

# Budgie Bulletin



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# NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

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## **CLUB OBJECTIVES**

To promote feelings of good fellowship and sportsmanship among its own members and all other persons interested in the budgerigar.

To promote the improvement of existing varieties and the production of new ones.

To endeavour to promote, encourage and stimulate the breeding of budgerigars.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

All subscriptions become due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (Also applies to new members who join after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, who will be financial for 2018) **SINGLE \$20.00, DOUBLE \$30** (Single fee plus 50%) **FAMILY** Single fee (\$20.00) plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age Under 18 years – no charge in family situation **JUNIOR** \$13 (65% normal fee) **PENSIONER Single** \$16, **Double** \$24 (Both 80% of normal fee) **PARTNERSHIP** \$15 per person (75% of normal single fee)

BCSA Membership fee: \$15 per person

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

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# Editorial

# **Christmas Message**

Another year has come to an end, which means Christmas is just around the corner. Most of us have now completed another year in this great hobby of ours. Although it does come with its challenges. I know myself that I have bred low numbers and malt has affected my breeding pairs. However, it only takes one decent bird to stand up and be noticed to turn it all around. Maybe the wind has something to do with it? I have noticed the continuous northerly wind every day for months, it goes around to the west one day, then back to the north the next. November has brang more westerly winds, and I have noticed some of my birds are starting to come into condition. I have looked forward to our monthly meetings this year, meeting new people and catching up with old friends. It's a good opportunity to see how everyone is going with our hobby and offer advice to each other.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out at our annual shows and monthly meetings.

Congratulations to those who had birds selected for the nationals and selected on the top bench at our annuals shows.

I would like to thank all of the NEBS committee and members for your support throughout the year.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck to everyone for the upcoming season.



Lloyd Edwards President

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

## 2017 Ring Issue

Rings (Blue) for 2017 will be available for purchase as from 15 December 2016. The cost of the rings is 50 cents each in multiples of ten.

Members should either purchase or order their **total** 2017 ring requirements early in 2017 as there will only be one opportunity for NEBS to purchase additional rings in 2017. This is likely to be before the middle of the year. NEBS will only order additional rings if there is a **known** shortfall for 2017.

A few members under estimated their 2016 ring requirements. However they were fortunate that there were several members who have had a poor breeding season and who had surplus rings that could be transferred between members. It should not be expected that surplus rings from other members will always be available.

Members should note that the internal diameter of the 2017 rings is 4.4mm compared to the 2016 rings which were 4.2mm.



Dennis Lomman Ring Officer

# SALE

## Old copies of budgerigar world

## Price 50c per copy

## You can purchase them from the club treasurer or Graham Bell

## <u>Avian Vet – Dr Anne Fowler</u>

Dr Anne Fowler's new clinic, Adelaide Bird and Exotics Vet Centre has now opened and is located at 129 Richmond Rd, Richmond (Phone: 08 8443 4838).

Anne is qualified and experienced in avian health, wildlife health and unusual pets.

More information can be found on her website at

http://adelaidebirdandexoticvet.com.au/



# **BCSA and NEBS New Websites**

## **BCSA and NEBS Websites**

The **BCSA** website can be viewed at <u>www.bcsa.com.au</u>.

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 <u>www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/.</u> Information available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.

# **BREEDING ROOM PROBLEMS**

It is with great anticipation that we pair up our birds each year. Sometimes we are rewarded with quality chicks for the show bench and sometimes not. Some of the many and varied problems that you are confronted with during the breeding season can be very frustrating at times and it is very easy to become despondent. After sixteen years of breeding and exhibiting budgies and despite some success on the show bench, almost every year I ask myself, why am I doing this? Do I really need all this frustration and disappointment when I am supposed to be enjoying retirement? Only persistence and a focus on the successes rather than the disappointments get me through each year. Successes can by small, such as getting a place in a class at a club show or even successfully breeding a particular colour or variety for the first time. The major successes will come after that if you are prepared to persevere.

