



# **Budgie Bulletin**



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# NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

Issued bi-monthly for the members

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## CLUB OBJECTIVES

**T**O PROMOTE FEELINGS OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP AMONG ITS OWN MEMBERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BUDGERIGAR.

**T**O PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING VARIETIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ONES.

**T**O ENDEAVOUR TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND STIMULATE THE BREEDING OF BUDGERIGARS.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

All subscriptions become due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, who will be financial for 2022)

**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)

**For electronic transfer of membership fees use your name as the reference, and Bank SA BSB**

**105-146, Account number 547328040**

**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 Wednesday of every month except December**

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# Editorial

As another year draws to an end ( and what a year it's been ) , hopefully you have had , at the very least , a fantastic year in the breeding room. Lots of youngsters ready for the next show season.

Despite the inconveniences of the year, I sincerely hope everyone achieved some positives from it. They say you never know what's around the next corner. Personally I'm looking forward to simply having a corner come along!

Needless to say, just because the shows this year didn't go ahead, all the planning and night meetings etc, still had to be organised and set in place " just in case ". At times a very frustrating situation that I give thanks to the NEBS committee for taking all in their stride.

Thankyou to everyone who gave a little of themselves to help, and for the benefit of other members, regardless of what form it took. Whether speaking at monthly meetings, asking a question or answering those questions. Sharing information is what forms part of the core reason for having our budgerigar society. Thanks also to the ticket sellers, coffee makers, supper suppliers, raffle gatherers, chair stackers, and those who brought along birds for everyone to see, discuss and appreciate.

Here's wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Until then, stay safe and see you all next time.

Yours faithfully

Graeme Alchin  
President

## RINGS

### 2020 Rings

I have sold out of 2020 rings.

As there will be no further ring orders for this year, any member requiring additional 2020 rings will need to arrange for the transfer of rings from another member who has rings surplus to their requirements.

Any transfers are to be in multiples of 10 and are reported to the ring officer. Those members who know that they will have surplus rings should let me know so that I can facilitate the transfer of those rings to other members.

### 2021 Ring Issue

Rings (Violet) for 2021 will be available as from 15 December 2020.

Dennis Lomman  
Ring Officer

## EXCITING NEW BUDGIE MUTATION: THE WHITE CAP

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For over 50 years, budgie breeders all over the world have dreamed of the possibility of producing a “White-Faced Green”: a green budgie with a white Face\*.



Well the prototype has finally arrived in Australia (above). A new mutation has appeared, a green budgie with a white forehead – the White Cap (WC) Green. There is often a touch of cream colour in the cap, but some birds are almost pure white on their foreheads, and all WC greens have some white areas in their masks as well. While the feather tips on the cap are whitish, the feather bases are yellow.



The bird above is 7 months old, note the white areas near his cheek patches. The odd white-tipped feathers on his wing are baby feathers yet to moult out.

Selective breeding might be able to produce the White Faced green with a completely white face quite soon. In any case these are very pretty birds as they currently are. Breeders in Australia are very excited indeed about this new mutation.

My genetic research has revealed that the White Cap mutation is semi-dominant to blue. White Caps split for blue are WC Seafoams: exquisite sea-green body colour, a light yellow mask, a white forehead and white ground colour on the wings. Double factor WCs, IE White Cap Greens, are indistinguishable at maturity from true greens **except** that they have the creamy-white forehead and some white areas on the mask. **Surprisingly, White Cap Greens carry no green genes at all.**



This is a White Cap Seafoam Sky. Note the glorious sea-green body colour. While the mask is yellow, there are areas of white too on the mask – this bird is getting close to a White Faced Seafoam. Note also the white (not yellow) tips to the wing feathers. Currently the author is crossing White Caps to clearwings: Below are some of the results - clearwings with pure white wings, the white cap, plus the seafoam body colour and the yellow mask!

It is clear from my genetic testing that White Cap Greens have no green genes in them at all. They do not carry any blue genes either. That is, they are neither greens nor blues – they are just double factor White Caps. In other words, green, blue, Australian goldenface, English yellowface and White Caps all appear to be

multiple alleles. I am still researching the multiple allele situation, however.

The best news of all is that the White Cap mutation turned up in top quality exhibition budgies, so from the word go the quality of the birds was very good. The original mutation turned up in Ernie Wise's aviaries in Tamworth, northern New South Wales and was sold at auction (as an opaline English yellowface) to Queensland breeder Graeme Kerle. In 2003, Graeme's friend Kevin O'Callaghan recognised the new mutation in this bird's babies and together they set about developing the breed.

