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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 1st, 2024.

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1st, 2024, who will be financial for 2025)

SINGLE, PARTNERSHIP OR FAMILY \$20.00

JUNIOR \$5

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 2024 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

December Editorial

One of the real highlights of my childhood Christmases was to see all my old uncles and aunts, and the rest of the family of course. Often, it was the only time we would catch up, and spend plenty of time chatting to fill in the years' worth of events all rolled up with a dose of friendly banter and teasing of how much we had (or hadn't) grown!

Whatever happy memories you recall, may they continue for you and your family during this festive season. Hopefully the current generation will have "us" in their own memories in the years to come.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts this year, ensuring the smooth running (mostly) of a great bird club. The only way forward is to try out new ideas, and as part of that resolve, through the BCSA we saw the introduction of the "Budgie Fest". What a resounding success. I look forward to next year's repeat performance.

This year, after a slight hiccup, brought about a changing of the guard, as far as the Committee goes, and I say thankyou to those members who have dedicated their time and energy (for some years) for the benefit of all. Thank you too, to those members who have supported the various shows and events throughout the year. The coming together of like-minded people is what makes our society, but it is the friendly rivalry on the show bench that makes us a club!

May everyone have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Stay safe (if you can't be good be careful) and see you all in 2024.

*******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.**

DID YOU KNOW?

**YOU CAN SELL BIRDS AT ANY CLUB MEETING
PUT A PRICE ON THE CAGE WITH RUNG NUMBER, YEAR AND SEX
IF THE BIRD SELLS, THEN DONATE \$2 TO THE CLUB**

Program January – July 2024

The monthly Program has been planned out until July 2024. Likely there will be refinements to be notified via email in the regular meeting reminders sent out on the Friday prior to the meeting.

- January 10 Troy's aviary visit.
February 14 Changes to the exhibition budgerigar over the years.
March 13 Novice pairing night.
April 10 NEBS 50th Anniversary.
May 8 Wednesday night cancelled. Breeder Show May 11 will be the meeting.
June 12 Tender sale.
July 10 Christmas in July.
The December 2023 magazine will be the last. After that NEBS will have a page in the BCSA Chatter.



A final question and answer session based on the proceedings of the International Forum as part of the 2007 ANBC Show hosted in Adelaide by the BCSA.



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: *At a forum last year I asked a question about grit – I had stopped providing it in my aviary as I found birds were dying. What is the panels' opinion of feeding grit?*

Rick Watts: I think grit is one of the most important things you can feed your birds as it helps grind the seed. If you don't provide a good grit then a bird's gizzard suffers. I will not feed crap grit as it is dusty, it will give your birds fungi infections and if you have fungi infections you have got illness in the birds and that is only from the dust, yeast infections etc. I think grit is a must.

Warren Wilson: I haven't fed grit in over five years. I use FVite, this comes from Rob Marshall in Sydney. If the birds don't have access to natural grit because of concrete floors etc then you must feed a supplement that has the same effect hence the FVite. You have to help the birds' digestive system otherwise you will have more problems than they can handle. Many years ago I sent some grit to Rob Marshall to be tested. The bacteria content on that grit was fifteen times higher than the level of bacteria that should have been there. From that day onwards I have never bought a bag of grit since but you must feed them an alternative. They can't survive without assistance to grind up their food. Even if you put a rock or a brick in the cage, they will get desperate enough and will grind that up. There is more bacterial content in grit then there is in soaked seed so you have to be very careful that it is contamination free. Some people get grit from the beaches and don't even wash it and in that case there is a really good chance that it is contaminated. Bacterial infections are caused by rising yeast levels and when those levels rise, you are on your way to an outbreak in your birds.

A quick summary was given by the guest speakers at the end of the session. [We have been dealing with questions posed at the 2007 International Forum one at a time. I hope some of the discussion has been useful to readers of Budgie Bulletin. J.M.]

Rick Watts: Regarding the earlier comment, if your birds are in a moult, give them a spray every other day. Keep them moist. They will be a lot more active as well. I am sure you must put sprinklers on your birds. At the end of the day, you can hand spray.