All breeders, no matter who, will have successes and disappointments each and every year. However it is clear that the better the quality of your birds the more likely you are to have problems in the breeding room. So it is important not to let the disappointments get you down. Talk to other breeders for advice and support. This is particularly important for Novice breeders as too many disappointments in the early years of breeding can quickly extinguish the light at the end of the tunnel. It is for this reason that I suggest that Novice breeders should first "learn the trade" by using lesser quality birds as you are less likely to have problems with these birds.

Listed below are many of the problems that I have already experienced since pairing my birds up in July this year. Unfortunately this list has pretty much now become the expectation for each breeding season.

- Maiden hens not feeding chicks this is my most frustrating breeding problem
- Infertile eggs all or several eggs per nest
- Only one fertile egg in a nest of 6 or 7 eggs often the last egg
- Dead-in-Shell chicks
- Addled eggs all or several eggs per nest
- Chicks dying at three to four weeks with full crops why?
- Chicks dying at two and three days possibly yellowbelly?
- Chicks dying with air filled crops
- Eggs damaged or destroyed Hens eating eggs
- No eggs laid
- Hens laying eggs in nest but not sitting on them
- Eggs laid on floor of breeding cage
- Soft shell eggs
- Hens dying suddenly in nest box but were not egg bound
- Sick hens deserting nest of fertile eggs
- Cocks being attacked by hens
- Chick killed by cock after it left the nest
- Chick dying suddenly after transfer to nursery cage
- Chicks with displaced hips
- Chicks being feather plucked
- Chick with French Moult

Many of these problems were discussed at a recent general meeting and it helps to know that the problem is not you but the birds themselves. However many of the problems can be managed to lessen their impact. Talking to other breeders can help you identify appropriate strategies for managing these problems. Unfortunately, other problems are totally beyond our control.

Dennis Lomman



The Budgerigar Council of SA is calling for nominations for the following positions, with the deadline for application being January 31:

- Bird Carer (three positions plus a reserve) for Mackay Queensland
- Show Manager for the Logan Shield
- Electronics Supervisor for the Logan Shield
- Auction Coordinator for the BCSA auction to be held in June
- Nominations for the National Judges exam
- ANBC motions including Colour and Standards

Please advise any of your BCSA delegates of your intentions by the end of January, including any desire to be groomed for future participation.