Budgies carry two different types of yellow pigment: Ordinary parrot yellow pigment which is the main visible yellow pigment in budgies; and Ultraviolet creamy yellow pigment which is much less visible in wild green budgies. The UV component of budgerigar's creamy yellow pigment is invisible to human eyes, but we can see the cream colour and we can see the UV pigment as a glow under black UV fluorescent lighting (IE Disco lights).

From experiments that I set up under black ultraviolet (UV) lights, it is clear that the WC split blue has only the UV creamy yellow pigment much as English yellowfaces do. The WC green (IE the double factor WC) has both the UV creamy yellow pigment **plus** the rich parrot yellow pigment seen in greens and Australian yellowfaces.

In Australia, the two types of White Cap budgerigars are to be shown in separate classes: IE White Cap Seafoams and White Cap Greens. This makes great sense, as would separate classes for single and double factor Australian Goldenfaces. In both cases the greenish-blue single factor birds are very beautiful in their own ways. The classes for single factor birds would encourage more people to breed these varieties.



This is a spangle White Cap Seafoam baby under Black UV light. Note the flashes of iridescence all over the bird as the new UV-laden feathers emerge. The dark purple areas are non-UV reflecting juvenile feathers reflecting the purple colour from the black-purple Disco lights (as is the case with the bird's background, which is WHITE).



How's this for a little baby of a new mutation? For once a new mutation has turned up in a decent line of budgies. This is a baby White Cap Seafoam.





These are White Cap Seafoam Clearwings. In my opinion, the White Cap Seafoam Clearwing is the most attractive of all White Cap varieties.

Below is a White Cap Double factor Spangle. These photos show very clearly the extent and areas of yellow in a White Cap Seafoam (ie single factor WC).





**Above** are two Rainbow White Caps. The **right hand** bird is a double factor violet-sky WC Rainbow. The bird on the left is a Bronze Rainbow Seafoam White Cap. In the Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association's Rainbow Standard of perfection, both clear wings and bronze wings are accepted. Grey wing markings however, are a fault.

All birds pictured in this article form part of the ongoing work on this new variety. My genuine hope is that this variety can be shared with our fellow budgie fanciers in the UK and Europe soon. To protect our wild budgies, our current laws forbid export of budgerigars from Australia. However, exhibition budgerigars do not resemble wild budgies at all, and curiously, our wild budgies are so common in the wild that they are not even a protected species according to NSW's National Parks & Wildlife service anyway. Go figure.

\*Many authors of books and articles on budgie varieties have dreamed of and predicted the white-faced green. This turned out to be a very smart prediction. But sometimes these fantasy varieties already existed. In his book Exhibition Budgerigars in 1951 Dr Armour featured an R A Vowles painting of "a laced Yellow, **(which, he said)** is a possible bird of the future". This was a Blackwing Yellow which had existed in Australia since the early 1930s. These were the world's first Clearbodies and they were so good that, in 1962 or 1963 a Blackwing Yellow won



Champion of Show at the New South Wales State show. This remains perhaps the greatest ever win by an obscure budgie variety in Australia....by Frank Amos...and yes I was there - well done Frank!

Last updated 27/7/2020.

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YOU CAN SELL BIRDS AT ANY CLUB MEETING  
PUT A PRICE ON THE CAGE WITH RUNG NUMBER, YEAR AND SEX  
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**\*\*\*\*\*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](http://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/](http://www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/).

Information available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.





## SHOW SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY NIGHT SHOWS 2018

**Class 1: Normals (Green Series, Blue Series, Normal Yellow Faced Blue Series & Normal Golden Faced Blue Series)**

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

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

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

**Class 5: Crested, Dark Eyed Clear, Australian White Cap, Darkwing & Saddleback**

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

Classes include the four colours: Green, Blue, Yellow Faced Blue and Golden Faced Blue. Yellow body suffusion where present in varieties expressing Yellow Faced Blue will be penalized in line with the Penalty and Disqualification Clauses of The Standard.

NO ENTRY FEE. Night shows will be held where the Program includes a Bird of the Night.

**Entries will be for Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Open** owner bred **Young** birds rung with the current ring year or the previous ring year rings. Young birds rung with the previous year rings cease to be eligible as Young birds on **September 1 of the current ring year**.

