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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.

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All subscriptions become due January 1st, 2020

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**For electronic transfer of membership fees use your name as the reference, and Bank SA BSB
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BCSA Membership fee: \$15 per person

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2020 rings.

**Club meets at Kilburn Hall at 49 Le Hunte St, Kilburn, at 7.30pm on the second
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EDITORIAL

I often have a little smile when people say to me; “ Hasn’t the year flown by .” or “ I can’t believe its Christmas already. ” I smile because I’m thinking its not just me then! The next question will be; did you have a good Christmas?!!

I hope the past year has been a good one for you, and yes, the budgies too! If not, there’s always next year they say. Personally this year has seen the most disappointing event in the bird-room that I have ever experienced in forty-three years of keeping birds. The loss of fifty cock birds can only be described as soul destroying and an absolute challenge to stay enthusiastic about our hobby.

Upon hearing of my situation I was buoyed by the generosity of offers of help from John Mulley, Dennis Lomman, Bob Deverson and Lloyd Edwards. All supplying spare cock birds for me to have something to go on with. I whole heartedly thank you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the people who are, without question, the reason we are able to have the North East Budgerigar Society. Without you there is no club. Regardless of whether you’re on the committee, make the coffee, or simply grab a broom at one of our shows, many hands make light work. With this in mind I would ask everyone to please consider a position on the committee. We have had a couple of positions vacant now for some time and I’m sure the members who have had to wear multiple hats would appreciate it the most.

Apart from the few “ hiccups” mentioned, as always, I have enjoyed being involved with the N.E.B.S. I look forward to catching up with like-minded “bird” people each and every month, and so in closing , I would wish that everyone has a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See you all in 2020,

Graeme.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

RINGS

2019 Rings

I still have a small number of 2019 rings left.

2020 Ring Issue

Rings (Green) for 2020 will be available as from 15 December 2019.

Dennis Lomman
Ring Officer

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

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

BCSA and NEBS Websites

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The **BCSA** website can be viewed at www.bcsa.com.au.
Results of all Club and State shows are posted on the website. The Photo Gallery features photos of the winning birds.

The **NEBS** website is a subset of the BCSA website and can be accessed by clicking on the NEBS logo on the BCSA Homepage or directly at www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/.
Information available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.



NEBS TRADING TABLE



The Trading Table has a range of products which are available for purchase at the NEBS Monthly Meetings or from Vicki Sanford on (08)82637369 or at vickisanford@bigpond.com

Nutritional supplements which are popular with members include;

Passwell Liquid Gold	Vetafarm Multivet/Moulting Aid
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Mineral Blocks	Elliott's Sulpha D

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

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WE WANT YOU!

Volunteers needed for the 2021 national show in Adelaide Show Committee

Transport Coordinator needed to arrange movement of equipment between the shipping container stored somewhere in Adelaide and the show venue.

Team Travel Coordinator needed to arrange movement of State/Zone Teams between the airport and show venue

Volunteers to assist

Two more SA Bird Carers

Rosette managers

Minders for birds on display after judging

Six for set up and dismantling the Bird Room

Two for cleaning the 84 metal trays as the Bird Room is dismantled

Raffle ticket sellers

Ticket checkers

Registration desk attendants

Several more Stewards

Let John Mulley know who can pass on to the Event Coordinator Peter Glassenbury and to the relevant Coordinator. Much needs to be put into place over the next year and a half. Don't listen to anyone who thinks it's too early.

CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER BUDGIE BULLETIN..... (Avian Gastric Yeast previously referred to as Megabacteria)

The Avian Gastric Yeast Experience

Belinda Brice
Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

THE AGY ORGANISM

It is thought that AGY was introduced into the Eastern states of Australia in the early 1990's through the importation of exhibition budgerigars. It has gradually spread across Australia. AGY was first detected at Kanyana in 1997 by Ruth Haight (former Kanyana volunteer and veterinary nurse) in a galah with diarrhoea and weight loss. The organism was first described in 1980 (Dorrestein et al., 1980). It is a long, slender, cigar shaped organism. The ends are rounded and are narrower at one end. These Gram-positive organisms can be variable in shape and size and are very occasionally seen in a y-shaped form. They are approximately 20 to 80µm in length and are 2 to 3µm in width. When seen in a wet mount, small refractile nuclei can be seen at regular intervals (Phalen, 2014).

