



# **Budgie Bulletin**



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# NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

Issued bi-monthly for the members of the

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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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012  
(Except new members who joined after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011)

**SINGLE \$15.00 DOUBLE \$22.50**

**FAMILY** Single fee (\$15.00), plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age.  
Under 18 years – no charge in family situation)

**JUNIOR \$9.75 (65% normal fee)**

**PENSIONER Single \$12.00 (80% normal fee) Double \$18.00**

**PARTNERSHIP \$11.25 per person (75% normal fee)**

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**BCSA Membership fee: \$15.00 per person.**

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2010 rings.  
Please ensure that your membership card accompanies your order for rings.

*Newsletter will be forwarded to financial country or interstate members bi-monthly.*

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## Christmas Message



Well the end of another year is upon us and the show season for 2011 and is now all over.

I believe this time of the year is a time to reflect on your achievements for the year, whether it be in the fancy or in life.

I would like to congratulate all members who had birds go to the Nationals in Perth this year. Whether or not you were successful it is a great achievement to have birds of this standard selected in the team to represent South Australia.

It was a great effort from the NEBS members to supply birds for the Unbroken Cap Show in October; our club was successful in this challenge.

Well done to all members who have had success at the shows held throughout this year, this was a fantastic effort.

I would like to thank the committee for all of their efforts this year, at monthly meetings and on show days. Their hard work and dedication help keep the club and committee up and running throughout the year. I hope you all continue to stay on the committee next year as it is a pleasure to have such a helpful group of people around.

Members make a club, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NEBS members for their efforts this year and wish them every success in the New Year. New members are always welcome at the club.

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to wish all the NEBS members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year.

All the best for the 2012.

Lloyd Edwards  
President



# **Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting**

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St., Kilburn on Wednesday **November 09, 2011**

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.05pm.  
APOLOGIES: Bette and Brian Marshall, Bill and Kate Davis, Sue Adams, Barbara Fisher.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Club Christmas Twilight Cruise next month, December 14. Full payment to confirm attendance is due tonight. See Vicki.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. The Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Society November Newsletter.
2. Southern Cagebird Society November Newsletter.
3. Show results from the Mt Gambier Budgerigar Society
4. Certificate of Appreciation from the Zoo for sponsorship of our budgerigar
5. SA National Canary and Cagebirds Exhibition Committee Newsletter for October.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Get well cards for Geoff Murch and Janez Tretjak

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit \$19,000; cheque account \$5,211.92; Total \$24,211.92.

RING STEWARD'S REPORT: New 2012 rings are now in stock.

LIBRARY REPORT: DVDs and Budgerigar Worlds are available for loan.

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Specials on vitamins and iodine blocks.

NEW MEMBERS: Nil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. NEBS won the NEBS/BSSA interclub challenge. Thanks to our members who supported that event and socialized with the membership of the BSSA.

2. Tickets are available tonight for a pair of Steve Elliot birds being raffled by the BSSA. See Dennis.
3. From next year there will be a place in our night shows for the Suffused. They will go into Class 2 with Blackyed Self, Clearwing, Greywing, Fallow and Recessive Pied.
4. From next year there will be a place in our night shows for Darkeyed Clears and Darkwings since these varieties have been re-established in SA. They will go into Class 5, with the Crested, and any other NSV not already covered by our night show schedule.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Nil.

BCSA UPDATE: Next meeting Friday week.

LUCKY ENVELOPE: Polly Heel                      SHOW CAGE ENVELOPE: Kay Campbell

ENTERTAINMENT: Presentation and discussion on suffused (dilutes).

QUESTION AND ANSWER SEGMENT: Questions and discussion based on the presentation.

JUDGES SUMMARY: Ian Marshall was impressed by the numbers of birds presented and the number of different varieties. He said that many of the birds (all UBCs) have great potential.

Winners: Novice: Brad Nunn; Intermediate: Vicki Sanford; Open: Malcolm Loveridge.

Bird of the night-Clearbody: Mulley and Stafford.

DOOR PRIZE: \$10 Trading Table voucher to Colin Norris.

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Marion Stafford; Second: Ian Marshall; Third: Trevor Wilson-Smith

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Attendees were asked if they had any suggestions for entertainment during 2012.

#### REMINDERS:

1. Anyone who has not signed the attendance record as they came in, please sign
2. EOI forms for making show cages available for the 2014 national are beside the attendance record as you came in

NEXT MEETING: Twilight Cruise Wednesday December 14, 2011, then the next General Meeting is on Wednesday January 11.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.10pm.

President

Lloyd Edwards,

# **Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting**

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St., Kilburn on Wednesday **October 12, 2011**

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.10 pm.