Points will be accrued in the above six classes at night shows for both Young (January to November) and UBCs (September to November). 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 chosen from Young birds, **except for September - November** when best of each Status and Bird of the Night will be chosen from UBCs.

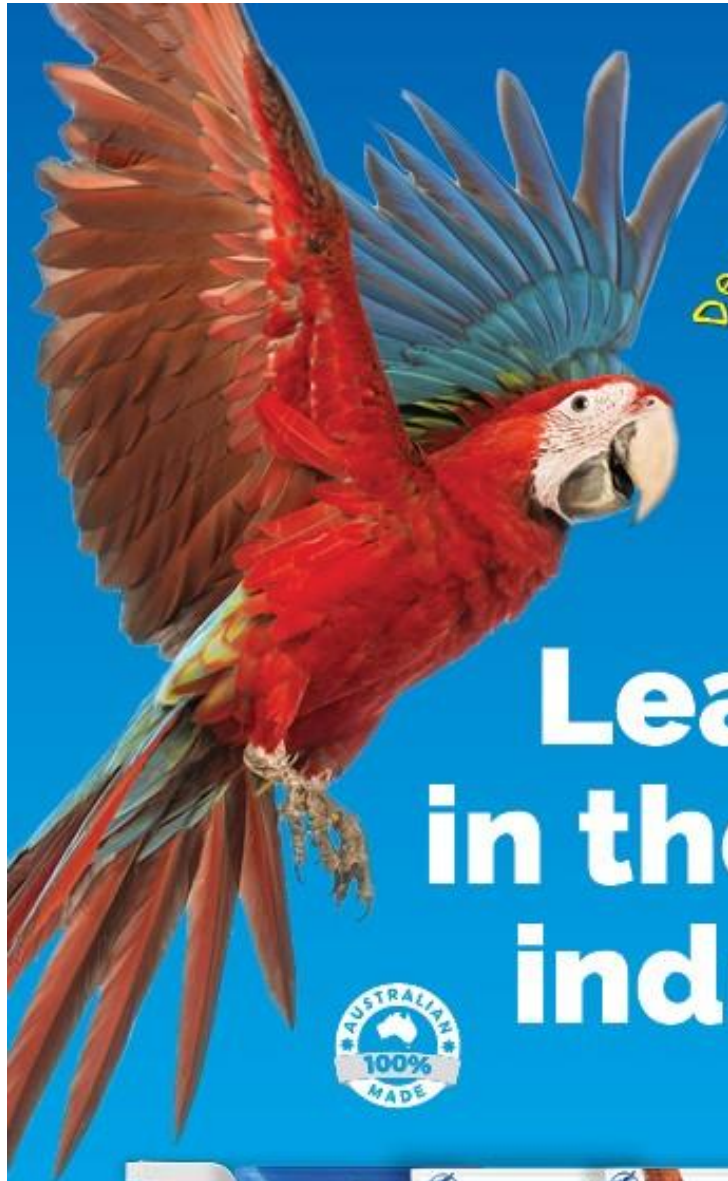
**Bird of the Night** will be chosen from Young birds, **except for September - November** when Bird of the Night will be chosen from UBCs.

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.

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 September - November** as per the above.

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. **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 November 16, 2017



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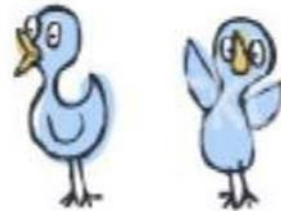
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## SUMMARY Annual General Meeting 2020 The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated

Office Bearers:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| a. President:           | Peter Glassenbury |
| b. Vice- President:     |                   |
| c. Secretary:           |                   |
| d. Treasurer:           | John Mulley       |
| e. Ring Officer:        | Nigel Tonkin      |
| f. Website Coordinator: | Ruth Lange        |

The positions of Vice President and Secretary had no nomination

Balance of the BCSA Committee for the year 2020/21 (current delegates)  
Dennis Lomman, Shiralee Reardon, Nigel Tonkin (NEBS), Larry Jeffries, Michael Smith,  
Doug Lange (P.P.B.S.) Chris Murphy, Sue Adams, Wayne Weidenhofer, Jim Butterworth  
(B.S.S.A)

Signatories for bank accounts – John Mulley, Dennis Lomman and Nigel Tonkin with 2 to sign

Club affiliation to BCSA \$100.00

Individual membership \$15.00

Junior Membership FREE

Price of rings for the 2021 set at 50 cents per unit. Freight and bank charges apply as per ANBC guidelines.



**Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc. Financial Accounts to June 30, 2020**

Date	Details	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
1/07/2019	Operating account			\$ 1,689.03
	Club Affiliations 2020	\$ 300.00		
	Auction Proceeds 2019	\$ 16,500.00		
	Auction / Show Raffles	\$ 86.00		
	Memberships 2019	\$ 30.00		
	Memberships 2020	\$ 1,065.00		
	Ring Sales 2019	\$ 264.20		
	Ring Sales 2020	\$ 4,787.50		
	<b>Transfer from Invest AC</b>	\$ 5,000.00		
	<b>Total Income for Year</b>	\$ <b>28,032.70</b>		\$ <b>29,721.73</b>
	Auction Payouts		\$ 14,661.00	
	Web page & hosting		\$ 440.00	
	2020 Rings		\$ 4,481.85	
	ANBC Affiliation 2020-21		\$ 300.00	
	Bank Charges		\$ 24.95	
	UBBSA Affiliation 20/21		\$ 10.00	
	Hall Hire 2020		\$ 349.50	
	Public Liab Insurance 2020		\$ 75.00	
	Auction costs 2019		\$ 104.80	
	Secretarial expenses		\$ 44.80	
	Deregistration MTGBS		\$ 138.00	
	Judges expenses		\$ 357.14	
	<b>Total Expenses for Year</b>		\$ <b>20,987.04</b>	
	Expected Balance from all of the above transactions			\$ 8,734.69
30/06/2020	Actual Balance as per Operating Statement			\$ 8,734.69
	Less unrepresented cheques (0)			
	<b>Net Balance operating statement</b>			\$ <b>8,734.69</b>
	<b>Term Deposit at 1/07/2019</b>			\$ <b>58,402.50</b>
	<b>Interest 19/10/2019</b>			\$ <b>761.31</b>
	<b>Interest 19/04/2020</b>			\$ <b>533.93</b>
	<b>Transfer to Operating AC</b>		\$5,000	
	<b>Total Term Deposit</b>			\$ <b>54,697.74</b>
	<b>Hall bond/Key deposit</b>			\$ <b>385.00</b>
	<b>Total Funds of BCSA as at 30/06/20</b>			\$ <b>63,817.43</b>

Treasurer BCSA - John Mulley

Auditor - Bob Deverson



Statement independently reviewed and found to be correct

## **BCSA Treasurer Report 2019-20**

The financial position of the BCSA at the end of the 2019-2020 year is set out on the balance sheet. Total funds of \$63,817.43 represents a substantial increase over the amount of \$60,338.53 recorded at the end of the previous financial year. This increase arose from significant savings associated with cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Rosettes were not required due to cancellation of the Logan Shield and Delegate and Bird Carer honorariums and freight costs for the birds were not required due to cancellation of the Bendigo National Show.

The Operating Account balance is \$8,734.69. This balance is temporarily inflated due to transfer of \$5,000 from the investment account. The transfer occurred on April 19 when the investment account matured to enable establishment of a National Show Account for the Adelaide National Show planned for 2021 and payment of the first deposit to the Hotel Grand Chancellor due on May 29 2020. The Adelaide National show was then postponed to 2022 with the 2021 National Show being again assigned to Bendigo. The \$5,000 of excess funds in the Operating Account will be transferred back to the Investment Account on July 19 when it next matures. That will increase the balance in the Investment Account by \$5,000 from the current level of \$54,697.74. There is a one-off payment of \$138 shown on the balance sheet for deregistration of the Mount Gambier Budgerigar Society paid by the BCSA. It was recorded in the 2018-2019 balance sheet and Treasurer's Report that Mount Gambier had donated their total funds of \$2,520.85 to the BCSA when the club was wound up. The remaining entries on the balance sheet account for annual income and expenditure at routine levels apart from entries affected by show cancellations.

The recurring sources of revenue continue to be club affiliations of \$100 (now down to three clubs) and BCSA memberships which remain relatively stable (\$1,095 this year compared with \$1,050 last year) and commission from the annual auction (which may not be forthcoming for the next 2020-21 financial year).