## BCSA Status Movement System Summary of Points Awarded for 2014, 2015 and 2016

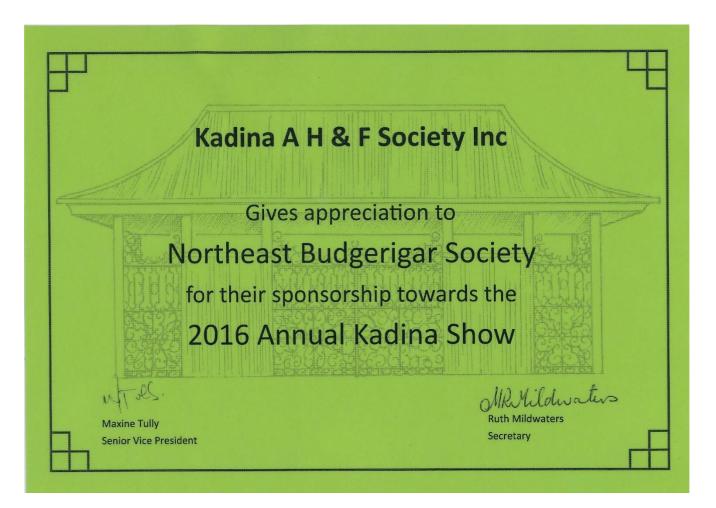
| Exhibitor             | Status       | 2014 | 2015 | 2016             | 3yr Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|------|------------------|-----------|
| Sue Adams             | Open         | 15   | -    | 10               | 25        |
| Wayne Bandt           | Intermediate | -    | -    | 20               | 20        |
| Laurie Barber         | Open         | -    | 15   | 15               | 30        |
| David Botha           | Intermediate | -    | 5    | -                | 5         |
| Butterworth & Stone   | Open         | -    | 5    | -                | 5         |
| Barry Chant           | Open         | -    | 5    | -                | 5         |
| Michael Crossley      | Open         | 15   | 15   | -                | 30        |
| Bob Deverson          | Intermediate | -    | -    | 10               | 10        |
| Geoff Edwards         | Open         | 15   | 10   | 10               | 35        |
| L & H Edwards         | Open         | 10   | 15   | 15               | 40        |
| Stephen Elliott       | Open         | 25   | -    | 5                | 30        |
| George England & Sons | Intermediate | -    | -    | 10               | 10        |
| Graham Evans          | Open         | -    | -    | 15               | 15        |
| R & I Field           | Intermediate | -    | 15   | -                | 15        |
| Peter Glassenbury     | Open         | 5    | 5    | 5                | 15        |
| K & J Harris          | Novice       | -    | -    | 15               | 15        |
| Polly Heel            | Open         | -    | 10   | 10               | 20        |
| Ian Jenke             | Novice       | -    | -    | 5                | 5         |
| G & B Jones           | Open         | -    | 20   | 15               | 35        |
| Kakoschke & Rice      | Open         | 145  | 235  | <mark>210</mark> | 590       |
| D & R Lange           | Open         | 40   | 20   | 15               | 75        |
| Dennis Lomman         | Open         | 100  | 35   | <mark>105</mark> | 240       |
| Malcolm Loveridge     | Open         | 15   | 5    | 30               | 50        |
| Marshall Family       | Open         | 65   | 50   | 15               | 130       |
| John Mulley           | Open         | 50   | 50   | 55               | 155       |
| C & T Murphy          | Open         | -    | -    | 10               | 10        |
| M & K Murphy          | Open         | 10   | 10   | -                | 20        |
| S & C Norris          | Open         | 25   | 25   | 25               | 75        |
| Neville Richardson    | Intermediate | 15   | -    | -                | 15        |
| Trevor Russell        | Open         | -    | 5    | -                | 5         |
| Vicki Sanford         | Intermediate | 10   | -    | -                | 10        |
| Peter Simic           | Open         | 10   | -    | -                | 10        |
| R & D Simpson         | Open         | -    | 25   | 5                | 30        |
| Ray Slade             | Open         | -    | 15   | 50               | 65        |
| Paul Soul             | Novice       | -    | -    | 5                | 5         |
| Andrew Stock          | Intermediate | 25   | 5    | -                | 30        |
| Frank Tilley          | Open         | 35   | -    | 10               | 45        |
| Libby Thomas          | Novice       | -    | -    | 5                | 5         |
| Nigel Tonkin          | Open         | -    | -    | 10               | 10        |
| Diana Trevarthen      | Open         | -    | 5    | -                | 5         |
| J & W Weidenhofer     | Open         | 45   | 95   | 50               | 190       |

Congratulations to **Kakoschke and Rice** on maintaining their Champion Breeders status, and to **Dennis Lomman** for being elevated to a Champion Breeder for 2017.

Further details are available on the BCSA website at <u>www.bcsa.com.au</u>. Details include at which show the points were awarded and for which birds

## **CLARE SHOW RESULTS October 15**

| Grand Champion          | Malcolm Loveridge  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Champion Opposite Sex   | Malcolm Loveridge  |
| Reserve Champion Cock   | Malcolm Loveridge  |
| Reserve Champion Hen    | Malcolm Loveridge  |
| Champion Young Bird     | Malcolm Loveridge  |
| Champion Unbroken Cap   | Malcolm Loveridge  |
| Convenor: Lloyd Edwards | Judge: John Mulley |



## **ALBINO: Bird of the month for November**

First of all, let's focus on the white unmarked red-eyed budgerigar that we all instantly recognise as the Albino. Ideally, to meet The Standard, Albinos are bred on a grey background to avoid blue suffusion and the associated colour penalty. Visible blue suffusion in the absence of grey factor can be exacerbated by the presence of dark and violet factor. The heavier the suffusion in the eyes of the judge, the heavier the penalty.

There are two other departures from The Standard that are penalised. Markings can be visible on the wings. Cheek patches can be lightly coloured. Thankfully these days we rarely hear the myth that such birds have been bred through Cinnamonwings. Cinnamonwing Albinos would in fact be Lacewings and if the Cinnamonwing mutation has not been passed on it cannot be responsible for visible cinnamon features. A more likely explanation might be minimal leakage of melanin associated with residual tyrosinase activity (see below) possibly if the Albino is masking what would otherwise be a heavily melanised flecked bird or double factor grey. What do Albino breeders think?