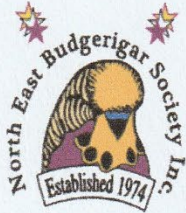
Warren Wilson: I think we should be pretty pleased with the birds we have in this country. I don't think any of us should feel they should panic. There are some very nice birds bred in this Country. Don't panic too much that you don't see them at the Nationals as there are a number of breeders who do not send their birds away. They keep them at home and maybe send the relatives of the good ones. They are nervous about sending their good ones because they feel they may lose them or not breed when they get home. That is their prerogative obviously. If you have gone around to as many aviaries as I have and seen as many birds as I have you will realise that there are some very nice birds in this country and we shouldn't be worried at all about whether they will be competitive or not. Don't think we are Robinson Crusoe when it comes to having birds that are good, bad and ugly. I have only

ever seen one aviary in my whole life where I can honestly say he has got so many really good birds. It was Reinhardt Molkentein's. I haven't been to Daniel's or Jo Mannes. Reinhardt has hundreds of really good birds. The average person has still got his good birds and we shouldn't be feeling that they are any worse than other birds.

Alan Gamble: My bit of advice to any Novice breeders or beginners is to have a look around you. The people, who are successful as breeders you talk to them, work alongside them. Don't go and visit half a dozen people and hear half a dozen points of view. Try to get a mentor in the hobby just to help you along. The chances of winning or breeding and understanding all the colour varieties you have here in the first couple of years is an impossibility. Just find someone you can communicate with, someone who will share that knowledge. Don't add a bit of this and a bit of that just stick to the basics.

Ron Pearce: I don't think Australian breeders have anything to be shy about. You have super birds here and super breeders and I can see you are going forward. I mean why wouldn't you have good birds they all come from the UK.





2023 Nest Feather Show

Date Saturday, 28 October 2023

Birds Entered 343

Birds Benched 268

Major Awards Judge Peter Thurn

Floor Judge(s) Gary Gazzard

Peter Thurn

Select Judge

Select Judge

Select Judge

Select Judge



Major Awards

<u>Award</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Variety</u>
Best UBC In Show	Holmes Family	Cinnamonwing ASC
Best Open UBC	Holmes Family	Cinnamonwing ASC
Reserve Open UBC	Holmes Family	Spangle(Normal Wing) ASC
Best Intermediate UBC	Gina & Ian Wise	Spangle AOSV / ASC
Reserve Intermediate UBC	Paul Soul	Spangle(Normal Wing) ASC
Best Novice UBC	Tony VanderBrink	Cinnamonwing ASC
Reserve Novice UBC	AJ Swift	Opaline ASC
Best Open Young Bird	Holmes Family	Blue Series ASV - ASC Cock
Best Open Opposite Sex Young Bird	Dennis Lomman	Green Series ASV - ASC Hen
Best Intermediate Young Bird	Gina & Ian Wise	Green Series ASV - ASC Cock
Best Intermediate Opposite Sex Young Bird	Gina & Ian Wise	Green Series ASV - ASC Hen
Best Novice Young Bird	Tony VanderBrink	Blue Series ASV -ASC Hen
Best Novice Opposite Sex Young Bird	Danny Brill	Blue Series ASV - ASC Cock
Best Junior	Sadie Crossley	#N/A

Best Of Colour/Variety Awards

Normal Green	G. England & Sons	Cinnamonwing ASC	Holmes Family
Normal Grey Green	Holmes Family	Spangle Double Factor	Holmes Family
Normal Blue	Holmes Family	Opaline ASC	John Mulley
Normal Visual Violet	John Mulley	Opaline AOSV / ASC	Holmes Family
Normal Grey	Holmes Family	Clearbody ASV / ASC	Holmes Family
Normal Yellow Faced Blue ASC	John Mulley	Lacewing ASV / ASC	Graham McCallum
Normal Golden Faced Blue ASC	Holmes Family	Fallow ASV / ASC	Holmes Family
Black Eyed Self	John Mulley	Spangle(Normal Wing) ASC	Holmes Family
Dilute ASC	G. England & Sons	Spangle AOSV / ASC	Holmes Family
Lutino	D & R Lange	Dominant Pied ASV / ASC	Holmes Family
Albino	Holmes Family	Recessive Pied ASV / ASC	Holmes Family
Dark Eyed Clear	Holmes Family	Australian White Cap	D & R Lange
Clearwing ASC	Tony VanderBrink	Crested ASV / ASC	Holmes Family
Greywing ASC	Holmes Family	AOSV / NSV - ASC	#N/A

174

36

53

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Open Benched

Intermediate Benched

Novice Benched

Juniors Benched

Here is the points summary from the 2023 Unbroken Cap Interclub Challenge:

John Mulley	94	Holmes Family	182
Marshall Family	20	G England & Sons	41
D & R Lange	20	Paul Soul	12
Graham McCallum	13	AJ Swift	7
Dennis Lomman	9	Gina & Ian Wise	5
Tony Vandenbrink	8	Mike Crossley	3
Bob Simpson	5	Stephen Wharton	3
Michael Smith	2	Trevor Goodenough	3
		Longbottom Family	1
NEBS	171	BSSA	256

Congratulations BSSA.