John Mulley, BCSA Treasurer

## **Ring Officers Report 2020**

A total of 9800 (includes subsequent orders) were issued to South Australian fanciers this year. The breakdown per club is NEBS 4050, BSSA 3925 and Pt Pirie 1825 – at the time of writing Pt Pirie have 50 rings still available. Rings were all received on time by ring stewards and issued in line with ANBC Guidelines. As per previous years, no issues have been reported and ring quality is again of a high standard. As a comment, it is worth noting that the rings are substantially tougher than rings of the past and need a ring cutter of quality to remove any rings that do need removing. Pricing has also been set for 2021 by the ANBC remaining unchanged at 50 cents per unit with a minimum order of 25 or units thereof. Coditech ordering system is of a high professional standard as club Ring Stewards will attest.

Nigel Tonkin State Ring Officer.  
13.10.20

## Presidents Report 2019-20

Ongoing restrictions presented by COVID-19 have impacted on the ability to hold regular meetings by both Clubs and the Executive Delegates.

Shows unfortunately have been a non-event in 2020 due to these same restrictions. These events have been effected from nightly meetings right up to the cancellation of the National event in 2020 in Victoria. The timing to a reasonable return to "normal" is still considered a long way off.

To their credit all Clubs have rearranged their method of communication to members and are to be applauded for those changes to keep members involved.

Misinformation and errors in reporting by the ANBC has now led to any information distributed to the state by that point now being fully shared with Council Delegates which has involved a far greater distribution of material to those involved than in the past.

The Executive has further transitioned to the wider use of the internet and some limited and major decision taken this way to continue the flow of information to all members.

The actual activities and limited participation by members continues to be a major concern given those few current active members are now being impacted by age and physical abilities. I fully understand we are involved in a hobby with diminishing membership however greater participation by the existing membership is not now just a requirement but an imperative to our ongoing existence and once involved the benefits of participation will be well accepted by others and that individual involvement usually expands one's interest in the hobby overall.

Our financial position has improved for the year however if we factor in the lack of expenses for the Nationals we remain on a status quo basis overall so that ongoing viability remains and we are well placed to cater for upcoming major expenses in hosting the National events in 2021.

Our web page is in the process of upgrade that will make usage and access to current material better for individual members.

I would like to thank all Delegates and past Delegates for their actions during the year which has passed with some enthusiastic debate with final decisions being amicably accepted by all.

Peter Glassenbury  
President BCSA



## Bird Carer Report 2020

The Bendigo National Show was cancelled and will again be the site for the show in 2021. This break in the show season is an opportunity to provide some background that goes into planning the bird transportation to the national show, informing the timelines for applying to be a Bird Carer and encouraging fresh nominations for the position of SA Bird Carer. We were one Bird Carer short for the Penrith nationals in 2018 and having done the job over a period of 20 years I am ready to make way for anyone who is prepared to give it a go.

The Bird Carer role is crucial to ensure participation of SA at the national show each year. It enables breeders in SA to compare their progress against stock from the rest of Australia. This is especially important for some of the recessive varieties that attract so few entries in some classes at SA club shows and at our State Selection Show. Bird Carers work hard preparing the birds and are aware of the responsibility that goes with caring for stock belonging to other breeders. We share in the comradery of the national bird room and have reserved seating at the front of the hall in the best position to view the judging. After honorariums for away shows were increased from \$100 to \$500 after 2014 a larger proportion of the out of pocket airfare and accommodation expenses are now covered.

The nomination process for Bird Carer begins six months prior to the National Show with a call for expressions of interest put out by the BCSA in November. That allows nominations to be confirmed by early January so that the Bird Carers can book the cheapest seats on flights with schedules that are most suitable for transporting the birds. Space is then booked for the birds on the same flights when animal bookings open 90 days prior to travel.

Travel arrangements are treated very seriously given the value of 84 of the best birds in SA and the importance of each bird to breeders in their breeding programs. Flights are chosen such that we arrive at the show venue as soon as possible after the noon opening of the bird room on the Thursday prior to the show to give the birds plenty of time to feed, settle in and rest prior to lights out. Return flights are chosen to arrive back in Adelaide on the Monday by mid-afternoon where they can be held overnight in the holding area if required. Ideally two Bird Carers with a carry cage linked to each fly with the birds to take advantage of cheaper freight costs for accompanied "pets".