APOLOGIES: Ian Marshall, Ray Slade, Bruce Stafford.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

2. Club Christmas Twilight Cruise December 14. Vicki is now collecting the money. All payments due no later than November 9, the night of our November meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

6. Results of the Budgerigar Section of the Kadina Show and a thank you for our support from the convenor Malcolm Loveridge.
7. Notification of availability of tickets for the 2012 People's Choice Community Lottery.
8. Paramyxovirus in pigeons situation update.
9. Minutes of the August BCSA Meeting.
10. SA National Canary and Cagebirds Exhibition Committee Newsletter.
11. Southern Cagebird Society October Newsletter.
12. Show Schedules for the Mt Gambier Show Saturday and Sunday October 22-23.
13. Budgie Digest September-October from BSSA.
14. Request from a member of the public wishing to purchase budgerigars.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

2. Notification to BCSA that NEBS will be happy to sponsor the rosettes for the Australian yellowfaced blue (goldenface) at the 2014 National Show in Adelaide.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:

2. Paramyxovirus confirmed in 35 premises all of which have been placed under quarantine. The outbreak remains confined to racing pigeons and fancy pigeons in the Greater Melbourne and Shepparton areas of Victoria.
3. SA National Canary and Cagebirds Exhibition Committee are calling for judge nominations for various sections for their 2012 show.
4. Reminder that the club's participation in the People's Choice Community Lottery returns 100% of proceeds back to the participating organisations. In our case, this is one of the initiatives that helps keep the cost of club memberships down. Several from the general membership plus the Committee indicated their willingness to sell a book of tickets.
5. Members were asked to get back to John if they had budgerigars to sell. The enquiry came from a fancier who wanted healthy birds that will do well in an outdoor aviary and they do not necessarily have to be of show quality.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit \$19,000; cheque account \$4,774.22; Total \$23,774.22.

RING STEWARD'S REPORT: New 2012 rings are now in stock. Dennis reminded members to be mindful of purchasing rings to be registered for the Derby and Oaks in 2012.

LIBRARY REPORT: Graham reminded member of the availability of the latest Budgerigar Worlds and the clubs extensive range of DVDs, many of historical interest.

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Colin outlined a number of specials, including a range of vitamins, and the availability of white D cups that will be required for the upcoming interclub show.

NEW MEMBERS: Kate Jackson was presented with her starter pack.

MEMBER MILESTONES: Malcolm Loveridge was in town and attended the meeting. NEBS surprised him with the award of his 30 years continuous membership badge. Congratulations Malcolm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

5. Show schedules and entry forms for the NEBS/BSSA interclub challenge to be held on Saturday October 29, are available next to the attendance sheets.
6. The perpetual trophy awarded to the winning club at each interclub was displayed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:



2. The Committee will be setting up the entertainment program for the first half of 2012, at its next meeting on Tuesday night. Suggestions were called for from the floor, for the guidance of the Committee. We were delighted to receive so many suggestions which the Committee will add to the list it has been developing over the past half year.
3. Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle are included with the magazine to be drawn on the night of the Twilight Cruise, in December.

BCSA UPDATE: Their next meeting will be held in November.

LUCKY ENVELOPE: Squares not yet filled. SHOW CAGE ENVELOPE: Squares not yet filled.

ENTERTAINMENT: The entertainment was on English budgerigar imports. The presentation was prepared by Nigel Tonkin who presented the powerpoint slides and spoke to them. Remarkably, over a short period from 1990 onwards 4500 budgerigars were imported and passed through the quarantine facility at Spotswood in Melbourne. This irreversibly changed the style of the exhibition budgerigar in Australia, after some initial resistance on the show bench due to the amount of feather, not previously seen in Australia, and surpassing The Standard of the day.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SEGMENT: Passed, due to interest generated by the presentation.

JUDGES SUMMARY: A number of unbroken caps were disqualified due to presence of pinfeathers. It only takes one pinfeather visible in the cap, or one adult feather easily detected by its colour, in the cap to force disqualification. This needs to be borne in mind for the upcoming interclub challenge.

Winners: Novice: Geoff Hay; Intermediate: Brian Johnson; Open: Dennis Lomman.

Best Albino: Lucy and Andrew; Best Lutino: Lloyd and Helen Edwards.

DOOR PRIZE: \$10 Trading Table voucher to Peter Glassenbury after a redraw to find a member wearing their name badge.

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Dennis Lomman; Second: Kate Jackson; Third: Tim Campbell.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

2. For those contemplating attendance at the 2012 national show in Geelong the message from Victoria is that accommodation is filling fast, even at this early stage.

REMINDERS:

3. Anyone who has not signed the attendance record as they came in, please sign
4. Magazines are out the front

5. EOI forms for making show cages available for the 2014 national are beside the attendance record as you came in
6. New syllabus for remainder of the year are available next to the attendance sheets.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 9, 2011. MEETING CLOSED:  
9.35pm.

Lloyd Edwards, President

## **Budgerigar Society Of South Australia - Raffle**

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## **NOTICE**

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**It will be in colour**

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**If you would like to take up this option please contact the club secretary John Mulley**

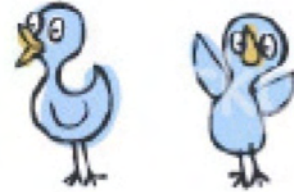
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### Talking Birds – December 2011 - Critical Caring

There are few worse feelings in bird keeping than the realisation that something is terribly wrong with one of your most valued birds.

The typical characteristics of a bird fluffed, looking sleepy and hunched on the perch, immediately send the alarm bells ringing and your mind racing to solve the problem.

The first thing to remember is that birds are masters of deception. Hiding illness from their keepers is just nature; this behaviour is as much a tool for survival as flight. In a bird's natural habitat, the sick and the weak will always be the first pick for potential predators and nobody wants to be the easy meal. A bird that is outwardly looking sick is no longer strong enough to put on the show and is more likely to be staring death in the eye rather than feeling just a little down.