In summary, the ideal varietal features for the Albino are snow white body free from any visible markings, a white cheek patch, white tail quill and white tail feather. Likely Albinos bred on an Opaline and/or Spangle background are less susceptible to the intrusion of blue body colour suffusion since both Opaline and Spangle act as mild colour modifiers that slightly mute body colour. All the above covers the basics, but the story doesn't end there.

Delving a little deeper, it is known that throughout the animal kingdom the pink eyed albino mutation deactivates the gene that encodes the enzyme tyrosinase. This blocks the pathway that converts the amino acid tyrosine to melanin and this mutation in budgerigars is the Ino. The body in the blue series is white, as discussed above, since the unrelated gene that controls the synthesis of the yellow pigment psittacofulvin is also deactivated. The body in the green series with the wildtype activity of the psittacofulvin gene is yellow giving us the familiar Lutino, which technically is an Albino due to the underlying biochemical pathway that effectively blocks most if not all formation of melanin. The underlying "white" is overlaid with yellow pigment. Partial deactivation of the psittacofulvin gene, the gene that confers colour through the amount of yellow pigmentation produced, gives us the Yellow Faced Albino. Although now well entrenched, the name Yellow Face is a misnomer for this mutation. As the bird matures the pale yellow tinge washes through the body, which is easily seen in the so called self-coloured or partially de-melanised budgerigar varieties, but somewhat hidden in the fully melanised varieties (Normals) or near fully melanised varieties (Opalines, Cinnamonwings and Spangles).

The Albino class in present day show schedules is designed for the pure white blue series version of the red eyed Albino. In earlier years the Albino and Lutino were combined in the Ino class in show schedules, since they are members of the same variety, the Ino. The Yellow Faced colour version of the Ino in earlier years was benched with the Yellow Faced Blue class when the colour Yellow Faced Blue was misplaced within the varieties, between Spangle and Fallow, in the National Matrix. This was perhaps understandable prior to knowledge of what causes the colours green, blue and blues with yellow faces. But we rarely saw Yellow Faced Albinos in the Yellow Faced Blue class since exhibitors knew that even if they bred them accidentally or otherwise that because of the yellow body suffusion they were not competitive against the melanised Yellow Faced Blue varieties of Normal, Opaline and Cinnamonwing.

The Ino was subsequently separated into two of its colours, the Green Series (Lutino) and the Blue Series (Albino) because the class was regularly dominated by the Lutino. Once separated, that encouraged Albino breeders and now including at national level the Albinos are often seen to be superior to the Lutinos. The Yellow Faced Blue Series version of the Albino never fared well in the Yellow Faced Blue class because of the yellow tinge through the body, based on the same principle that is supposed to disadvantage Single Factor Golden Faced Blues if The Standard is read correctly. Since elevating Yellow Faced Blue into the section of the National Matrix where the Normals are now listed in all colours, including Yellow Faced Blue, The Standard mandates that the Yellow Faced Albino fares no better on the show bench now than it did when previously misplaced within the diverse group of other varieties. Since there is no specific class for Yellow Faced Blue Albinos after Albinos and Lutinos were separated they are benched by default in the Blue Series Albino class, if people insist on benching them at all. They have been around ever since the two unrelated mutations were recognised back in the 1930's that shut down the melanin pathway (Albino) and significantly reduce psittacofulvin (Yellow Faced Blue). Nevertheless, a Yellow Faced Albino will beat the classic white Albinos on the show bench when it is sufficiently superior in Type to its competitors to cancel out its penalty for yellow suffusion. That should not be controversial if The Standard is read and interpreted correctly.

John Mulley, November 2016

# Improving A Stud Of Exhibition Budgerigars – Brian Poole UK

After a few years in the hobby most people will have reached the position when they have been able to dispose of their initial purchases and offspring and will want to be selective in their breeding requirements in order to compete against the top breeders. The aim will also probably be to work with several mainstream varieties. Success depends on several things and finance is one of these. Hopefully the breeder will have saved enough from the sale of birds or by other means, to buy when necessary and to buy birds that will upgrade his stock.