Flights to WA, NSW, SQ and Victorian National Show locations are direct whereas travel to NQ and Tasmania require minimum freight transit times of 90 minutes between flights. WA, NSW, SQ and Victoria have in the past chosen regional centres to hold their shows due to reduced venue costs. Regional centres have included Coffs Harbour, Caloundra, Toowoomba, Busselton, Mandurah, Penrith, Geelong and now Bendigo. Regional centres can pose a challenge for transport between the destination airport and the National Show venue. This may mean waiting for other teams to arrive to amalgamate travel using a larger vehicle supplied by the host State/Zone or we may need to collect a hire car to make our own way to and from the show venue. This plus the possibility of flight delays can extend the scheduled travel time.

Birds are prepared for benching by the four Bird Carers during Friday at the National Show venue. This primarily involves spotting, crushing non-blood pinfeathers and spraying to improve feather condition. There is no time during the show on Saturday and Sunday for anything other than emergency measures immediately prior to benching, such as managing bleeds from blood feathers. Ideally Judges at the State Selection Show have an awareness of what the bird will look like one week on. A bird with a cap full of blood feathers will not be in show condition the following week.

Separation of birds from different breeders during transport between Adelaide and the show venue and in the holding cages in Adelaide and at the show venue is maximised. This is done by prioritising birds from breeders with the most birds in the team, as now



set out in the Logan Shield show schedule. To ensure that degree of physical separation is maintained we need all four Bird Carer positions to be filled to ensure that the separation protocol remain intact during periods of hectic activity such as the changeover between morning and afternoon judging sessions on the Saturday. SA is the only State/Zone that attempts and achieves this degree of physical separation for birds from different breeders.

Bendigo is a regional centre with estimated travel time of 1.5 hours from Melbourne airport under optimal conditions. Due to uncertainty about what travel arrangements if any would be provided by the BCV in 2020 we looked at the option of driving the birds between Adelaide and Bendigo by car. Victoria travelled Melbourne to Adelaide by road with their birds for the nationals in Adelaide in 2014. NQ and NSW travelled by road to Brisbane in 2019 from Bundaberg and Sydney, respectively. We estimated seven hours travel time by car plus one hour for three 20-minute stops between Adelaide and Bendigo. We recommended this because expected travel time was about the same as flying and the one mode of transport was deemed to be less disruptive for the birds. After objections to this plan were raised at the BCSA meeting on January 31 we reverted to the usual option of flying.

Travel time when flying can be longer than assumed but is certainly easier on the Bird Carers. For the birds, the journey involves five modes of transport. Car between the holding area and the Adelaide freight terminal takes 30 mins, lodgement is required 2hrs prior to the flight, transport each way between the freight terminal and aircraft is by baggage trolley, flight is about 1.5 hr assuming no delays, time for bird collection from the freight terminal at major cities is generally about 60 min and travel time between Melbourne airport and Bendigo is 1.5 hours under optimal conditions assuming availability of a BCV driver familiar with the route. That is a minimum travel time of 6.5 hours with possible extension if we need to collect a hire car at Melbourne airport or if we have to wait for other incoming teams to use BCV provided transport picking up several teams in a larger vehicle to travel together to Bendigo. Recent communication between BCSA and BCV suggests that for 2021 BCV will provide transport between Melbourne airport and Bendigo.

Doug Lange arranged for the construction of the larger carry cages prior to expansion of the team to 84 birds in 2015 to ensure they were not overcrowded during travel. Budgerigars are regularly moved around the country to and from auctions usually in much more cramped conditions. They are purchased for large sums of money which would not occur if travel *per se* affected the ability of birds to breed. Travel to the nationals is often blamed for birds not breeding but we know that some birds don't breed irrespective of whether they go to the nationals and we also know that it is our best birds, the ones most likely to be selected in the SA Team, that can provide the greatest challenge in the breeding room.

Formal up to date guidelines for Bird Carer are available on request, pending inclusion on the updated website. Remember, nominate by December, ideally limited to one new Bird Carer selected each year for continuity. Long term candidates would be very welcome to apply.