So even before we begin to work through the possible causes of the original problem, there is something that needs to be done very quickly if these birds that are physically showing signs of illness are to be saved.

**Administering First Aid** – All sick birds will be dehydrated and lacking in energy, particularly if they have progressed to a point that they have ceased eating or drinking. Supplying fluids and energy to sick birds is absolutely critical. Without the fluid and energy needed to fight back against illness, any kind of treatment for the initial disease is useless. Being confident with a crop needle is an incredibly valuable skill to have in these situations. A bit of quick thinking and the direct administration of some Poly Aid for carbs and Spark Liquid to rehydrate has saved the lives of hundreds, possibly thousands of sick birds over the years. Be sure to have at least a few first aid essentials in the cupboard, in times of crisis they are priceless.

**The Hospital Box** –The hospital box is an absolute necessity for any serious bird keeper. The box needs some form of heating and a way to measure temperature, too hot and your bird will stress and dehydrate. A temperature between 25-27 degrees is about right for most species. It also needs to be in a quite, low stress environment with soft, dim light during the day and just a small amount of light at night. Many sick birds will take the opportunity to eat a small amount during the night, if it is pitch black eating becomes difficult. Try not to handle the bird too frequently or disturb unnecessarily.

**Recovery** – Once we have administered first aid and put the bird into a hospital box, the next step is to identify the cause of illness and begin treatment, you may need to contact your veterinarian for identification and treatment of certain diseases. However, the bird's recovery back to full health will most likely fall to you. For birds that are eating and drinking voluntarily, a high-energy food is best - plain canary seed is a good choice for a recovery diet. For birds that are only eating small amounts or not eating at all, a critical care food will need to be force fed to ensure ongoing energy, fat; protein and fluids are available. Crittacare Avian is a good way to accomplish this with good amounts of the above nutrients in a cooked and easily digested formula. Crittacare Avian is also fortified with Probiotic and Pre-digestives to assist the digestive system in the break down of food and the re-establishment of healthy gut flora after stress and antibiotics. Additional doses of pure Probiotic can also be beneficial after antibiotic treatment

Not all birds that are discovered as being ill successfully recover, there is always going to be the odd bird that we can't save no matter what we do. However, having a good knowledge of the steps to take in an emergency, the right tools at hand will make a huge difference to the number of birds that you will get strong recoveries from.

If you are interested in anything mentioned in this article or would like more information of on first aid in birds, please don't hesitate to contact Vetafarm.

## **THE 2012 SHOW SEASON**

The purpose of this article is to give an outline of shows in 2012 that involve the club. Dates will also be in the 2012 Syllabus. These are compiled annually by Graham Bell. Apart from the social aspects, the exhibition side of the hobby provides a way of assessing progress as we strive to improve our stock.

### **The Fisher Annual Show**

This is an open show to be held on Saturday May12. By "open" we mean anyone from any club can show. It is an "any age" show.

### **Young Stock Show**

Also an open show, the Young Stock Show will be held on Saturday June 30. This is for current year rung birds, which will be gold rings in 2012. The idea behind this show is to give breeders an early indication of the quality of their 2012 rung birds (mostly rung in late 2011 or early 2012) since these birds will not be eligible for the Logan Shield until 2013.

### **The NEBS/BSSA Interclub Challenge**

This is a non status moving show since only two clubs are involved. Exhibits are restricted to nest feather birds (with unbroken caps) for points. There are

also grouped classes not for points for current year (2012) rung birds. One of the club objectives is “To promote feelings of good fellowship and sportsmanship among its own members and all other persons interested in the budgerigar.” The NEBS/BSSA Interclub Challenge goes some way toward fulfilling that objective. In 2012 there will be four new classes (for points) in order to showcase the new national classes that will appear at the national show in Toowoomba in 2013 as part of an extended format. This extended format fits with part of another objective of our club, which is “To promote the improvement of existing varieties.....”. This interclub will be held on Saturday October 27.

### **The Logan Shield**

This broader interclub challenge extends the above objectives by involving all clubs in SA. This is the venue for selection of the state team for the national show one week later, which in 2012 will be held in Geelong. The BCSA is responsible for organising this show. They too have decided to showcase the four new classes at this show in 2012 as a prelude to their inclusion as national classes in 2013. Violet is one of these. Goldenfaced Blue is another. Both are popular additions, although support nationally is not universal. All birds benched must be eligible for state team selection. The Logan shield competition will be held on Sunday May 20.

### **National Show**

This comprises teams from the seven states and zones affiliated with the Australian National Budgerigar Council. It is the pinnacle of our hobby and the bird part will be held on May 25-27.

### **Shows organised by Other Clubs and Agricultural Societies**

The BSSA, Port Pirie and Mount Gambier clubs all organise their own sets of shows, in addition to those organised by the NEBS. Budgerigars are also exhibited at the Gawler, Balaklava, Kadina and Clare Agricultural Shows. Members are encouraged to participate at all of these events in order to interact with other clubs and to promote the hobby to the general public.

### **Club Night Shows**

Details of these are given in the syllabus each year. Their main purpose is to familiarise young birds with travelling, to train them to adjust to a different environment away from their aviary and to act as a focal point for members who attend monthly meetings to learn as much as they can about budgerigars.