Photograph 1: AGY as seen under the microscope (400X magnification)



The organism can be cultured from faeces or isthmus scrapings (Hanafusa et al., 2007). AGY can be grown *in vitro* if a suitable substrate and special conditions are provided. It grows best at pH 3-4, at a temperature of 42°C and in microaerophilic conditions (lower than atmospheric oxygen concentration).

TRANSMISSION

Spread of the AGY organism is probably via the faecal-oral route. Altricial nestlings (young that are born helpless) may also be infected when their parents regurgitate food for them. Many AGY infected birds are asymptomatic but still shed the organism (Phalen et al., 2002). It is therefore important to try to screen all parrots that are admitted into wildlife rehabilitation centres so that infected birds can be isolated from AGY negative birds. AGY is unable to infect mammals (Hanafusa et al., 2013).

CLINICAL SIGNS

The clinical signs of AGY have been well described in the literature (Dorrestein et al., 1980; Phalen, 2005). The most common signs are prominent keel, fluffed feathers, depressed appearance, vomiting, regurgitation of crop contents, diarrhoea and weight loss. The incubation period ranges from weeks to years so some birds may only show clinical signs a few years after infection. This is often the case with infected budgerigars (Simpson, 1992) whilst growing ostrich chicks show signs of illness early on (Huchzermeyer and Henton, 1993). Some birds display no symptoms at all but are positive for AGY. These birds may well go on to display symptoms in the future.

Birds that have advanced AGY infection appear very thin or emaciated on admission. Their symptoms are related to the damage the organism does to the lining of the proventriculus and ventriculus. They are also “fluffed up” and depressed, some are very weak, they regurgitate their food and their vents are stained with faecal material. Faeces can be varied (slightly loose to diarrhoea) and are often bulky and pale. The faeces often contain undigested seeds. Ground-up

seeds are often seen in the seed bowl as the bird is grinding the seeds but not actually able to digest the food properly. Vomiting (sometimes with blood or mucous) is often seen during the late stages of the illness. During this stage of the illness the faeces is often stringy dark green or tarry and black. The bird dies as a result of weight loss or from bleeding from ulcers in the stomach lining. Many of the infected birds that are admitted into Kanyana display these advanced symptoms of AGY infection. Members of the public bring in these birds as many are found on the ground and are unable to fly due to the wasting away of their breast (pectoral) muscle. Some birds have concurrent infections with AGY as well as other diseases such as psittacine beak and feather disease virus (PBFDV). We regularly see this at Kanyana amongst twenty-eight parrots and galahs. The PBFDV acts as an immunosuppressant and hence reduces the hosts resistance to AGY and other infections. The number of little corellas co-infected is particularly high. All 6 AGY positive little corellas admitted to Kanyana were also displaying symptoms of PBFDV. In addition, another 6 birds (not tested for AGY) were euthanised due to PBFDV. In total, 12 out of 33 (36%) little corellas admitted were definitely showing signs of PBFDV. This figure is lower than that reported by Raidal et al. in 1993. In this study, 4 out of 6 (66,6%) short-billed corellas were found to be seropositive for PBFDV. Birds may also be suffering from other diseases that have similar symptoms to that of AGY infection. These include heavy metal poisoning, trichomoniasis, giardiasis, bacterial and other fungal infections of the crop and stomach as well as gastric foreign bodies (Australian Wildlife Health Network).

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TO BE CONTINUED.....



A further question and answer from the proceedings of the International Forum as part of the 2007 ANBC Show hosted in Adelaide by the BCSA with comment at the end on the context of the answer fast forwarded to 2019.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM

On the Tuesday evening (29th May) of the 2007 ANBC Nationals held in Adelaide South Australia, a very interesting forum was attended by about sixty fanciers.

The forum panel were Marcel Buhler from Switzerland: Ricky Watts from The United Kingdom: Warren Wilson from New South Wales: Alan Gamble from New Zealand: Ron Pearce from The United Kingdom.



