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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 2014  
(Except new members who joined after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014)

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

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

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

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Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2014 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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# **NEBS Newsletter Editorial**

## *Christmas Message*

The year 2013 is fast coming to a close, so it's time to look back at the last 12 months.

Our clubs monthly meetings and annual shows have been a success.

2014 is going to be a busy year for the club and its members, with 2014 being the clubs 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Nationals being held in Adelaide.

Now is a good time to start looking in your aviaries for the 2014 show season, firstly to represent the NEBS in the Logan Shield and the hopefully the National Show.

It would be great to see South Australia climb the ladder in the Nationals and see if we can do better than 2013.

It takes a lot of time and effort to make the Nationals a success, so don't be afraid to put your hand up to help out the BCSA in any way possible.

I would like to thank everyone from the NEBS for your continued support throughout this past year.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

I wish you all the best for 2014.

Lloyd Edwards  
President



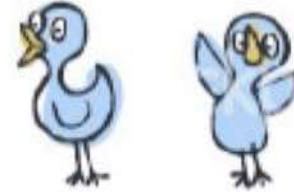
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## **Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting**

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday October 9, 2013

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.07pm

Reminder to members to

wear nametags to be eligible for the \$10 door prize

APOLOGIES: Marshall Family, Lucy and Andrew, Bruce Stafford

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Vicki taking names and \$10 deposits from tonight up to the November meeting for the Christmas dinner at the Buckingham Arms
2. Schedules are again available on the table by the door for the Unbroken Cap Interclub between NEBS and BSSA to be held on Saturday October 26
3. The book "The Challenge" autographed by the author Gerald Binks being raffled separately at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5 to anyone who breeds budgerigars. See Marion. To be drawn at the November meeting

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Budgie Digest for September/October
2. Southern Cagebirds October Newsletter
3. Vetafarm have again supplied two \$50 vouchers for use as awards at our two main shows in 2014
4. Thank you from the Adelaide Zoo for continuation of our adoption of a budgerigar
5. Mt Gambier UBC Show Schedule

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Communicated with Vetafarm re the abovementioned vouchers

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Vetafarm vouchers will be used for aggregate points at our 2014 shows, the same as for 2013

2. Adelaide Zoo sent us two 50% discount adult passes which we have put with one of the raffle prizes tonight.  
Note: one for Adelaide and one for Monarto
3. Mt Gambier UBC Show Schedule on the table if anyone wants it

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit \$19,000; Incentive Saver Account \$3,093.97; Cheque Account \$4,073.47;  
Total funds \$26,167.44

RING OFFICER REPORT: See magazine for latest from the ANBC regarding ring supply

TRADING TABLE REPORT: As per usual

BCSA REPORT:

1. See October magazine for update on the ring manufacture situation
2. ANBC actively sourcing alternative ring suppliers
3. Planning for the 2014 national show in Adelaide progressing

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are with the magazines but anyone who wants a book and didn't get one or wants extra books see Vicki
2. Barbara Fisher has 20 show cages for sale at \$30 each with powder coated fronts and plastic inserts on the floor

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

ENTERTAINMENT: Peter Glassenbury on "Offspring". This was a back to basics presentation explaining how it is possible to get some of those unexpected colours and varieties in the nest

NIGHT SHOW: Cancelled due to forecast temperature above 32°C.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION: Nil

LUCKY ENVELOPES: \$20 to Trevor Wilson-Smith; Show cage to Colin Norris

DOOR PRIZE: \$10 Trading Table voucher to Kay Campbell

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Trevor Wilson-Smith; Second: Murray Bray; Third: John Mulley

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

REMINDERS:

1. Pick up unbroken cap show schedules from the table at the door
2. Pick up magazines out the front

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 13 for unbroken caps with bird of the month being Clearwing. Speaker will be Dennis Lomman on "Line Breeding/Outcrossing"

MEETING CLOSED: 9.30pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

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## BCSA and NEBS New Websites

The new **BCSA** website is now live and can be viewed at [www.bcsa.com.au](http://www.bcsa.com.au).

The new website provides all the information which was available on the old site but in a much more attractive and user friendly manner.

One of the features of the new site is the Photo Gallery where photos of the winning birds at Club and State Shows can be viewed.