John Mulley

# **THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

## **SHOW RULES**

The Show Rules have been updated and become effective on 1/10/2011. They are binding to all present members and all new members who join the Society after this date.

### **1. ANNUAL SHOWS**

- a) Until altered by proper resolution as prescribed in the Rules, the Annual Show (Championship) for any age birds beyond their first molt may be held each year at the Committee's discretion.
- b) The Breeders Show (previous year rung birds) may be held annually at the Committee's discretion.
- c) A Young Stock Show (current year rung birds) may be held at the discretion of the Committee.
- d) Major Awards to extend to Fifth Champion Cock and Fifth Champion Hen for any major show held by the Society.
- e) An Unbroken Cap Championship Show may be held annually at the discretion of the Committee.
- f) Any of the major annual shows held by the Society shall be open to NEBS members as well as financial members of other Societies.

### **2. MONTHLY SHOWS**

- a) These may be held throughout the year on regular meeting nights, and shall cater for such classes as may be determined by the Executive Committee.
- b) The exceptions of the above (a) being; August (Annual General Meeting), December (Family Night), and in the event of the temperature at a monthly show being forecast as over 32 degrees (i.e. 33 degrees or above) at 6.00pm on the night preceding the meeting.

### **3. OTHER SHOWS**

This Society may hold or participate in any other shows as deemed appropriate. This includes inter-club competitions.

### **4. MANAGEMENT**

- a) The management of all shows staged by the Society shall be under the direct control of the Show Manager.
- b) Decisions regarding any show matters made by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Society's rules shall be binding on all exhibitors, and such decisions shall be final.
- c) The Executive Committee, when necessary, may appoint additional Show Committee persons from members to assist in running shows.

## 5. SHOW ENTERIES

- a) Entries for club major shows must be made on the Society's entry forms. On acceptance of entries the exhibitor shall be bound by the Society's Show Rules.
- b) Entry forms for major shows held by the Society will be available to members, from the Secretary/Show Manager prior to each show.
- c) Completed entry forms, together with entry fees if applicable, must reach the Show Manager by the closing date of entries. Late entries may be accepted after this date with a relative surcharge.
- d) A late entry may be accepted due to extenuating circumstances at the Show Managers discretion.
- e) The Executive Committee may, however, extend the closing date if unforeseen circumstances warrant such action.
- f) After the closing date, the exhibitor will be sent a label for each accepted entry. This label must be fixed to the lower left hand corner of the show cage.
- g) Entry fees for any bird not exhibited will be forfeited.
- h) Entry fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee, including late entry fees.
- i) Until otherwise determined, entries for the monthly shows will be received on the night of showing.
- j) The cancellation of any Major Show during the year due to unforeseen circumstances, with the exception of current weather related policy, will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and all exhibitors will be notified accordingly.
- k) The show will be cancelled if in the event of the temperature being forecast as over 32 degrees (i.e. 33 degrees or above) at 6.00pm on the night preceding the show.

## 6. STAGING OF BIRDS

- a) The onus will be on the exhibitor to see that his/her birds are entered in the correct classes, and all birds will be shown at the sole risk of the exhibitor.
- b) All birds must be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor, and any person attempting to defraud the Society in any way, shall not be allowed to compete in any show of the Society, without the special sanction of the Executive Committee.
- c) If rings are purchased in joint or partnership names the exhibits are to be entered on the official entry form in the same manner.
- d) The decision as to staging of any exhibit shall be at the absolute discretion of the Show Manager.
- e) Poorly presented show cages which endanger the birds or are deemed unsanitary will not be passed for exhibition.
- f) Unhealthy or sick birds will be removed from the bench at the discretion of the Show Manager at any time prior to, or during the Show.
- g) Any birds placed before the Judges in the wrong classes will be disqualified, and the exhibit marked accordingly on the cage.
- h) Unfinancial persons or persons disqualified from membership shall not be permitted to enter birds in any NEBS show.
- i) Any exhibitor detected of tampering with cage, or exhibit, can be disqualified from showing at the discretion of the Executive Committee and disciplinary action, as per item 11 of the Constitution, can be proceeded with.
- j) No birds with the exception of those covered by 9(c) and 9(e) shall be handled without the express permission and presence of the owner.
- k) Exhibitors shall not be allowed to remove the exhibits until authorized by the Show Manager.



- l) Following a major show all birds must be checked out by a member of the Committee or to the satisfaction of the exhibitor.

## 7. AGE CLASSIFICATIONS OF BUDGERIGARS

- a) Age classification for NEBS shows is to be determined by year of ring issue and as determined by the NEBS Executive Committee.
- b) For Night Shows held at monthly meetings the classification is as determined by the NEBS Executive Committee.

## 8. SHOW CAGES

- a) All birds to be shown in ANBC Standard Shows Cages, approved by the NEBS.
- b) Drinkers will be plastic and fitted to all cage fronts 4 spaces from the left hand side of the cage level with the perch.
- c) Any Standard Cage will be acceptable on the show bench until the year 2014 showing season when the ANBC standard cage will be adopted fully as to changes in perch size and powder coated cage fronts.
- d) The seed mixture allowed is that of equal parts Canary, Jap Millet and White Millet. Additives are not permitted other than Panicum Seed.  
Seed will not be accepted on the floor of show cages for night shows but white plastic sheets covering the floor of the show cage is acceptable. This base covering is also acceptable at major shows together with a full covering of seed mixture on the floor of the show cage.  
(e) Any deviation from these conditions, except with the express permission of the Executive Committee, will automatically disqualify the entry.