John Mulley

# Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday October 14, 2020, at 7.30pm

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin welcomed members. Please ensure that you have filled in the attendance register. Duty COVID Marshall for tonight: John Mulley

APOLOGIES: Lloyd and Helen Edwards, Shiralee Reardon; NUMBER ATTENDING: 19

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read; BUSINESS FROM PREV MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE: BRASEA Spring Bulletin and October auction catalogue on the table to take. Communicated with BSSA about hosting the 2021 UBC Show – agreed that NEBS will host the 2021 show since we had to cancel the 2020 show, that was due to be held next Saturday. Invoice received for the club's annual budgerigar adoption renewal at the Adelaide Zoo. Cost is \$100. Meeting agreed to continue supporting the budgerigar

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00, Incentive Saver \$6,837.61, Cheque Account \$3,368.21, Total \$22,705.82. Christmas raffle books are being distributed tonight and need to be returned prior to the draw date of December 9. Vicki asked anyone who receives the magazine electronically to see her if they wish to take a raffle book

RING OFFICER REPORT: 2020 rings have all been sold but anyone with surplus rings please inform Dennis who can facilitate ring transfer. All ring transfers must go through the Ring Officer for record keeping. 2021 rings will be available December 15 either for pickup, posting out or pickup at the next meeting

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Second hand show cages and some of the supplements that will be mentioned in the presentation on medications are available tonight

BCSA REPORT: BCSA AGM was postponed from July with extension granted until the end of December. Proposal from the BCSA is that clubs cover the business of the AGM at their November club meetings, with the agenda and reports supplied. The meeting agreed with that proposal

NEW MEMBERS and VISITORS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS: Communicating arrangements for the Christmas dinner in December has been postponed until our November meeting. The buffet at our usual venue is closed for the rest of the year, as are buffets everywhere

ENTERTAINMENT: Discussion on Medications – Prevention and Cure. Dennis put up a comprehensive list of products that cater for all situations. Considerable discussion ensued with various aspects possibly proving useful to many of us

GADGET CORNER: Use and reuse of the Mouse and Rat Green Trap was explained as an efficient eradication device when deployed in the breeding room at night in areas traversed by mice as evidenced by tell tale droppings

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS: There were no entries in the Bird of the Night class of Normal Greys. Novice winner was Jack Van Den Brink and Open winner was Dennis Lomman. The birds were judged by Ian Marshall who gave an excellent review of some of the desirable features he saw tonight that we need to be looking for in our birds. Eight varieties were represented, almost as many as the number of entries

NIGHT RAFFLE WINNERS: Markus Strudwicke, Michael Smith and Geoff Murch

LUCKY ENVELOPE: The envelope was filled tonight with Michael Smith the lucky winner of \$30

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: November 11. Bird of the Night for November will be UBC Lacewing. Entertainment to be advised. Since we are currently planning entertainment only a month ahead anyone not on the clubs email distribution list and wants to be can you provide you email address to the Secretary to be able to receive the club's electronic communications

REMINDERS: Please make sure you have signed the attendance register before leaving. Don't forget to pick up your October magazine before leaving

MEETING CLOSED: 9.10pm

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson

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**NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED TO OCTOBER 2020**

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	<b>Points</b>	<b>Shows entered</b>
<b>Novice</b>		
Michael Smith	17	2
Jack Van Den Brink	3	1
<b>Open</b>		
Dennis Lomman	14	2
John Mulley	31	3

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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 11, 2020, at 7.40pm

WELCOME: Vice President Dennis Lomman opened the meeting. Please ensure that you have filled in the attendance register. Duty COVID Marshall for tonight: Vicki Sanford

APOLOGIES: Paul Shroeder, Lloyd and Helen Edwards, Sue and Colin Norris, Michael Smith, Graeme Alchin

NUMBER ATTENDING: 24; MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: BCSA AGM now to be held for NEBS members

BCSA 2020 AGM is being held at each club including NEBS as agreed at the last NEBS meeting, and by the other two SA clubs. As NEBS members you have received the BCSA agenda and reports by email last Friday. For those of you not on the club's email distribution list, or did not read the BCSA AGM agenda and reports in the emailed attachment, hard copies of the BCSA agenda with reports were available tonight at the door as you entered the hall

There are a series of motions that need to be moved and seconded. A reminder of protocols:

- You need to be a member of the BCSA for the 2020 calendar year to move or second a motion, and to vote
- Partnerships and Family memberships are only entitled to one vote
- Reports will be accepted individually rather than all in one motion in case there are issues with any of the Reports
- BCSA Delegates may move and second motions because they are all BCSA members with a right to exercise their democratic right to vote but it would be preferable for other BCSA members to move and second motions

Since the Port Pirie and BSSA clubs have already addressed the items on this BCSA AGM agenda, and since some NEBS members are also members of the Port Pirie and BSSA clubs, an additional protocol is relevant:

- To avoid duplication, BCSA members who have moved or seconded a motion or voted at the BCSA AGM at either of the other two clubs cannot move, second or vote on the same motion again