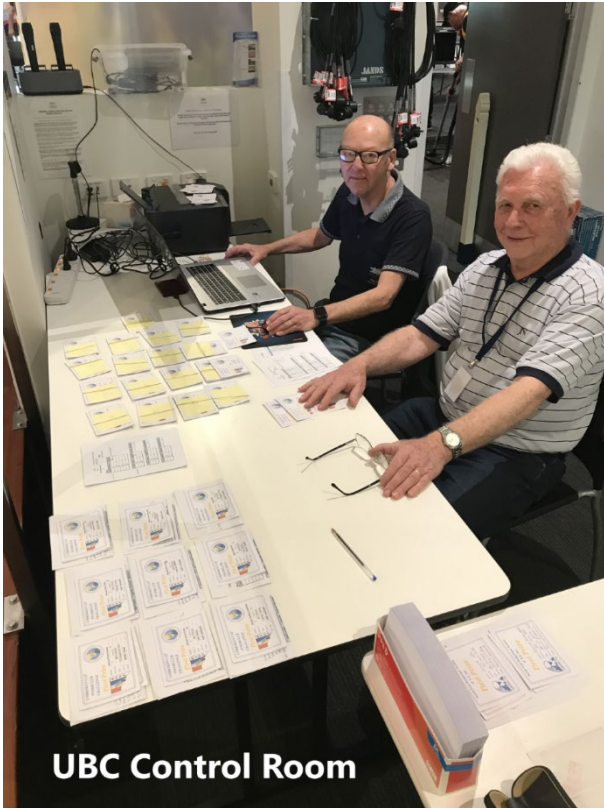




Judges Peter Thurn & Gary Gazzard at Work



Public Viewing of UBCs



UBC Control Room



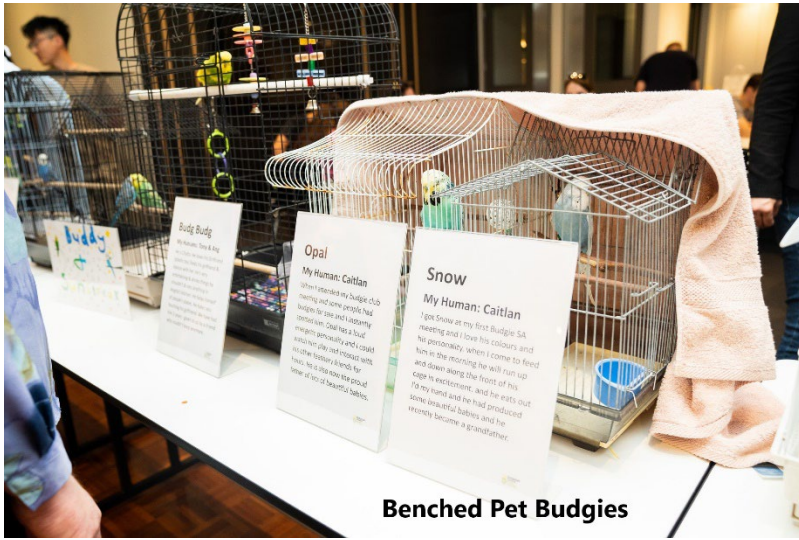
**Winner Best UBC
Troy Holmes**



BSSA Chris Murphy Accepting Interclub Trophy



**Winner Most NEBS UBC Points
John Mulley - with judge Peter Thurn**





Pet Budgie Judging



Winner Best Pet Budgie



Making Magic on Stage



Budgiefest Audience



Juggling Paul



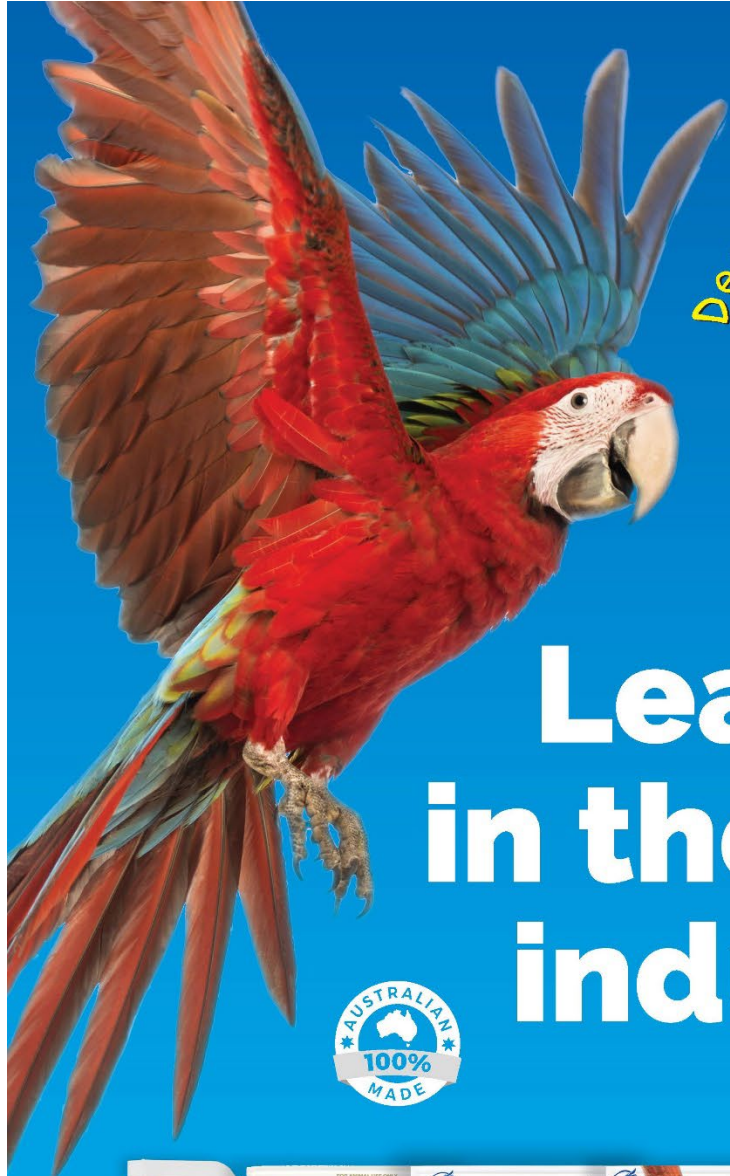
Kids Corner



President Signing up a New Member



Wrong Pet Show!!



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TIPS FOR JUDGES

by Jeff Attwood

Jeff Attwood became a Budgerigar Society Full Panel Judge in 1974 in this article he shares his experience of 47 plus years of judging.

As a judge it is essential that you are organised, reliable and consistent. To assist in this I have compiled a list of useful pointers, broken down into the four prime areas:

- The Preliminaries
- The Run Up
- Judging Procedure
- The Finals

The Preliminaries

Keep accurate diary records.

Reply early to the Society extending the invitation to judge.

Give details of your fee, expenses, and the need for accommodation if necessary.

Once confirmed, do not accept a more prestigious event which may be offered later.

The Run Up To The Event

- On receiving the Show Schedule check the classes you are judging and take time to ensure you know the finer points of the varieties you will be placing, especially the specialist ones.