The site will also feature information about the 2104 Nationals in Adelaide. Detailed information about the Nationals will be posted when and as it becomes available. Initial information about the venue and accommodation is already posted on the site.

The new **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/?page\\_id=992](http://www.bcsa.com.au/?page_id=992). Information currently available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.

So if you want to know what is coming up at the Monthly Meetings and cannot locate your hard copy of the program, then look it up on the website.

Check out the results of the NEBS Fisher Show and Young Stock Show and view the photos of the winning birds in the Photo Gallery.

# Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday November 13, 2013

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

Reminder to members to wear nametags to be eligible for the \$10 door prize

APOLOGIES: Algi Lapinskas, Lea Todd, Marion Stafford, Ian Marshall, Libby Thomas

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Vicki taking final payments tonight for the Christmas dinner at the Buckingham Arms. Booking has been made for 7.00 pm. Adults \$30.90; Pensioners \$29
2. Need Christmas raffle books with money handed back tonight or at the very latest on the night before the draw at the meeting in December
3. The book "The Challenge" autographed by the author Gerald Binks to be raffled tonight to anyone who breeds budgerigars. See Tina

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

1. Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Soc Newsletter for November
2. Zoo Times from Adelaide Zoo
3. Southern Cagebirds November Newsletter
4. United Bird Societies of SA Inc. October Newsletter
5. Notification from ANBC that a new ring supplier has been identified for production of rings from 2015 onwards, or earlier if existing supplier is unable to maintain supply of rings as planned until the end of 2014

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Various, in search of a supplier of new powder coated show cage fronts for anyone wanting replacements or building new cages

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Committee to decide on purchase of show cage fronts

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit \$19,000; Incentive Saver Account \$3,114.66; Cheque Account \$4,554.16; Total funds \$26,668.82

RING OFFICER REPORT:

1. Orders for additional black coded rings for the entire period up until December 31 2014 will be placed once only, at the end of January 2014. Note that the current ring issue will cover two breeding seasons in order to realign the ring issue date back to January 1. 600 rings are currently in stock
2. Deadline for orders for 2015 red rings for use from January 1 2015 which will be the next ring colour has been advised from the ANBC as June 30

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Plenty of show cages now available, new or good quality second hand cages. Plenty of Breeding Aid in stock and don't forget we now have Avimec to attack the parasites



#### BCSA REPORT:

1. Planning for the 2014 national show in Adelaide is progressing. BCSA is still looking for volunteers to participate in the show with a view to succession planning since current active participants are rapidly approaching retirement age!
2. Status promotions: Andrew and Lucy won their way from Novice to Intermediate, Frank Tilley and Bob Simpson won their way from Intermediate to Open and Mulley and Stafford won their way from Open to Champion for 2014.

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Revised night show schedule will appear in the December magazine. Major change will be double points for Bird of the Night which will be Class 6 a combined status class on the schedule and judged separately out the front with a quick five minute talk on the variety by the judge
2. Peter Glassenbury doing the last run of powder coating of show cage fronts and needs these by the end of this month
3. Some demonstration birds on the table in relation to clearwings
4. UBC Interclub perpetual trophy was lost this year to the BSSA. Congratulations to them for putting on such a great day. Thanks to those members who benched birds for the club. We had no entries in the greywing and lacewing classes so we need members breeding these varieties. We were light on in a number of other classes. Perpetual Trophy for Best UBC by a NEBS member at the recently held interclub was presented to Dennis Lomman

ENTERTAINMENT: Dennis Lomman spoke on inbreeding, line breeding and outcrossing

NIGHT SHOW: Thanks to Steve Elliot the judge for the night

Best Novice: Brad Nunn

Best Intermediate: Vicki Sanford

Best Open: Dennis Lomman

Bird of the Night: Clearwing Mulley and Stafford

QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION: Nil

LUCKY ENVELOPES: Nil

DOOR PRIZE: \$10 Trading Table voucher to Trevor Wilson-Smith

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Murray Bray; Second: Lloyd Edwards; Third: Murray Bray

BOOK RAFFLE: Colin Norris

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

#### REMINDERS:

1. Pay Vicki for the Buckingham Arms Christmas dinner
2. Drop off raffle books and money

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 11. This will be Christmas dinner at the Buckingham Arms