Question from Bob Smith from South Queensland. *This is a question to all the panel, over the past few days, there has been a lot of comments about birds not gripping the perches. What size perches do you have in your show cages and do you have the same problem?*

Ron Pearce: I was absolutely amazed when I heard the comment that birds were pegged back because they weren't gripping the perch. I have been fortunate to judge all around the world and I have never ever heard that comment before. For us in the UK if a bird sits up it doesn't really matter how it is holding the perch to determine if it is a good bird or a bad bird. Just going on slightly, we don't penalise birds in the UK like you do here. We only throw them off the show bench if they are sick or have scaly face. A bird missing a claw can still win Best in Show in England. It is all about comparison. If that bird was better than anything else, and you decided to take some points off in your own mind for a fault, and it is no more than a fault than flecking or opalescence is, I was amazed when I heard that comment and though it was utter b.....t.

I have no idea how thick our perches are except they are thicker than yours, probably about 16mm. I have never heard those comments before.

Alan Gamble: Personally I feel the perches are far too small. When the comment was made I was rather taken aback. By the comment the bird should be gripping the perch firmly, would mean if the bird stood on one leg like they do when they are asleep and fully healthy, that bird should be put down too. It just doesn't make sense. I think if you put in a 16mm perch like we have in New Zealand, the bird just naturally grips onto the perch. We put Zebra Finches on the size perches you have in your show cages.

Warren Wilson: Our perches are the smallest perches I've seen in five countries. If you get a bird as big as some of the biggest birds we have here, they have absolutely no hope in the world

of gripping the perch. I am not talking about slip claw or anything stupid like that. I am talking about actually physically holding on. It is almost impossible for the size of the butt of the foot to grip around the perches that we have in this country. Virtually none of the huge birds we have in this country are able to grip our perches. I have four different cages from Europe – Marcel sent me over one many years ago, I have plastic ones and none of them have perches anywhere near how small ours are. I think as Rick said, their perches are the old half inch or more and I think at some stage it is an issue that we are going to have to address here because we can't expect big buffy birds to physically sit on those tiny perches. We use perches that big for Java Sparrows. I show Java Sparrows, as you know I show every darn thing, Java Sparrows sit on that size perch and if that size bird sits on that perch. How can we expect our bigger budgies to sit on these?

Rick Watts: I can only agree with what has been said. Our show cages in the UK are relatively different to yours. We have a sloping back on the roof and over the past couple of years, the BS have introduced new perches. We never used to have perches that came right to the front but now we do have perches that come right to the front of the show cage. I do believe now that in the UK, and it is no exaggeration, we have birds exhibited over 9½ inches long. Some of the birds have been taken out and measured and it is no surprise to see them 9½ inches long, and that was a few years ago. What I would say, is we are talking about balance, size, shape and deportment and I think balance is a key word and if you don't have a budgie that feels comfortable in the show cage then you are not going to get a balanced budgerigar because it is never going to sit correctly.

Marcel Buhler: It is a little bit difficult as there are many different cages. England has different cages to Germany and also different to Belgium and Europe but I think the main thing is I believe the perches down here are too small. I think all the cages in Europe have perches about 16mm to 18mm so the birds can grip the perch properly.

Note: *South Queensland moved a motion at the ANBC meeting a few years ago to increase the perch size to 16mm and it wasn't carried. Maybe now, the other states may consider it.*

Nigel Tonkin made the statement that in whatever country you judge, there are penalty and disqualification clauses and these must be adhered to. In Australia it is a disqualification if a bird has three toes permanently facing forward and all four judges make the decision on any disqualification. The decision is not made lightly. The bird is to grip the perch with two forward and two rear toes. This is how it has to be judged unless there is a change to the disqualification rules.

Editorial comment in the context of 2019:

Some interesting comments here, given that the ANBC subsequently adopted the larger perches, as moved by South Queensland. Then, after we all changed in SA they promptly moved back to the original small perches, again if memory serves, prompted by a motion from South Queensland. There was a tendency for some birds to place three toes forward on the larger perches, which prompted the reversal. The problem had been addressed by the National Judges in the Penalty and Disqualification Clauses of The Standard by stating birds should only be disqualified if the three toes were PERMANENTLY placed forward. Mostly the three toes are not permanently placed forward, especially if the judge works the bird. Personally, this is where I think it should have ended. However, Australia did return to the smaller perches. The decision to return to the smaller perches was

made by majority vote of the State/Zone delegates.