Pedigree plays a great part in breeding but when buying it should be the visual properties that decide your choice of bird. Good looking specimens more often produce their like than do those with a good pedigree but lacking that high quality appearance.

In terms of numbers, I think that 12 to 20 pairs plus up to a dozen good spare hens are the minimum necessary to be able to breed sufficient numbers in quality to be competitive on the show bench. If one specialises, with the exception of red-eyes, these numbers are probably not necessary but most specialists gradually branch out into the more mainstream varieties.

#### Hens Are The Dominating Factor

Particular attention should be paid to your hens as they are the dominating factor in the breeding cage and without good hens you area wasting your time. So many times a good cock bird is mated to an indifferent hen and the young produced are inferior. When it comes to hens the Opaline is essential for any stud and should play a substantial part in your plans. In all Opaline colours the broad heads, bold spots and substance make them a good choice and if you can get them with a clear mantle, so much the better. An excellent mating for the production of opalines is a split opaline cock with a deep mask paired to equally good opaline hen. The mating usually produces more hens than cocks but if they are good ones they can be kept as spare hens.

Another variety dear to my heart is the Cinnamon, having specialised in them for a number of years in the 1990's. Their pastel shades and fine feathering make them very pleasing to the eye and they are still one of my favourites. With Cinnamon I think it is easy to lose spot size and the necessary steps should be taken to prevent this, and here the Opaline and Opaline Cinnamon can be useful. Just like Opalines, the Cinnamons and Opaline Cinnamon can soon spread through your stock.

#### A Real Asset To A Stud

Grey and Grey Greens have done consistently well over the years must form part of a stud. A good Grey is a very attractive bird, but more often than not, has to give way to a Grey Green with the better top end that many have. Greys and Grey Greens can be successfully paired to all other colours and are a real asset to a stud.

A quality Light Green is one of the finest Budgerigars to look at and this colour is worth all the effort to get some good ones. Only a very few of our top breeders claim to be Light Green specialists and they produce some very good ones and I hopefully they will gradually come back into more prominence. As regards birds of Normal Blues, a stud is not complete without them being represented.

Having worked exclusively with Lutinos for a number of years I think it is difficult to progress with them without specialising or in a position to have a number of pairs in addition to the other varieties that can be inter-bred with them. With Lutinos it is not easy to keep colour, head and size up to standard when you are pairing Lutino to Lutino.

**About the Author**: Brian has been keeping Budgerigar since the 1960's and is a Life Member of the London and Southern Counties Budgerigar Society in the UK. He is also a retired Full Panel BS Judge, having judged many top shows at both home and abroad. For a number of years Brian focused on breeding red-eye varieties of budgerigar and also has a passion for normal cinnamons.



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|   |           |                  | No Bird Of Month  |           | Mini Show Recessive Varieties         | Entertainment |               | Wed 10 th Club Meeting |   | MAY   | 10 IO   | Crest | Bird of Month | your hobby as a member of the NEBS | so pay up now& continue to enjoy | Magazine issued to un-financial members | Please Note: This month will be the last |                              | Butterflies In Your Garden | Entertainment |                        | Wed 8 th Club Meeting | FEBRUARY | 9     | South Australia Inc.                 | of   | North East Budgerigar Society | LY EVENTS |  |
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| 4          | SUN  | 21st May        | BCSA               | State P    | re Selection Show | (LOGAN)      |
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| *          | SAT  | 3rd June        | Mt Gambier         | Diplom     | a Show (Young & / | Adult Birds) |
| ۵.         | SAT  | 10th June       | BSSA               | Stan W     | atson Annual Shov | N            |
| 4          | SAT  | 17th June       | BCSA               | Auction    | n & AGM           |              |
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|            | SAT  | 1st July        | BSSA               | Ron No     | orman Show        |              |
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|            | SAT  | 19th August     | KADINA             | Agricul    | ture Show         |              |
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|            | SAT  | 23rd September  | BALAKLAVA          | Agricul    | ture Show         |              |
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# Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday October 12, 2016 WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.00pm