- Make sure you know the whereabouts of the show venue and the time that judging is to commence.
- Re-assess your need for accommodation. A fresh morning start is in the best interest of everyone, particularly the exhibitor.
- Share transport with other Judges to save expenses if possible.
- Arrive in good time at the Show Hall and make yourself known to the Show Manager.
- Don't wander around the hall, particularly with other judges pre-judging exhibits.
- When directed to your judging location make sure you:
 - Introduce yourself to all your stewards and give them your instructions.
 - Ensure you have adequate light, space to work and suitable height and stability of judging stands.
 - Determine the timetable and anticipated time of completion.
 - Ensure you are sure of procedure, particularly at a Championship Show. It is essential to have your BS Handbook available for reference.

Judging Procedure

- Give the birds time to settle.
- Don't move the cages excessively as this will unsettle the birds.
- Look at every exhibit because everyone has paid their entry fee and expects to see fairness.
- In large classes eliminate the poor birds and have them returned to the benches. This will facilitate easier assessment of the leading birds.
- Avoid placing birds on the floor.
- Do not stack cages on top of each other.
- Keep an eye on the time, don't hesitate to have classes reallocated if you feel you cannot finish within a reasonable schedule.
- Talk to your stewards to involve them and keep their interest.
- Be positive and stand by your decisions.