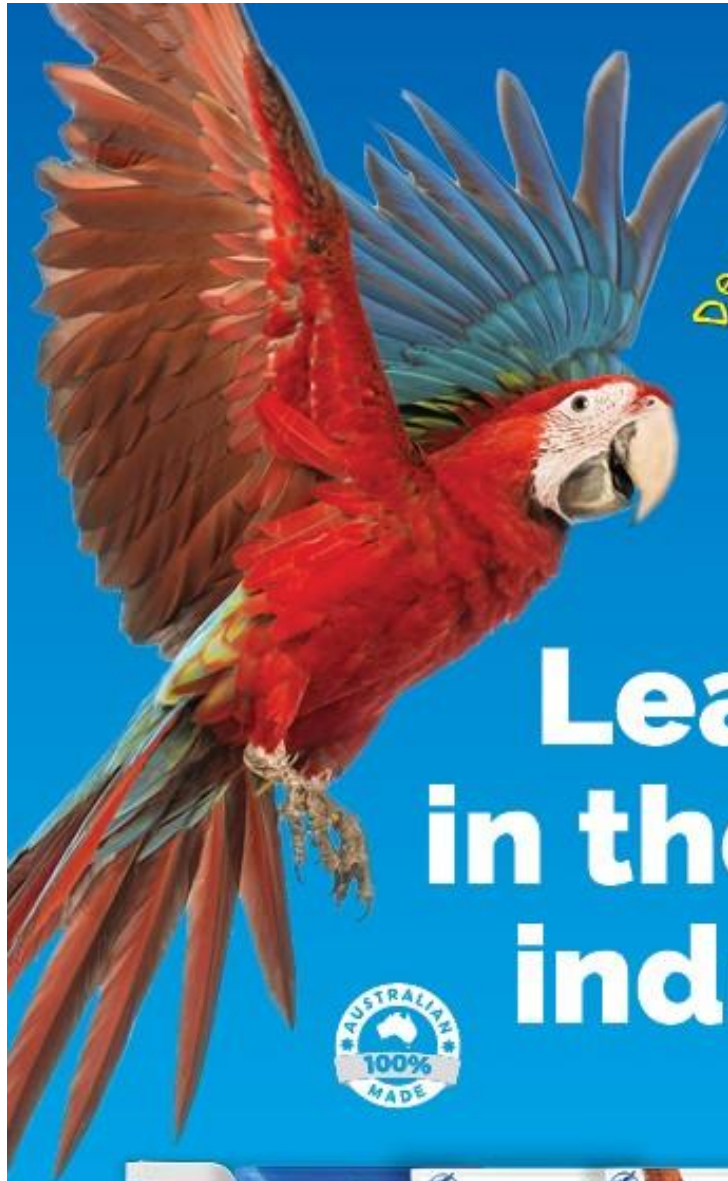
Further justification for moving back to the smaller perch is said to be based on the biological fact that pressure on the pad on the bottom of the foot of the bird that makes contact with the perch locks the toes around the perch – enabling it to sleep while perched. My observations of the birds perched on the larger perches are that our birds have no trouble with the pad of the foot contacting the perch and wrapping their toes around the larger perches. Initially when the larger perches came in my observations of the same birds sitting on perches of both perch sizes suggested to me that they sat better in the show cages on the larger perches.

Furthermore, the larger perches are less likely to come adrift in the show cage. The BCSCA decided not to force exhibitors to go back to the smaller perches so in this state we now allow both perch sizes.

There was much discussion above about birds gripping the perch, or not. I never worked out exactly what constituted a bird not gripping the perch. Perhaps it meant that some birds stood better than others. National judges these days are encouraged to judge positive features rather than judge by penalties. By that I mean when describing birds after they are judged emphasis is placed on why a bird won (eg it stood like a soldier) rather than why a bird did not win (eg it did not grip the perch). National judges are now discouraged from calling all four judges over to disqualify a bird. If it doesn't have the required number of flight feathers, for example, the two judges officiating at that class make the decision to disqualify. Agreed, judging needs to adhere to the Penalty and Disqualification clauses of the country where one is judging.