APOLOGIES: Ian Marshall, Shiralee Reardon, Sue Adams

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 23; MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Sept-Oct Budgie Digest from BSSA; September magazine from Fleurieu Peninsular Cage Bird Society; Offer from Talking Birds magazine for six month's free

electronic subscription; BRASEA October auction and Spring Bulletin on the table to take away; Thank you from Adelaide Zoo for adopting a budgerigar for another year

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: UBC Show schedules were mailed out to members not on email and who don't come to club meetings to pick up a show schedule

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Budgie photo plus two 50% off adult passes to Adelaide or Monarto Zoos are on the table to take if anyone wants them

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00; Incentive Saver \$5606.42; Cheque Account \$3491.13. Total Funds \$21,597.55

RING OFFICER REPORT: 2017 rings will be available from December 15. Members are encouraged to buy their rings early to assist the club to determine number of rings for any supplementary order. Note that coded rings cannot be transferred between members

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Wide range of items available at reasonable prices

BCSA REPORT: Next meeting November 18

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our newest member Ray Evans. We have name badges for Ray Evans, Michael Sloper and Garry Murphy and Ray and Michael were present to accept theirs ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Extracts of the 2016 National Matrix and Penalty and Disqualification Clauses from the 2016 National Standard are available on the table to take if needed
- 2. The NEBS Perpetual Trophy for best NEBS bird at the UBC interclub show held last Saturday was presented to Dennis Lomman. Congratulations Dennis
- 3. Support for the show hosted this year by NEBS, in terms of UBC entries received from NEBS members, was extremely disappointing with only 22 entries from NEBS members. Perhaps the lowest ever
- 4. Show results are in the magazine. Congratulations to the BSSA who won the day with 308 points to our 53. There was a total of 220 UBC and Young Birds entered across the two clubs and the show was enjoyed by all
- 5. The NEBs Breeder Show, Fisher Annual Show and the UBC interclub show were all managed in 2016 using in-house software compiled by our Show Manager Luke. This streamlined the running of these shows
- 6. There is a complete sell out of budgerigars, equipment and aviaries by one of our members with details in the magazine for anyone who has not already received it through the electronic distribution list. See the Secretary for further details
- 7. Christmas dinner will be held this year at the Buckingham Arms on December 14. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members which incorporates a subsidy from NEBS. Payment is due anytime from tonight until the November 9 meeting when numbers need to be finalised in order to confirm numbers to secure the booking with the hotel
- 8. Christmas raffle books are available tonight with prizes to be drawn at the Christmas dinner on December 14
- 9. Michael Sloper agreed to fill the Committee vacancy

ENTERTAINMENT: Problems during the breeding season moderated by Dennis Lomman and Graeme Alchin. Dennis put up a comprehensive list of what can go wrong and there followed discussion on various aspects of that with some suggested solutions QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION ON ANY BUDGERIGAR TOPIC: Nil NIGHT SHOW RESULTS: Best Novice UBC bird: Michael Sloper; Best Intermediate UBC bird: No entry; Best Open UBC bird: Lloyd Edwards WINNER OF THE UBC BIRD OF THE NIGHT: No Normal Blue UBCs benched. However, a large class of Young Normal Blues of exceptional quality were benched, which included Sky Blues, Violet Sky Blues and Cobalt's. That allowed comparisons leading to how to distinguish between Violet Sky Blues and Cobalts LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Barry Hayes; Second: Luke Jamieson; Third: Lea Todd

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NEXT MEETING: November 9. Entertainment will be Gordon Rich from Passwell speaking on avian Nutrition. Bird of the month will be an UBC Albino REMINDERS: Please stack your chair at the back of the hall prior to supper and let Vicki know if you are coming to the Christmas dinner MEETING CLOSED: ~9.30pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

#### NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO OCTOBER

|          |                | Points | Shows entered |
|----------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Novice   |                |        |               |
|          | Ben Hale       | 6      | 1             |
|          | Luke Jamieson  | 3      | 1             |
|          | Michael Sloper | 3      | 1             |
| Intermed | liate          |        |               |
|          | Vicki Sanford  | 13     | 1             |
|          | Geoff Murch    | 15     | 1             |
| Open     |                |        |               |
| -        | Dennis Lomman  | 42     | 3             |
|          | L&H Edwards    | 11     | 2             |

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

# Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday November 9, 2016 WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.00pm APOLOGIES: Ian Marshall; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 28 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Reiterating that the Christmas dinner will be held this year at the Buckingham Arms on December 14 at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm sit down. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Vicki needs numbers and money tonight to finalise the booking; Christmas raffle books are due back tonight with the draw to be made at the December dinner CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Zoo Times which is on the table to take if anyone wants it; Clearwing Budgerigar Society newsletter to take if anyone wants them; Notice of appreciation from Kadina AH & F Society for our sponsorship for the budgerigar section at the Kadina Show; Invoice from Canary and Cagebird Federation for membership and Third Party Insurance for 2017 CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Letter to BSSA suggesting that NEBS would be in agreeance with the UBC interclub being converted to an open show to allow it to be recognised as a status moving show with points available in support of Novice and Intermediate breeders

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00; Incentive Saver \$5,625.22; Cheque Account \$4,313.26. Total Funds \$22,438.48

RING OFFICER REPORT: No 2016 gold rings left. Ring transfers now taking place to assist those who have run out of 2016 rings. Thanks to Port Pirie club who have passed on their excess. Blue 2017 rings will be posted out on December 15.

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Wide range of products available including those that are the subject of tonight's entertainment

BCSA REPORT: Next BCSA meeting to be held on November 18. Meanwhile there has been the first of the quarterly ANBC telephone live streams between all States/Zones held on October10. Discussion included Ring issue date with a preference to return to a September 1 date given that the national show has now been brought forward to May; Viability of the smaller states hosting the National Show beyond 2021; Centralization of the National Show; Costings for the National Show; Resolution that the Dark Eyed Clear class be assessed at Mackay in 2017 to determine if it has improved sufficiently to be accepted as class for points from 2018 onwards; Logistics in terms of the number of classes and number of birds now in the State/Zone Teams

NEW MEMBERS: Garry Murphy was presented with his name badge

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS: Program for the first half of 2017 will be in the December magazine

ENTERTAINMENT: Budgerigar Health and Nutrition including special needs for successful breeding by Gordon Rich from Wombaroo/Passwell. Gordon is a Chemical Engineer involved in ongoing research and development of the nutritional requirements of captive and wild birds and animals. The talk was illustrated with some of the important products to ensure successful breeding. The period leading up to pairing and egg production was highlighted as especially important

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS: Best Novice UBC bird: No UBC birds presented; Best Intermediate UBC bird: Vicki Sanford; Best Open UBC bird: Dennis Lomman; WINNER OF THE UBC BIRD OF THE MONTH: Albino: No UBC albinos presented

LUCKY ENVELOPES: The \$20 envelope won by Michael Smith. The show cage envelope won by Lloyd Edwards

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Michael Smith; Second: Dennis Lomman; Third: John Mulley

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil; NEXT MEETING: The meeting in December will be the Christmas dinner at the Buckingham Arms on December 14.

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

MEETING CLOSED: 9.30pm Lloyd Edwards, President

### NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO NOVEMBER

|              |                | Points | Shows entered |
|--------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Novice       |                |        |               |
|              | Ben Hale       | 12     | 2             |
|              | Luke Jamieson  | 3      | 1             |
|              | Michael Sloper | 3      | 1             |
| Intermediate |                |        |               |
|              | Vicki Sanford  | 23     | 2             |
|              | Geoff Murch    | 15     | 1             |
| Open         |                |        |               |
|              | Dennis Lomman  | 57     | 4             |
|              | L&H Edwards    | 11     | 2             |

Highest aggregate points in each section each year win either a \$30 Trading Table voucher or a show cage. To be eligible need to enter birds in a minimum of three of the available six night shows, temperature permitting; The 2016 winner was Dennis Lomman who fulfilled the minimum entry requirements.

# THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDS ......IN 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