- Make regular references to your schedule and ensure birds are correctly classed.
- Ensure only current year birds are exhibited in young bird classes, your Chief Steward can assist in this matter.
- When placing the exhibits in their respective positions ensure that your decisions reflect the overall quality of the class. It is wrong to place birds in the top positions, who although complete and in good feather order, were obviously inferior specimens particularly if excellent birds were also exhibited minus the odd tail feather, flight, or spot or have one or two head quills.
- At the end of the day, it will be the exhibitors and show officials who will scrutinise your decisions and decide among themselves whether justice has been done and ultimately if a return invitation at some future date is likely. Good judges are self selecting, the same names constantly being invited to the leading shows.
- I have avoided the word "condition" in my previous comments deliberately. Many judges and exhibitors refer to a bird not being in condition. Where this relates to a bird that is moulting with numerous feathers missing, I couldn't agree more, but where they refer to a buff feathered bird being out of condition, purely because of its feather type, and penalising it, a great injustice can occur. Some judges fail to understand these birds and do not realise that if the bird is complete, it may have achieved the best possible "condition" it will ever reach.
- If you have any queries regarding the classification or procedure consult the Show Manager.
- Before wrong classing (or disqualifying) an exhibit (other than of course an adult in a young bird class) you would be well advised to consult with more than one, if not all of the other judges. It is as well to have support later in the day if a dispute should arise.
- Remember the exhibit that will make a fool of you later in the day. The obviously super specimen which will not at any cost stand at the time of judging.
- Look for marked cages. Nothing infuriates me more than show cages which are poorly presented, painted cream on the inside instead of white, or have perches at the wrong level. Worst of all are those which still carry the labels of the past dozen shows. Penalise them accordingly.

The Finals

- Ensure that your task is complete.
- Thank your stewards and show officials for their assistance.
- Have your account for expenses ready for the Treasurer.
- Contact the Show Manager or Secretary prior to leaving to ensure that no forms remain to be signed and all queries are answered.
- If you have enjoyed your lunch a word of thanks to the kitchen staff is always appreciated.

Concaves Yes, or No?

By Gordon Davis

After forty years of concaves and their continuing problems, I visited a friend, a few miles down the road, who was breeding budgerigars without the use of concaves. This I could not believe and despite her many validations for their discontinuation it seemed ridiculous to me who had bred birds after soaking and scraping, disinfecting and replacing concaves for years.

Later that year I used no concaves with a sample of matings using sisters for control and experimentation. By the end of the season those without concaves hatched more fertile eggs and raised more chicks than those with concaves. I thought that this was probably a fluke but continued the experiment again the next year on an expanded basis. This time I used the sisters that had been equipped with concaves the season before and their siblings who had not had concaves before as the control. Again, those hens without concaves produced more young than those with concaves. As hard as my head was, I now had to tell my friend that she had made a point in budgerigar breeding that was difficult for me to accept, but that credit was due to her and her hens that had been without concaves for several years.

That was ten years ago, and I have never used a concave since. My hens get a handful of pine shavings mixed with oat groats after they drop the first egg. After each subsequent egg they receive more shavings, a little more each time. The eggs have no concave to roll around in and become addled; when the first baby hatches it is seldom smothered or made useless or spraddled by a heavy hen.

Nest Boxes

My nest boxes are made of cardboard and are inserted into a wire basket that hangs on the outside of the cage. The box may be withdrawn at my convenience and may be opened at either end for the health and convenience of the birds and their babies. The boxes are readily acceptable to the birds and are easily destroyed by burning when they become bad. The cardboard insert and shavings are clean and free of bacteria, fungus, virus, and odour; and that pile of dirty, properly cupped out concave blocks are no longer stacked by the washing machine awaiting their regular soaking and disinfecting.

Much of budgerigar breeding is dependent upon us, the breeders. We have been taught to believe that budgerigars must have concaves to have comfortable productive nests wherein to place their eggs. Those lovely Australian trees where the birds place their eggs have no concaves, nor do our budgerigars breeding in captivity (but still responding to their biologically programmed instincts) need such bad sources of contamination.

You, too, may wish to experiment with your sibling hens and alternatives to concaves. I encourage you to do so.

By-Law 12

Discrimination and Harassment

This important policy document is to form part of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc By-Laws and is to apply to all affiliated States and Zones along with Clubs within those States and Zones and all members of those Clubs. The document is also enforceable under Australian Law.

Discrimination and harassment policy

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1. Scope

This policy applies to the Committee and all Affiliated / Associated members (and their applicable memberships) of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc.

2. Aims

The Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates are committed to providing a safe, flexible and respectful environment for all fanciers free from all forms of discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment.