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Egg Binding

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It is the breeding season again and my clinic is seeing an increase in the number of birds that are presenting with egg binding. I don't know for certain, but I would seem likely to me that most budgerigar breeders have had hens with egg binding. So what exactly is egg binding, when is it most likely to occur and what is the cause of it?

Egg binding is when an egg is formed, but the bird cannot lay it. The main reasons for egg binding are, in my experience, a hen that has either exhausted her calcium reserves, or is unable to mobilize them, or a hen that is getting older, has laid many eggs in the past and now has some damage or disease of her reproductive tract that interferes with egg laying.

Budgerigars, like all birds prepare for egg laying by depositing calcium in a layer of easily reabsorbed bone prior to the onset of laying. When the egg begins to form, there is a massive need for calcium and some of this bone is broken down releasing calcium to the blood which is then incorporated into the egg. The calcium lost to the egg shell needs to be rapidly replaced in a laying bird. Birds that have multiple clutches or those that are not provided with adequate calcium are most at risk for developing low blood calcium levels. When calcium levels fall, the shell does not form properly or does not form at all and the muscles of the oviduct cannot contract forcefully enough to expel the egg, because their function is also impacted by the low blood calcium.

When a hen cannot expel an egg many secondary problems develop. Most are the result of the continuous presence of the egg in the abdomen. Eggs are big, relative to the budgerigar and are not meant to remain in the abdomen for more than a few hours. When they are retained, they put pressure on the kidneys and the intestines and collapse the air sacs interfering with the normal functions of these organs and, in particular, compromising breathing.

The signs of an egg bound bird, are a fluffed up bird with that may be down at the bottom of the cage. The bird may have a distended abdomen and hold its legs further apart. Because of the air sac compression, often the birds have an increase respiratory rate and a tail bob. In some situations, the cloaca and part of the oviduct have prolapsed and these structures containing the egg are hanging out through the vent.

What can be done to help an egg bound bird? Over the years, I have heard some remarkable recommendations about treating egg bound birds. One was to steam the bird by holding it over a tea kettle. This will only burn the bird and also your hand. Another common recommendation that I hear regularly is to give the bird paraffin oil orally or putting it into the cloaca. Given that the egg is in the oviduct and not in the digestive tract, this will not work either.

Egg bound birds have low blood calcium, are dehydrated, and often are not eating, so their body is lacking in energy. For the best chance of survival, all these problems need to be addressed in the egg bound bird. At our hospital, we generally give the birds injectable calcium, subcutaneous fluids, and

support the bird with heat and sometimes oxygen. When it is more stable, we will attempt to express the egg. This is done by gently pushing on the egg and partially prolapsing the oviduct out through the cloaca. The cloaca lining is very thin and the egg can be seen through it. The opening from the oviduct into the cloaca is next identified and the opening enlarged by gently pushing back on the cloaca lining with a lubricated cotton bud. In most cases this results in the egg being delivered with minimum damage to the bird. After the egg is delivered, birds are treated with tube feeding, if they do not immediately begin eating, antibiotics and calcium supplementation.

It is best for hens that have become egg bound not to continue breeding, as their oviduct has been damaged and to rest from breeding until the next breeding season. To get these hens to stop laying, we give them a series of hormone injections and take out their nest box and separate them from the male.

What can you do if you have a bird that is egg bound? The best choice is to take it to an experienced avian veterinarian. If this is not an option, putting the bird in a hospital cage with an air temperature above 30 C, giving the bird oral calcium, and possibly attempting to rehydrate it with an oral electrolyte solution, may in some cases allow the bird to lay. Actually expressing the egg, may be possible for some experienced breeders, but is not recommended for someone who has not seen this done before.

Many things can go wrong with the egg bound bird. The longer the bird has been egg bound the more critical its condition is. In some cases, there is an infection in the oviduct, in others the egg may collapse on its own, and in others it is possible for the egg to go back up the oviduct and end up in the abdomen. Obviously these eggs cannot be passed and must be removed surgically. The most common complication that I see is when the oviduct prolapses with the egg in it and it is not recognized by the owner straight away. The lining of the cloaca and the oviduct then dry out and die. At this point we cannot save these birds and they must be euthanized.

Not all birds with a swollen abdomen are egg bound. I see many budgerigars that the owners think are egg bound, but are not. These birds may have hernias, cancer, a fluid build up in their abdomen, or may simply be obese.