Acceptance of previous BCSA AGM Minutes. Moved Marcus Strudwicke, Seconded John Farrugia-Gay

Acceptance of President's Report. Moved Garry Murphy, Seconded Geoff Murch

Acceptance of Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report. Moved John Farrugia-Gay, Seconded Vicki Sanford

Acceptance of Ring Officer's Report. Moved Markus Strudwicke, Seconded Ian Marshall

Acceptance of Bird Carer Report. Moved Ian Marshall, Seconded Diana Trevarthen

Acceptance of Office Bearers as listed. Moved Ian Marshall, Seconded Graham Bell

Acceptance of remaining club Delegates as listed. Moved Vicki Sanford, Seconded John Farrugia-Gay

Acceptance of bank signatories as listed. Moved Markus Strudwicke, Seconded Diana Trevarthen

Thanks to the auditor Bob Deverson. Moved Ray Field, Seconded Ian Marshall

Acceptance of no change to the Club Affiliation Fee. Moved Graeme Bell, Seconded John Farrugia-Gay

Acceptance of no change to the Membership Fee. Moved Vicki Sanford, Seconded Markus Strudwicke

Acceptance of Junior Membership being free. Moved Graham Bell, Seconded Markus Strudwicke

Acceptance of no change to the Ring Cost. Moved Vicki Sanford, Seconded Geoff Murch

All motions carried. Any points for discussion? None raised.

That ends that part of the meeting devoted to the BCSA AGM and we return to the NEBS November meeting agenda. The BCSA reports will be reproduced in the December Budgie Bulletin

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from the Adelaide Zoo for our budgerigar sponsorship



**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Term Deposit \$12,500.00, Incentive Saver \$6,892.53, Cheque Account \$3,509.74, Total \$22,902.27. Christmas raffle books need to be returned prior to the draw date of December 9

**RING OFFICER REPORT:** Sold out of 2020 rings. Surplus rings from some breeders have been transferred to breeders who required more rings. 2021 rings will be available from December 15.

**TRADING TABLE REPORT:** Long list of specials announced at reduced prices. A new batch of Liquid Gold has arrived

**NEW MEMBERS:** Judith Hawker was welcomed as a new member

**VISITORS:** Alan and Ollie Tennery were welcomed as visitors

**BCSA REPORT:** Any thoughts from the floor on the the viability of the proposed national show in Bendigo next year in 2021, either in its usual format, or an abridged format (eg no audience)? Comments varied from nobody knows what the situation will be like in May 2021 to the the virus will be gone by May 2021 to COVID-SAFE restrictions being still in place at that time. Other views expressed were that a show of some format should be held if at all possible to maintain interest in the hobby at the national level and there was no objection to an abridged format if that is what it takes to maintain the national event. These same uncertainties extend to the Logan Shield

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:** Change of venue for the Christmas Dinner since buffets are not allowed. It will be held Wednesday December 9 at 7.00pm at the Windsor Hotel, 410 North East Rd., Windsor Gardens. To lock in your booking contact Vicki tonight or by Tuesday December 1 at the latest since the hotel requires final numbers by then

**GADGETS:** Ian Marshall presented the Dremel drill as a safe and easy way of creating concaves for nest boxes and Dennis Lomman presented an easily made and easily cleaned shelter for chicks in the breeding cage, based on a Bob Deverson design using an appropriate diameter plastic pipe

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Wrap up of the breeding season. Breeders were split, some having a great season versus some having a bad season and some with a season going along as usual. Various suggestions and advice arose

**NIGHT SHOW RESULTS:** Bird of the Night UBC Lacewing: None were benched.  
Best Open: Dennis Lomman

**JUDGES COMMENTS:** Best bird was a Normal Grey Green with others showing great potential. The judge was pleasantly surprised to see some Cresteds benched

**NIGHT RAFFLE WINNERS:** Markus Strudwicke, Jill Giacopci, John Farrugia-Gay

**LUCKY ENVELOPE:** No lucky envelope tonight

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Nil

**NEXT MEETING:** Except for the Christmas dinner on December 9, the next General Meeting will be held on January 13. Bird of the Night will be Young Normal Blue excluding Grey or Violet. Note that there are classes catering for all varieties. Entertainment to be advised

**REMINDERS:** Please make sure you have signed the attendance register before leaving and let Vicki know if you are attending the Christmas dinner

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.15pm

Dennis Lomman, Chairperson

# 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
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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