All members of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates are required to treat others with dignity, courtesy and respect.

By effectively implementing our *Discrimination and harassment policy* we will attract and retain likeminded members and create a positive environment for all members of the Affiliates / Associates (and their memberships) of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc.

3. Members rights and responsibilities

The Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates and their memberships must:

- follow the standards of behaviour outlined in this policy
- offer support to people who experience discrimination, bullying or sexual harassment.

avoid gossip and respect the confidentiality of complaint resolution procedures
treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and respect.

3.1 Additional responsibilities of the Management Committee

The Management Committees of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates must also:

- model appropriate standards of behaviour
- take steps to educate and make their members aware of their obligations under this policy and the law
- intervene quickly and appropriately when they become aware of inappropriate behaviour
- act fairly to resolve issues and enforce appropriate behavioural standards, making sure relevant parties are heard
- help members resolve complaints informally
- refer formal complaints about breaches of this policy to the Secretary of the applicable Affiliate / Associate and the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc.
- ensure members who raise an issue or make a complaint are not victimised

4. Unacceptable conduct

Discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment are unacceptable by the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates and their memberships and are unlawful under the following legislation:

- Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)*
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)*
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*
- Age Discrimination Act 2004 (Cth)*
- Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (Cth).*

Members (including Committees) found to have engaged in such conduct will face possible expulsion from their applicable Affiliates / Associates and from the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc.

4.1 Discrimination

Discrimination is treating, or proposing to treat, someone unfavourably because of a personal characteristic protected by the law, such as sex, age, race or disability.

Discrimination can occur:

Directly, when a person or group is treated less favourably than another person or group in a similar situation because of a personal characteristic protected by law.

For example, a member is harassed and humiliated because of their race, colour, religion etc

Indirectly, when an unreasonable requirement, condition or practice is imposed that has, or is likely to have, the effect of disadvantaging people with a personal characteristic protected by law.

For example, changing rules that might impact an individual member

Protected personal characteristics under Federal discrimination law include:

- a disability, disease or injury, including injury
- parental status or status as a carer, for example, because they are responsible for caring for children or other family members
- race, colour, descent, national origin, or ethnic background
- age, whether young or old, or because of age in general
- sex
- religion
- pregnancy and breastfeeding
- sexual orientation, intersex status or gender identity, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, queer and heterosexual
- marital status, whether married, divorced, unmarried or in a de facto relationship or same sex relationship
- political opinion
- social origin
- medical record
- an association with someone who has, or is assumed to have, one of these characteristics, such as being the parent of a child with a disability.

It is also against the law to treat someone unfavourably because you assume they have a personal characteristic or may have it at some time in the future.

4.2 Bullying

If someone is being bullied because of a personal characteristic protected by equal opportunity law, it is a form of discrimination.

Bullying can take many forms, including jokes, teasing, nicknames, emails, pictures, text messages, social isolation or ignoring people, or unfair practices.

Under Federal law, this behaviour does not have to be repeated to be discrimination – it may be a one-off event.

Behaviours that may constitute bullying include:

- sarcasm and other forms of demeaning language
- threats, abuse or shouting
- coercion
- isolation
- inappropriate blaming
- ganging up
- constant unconstructive criticism

4.3 Sexual harassment

Sexual harassment is a specific and serious form of harassment. It is unwelcome sexual behaviour, which could be expected to make a person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated. Sexual harassment can be physical, spoken or written. It can include:

comments about a person's private life or the way they look
sexually suggestive behaviour, such as leering or staring
brushing up against someone, touching, fondling or hugging
sexually suggestive comments or jokes
displaying offensive screen savers, photos, calendars or objects
repeated unwanted requests to go out
requests for sex
sexually explicit posts on social networking sites
insults or taunts of a sexual nature
intrusive questions or statements about a person's private life
sending sexually explicit emails or text messages
inappropriate advances on social networking sites
accessing sexually explicit internet sites
behaviour that may also be considered to be an offence under criminal law, such as physical assault, indecent exposure, sexual assault, stalking or obscene communications.

Just because someone does not object to inappropriate behaviour at the time, it does not mean that they are consenting to the behaviour.

A single incident is enough to constitute sexual harassment – it doesn't have to be repeated.

All incidents of sexual harassment – no matter how large or small or who is involved – require the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates to respond quickly and appropriately.

The Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates recognise that comments and behaviour that do not offend one person can offend another. This policy requires all members to respect other people's limits.