MEETING CLOSED: 9.35pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

# **BSSA/NEBS INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 2013**

## **MAJOR AWARDS TROPHY LIST**

### UNBROKEN CAP BIRDS.

#### BEST NEST FEATHER IN SHOW

Best open bird  
Reserve open bird

Dennis Lomman  
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Best Intermediate bird  
Reserve Intermediate bird

Tracy Haskell  
Vicki Sanford

Best Novice Bird  
Reserve Novice Bird

Wayne Bandt  
Andrew & Lucy

Best Junior Bird

No Award

### YOUNG BIRDS

Best Open Bird  
Best Intermediate bird  
Best Novice Bird  
Best Junior Bird

Dennis Lomman  
Tracy Haskell  
Libby Thomas  
No Award

### BEST OF VARIETY

Normal Green  
Spangle D/F  
Normal Greygreen  
Opaline  
Normal Blue  
Opaline AOSV  
Normal Grey  
Clearbody  
English Y/Face Blue  
Lacewing  
Aust Y/Face Blue  
Fallow  
Black Eye Self  
Spangle  
Dilute  
Spangle AOSV  
Lutino  
Dominant Pied  
Albino  
Recessive Pied  
Clearwing  
Crested  
Greywing  
AOV or NSV  
Cinnamonwing

S & C Norris  
Michael Crossley  
Dennis Lomman  
Tracy Haskell  
J & W Weidenhofer  
Alan kett  
Butterworth & Stone  
Vicki Sandford  
L & H Edwards  
Michael Crossley  
Graham Alchin  
Ian Mc Ewan  
Peter Glassenbury  
Sue Steel  
Mulley & Stafford  
Tracy Haskell  
Alan Kett  
Roy Field  
Wayne Bandt  
Butterworth & Stone  
Mulley & Stafford  
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J & W Weidenhofer  
S & C Norris  
Dennis Lomman

<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Total Points Awarded</b>
Graeme Alchin	Open	10
Andrew & Lucy	Novice	25
Sue Adams	Open	25
Wayne Bandt	Novice	5
Laurie Barber	Intermediate	10
T&L Cripps	Open	5
Michael Crossley	Open	35
Geoff Edwards	Open	40
L&H Edwards	Open	35
Stephen Elliott	Open	115
Barb Fisher	Open	85
Peter Glassenbury	Open	35
Trevor Gwatking	Open	5
Tracey Haskell	Intermediate	25
Geoff Hay	Novice	15
Polly Heel	Open	15
Holmes Family	Intermediate	5
G&B Jones	Intermediate	10
Kakoschke & Rice	Open	290
D&R Lang	Open	20
Dennis Lomman	Open	170
Malcolm Loverage	Open	40
Adam McMahon	Novice	10
Marshall Family	Open	110
Mulley & Stafford	Open	170
S & C Norris	Open	55
Neville Richardson	Intermediate	10
Vicki Sanford	Intermediate	5
Peter Simic	Open	70
R&D Simpson	Intermediate	65
Ray Slade	Open	75
K & A Smith	Open	30
Frank Tilley	Intermediate	30
Nigel Tonkin	Open	90
Diana Trevarthen	Open	10
J&W Weidenhofer	Open	80
Robert Worrell	Open	10
Wtight & Kaleas	Novice	5

Congratulations to **Andrew and Lucy** who will advance from Novice to Intermediate and **Bob Simpson** and **Frank Tilley** who will advance from Intermediate to Open effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

Further details are available on the BCSA website at [www.bcsa.com.au](http://www.bcsa.com.au). Details include at which show the points were awarded and for which birds

## SHOW SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY NIGHT SHOWS 2014

**Class 1: Normals (GreenSeries, Blue Series, Normal English Yellowfaced Blue Series & Normal Australian Yellowfaced Blue Series)**

**Class 2: Dilute, Blackeyed Self, Clearwing, Greywing, Fallow & Recessive Pied**

**Class 3: Lutino, Albino, Cinnamonwing, Opaline ASC & AOSV, Clearbody & Lacewing**

**Class 4: Spangle Double Factor, Spangle ASC & AOSV & Dominant Pied**

**Class 5: Crested, Darkeyed Clear, Darkwing & Saddleback**

**Class 6: Bird of the Night (Double points, combined status class)**

Note that classes now include the four colours: Green, Blue, English yellowfaced blue and Australian yellowfaced blue (single factor penalized for colour)

NO ENTRY FEE. **No double rung birds** except for unbroken caps

Night shows will be held on those nights where the Monthly Program includes a Bird of the Night.