In the end, the best treatment of egg binding is to prevent it from happening in the first place. This means feeding a diet with adequate calcium to your breeding birds, keeping them fit, and limiting the number of clutches that each hen produces. If you are having many birds that become egg bound, then a careful review of your husbandry practices is indicated.

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BSSA/NEBS Interclub Challenge 2019

Saturday 26th October, 2019

Major Award Judge: Malcolm Loveridge

Colour & Variety Judges: George England, Jim Butterworth, Ian Marshall

Birds Entered: 234

Birds Benched: 198

RESULTS

BEST NEST FEATHER BIRD IN SHOW

L & H Edwards **Normal Spangle Yellowface Grey**

BEST OPEN BIRD

L & H Edwards **Normal Spangle Yellowface Grey**

RESERVE OPEN BIRD

G England & Sons Normal Grey Green

BEST INTERMEDIATE BIRD

Paul Soul **Normal Spangle**

RESERVE INTERMEDIATE BIRD

Paul Soul Normal Grey Green

BEST NOVICE BIRD

Michael Sloper **Normal Spangle**

RESERVE NOVICE BIRD

Michael Sloper Cinnamonwing

YOUNG BIRDS

BEST OPEN YOUNG BIRD

Holmes Family Normal Spangle

RESERVE OPEN YOUNG BIRD

Dennis Lomman Normal Violet

BEST INTERMEDIATE YOUNG BIRD

K & J Harris Blue Hen

RESERVE INTERMEDIATE YOUNG BIRD

K & J Harris Green Hen

BEST NOVICE YOUNG BIRD

Michael Sloper Green Cock

RESERVE NOVICE YOUNG BIRD

Grham McCallum Blue Cock

BEST OF VARIETY

Best Normal Green	J & W Weidenhofer
Best Normal Grey Green	G England & Sons
Best Normal Blue	Dennis Lomman
Best Normal Violet	John Mulley
Best Normal Grey	Holmes Family
Best Normal English Y/F Blue	John Mulley
Best Normal Aust Y/F Blue	Paul Soul
Best Black Eye Self	John Mulley
Best Dilute	John Mulley
Best Lutino	John Mulley
Best Albino	Wayne Bandt
Best Dark Eyed Clear	John Mulley
Best Clearwing	John Mulley
Best Greywing	John Mulley
Best Cinnamonwing	Shiralee Reardon
Best Spangle D/F	Graham McCallum
Best Opaline	Diana Trevarthen
Best Opaline AOSV	J & W Weidenhofer
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Best Lacewing	Paul Soul
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Best Spangle AOSV	L & H Edwards
Best Dominant Pied	Holmes Family
Best Danish Recessive Pied	John Mulley
Best Crested	Nil entries
Best AOSV/NSV	Ian Marshall

SHOW MANAGER'S REPORT – INTER CLUB CHALLENGE 2019

Having heard rumours of poor breeding seasons due to the drought, late cold weather and late starts here and interstate I wasn't expecting huge numbers of entries for the BSSA/NEBS Interclub Challenge. 234 entries with 198 of them nest feather birds was a fantastic result considering the short opportunity we have to show these youngsters. Congratulations must be given to all who entered birds in what turned out to be a great day.

Thank you to Malcolm Loveridge and all the judges and to those behind the scenes that make the day a success a big thank you. Thank you to Marie Murphy and the kitchen staff for a magnificent spread.

The larger classes on show day were the Grey Greens, Blues, Opalines and Dominant Pieds. Both clubs continue to struggle with Dilutes, Dark Eyed Clears, Greywings, and Crests so there is scope for a breeder or two to specialise in these varieties. All classes were represented with both clubs suffering by not having entries in some of

the classes. Normal Yellowface Blue numbers have declined since the Yellowface Review as have the Spangle Double Factor variety. The Fallow variety has made a welcome return with some breeders.