## 9. PRIZE WINNERS

- a) Birds winning awards in all Annual and Monthly Shows must be the property of, and bred by, the exhibitor, except as specified in (f) below.
- b) Birds competing in these classes must bear the correct year seasons rings of any Society providing that the exhibitor is a financial member of that Society and has proof of ring purchase.
- c) All birds winning a Major Award at a show of this Society shall have their ring numbers checked by the Show Manager and Ring Steward, to ascertain they were bred by the exhibitor. Owner of the bird may attend.
- d) In the event of any irregularity in respect of section (c) of this rule, the prize winners so defaulting must be disqualified and the awards correctly adjusted.
- e) Ring numbers of any birds in shows with awards eligible for consideration for Exhibitor Status must be taken as for 9(c), and passed on to the BCSA.
- f) Show schedules may include a single status combined class for non owner bred birds which do not qualify for Major Awards or Status Movement Points.

## 10. THE TROPHIES

- a) Where trophies are donated for unspecific classes the Executive Committee shall have full powers to allocate them suitably.
- b) Trophies presented for specified classes must be awarded according to the wishes of the donor; no alteration to this rule is permissible without the donors consent.
- c) Semi-permanent trophies must be kept in good order by the winner in each particular year, and returned in good condition upon request by a committee person prior the next show.

- d) Trophies may be increased or altered if deemed necessary by the number of entries. This to be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## 11. BEHAVIOUR AT SHOW

- a) Any person making themselves objectionable, for any reason at any of the Society's Shows, shall render themselves liable to ejection at the discretion of the Executive Committee persons present.

## 12. JUDGES

- a) Judging shall be in accordance with the ANBC Standard known as 'The Standard'.
- b) All officiating Judges shall be bound by the BCSA Judges Code of Ethics.
- c) A judge shall not withhold any award unless the bird:-
  - 1. Does not represent the variety in which it is entered, or
  - 2. Is diseased in any way, or
  - 3. Has a visible deformity, or
  - 4. Has been subjected to any malpractice.
- d) Judges for the Annual, Young Stock, Breeders and Unbroken Cap Show shall be selected by the Executive Committee and/or Show Committee persons.
- e) Except where here-in-after provided for in Rule 13, the Judges decision will be final.
- f) All other Judges at monthly meetings shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and/or Show Committee persons.

## 13. PROTESTS

- a) Protests to be lodged with the Show Manager within one hour of the doors being open to the public and dealt with at the Show Managers discretion.
- b) Protests to be dealt with before presentations of trophies.

## 14. EXIBITOR STATUS

- a) All matters pertaining to Exhibitor Status will be determined by the BCSA, including eligibility of shows for Status Movement, in line with current rules that they control.

## 15. DEFINITIONS

- a) MAJOR AWARDS: One of the top awards in a Major Annual Show at any specialist budgerigar society within South Australia.
- b) NEBS: North East Budgerigar Society of South Australia Incorporated.
- c) BCSA: Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated.
- d) ANBC: National Budgerigar Council Incorporated.

## 16. REGULATIONS UNPROVIDED FOR

Any matters which are not covered by the foregoing regulations will be considered by the Executive Committee, and their decision shall be binding.

**MONTHLY MEETING - NIGHT SHOW**  
**POINTS AWARD 2011 as at November 30<sup>th</sup>**

<b><u>OPEN</u></b>	Dennis Lomman	34 points
	Mulley and Stafford	53 points
	Diana Trevarthen	6 points
	Sue and Colin Norris	3 points
	Lloyd and Helen Edwards	9 points
	Graeme Alchin	3 points
	Malcolm Loveridge	8 points
<b><u>INTERMEDIATE</u></b>	Vicki Sanford	36 points
	Ray Slade	9 points
	Rick Lewis	17 points
	Brian Johnson	8 points
<b><u>NOVICE</u></b>	Geoff Hay	24 points
	Andrew and Lucy	28 points
	Tim and Kaye	3 points
	Brad Nunn	6 points

It was good to see that there were 53 birds entered for the night show. Two members entered for the first time Welcome Brad Nunn and Brian Johnson. Ian Marshall was the judge. Brad Nelson won Best Novice , Vicki Sanford - best Intermediate and Malcolm Loveridge won the Open section. Mulley and Stafford won best Clearbody on the night.

**Bird of the night for January will be Opaline ASC and Double Factor Spangle and February Green series and Fallow.**

**WE WISH ALL THE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Graeme Alchin and Marion Stafford  
Show Manager Assistant Show Manager.

**NIGHT SHOW WINNERS**  
**FOR 2011**

WINNERS THIS YEAR ARE

**NOVICE:-**Lucy Muggleton and Andrew Stock

**INTERMEDIATE:-**Vicki Sanford

**OPEN:-**Mulley and Stafford

Congratulations to these members and also to all who participated throughout the year.

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**BIRD OF THE NIGHT for 2012**

JANUARY:- Opaline and Double Factor Spangle

FEBRUARY:- Green Series and Fallow

MARCH:-\*\*\*\* MINI SHOW

APRIL :- Danish Recessive Pied and Suffused

MAY:- \*\*\*\*\*AUCTION

JUNE:- \*\*\*\*RARE VARIETY SHOW

JULY:- Dominant Pied and Cinnamonwing

AUGUST:- \*\*\*\*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER:- Blackeye and Albino

OCTOBER:- Clearbody and Spangle

NOVEMBER:- Lutino, Greywing and Crested.