4.4 Victimisation

Victimisation is subjecting or threatening to subject someone to a detriment because they have asserted their rights under equal opportunity law, made a complaint, helped someone else make a complaint, or refused to do something because it would be discrimination, sexual harassment or victimisation. Victimisation is against the law.

It is also victimisation to threaten someone (such as a witness) who may be involved in investigating an equal opportunity concern or complaint.

Victimisation is a very serious breach of this policy and is likely (depending on the severity and circumstances) to result in formal discipline against the perpetrator.

The Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates have a zero-tolerance approach to victimisation.

4.5 Gossip

It is unacceptable for members of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. and its Affiliates / Associates to talk with other members about any complaint of discrimination or harassment.

Breaching the confidentiality of a formal complaint investigation or inappropriately disclosing personal information obtained is a serious breach of this policy and may lead to expulsion of members from Affiliates / Associates of the Budgerigar Council of Australia Inc.

5. Authority

The committee of the Australian National Budgerigar Council Inc. sanctioned this Policy on the 4th day of September 2023

Breeding Greys and Grey Greens

All Normal varieties of Budgerigar are popular on the show bench today, as they have been over the years. In this article we will discover the association between the Grey and the Grey-Green, which is probably the most prolific winning colour in recent times. In addition, the colour expectation of these varieties will be discussed in such a way as to make them easily understood by all.

We should first start perhaps by explaining that there are two types of Grey, the Australian Grey and the English Grey. The basic difference between the two is that the Australian is dominant whilst the English is recessive. However, in practice the English version can be ignored as they are virtually extinct – unless you know differently and in which case we would be pleased to hear from you. For the remainder of this article we will refer to the variety as Grey with the understanding that we are referring to the dominant version.

Measuring quality

Greys can be bred in three shades, light, medium and dark. They can also be carrying the colour in a single or a double factor state. When two double factor greys are paired together, this is known as 'true breeding' as only Greys will be produced. Furthermore, no budgerigar can be split for grey, they are either a grey (more properly called grey-blue) or a grey-green or another colour all together.

Breeding expectations from Greys are:

Double Factor Grey x Double Factor Grey = 100% Double Factor Grey
Double Factor Grey x Single Factor Grey = 50% Double Factor Grey 50% Single Factor Grey
Double Factor Grey x Non-grey = 100% Single Factor Grey
Single Factor Grey x Single Factor Grey = 25% Double Factor Grey 50% Single Factor Grey
25% Non-grey
Single Factor Grey x Non-grey = 50% Single Factor Grey 50% Non-grey

This is all very fine but it is much easier to understand if we consider what happens with some real pairings but before doing this, a useful tip is to consider the Greys to be Blues so that Light Grey equates to Sky Blue, Medium Grey to Cobalt etc. Now work out the expectations from these birds and then add in the Grey factor. This now gives us:

Single Factor Light Grey x Light Green = 50% Single Factor Light Grey-Green/blue, 50% Light Green/blue
Light Green x Double Factor Light Grey = 100% Single Factor Grey Green/blue
Single Factor Light Grey x Single Factor Light Grey-Green/blue = 12.5% Light Green/blue, 37.5% Grey-green/blue, 12.5% Sky Blue, 37.5% Grey.

We can conclude that if non-greys are bred from 100% Grey pairings that both parent birds are Single Factor Greys.

The only way to tell if a Grey is a single or double factor is by test pairings. These would be:

- Grey x Sky Blue. If the young produced are both Skies and Greys then the Grey parent, either cock or hen, is a single factor.
- Grey x Light Green. If the young produced over several nests are Grey or Grey Greens only, then it is safe to assume that the Grey is a double factor.

Dark Factor pairings

If we now look at the effects of the dark factor we discover that the expectations are as follows:

Single Factor Light Grey x Cobalt = 25% Single Factor Light Grey, 25% Single Factor Med. Grey, 25% Sky Blue, 25% Cobalt

or
Cobalt x Double Factor Dark Grey = 50% Single Factor Dark Grey. 50% Single Factor Med. Grey

The three shades of Grey may not be easy to distinguish for the beginner but with careful study and examination of pairings and breeding results, conclusions on the shades may be drawn.

Finally, we should consider the Greys in relation to Greens in pairings.

Single Factor Grey Green/blue x Single Factor Grey Green/blues will give Grey Green, Grey Green/blue, Grey, Green and Blue.

Some of the Greys will be single factor and others double factor.