The winning bird was a very strong Spangle Yellowface Grey with exceptional markings belonging to Lloyd and Helen Edwards. A strong Normal Greygreen bred by George England & Sons was runner up. Paul Soul took out the Intermediate section with Michael Sloper winning the Novice section for the last time before promotion to Intermediate. Both presented strong birds but unfortunately wouldn't perch at the critical time not like the winning Nest Feather which showed all day. John Mulley was the standout breeder for the day with 35 entries and 9 Best of Variety awards. Congratulations to all the other Young bird and Variety winners on the day. I also noticed the Intermediate and Novice breeders presenting some handy Nest Feather and young birds and I hope they continue to develop for the Murphy Classic Championship Show next year. Well done to Marcus Strudwicke who travelled from Mallala and Graham McCallum who travelled even further from Booleroo Centre.

Entries were pretty even but with the BSSA not benching any entries in 6 variety classes it cost the club dearly with congratulations going to the North East Budgerigar Society. The final result being 278 to 146 points. There were 36 birds entered in the Young Bird section.

The Budgie Bash is becoming popular with 28 lots entered unfortunately Peter Glassenbury was an apology due to Poly being on the sick list. The only disappointment was the raffle which took a bit of a tumble with prizes for one reason or another not being available.

Wayne Weidenhofer
BSSA Show Manager



Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday October 9, 2019, at 7.30pm

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin welcomed members

APOLOGIES: Geoff Murch, Paul Shroeder, Ian and Gina Wise, Shiralee Reardon

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 28

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1. Reminder to bring your chrome show cage fronts for powder coating to John Mulley, tied together in a bundle and labelled with your name, no later than the November meeting. This will be your last chance. BCSA, NEBS and Port Pirie will not be accepting chrome fronted cage fronts at shows from 2020 onwards
2. UBC Show schedules are on the table to take. Remember that entries are due in by 5.00pm Saturday October 19 for the show being held Saturday October 26 and dual members remember to specify for which club you are showing

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: BRASEA October auction catalogue and Spring Bulletin copies of which are on the table to take; Budgie Digest from BSSA. CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00, Incentive Saver \$6,325.29, Cheque Account \$3,159.47, Total \$21,984.76

RING OFFICER REPORT: Plenty of 2019 rings still available. Next year's green rings will be available from December 15 if you need them before the January 2020 meeting

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Vicki gave a run down on the large array of products available on the Trading Table

BCSA REPORT: BCSA still looking to fill vacancies on the 2021 national show committee. For example, we need a transport coordinator to take responsibility for for movement of equipment between the shipping container and the show venue and a Team Travel Coordinator to take responsibility for organizing the transport of the Stae/Zone Teams between the airport and the show venue. Numerous other volunteer roles are required as detailed in the magazine

NEW MEMBERS and VISITORS: Jack and Lilley Van Den Brink

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Payment of \$30 per head for the Christmas dinner due by the November meeting
2. Laminated handouts of pictorials showing the level of flecking that will be disqualified from 2020 onwards will be put into the magazines tonight for anyone who exhibits budgerigars. For anyone who exhibits budgerigars and receiving the magazine electronically see John Mulley for a copy
3. Christmas raffle books are going out with the magazines tonight but anyone receiving the magazine electronically see Vicki for raffle books

ENTERTAINMENT: Discussion to be led by Kelwyn Kakoschke has been postponed until November. Discussion of outcrosses to use for recessive varieties originally being planned for January next year was brought forward to tonight. Tonight we covered Recessive Pieds, Fallows, Lacewings, Clearbodies, Black Eyed Sels and Golden Faced Blues

GADGET CORNER: No gadgets brought in tonight but Ian Marshall passed his phone around that had a picture of an unusual chick that could best be described as a quarter sider, for anyone who knows what a half sider looks like

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS:

Judges Comments: Ian Marshall judged the birds and was pleased to see a nice number benched tonight. He drew our attention to a well marked UBC spangle owned by Garry Murphy, a nice UBC Fallow and some clean UBC Opalines among the Novice birds and two UBC Light Greens and two early bred Young Normal Violets among the Open birds.

Best UBC Spangle and Spangle AOSV: Garry Murphy

Best Novice: Michael Smith; Best Open: Dennis Lomman

NIGHT RAFFLE WINNERS: Ken Harris, Brian Marshall, Janet Harris

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 13 with a discussion led by Kelwyn Kakoschke. Bird of the

Month will be UBC Golden Faced Blue

REMINDERS: Don't forget to pick up magazines from out the front

MEETING CLOSED: ~9.00pm

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED TO OCTOBER

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Michael Sloper	31	3
Marcus Strudwicke	29	3
Garry Murphy	6	1
Michael Smith	14	1
Intermediate		
Vicki Sanford	35	3
Open		
Dennis Lomman	16	2
Lloyd Edwards	5	1

Highest aggregate points in each section each year will win a \$30 Trading Table voucher.