**Entries for Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Open.** Owner bred Young birds rung with either of the two latest ring colours are to be exhibited together. Young birds rung with the earlier of the two latest ring colours cease to be eligible as Young birds on **September 1** of each year.

UBCs will be judged separately and for them ring colour is immaterial.

Points will be accrued at night shows for both Young (as defined above) and UBCs. 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point for each Class and Status. Points will be awarded for each Class even if there is only one bird entered in that Class.

**Best bird of each Status** will be awarded a certificate and be chosen from Young birds, **except for October and November** when best of each Status will be chosen from UBCs.

**Bird of the Night** will be chosen from Young birds, **except for October and November** when Bird of the Night will be chosen from UBCs. Bird of the Night and be awarded of a Certificate.

Old birds may be exhibited at any night show but will be judged separately in a single combined Status and Class and will not accrue points or certificates.

UBC's may also be exhibited at any night show and will also be judged separately in a single combined Status and Class and will not accrue points or certificates, **except** for the months of October and November as per the above.

The awarding of a certificate will not accrue any additional points.

At the end of each calendar year the member with the highest aggregate points in each Status will be awarded a \$30 Trading Table Voucher or a Show Cage. **To be eligible a member must show birds at a minimum of three monthly night shows.**

**HOT WEATHER POLICY:** If on the previous evening the temperature forecast is **above 32 degrees** NO BIRDS WILL BE BENCHED

Revised October 2013

## **IMPORTANT - Changes to Ring Issue Date and Supply Arrangements**

### **New Ring Issue Date**

At its meeting in June 2013 the ANBC decided to **change the ring issue date from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> January.**

The ANBC has since decided that the **new issue date will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.**

### **2014 Black Rings**

This means that the **current Black 2014 rings will continue to be used until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014** and will therefore cover two breeding seasons.

**Most breeders will therefore need to acquire additional Black 2014 rings** for use during the additional breeding season up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

**NEBS will order these additional Black 2014 rings early in 2014**, including NE coded and personally coded rings. These will be ordered from the usual supplier Chapmans Rings Pty Ltd.

### **2015 Red Rings**

Chapmans Rings Pty Ltd will not be able to supply the ANBC with rings for 2015 and onwards.

The ANBC will **source the 2015 and all future rings from an overseas supplier** and this arrangement is already well advanced.

The NEBS ring order for 2015 will need to be submitted to the ANBC by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in order for the rings to be available by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

### **There will be no NE or personally coded rings available in 2015.**

All rings will be coded with an ANBC symbol and a relevant State symbol only.

This situation may change in later years once the new supply arrangements have been fine-tuned and subject to any pricing implications.

The ANBC will place one or two bulk orders only on the overseas supplier each year and no State will be able to deal directly with the ring supplier as is currently the case. The ring samples provided by the overseas supplier indicate that high quality rings can be expected.

Please contact the NEBS Ring Officer if you have any queries regarding the above.