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# BREEDING SPANGLES by BOB ALLEN



My earliest memory of seeing a Spangle was in the aviary of a Champion whilst on an aviary visit to the Swindon Budgerigar & Foreign Bird Society area with my club Bristol Budgerigar & Foreign Bird Society around 1984 or 1985. The bird, a Spangle dark or light green was quite small compared to its aviary companions, not a surprise as it was in the aviary of a successful Champion breeder, both locally and nationally. I remember that this bird exhibited very good spangle markings and also the "bulls-eye" throat spots we are all trying to get back to. The clarity of the wing markings was quite noticeable and, from memory, heavier-darker than those on the large majority of Spangles exhibited today.

## ***My First Spangles***

It was a few years later before I owned and bred Spangles, but by this time they were being crossed with all the various varieties and mutations in numerous combinations. This resulted in me doing the same as the fertility was outstanding, or so we were told, and yes there did seem to be more chance of breeding something if a Spangle was in the pairing. I ended up breeding Yellowface Spangles, Cinnamon Spangles and the like, but what happened to the budgie, was I really breeding to improve the budgie or to breed Spangles. Due to a limited number of cages I could not devote sufficient to seriously attempt to purify the Spangles and, in hindsight, I did not put enough serious thought and effort into breeding "Normal" Spangles.

To explain this last comment I am very strong believer in producing all the various mutations in their "Normal" state, for example a Spangle Light Green should be just that, not Opaline or Cinnamon and in the Blue series not Yellowface. I feel that all these only detract and alter the true markings and colour of the Spangle. Have a good look at your Opaline and Cinnamon Spangles, how many have clear and discernable wing markings? I find that both Opaline and Cinnamon significantly reduce, and in some cases remove, any well defined black or brown wing markings.

At the risk of repeating myself I want to determine what varieties are either visible or hidden and the only way to achieve this is to revert back to the "normal". Yes I know it may take many generations for the recessive variety to emerge and it is never 100% certain to be removed just by not using any of that variety.

The nearest that can be attained is by the use of "test mating", but how many of us have either the number of cages and the various recessive varieties required to do this. The length of time and the demands on the breeding capability of the stock involved will deter all but a very select few, that's apart from the "wastage". Hence I avoid the use of Opaline and Cinnamon wherever possible but not to the exclusion of the better budgie, but if Opaline or Cinnamon does need to have something extra that demands the use of the bird.

## ***Breeding Spangles***

Enough of my hobby horse, back to my experiences with Spangles. My first breeding of spangles was in 1990 and I bred some 6 out of 19 youngsters from 4 pairings in a total year's breeding of 127 young. Over the next few years I never bred more than 7 in any year with yearly totals between 50 and 100 in 18 breeding cages at most. My first Spangle of any quality was a Grey Green cock obtained late in 1997 and in 1998 it produced 22 young over 4 rounds with the same hen. Of these, 14 were Spangles and that year I used 4 pairings for Spangles with a total of 19 being produced.



The following year a good friend in the Midlands loaned me a very good Grey Green Spangle, it was that good it was my first pairing in the next season, we've all been there and done the same I would suggest. Well, fortune favoured me and from the 7 eggs laid 6 young were raised, 4 Spangles and 2 Normals, 2 of the Spangle cocks were very nice and 1 of these is very happily still breeding to this day, (in the Midlands). They were almost as good as their father with one difference, they had tails. They did not quite have his head quality but were very close, he had super width and "blow" wing markings only very slightly down but no tail.

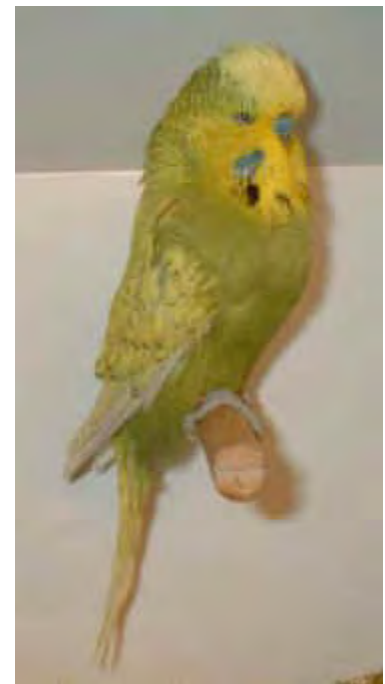
Here we go I thought 6 out of my first 7 chicks were his and I couldn't wait for round 2. Well, that was the end of the good luck, he only ever produced 1 more chick and that had a deformed face with the beak all sideways, it could never feed itself and it was put down. Later in the season whilst still hopeful I noticed the cock had a swollen leg around the ring, so off came the ring and he hobbled around for quite a while, he recovered but never produced another youngster, either with me or back in the Midlands.

### ***First Spangles***

This was the beginning of a concerted effort to breed some quality Normal Spangles and this season was also the first using 2<sup>nd</sup> generation youngsters from the 1997 Spangle, but either my use of his young or incompatibility of them with other lines meant that in general I was disappointed with their young. The 1997 Spangle only bred 2 young that year, both normals. 2000 was a quiet year for Spangles, the combination of a poor breeding season and my first year breeding Slates probably meant that I was playing catch up all season.