Eligibility: minimum of three shows entered.

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday November 13, 2019, at 7.30pm

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin welcomed members

APOLOGIES: Michael Smith, Paul Shroeder; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 30

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3. Collecting chrome show cage fronts tonight for powder coating – last chance, give them to John Mulley. Cost \$2.20 each since we have in excess of 100. Cages with chrome fronts will not be allowed at NEBS shows or at the Logan Shield after tonight
4. Payment of \$30 per head for the Christmas dinner due tonight to enable booking to be made
5. Christmas raffle books are due back as soon as possible

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Sent sympathy card from the club to Nigel Tonkin after his wife Jennie passed away on Monday November 4

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00, Incentive Saver \$6,383.20, Cheque Account \$2,702.92, Total \$21,586.12

RING OFFICER REPORT: Next year's green rings will be available from December 15 if you need them before the January 2020 meeting. 20 NE rings left

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Contact Vicki if you need any supplies before the next meeting in January

BCSA REPORT: Nil; NEW MEMBERS and VISITORS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

4. NEBS retained the interclub UBC cup at the UBC show. Congratulations to Lloyd and Helen Edwards who benched the best UBC bird in the show, and therefore won the Best NEBS UBC bird Shield presented to them tonight

ENTERTAINMENT: Presentation and discussion was led by Kelwyn Kakoschke which generated much lengthy participation from the floor, indicative of the interest he generated

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS:

Judge's comments: Ian Marshall judged the birds and gave his usual expert commentary on the large number of birds benched. There were some quality Normals, Opalines and Cinnamonwings benched on the night

Best UBC Golden faced Blue: Vicki Sanford; Best Novice: Jack Van Den Brink; Best Intermediate; Vicki Sanford; Best Open: Dennis Lomman

NIGHT RAFFLE WINNERS: Graeme Alchin, Brian Marshall, Lloyd Edwards

LUCKY ENVELOPE: Michael Smith won the \$30

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: No meeting in December but Christmas dinner Wednesday December 11 at Buckingham Arms 7.00pm for 7.30pm. First meeting for 2020 will be on January 8. Topic will be French moult and Bird of the Night will be Lutino

REMINDERS: Nil

MEETING CLOSED: ~9.30pm

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED TO NOVEMBER

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Michael Sloper	31	3
Marcus Strudwicke	29	3
Garry Murphy	6	1
Michael Smith	14	1
Jack Van Den Brink	3	1
Intermediate		
Vicki Sanford	53	4
Open		
Dennis Lomman	22	3
Lloyd Edwards	7	2
Shiralee Reardon	3	1
Graeme Alchin	1	1

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

Trading Table \$30 voucher winners for 2019: Novice: Michael Sloper; Intermediate: Vicki Sanford; Open: Dennis Lomman



THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDSIN THE BCSA ERA

NATIONAL CLASS WINNERS WHO REPRESENTED NEBS IN THE LOGAN SHIELD

1996	Helen Brooks	Fallow	Cairns
1997	Rob McKie	Opaline	Melbourne
2000	John Mulley	Opaline AOSV	Adelaide
2001	M & R Rafferty	Opaline AOSV	Freemantle
2002	S & C Norris	Dominant Pied	Hobart
2003	John Mulley	Blackeyed Self	Cairns
2007	Marshall Family	Albino	Adelaide
2009	Peter Glassenbury	Blackeyed Self	Burnie
2014	Dennis Lomman	Normal Violet	Adelaide
2014	Marshall Family	Recessive Pied	Adelaide
2014	D & R Lange	Crested	Adelaide
2018	Troy Holmes	Normal Grey Green	Penrith

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, 2019, Peter Glassenbury, Brisbane

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;
MarionStafford; Lloyd Edwards; John Mulley; Graham Bell; Helen Edwards; Lea Todd; Dennis Lomman

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