Dennis Lomman  
NEBS Ring Officer



# ***BUDGERIGAR***

## ***EVENTS IN***

### ***SOUTH AUSTRALIA***

#### ***FOR 2014***

<b>mp</b>	SAT	22nd March	BSSA	Novice Championship Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	10th May	NEBS	Fisher Annual Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	17th May	BSSA	Stan Watson Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	24th May	Pt PIRIE	Breeder Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	31st May	NEBS	Young Stock Show (Black Ring)
<b>mp</b>	SAT	7th June	Mt Gambier	Young & Adult Birds
<b>mp</b>	SUN	15th June	BCSA	State Pre Selection Show ( LOGAN )
<b>mp</b>		21st & 22nd June	ANBC	NATIONAL'S
<b>mp</b>	SAT	5th July	BSSA	Ron Norman / Brasea Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	12th July	Pt PIRIE	Annual Show
	SAT	19th July	BCSA	Auction
	SUN	20th July	BCSA	AGM
	SAT	9th August	Crystal Brook	Agriculture Show
	SAT	16th August	KADINA	Agriculture Show
		30th & 31st August	GAWLER	Agriculture Show
	SAT	27th September	BALAKLAVA	Agriculture Show
	SAT	18th October	CLARE	Agriculture Show
<b>mp</b>	SAT	19th October	Mt GAMBIER	Young & Adult Show
<b>mp</b>	SUN	20th October	Mt GAMBIER	UBC Show
	SAT	25th October	NEBS / BSSA	Inter Club Challenge Show

Dates may be subject to change

**mp** Indicates Potential Status Points Show



# MONTHLY EVENTS For 2014

North East Budgerigar Society

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Details Listed Are Subject To Change

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Wed 8 th Club Meeting <b>Entertainment</b>	Wed 12 th Club Meeting <b>Entertainment</b>	Wed 12 th Club Meeting <b>Mini Show</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b> or <b>Penalties</b>	<b>Talk On Bird Of The Night</b> <b>Question &amp; Answer</b>	<b>Green &amp; Black Rung Birds Only</b>
<b>Bird of Month</b> Clearbody	<b>Please Note</b> : This month will be the last Magazine issued to un-financial members so pay up now & continue to enjoy your hobby	<b>No Bird Of Month</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
Wed 9 th Club Meeting <b>Entertainment</b>	Wed 14 th Club Meeting	Wed 11 th Club Meeting
<b>40 th Anniversary</b> <b>Dinner</b>	<b>RARE VARIETY SHOW</b>	<b>SALE OF BIRDS</b> <b>BY TENDER</b>
<b>Bird of Month</b> Dominant Pied	<b>Green Rung Birds</b>	<b>No Bird Of Month</b>
	<b>No Bird Of Month</b>	

## For Sale

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Contact **PETER GLASSENBURY**

## ANBC Nationals – Adelaide 2014

The Budgerigar Council of South Australia is hosting the 40th Australian National Budgerigar Council Championship Show in Adelaide in June 2014

When: 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor on Hindley  
65 Hindley St Adelaide  
One Stop Shop Venue for Accommodation, Show, Dinners and Lecture. See BCSA website for accommodation details.  
Phone 08 8231 5552 and select option 1 for room reservations - For Accommodation bookings Quote: TBC



What: Meet and Greet Friday evening  
Judging Saturday and Sunday Mornings  
Show Birds on Display after Judging  
Bird Auction Sunday after Judging  
Dinners Saturday and Sunday Evening  
Daniel Lutolf Lecture Monday Evening

Details: Further details to be made available as soon as they are finalized, including on the BCSA Website: [www.bcsa.com.au](http://www.bcsa.com.au)





# Daniel Lütolf – Lectures in Adelaide, South Australia June 2014

The Budgerigar Council of South Australia is privileged and honoured to be able to present to the Australian fancy and overseas guests a lecture from Daniel Lütolf on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.



This, the 40th Australian National Championship show deserves something special and the acceptance by Daniel and the wonderful venue in Adelaide in 2014 should give all fanciers something to celebrate.



Daniel had been breeding budgerigars for a number of years now and is considered one of the most influential budgerigar breeders of our time.

## Daniel Lütolf

“First of all I would like to introduce my person and how I became a budgie breeder. I am currently working as a college teacher for students of the age between 14 and 17 years.

Show budgie breeding became a hobby for me since 1980. It is a very intense hobby that became a very important part of my life since more than 30 years now.

The rest of my free time belongs to my family: Together with my wife Daniela I have two girls (Rubina and Neve), aged between 6 and 1 years. Another hobby is soccer. I am currently active as a coach and player for the veterans of FC Würenlos. I am also enjoying some good books and like to discuss them in a literature club forum“.