### ***Best Season***

2001 saw my best season to date with 25 bred out of a total of 132 and the introduction of another Spangle (cobalt hen) from my friend in the Midlands. She was nothing special but well bred and when paired to a normal Grey produced 10 Spangles out of a total of 15 young, 8 Spangle Grey cocks and 2 hens, the cocks being a deal better than the hens and 2 cocks were quite good. The cocks had decent wing markings although pale spots and a couple of dark feathers in the wing above the shoulder. In 2002 I paired this Spangle hen to a Grey Green and produced 3 Spangle Greens and a Dark Green whilst in the second round there were 3 Spangle Greys and a normal Grey, and we work on the law of averages, try telling that to the birds. This Spangle hen was paired to unrelated birds and nothing that was related to the Spangle Grey Green from the same source in 1999.



2002 Spangle Grey Green Cock



In 2003 I bred 28 Spangles out of a total of 147 using 7 Spangle pairings and 25 cages. There was no difference in the numbers of cocks or hens although mostly Spangle cocks were used in the pairings. I believe I am going in the right direction as this year's pairings have, with one exception, produced Spangle young that will be kept for next seasons breeding. This was also the first year that I used related stock, albeit 2 generations removed, and next season will see greater integration of both sides of this family of spangles. It has become clearer this season that the cocks from the cobalt hen are much better than the cocks whilst the opposite is true with the young from a Grey Green cock which is the grandson of the original that I was loaned.

This will not mean lots of Spangle to Spangle pairings as I do not feel skilled enough to use the Double Factor Spangles that will result from such pairings. True only a few will be produced and my friend in the Midlands is convinced that the correct use of Double Factors will improve Spangle markings and "bulls-eye" spots. I still have this regard that a Spangle without markings is only half a Spangle and welcomed the introduction of separate classes for them at Area Shows and the Club Show. Hopefully I am not taking anything away from the super Double Factor Spangles we have seen on the bench in recent years, they are super budgie's in their own right. I just making the point that I don't feel skilled enough to make a conscious effort to effort to produce and **use** them correctly. Naturally if 2 Spangles show all the right reasons to be paired together I will do so.

### ***Aim to improve wing markings***

The current aim is to improve the depth and clarity of the wing markings, improve the contrast in the "bulls-eye" spots and try to improve the depth of body colour. I find that the body colour does tend to pale in the Blue-Grey series birds in general. There are a fair number of exceptions to this statement that are seen on the bench but the introduction of Opaline and Cinnamon have, in my opinion, been the major factor in reducing the intensity of body colour and the clarity of Spangle markings.

### ***Using Cinnamon Spangles***

Just to prove that I don't practice what I preach all the time, the Cobalt Spangle hen that has produced most of my best Spangle cocks is a Cinnamon and this year she was paired to her Skyblue grandson. His father, (her son) was naturally split Cinnamon and, paired to non Cinnamon hen produced cocks that may or may not be split Cinnamon themselves, 50/50 is the expected averages. Well this pairing produced 5 young, 2 Spangle Cinnamons, 1 cock 1 hen, 1 Cinnamon hen, 1 Spangle Opaline hen, 1 Opaline Grey hen and 1 Spangle normal hen. I just put it down to the law of averages and waited for a Light Green brother to produce me some Light Green hens. Well 6 Cinnamon Light Greens and 2 Light Greens later I am still waiting for the law of averages to swing in my favour, true he was paired to a good Cinnamon Light Green hen but I wanted 4 of each at worst, not at best. Incidentally this Spangle hen whilst not outstanding is as good as her mother and will be paired back to a Grey from the original Grey line. I am becoming increasingly impatient to commence this year's breeding and looking forward to a season of shows, hopefully, with plenty of Spangles to exhibit.S

## Status Movement - Young & Adult Bird - Show Results

<b>Society:</b>	Mount Gambier	
<b>Date held:</b>	22nd October 2011	<b>Exhibitor Numbers</b>
<b>Number of Young birds benched:</b>	153	13
<b>Number of Adult birds benched:</b>	8	4

**Judges:** Bruce Stafford

Major Results	Exhibitor	Status	Variety
Grand Champion Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	Open	CIN GRY H (Young)
Champion Adult	Laurie Barber	Novice	SPN CIN SKY H
Champion Adult Opposite Sex	Frank Tilley	Inter	SPN LGN C
Champion Young	Nigel Tonkin	Open	CIN GRY H
Champion Young Opposite Sex	Nigel Tonkin	Open	GWG GGN C
2nd Champion Young Cock	Nigel Tonkin	Open	CIN GRY
2nd Champion Young Hen	Nigel Tonkin	Open	YLF CINGRY
3rd Champion Young Cock	Nigel Tonkin	Open	YLF SKY
3rd Champion Young Hen	Neville Richardson	Inter	SPN GGN
4th Champion Young Cock	Nigel Tonkin	Open	CIN SKY
4th Champion Young Hen	Nigel Tonkin	Open	CIN SKY

