 breeding cages to give away
2. Reminder that club memberships for 2018 are due for continued receipt of the magazine
3. Hard copy show schedules for the March MiniShow for Recessive Varieties are on the table
4. Hard copy show schedules for the BSSA sponsored Novice and Intermediate show to be held on March 24 didn't make it to this meeting but arrangements are in place for later availability and electronic distribution to members on email had already been actioned
5. **Some members have requested bringing the start time for this monthly meeting forward from 8.00pm to 7.30pm due to very early morning starts to the working day for many members. This was strongly supported and will therefore operate from the April meeting onwards**
6. Ken and Janet Harris have resigned from the NEBS Committee but as we understand it are still available to help in various ways. We thank them for their valuable contributions toward running the club and are sorry to see them vacate their Committee positions. Nominations were called from the floor to fill the vacancies of Assistant Secretary and Committee Member which were filled by Marcus Strudwicke and Janet Smith

ENTERTAINMENT: Dr Liberty Olds gave an extremely interesting talk on the challenging aspects of conservation for the threatened Emu Wren as part of the avian research program based at the Adelaide and Monarto Zoos. The club immediately donated \$100 in support of this endeavour, in line with the recommendation from the Committee made at the January Committee meeting

NIGHT SHOW: Best Novice: Michael Sloper; Best Intermediate: Geoff Murch; Best Open: Marshall Family;

Bird of the Month – Dominant Pied for double points: Dennis Lomman. JUDGE'S COMMENTS: It was pleasing to see so many birds on show tonight. Class 3 stood out with some nice birds, especially the winning Albino. The Bird of the Night class of Dominant Pieds was very strong with the winning Dominant Pied Cinnamonwing Greygreen showing very well. There was a very nice Novice hen. Thanks to Shiralee Reardon and Ian Marshall for judging tonight

LUCKY ENVELOPES: The cage envelope was won by Michael Smith and the \$20 envelope was won by John Farrugia-Gay; NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Michael Sloper who took the chocolates; Second: Michael Smith who took the fruit tray; Third: Dennis Lomman who took the seed

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Recessive Varieties MiniShow

REMINDERS: Please help put away the chairs and don't forget to pick up magazines out the front

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05pm but socialising continued long after that time

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday March 14, 2018

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin opened the meeting at 8.05pm;

APOLOGIES: John Mulley

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 33

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Reminder that the start time for meetings from April onwards will be 7.30pm
2. Hard copy show schedules for the BSSA sponsored Novice and Intermediate show to be held on March 24 are available to take. They have been distributed electronically

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit: \$12,500; Incentive Saver \$5,869.52; Cheque Account: \$7,032.21; Total funds: \$25,901.73.

RING OFFICER REPORT: Have plenty of rings left, over 600.

TRADING TABLE REPORT: New products have been ordered, but not yet arrived, from a new supplier. Hope people will be prepared to give them a try.

BCSA REPORT: Next BCSA meeting will be electronic to determine BCSA position on motions submitted to the National Delegates Meeting, once motions received.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Krystal Scanlon, Mannum. Welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Show Manager, Doug Lange, for the Logan Shield has requested a list of names of anyone who would like to assist at the show, such as Stewarding etc. The show schedule will be distributed at our April meeting and electronically at the same time
2. Our past President and current Vice President has just celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations Lloyd
3. Nominations required for NEBS Delegates to BCSA for election to be held at the April meeting. Current Delegates are Dennis Lomman, Shiralee Reardon and John Mulley. Dennis prepared to stand again. Just need 2 more.

ENTERTAINMENT: Recessive Variety Mini Show judged out the front by Ian & Shiralee.

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS:

OPEN – 1st Tie btwn. Diana Trevarthen & Marshall Family. 2nd Dennis Lomman.

INTERMEDIATE 1st Vicki Sanford. 2nd Geoff Murch.

NOVICE 1st Michael Sloper.

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: Ian Marshall & Shiralee Reardon were judges for the Show. Thanked people for entering birds. However, some classes were either low in numbers or none at all. Birds benched had varying degrees of quality, some have potential to go well on show bench. Most needed showcase training in preparation for the coming show season. Both judges thanked the Club for inviting them to judge.

LUCKY ENVELOPES: Nil.

NIGHT RAFFLE: 1st: John Farrugia-Gay; 2nd: Dennis Lomman; 3rd: Lee Todd.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

A question from Marcus on the Black Eyed Self that was benched tonight. Ian responded to his question with description of markings for the variety. Also talked about markings for Lacewings & Opalines.

Ben asked about markings for Recessive Pieds as hens more marked than cocks. Known for hens to be more heavily marked than cocks so more heavily penalised on bench.

Dennis selling 11 wire breeding cages (Cheap as Chip type) with accessories ie. nest box, drinker etc. \$20ea. See him if interested.

Sue let us know there are birds for tender sale at the BSSA Future Champions Show on 24th March.

NEXT MEETING: Preparation for breeding, on April 11th

REMINDERS: Please help put away the chairs.

Committee Meeting next Tuesday at Vicki's house at Modbury.

Show Schedules for BSSA Future Champions Show still available by door.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.35pm

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson

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