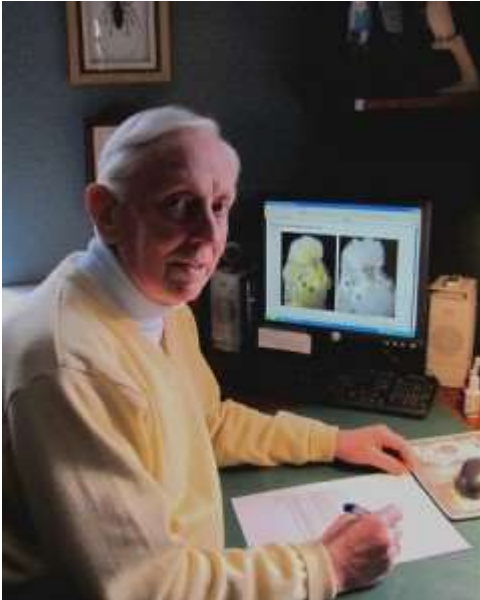
This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for fanciers serious about the hobby to obtain an understanding of Daniel and his breeding principals and understand how he has changed the style of birds over a period of time.

Daniel will be available to chat with fanciers over the weekend as well as giving us of himself on the Saturday and Monday.

Please welcome Daniel, Daniela, Rubina and Neve to South Australia and give them the good old Australian hospitality that we are known for.

The Budgerigar Council of South Australia

## Thoughts from Tanglewood – Part One – Terry Tuxford puts GSB on the Spot



Gerald Binks has been breeding budgerigars for an incredible 67 years and I have been fortunate enough to know him for more than 30 of those. In the early days of Budgerigar World, Gerald was my mentor and it would be true to say that it was his guidance and support that led me to becoming Editor of The Budgerigar today.

If you know Gerald, you will understand the following statement – Gerald Binks is a man with an opinion. Over the years he has voiced that opinion and often put those views into action – not always, I add, with the blessing from others but nothing he has written or said has ever been refuted. Whatever your feelings so far as our hobby is concerned, he is part of the budgerigar scene. He has put his own unique mark on our pursuit for improvement that will last for all time.

So with the pleasantries over I decided to put GSB on the spot and ask him a few more unusual questions I had in my mind, starting with how he had managed to sustain his enthusiasm for the hobby for such a long period. Over to Gerald.....

Prior to beginning in November 1945, immediately after the war when the first pet budgerigars were costing £4 in the big stores, I was a very enthusiastic bird watcher, or twitcher, as they are called today. That was a great time and an excuse to get away from the drudgery of school homework, which I hated and consequently was reflected in my school reports, most of which were based on the old adage of “could do better”. Unfortunately they frequently inserted the words “must do” into the phrase! Also as an only child and the only grandson on both maternal and paternal sides, I felt heavily pressured to achieve greater things, but due to immaturity I didn’t respond. However, bird watching and being a member of the RSPB was my release between the age of 9 and 12.

## A Box and Wire Affair



When I was just 12, at Grammar School, a good friend said to me one day, “would I like to see my brother’s aviary?” This was a box and wire affair on the back of their father’s house with budgerigars. I said, “What do you do with those?” His brother disappeared and then came back with a small cage – a show cage. He said, “I compete at shows where they are judges and I get the odd prize occasionally.” Just like that I was hooked! I realised this was for me, as it was a hands on hobby instead of a rare bird being spotted in the wild and disappearing – as they do! It was a magic and defining moment in my life, but as the year’s progressed a continual drain on pocket money and on eventual earnings with BP the oil company. It was “pay out” all the time for perhaps 20 years and when new blood is required today, it is no different. The overheads are considerable.

Your editor’s question as to how I have sustained my interest is quite new to me but thought provoking nevertheless. The short answer is that I never cease to enjoy breeding this species and the thrill of seeing a “belter” in the nest has never left me. As a certain book title states, it is a continual Challenge that is the cause of the sustaining interest, as well as steadily climbing the ladder in a variety of ways in the hobby and becoming better known without initially realising it.

## Achieved Many Things

Coming to 2013; age and running a big stud is now having its effects, but a close friend said to me recently, “You achieved many things in your own way but had the time you spent helping so many fanciers with your articles, books, how to produce quality exhibition birds, founding an International magazine and recently an International Internet Magazine, been totally directed to the birds themselves, then perhaps that route may have served you far better.” It was a very good point as I have found out many times that you cannot help those to improve who will not help themselves to do so, given clear examples to follow.