### Sectional Results

Open Status	Exhibitor	Sex	Variety
Best Young Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	H	CIN GRY H
Opposite Sex to Best Young Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	C	GWG GGN C
2nd Best Young Cock	Nigel Tonkin		CIN GRY
2nd Best Young Hen	Nigel Tonkin		YLF CIN GRY
Best Adult Budgerigar			
Opposite Sex to Best Adult Budgerigar			

Intermediate Status	Exhibitor	Sex	Variety
Best Young Budgerigar	Neville Richardson	H	SPN GGN
Opposite Sex to Best Young Budgerigar	David Botha	C	CIN GRY
2nd Best Young Cock	Frank Tilley		GGN
2nd Best Young Hen	Neville Richardson		SPN LGN
Best Adult Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	C	SPN LGN
Opposite Sex to Best Adult Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	H	SKY

Novice Status	Exhibitor	Sex	Variety
Best Young Budgerigar	Laurie Barber	C	VPD LGN
Opposite Sex to Best Young Budgerigar	Keith Atkinson	H	ALB
2nd Best Young Cock	Brodhi Carracher		GRY
2nd Best Young Hen	John Rooke		SPN DBF WHI
Best Adult Budgerigar	Laurie Barber	H	SPN CIN SKY
Opposite Sex to Best Adult Budgerigar	Jarrod Heubler	C	SPN DGN

Junior Status	Exhibitor	Sex	Variety
Best Young Budgerigar			
Opposite Sex to Best Young Budgerigar			
2nd Best Young Cock			
2nd Best Young Hen			

### Series Awards

Variety	Exhibitor	Status	Variety	Exhibitor	Status
Normal Green	N. Fitzgibbon	INT	Opaline	N. Fitzgibbon	INT
Normal Grey Green	F. Tilley	INT	Opaline AOSV	N. Fitzgibbon	INT
Normal Blue	N. Tonkin	OP	Clearbody	N. Richardson	INT
Normal Grey	F. Tilley	INT	Lacewing	N. Tonkin	OP
Black Eyed Self	N/A		Fallow	N/A	
Suffused	N. Tonkin	OP	Yellow Faced Blue	N. Tonkin	OP
Lutino	N. Richardson	INT	Spangle	N. Richardson	INT
Albino	K. Atkinson	NOV	Dominant Pied	L. Barber	NOV
Clearwing	N. Fitzgibbon	INT	Recessive Pied	N. Tonkin	OP
Greywing	N. Tonkin	OP	A.O.S.V.		
Cinnamonwing	N. Tonkin	OP	A.O.N.S.V.		
Spangle DBF	J. Rooke	NOV	Crest	Blair & Poole	OP



## Status Movement - UBC - Show Results

<b>Society:</b>	Mount Gambier
<b>Date held:</b>	23rd October 2011
<b>Number of birds benched:</b>	95
<b>Number of Exhibitors:</b>	11
<b>Judges:</b>	Bruce Stafford

Major Results	Exhibitor	Status	Variety
Grand Champion UBC	Ken Hatherell	Open	DGN
2nd Champion UBC	Frank Tilley	Inter	YLF GRY
3rd Champion UBC	Frank Tilley	Inter	YLF CIN GRY
4th Champion UBC	Nigel Tonkin	Open	DRP DGN
5th Champion UBC	Nigel Tonkin	Open	SPN CIN GGN

### Sectional Results

Open Status	Exhibitor	Variety
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Best UBC Budgerigar	Ken Hatherell	DGN
2nd Best UBC Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	DRP DGN
3rd Best UBC Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	SPN CIN GGN
4th Best UBC Budgerigar	Nigel Tonkin	CIN LGN

Intermediate Status	Exhibitor	Variety
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Best UBC Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	YLF GRY
2nd Best UBC Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	YLF CIN GRY
3rd Best UBC Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	SPN LGN
4th Best UBC Budgerigar	Frank Tilley	SPN DGN

Novice Status	Exhibitor	Variety
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Best UBC Budgerigar	Laurie Barber	GRY
2nd Best UBC Budgerigar	John Rooke	SPN LGN
3rd Best UBC Budgerigar	Laurie Barber	YLF SKY
4th Best UBC Budgerigar	Keith Atkinson	SKY

Junior Status	Exhibitor	Variety
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Best UBC Budgerigar		
2nd Best UBC Budgerigar		
3rd Best UBC Budgerigar		
4th Best UBC Budgerigar		

### Series Awards

Variety	Exhibitor	Status	Variety	Exhibitor	Status
Normal Green	K. Hatherell	OP	Opaline	F. Tilley	INT
Normal Grey Green	N. Tonkin	OP	Opaline AOSV	K. Hatherell	OP
Normal Blue	F. Tilley	INT	Clearbody	J. Rooke	NOV
Normal Grey	L. Barber	NOV	Lacewing	N. Richardson	INT
Black Eyed Self	N/A		Fallow	K. Hatherell	OP
Suffused	K. Hatherell	OP	Yellow Faced Blue	F. Tilley	INT
Lutino	N. Richardson	INT	Spangle	N. Tonkin	OP
Albino	K. Atkinson	NOV	Dominant Pied	F. Tilley	INT
Clearwing	K. Hatherell	OP	Recessive Pied	N. Tonkin	OP
Greywing	K. Hatherell	OP	A.O.S.V.		
Cinnamonwing	N. Tonkin	OP	A.O.N.S.V.		
Spangle DBF	N. Richardson	INT	Crest		