There is a certain thrill about finding the unexpected in the nest box but it is far more preferable to be able to predict one's breeding results because then one is in control of the pedigree. The more that you know about the background of your breeding stock then the more chance you will have in breeding an eventual winner.

Minutes of the Northeast Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday September 13, 2023, 6.30pm.

Theme: Budgie Bazaar, including tender sale. Advertised by poster widely distributed.

Procedure for bird sale was as follows:

- Starting price – breeder's choice as written on the cage.
- Minimum increment is \$10 but not restricted to \$10.
- About 10 minutes notice will be given before calling time.
- Time will be called without notice when we see no buyer activity.
- Anyone who writes a bid down after time is called will be crossed off the bidder list.
- Seller is to sign and write paid on the tender form when their money is collected.
- Seller is to move the bird from their cage to the buyer's cage.
- Any bird not attracting a bid can be sold at any negotiated price after time is called.

Door prize consisting of a budgerigar donated by Troy Holmes was won by Ian Marshall.

NEXT MEETING: To be advised.

Bird sale terminated at 8.00pm.

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson.

Minutes of the Northeast Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday October 11, 2023, 7.30pm.
Theme: Budgie Info Speed Dating, including tender sale. Widely advertised by poster.
You would have received show schedules electronically. Hard copies are on the table to take.
Note that entries close Friday October 20, just 9 days away. Not possible to take late entries. The show will be held in association with the BCSA hosted Budgie Fest at the Campbelltown Function Centre.

Some used show cages were available for \$25 each.

There were tables for groups with the following topics: Calcium in budgies, Records; Preparation of birds for breeding, Eggs, and Improving fertility.

Each group was allotted 10 minutes to discuss the topic then five minutes to present their summary. Discussions ran enthusiastically well beyond the allotted time of 10 minutes due to their scope.

A selection of cleanskins was available for members of the winning team with leftover bottles allotted as door prizes. Since the quality of the presented summaries were difficult to separate all 8 cleanskins labelled with the NEBS logo were redirected as door prizes.

Procedure for bird sale was the same as usual: Starting price – breeder's choice as written on the cage. Minimum increment of \$10 but not restricted to \$10. About 10 minutes notice was given before calling time. Time was called without notice when there was no further buyer activity.

REMINDERS:

Don't forget to collect hard copy show schedules from the table if not able to print off the electronically distributed version.

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2023. Entertainment to be advised. A brief EGM to vote on adoption of the new Constitution and variation to the membership fee structure will be held alongside the meeting.

Graeme Alchin, Chairperson.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Beau Schutz, Nigel Tonkin, Bill and Kate Davis, Vicki Sanford.



Minutes of the Northeast Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 7.30pm.

WELCOME: President opened the meeting and welcomed eight visitors as well as ten other members. The first part of tonight's meeting would involve a brief Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on proposed changes to NEBS' Constitution and Membership Fees followed by the normal meeting which would have the theme, dipping into the inkwell of budgie colours. The door prize was suspended for the night.

APOLOGIES: John Mulley, Lloyd and Helen Edwards, Marcus Strudwicke, Nigel Tonkin and Paul Schroeder.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM): President opened the EGM at 7.40pm. President noted that all members had already been provided with a copy of the modified Constitution within the required timeframe. Those present were reminded that only financial members 18 years of age and over were eligible to vote.

The following motion was put to members;

Motion: the modified Objects and Rules of the North East Budgerigar Society be adopted.

Ten financial members voted in favour of the motion and there were no dissenters. As six financial members had already voted in favour via email, the total number in favour was sixteen with no dissenters. **The motion was passed: 16 for, Nil against.**

The second motion was then put to the meeting.

Motion: Adult membership, Partnership membership and Family membership be \$20; Junior membership be \$5.

Ten financial members voted in favour of the motion and there were no dissenters. As six financial members had already voted in favour via email, the total number in favour was sixteen with no dissenters. **The motion was passed: 16 for, Nil against.**

EGM CLOSED at 7.45pm

GENERAL MEETING: On resumption of the General Meeting, a circle discussion followed with all present invited to comment on their experiences with keeping and breeding budgies including any particular interest in colours.

REMINDERS: MultiClens is available for sale in 300 ml bottles for \$5 each.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday December 13, Christmas dinner at the Windsor Hotel, 410 North Esat Rd., Windsor Gardens. Names can be provided tonight or to John Mulley before Wednesday December 8 which is the deadline for confirming numbers with the hotel.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.40pm.

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, 2022 John Mulley, Victor Harbour

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; Graeme Alchin; Vicki Sanford

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