From those early school days with their dismal exams, because I couldn’t see the purpose, it was the humble budgerigar that became my inspiration and more importantly made me realise one vital asset that I had inside me. That was “drive” and leading by example. It is these two factors, I would submit, that have sustained me for 67 years, but coupled with a wonderful supportive wife whom many others know and like, without whom those great years would have been curtailed very early.

## You Never Stop Learning



You could easily assume that after 67 years of doing the same thing you would pretty much know it all. However, one thing that is often said about Budgerigars is that you never stop learning. To put this to the test, I asked Gerald to tell us the top 3 new things he has observed about budgerigars in the last 5 years.

You never stop learning as the phrase goes. It is so very true as every season something small appears to make me sit up and notice something new or needs a rethink.

Firstly, I realised that the outside deep nest boxes that I used were still allowing the hens to leave their eggs a bit too frequently, as well as the chicks emerging too soon and running the risk of dying from cold before I spotted them. So, the answer was a much deeper box and it was increased to 275 mm (11 inches) in depth overall. Result? Hens sat and incubated far better and young chicks were unable to leave the nest too early because the nest hole was beyond their reach until they were mature at 5 to 6 weeks old.

Secondly the chase for “length of feather” and “width of face” giving what I named in 2004, “The Buffalo Effect” is a new challenge for the hobby everywhere. Highly desirable in the head region but undesirable below the shoulder, when the feather length that is achieved affects type and creates a much longer bird; so long that the wing carriage and tail droop. Some well intentioned fanciers are already talking about long-flights! In truth however, only fanciers of my generation understand what the original long-flights looked like. That said, if we are not careful we will be bringing the long-flights back again and a great deal depends on our judges. If they, like some breeders, get overawed by head qualities to the extent that they ignore style, carriage and type – we are in for serious trouble in the years to come. We are, in my opinion, on the edge of destroying the beauty of the Exhibition Budgerigar. The big question to the judges is which of you has the courage to put down a big-headed exhibit for lack of type.

## Learning The Hard Way



I bred a super grey normal youngster this year and at six weeks old the parents refused to feed it. No amount of trying him in other nests would work and I decided to really have a go at hand feeding supplemented with appropriate drugs. I placed him in the warm hospital area I have and each day I fed him three times via crop needle containing Dr Rob Marshall's super solution Quik Gel, plus some amoxicillin antibiotic mixed with a baby powder and all administered warm direct to the crop. It took time but as his strength improved I placed another self eating chick in with him – sick birds need a companion.

After this hurdle, he began to eat really well and was approaching full recovery. It was at this stage I learned something! I stupidly offered him a standard commercial egg food, very soft, but it would harden as it dried out. Then a big problem arose very quickly. He went backwards and I checked his crop only to find a hard "ball" of undigested food blocking the alimentary canal. I crop fed him some warm water and applied gentle manipulation with only partial success. It wasn't a blocked gizzard as this is situated further down, but on the third day I lost him. My fault entirely and was I cross as he was fine without the softfood. I cannot in all confidence say I was completely correct as other factors could be involved – but I learned something new. As Jo Mannes says when anyone rings him and says "Jo. That bird I bought yesterday has died" Jo's response is simple, "They do that you know." Such is life when you are dealing with livestock, but I learned not to make the same mistake again.

To be continued.....

### About the Author:



Terry Tuxford first began breeding budgerigars in 1979 and joined the BS in 1980. He was elevated to Champion in 1985 when he went into partnership with Brian Poole. This partnership is probably one of the longest existing partnerships in the UK hobby today having lasted some 27 years so far and is still going strong. Terry and Brian are also partnered by Yvonne Tuxford who joined the BS in 1990.

Terry demonstrated his penmanship early in his budgerigar career and wrote in the second edition of Budgerigar World. Little did he realise then that in just over 8 year's time he would become editor following a 20 month apprenticeship with founding editor, Gerald Binks. Terry went on to edit a total of 245 editions up to May 2011.

In 1993 Terry took his Budgerigar Society Judges final examination and was awarded Subsidiary Judge of the Year and has gone on to judge the Budgerigar Society World Show on three occasions as well as many top shows at home and abroad. He is also an accomplished speaker and has been a guest at societies throughout the UK as well as Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada and many other European countries