



Budgie Bulletin



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NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

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CLUB OBJECTIVES

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

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING VARIETIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ONES.

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All subscriptions become due January 1st, 2018

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1st, 2018, who will be financial for 2019)

SINGLE \$20.00, DOUBLE \$30 (Single fee plus 50%)

FAMILY Single fee (\$20.00) plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age

Under 18 years – no charge in family situation

JUNIOR \$13 (65% normal fee)

PENSIONER Single \$16, **Double** \$24 (Both 80% of normal fee)

PARTNERSHIP \$15 per person (75% of normal single fee)

BCSA Membership fee: \$15 per person

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2018 rings.

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EDITORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Line-breeding has been used for hundreds of years by livestock breeders to improve certain features in their livestock. For example, sheep breeders have used it to improve wool quality across their flocks and cattle breeders have used it to improve meat quality and also milk quality and yield. So why not exhibition budgies?

In England and after the formation of the Budgerigar Society in 1925, the English budgerigar breeders did exactly that – they line-bred. The exhibition budgies that we have today, worldwide, have their origins with those early English line-breeders.

In a sentence, line-breeding is a continuous breeding program involving the mating of close and/or distantly related birds, with an occasional outcross, in order to consolidate and improve their best features in their progeny.

Almost all books that are available on the keeping and breeding of exhibition budgies have a chapter or two on line-breeding. The book “The Cult of the Budgerigar” by W. Watmough is one of the originals and is still considered the bible on line-breeding. The first of five editions was written in 1936.

Most well-known and successful past and present breeders, both here and overseas, have practiced line-breeding. However, one well known English breeder who did not support line-breeding was Harry Bryan. He believed that line-breeding only consolidated the worst features of the exhibition budgie. Despite continuously mating unrelated birds, he achieved great success on the show bench over many years. It has been said that the main reason for Harry’s success was his exceptional ability to assess the potential of any budgie to breed a winner. While a small number of other breeders have been said to also possess this ability, unfortunately, most of us do not.

Since breeding exhibition budgies I have mostly line-bred and over the years it has served me well. However, as each year passes it is becoming more and more difficult. Q. Why? A. Poor breeding outcomes resulting in a lack of chicks! In fact poor breeding results have now almost become an expectation.

In the early years of the development of the exhibition budgie the birds “bred like rabbits”. This would have certainly facilitated line-breeding. However, it seems that today we hear more and more of breeders having their worst breeding season ever or of particular quality birds that just will not breed. I am no exception. As line-breeding requires a continuous breeding program of related birds, any disruption to that program as a result of poor breeding outcomes can effectively end that particular family line and one which may have produced winners in the past.

Perhaps this is one reason why, today, there are less and less line-breeders – and who could blame them! Whatever the reason for the poor breeding results, could it foreshadow an end to the line-breeding of budgies and see it consigned to the history books?

Dennis Lomman

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

2018 RINGS

2018 Ring Issue

Rings (Red) for 2018 are now available. Cost is 50cents each in multiples of ten.

Unfortunately the ring manufacturer omitted to include the "NE" code on our current lot of rings. However the rings still carry the ANBC and SA codes.

Members should therefore treat the rings as "SA" coded. No other "SA" coded rings have been issued in South Australia.

When entering birds in shows/auctions/sales the ring number should be shown as, for example, SA 18/1234.

Dennis Lomman
Ring Officer

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS

First: Brian Marshall; Second: Michael Smith; Third: Vicki Sanford; Fourth: Jan Dalton

BCSA and NEBS New Websites

BCSA and NEBS Websites

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 Michael Sloper on 0423365378 or at tradingtable.nebs@gmail.com

Nutritional supplements which are popular with members include;

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Passwell Liquid Gold | Vetafarm Multivet/Moulting Aid |
| Passwell Budgie Starter | Vetafarm Soluvite D |
| Murphy's Minerals | Vetafarm Breeding Aid |
| Calcium & Iodine Bells | Vetafarm Spark |
| Mineral Blocks | Elliott's Sulpha D |

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

A range of **accessories** are also available including; Mason Jars and Bases, Drinkers, Wire Fronts for Show Cages, Finger Drawers, Show Cage Carriers, Ring Cutters**and more!**

Also **New and Quality Used Show Cages.**

All of these products are available at better than the normal retail price. Some items, e.g. those above with an "*", may not always be immediately available due to their shorter use by dates however they can be readily reordered. Other items can also be ordered on request.

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DOMINANT PIEDS

The first Pied budgerigar appeared in England in 1930 with reports of others from France and Germany in 1932. These disappeared and in about 1933 the mutation appeared in both Sydney and Melbourne as the banded morph of the Dominant Pied. The Dominant Pied can have a variable pattern of ground colour on their body including presence of a band and the common variegated appearance to varying degrees.

Other Pieds subsequently appeared in Holland, Belgium and Denmark. There are now three genetically distinct pied varieties: the Dominant Pied, the Clearflighted Dominant Pied and the Recessive Pied. Within the Clearflighted Dominant Pied variety, the Dutch Dominant Pied morph and Continental Clearflighted Dominant Pied morph have been described but these variations likely represent mutations of the same gene. Confirmation comes when either is combined with the Recessive Pied gene since they each produce Dark Eyed Clears (technically a fourth pied but without any pied pattern except on some examples the odd coloured feather, judged as a fault on the show bench). The Dark Eyed Clear is a composite variety with at least one dominant pied gene from the Clearflighted Dominant Pied and two recessive pied genes from the Recessive Pied.

The Dominant Pied does not produce Dark Eyed Clears when combined with the Recessive Pied confirming that it is a different mutated gene compared with the Clearflighted Dominant Pied. The Dominant Pied and the Clearflighted Dominant Pied in double factor form each display ground colour over a greater area of the body. If you don't have Clearflighted Dominant peds you can get them if you have Dark Eyed Clears by crossing Dark Eyed Clears to normals.

Specific features for the various pied varieties and morphs can be found in The Standard which can be found on the website of the Australian National Budgerigar Council.

John Mulley, February 2018




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Australian White Cap: Bird of the Night for January



This is a recent budgerigar mutation so most of us including me have no experience breeding them. We can only accept what little has been written so far, so there is a need for anyone with experience breeding this variety to fill this gap and definitively describe breeding expectations. There is an early article on the BCSA website by Nigel Tonkin outlining their origin and preliminary breeding results. White Caps were first observed in Townville in 2003 and recognised as a new mutation by the Australian National Budgerigar Council (ANBC) in 2013. It was officially named by the ANBC as the Australian White Cap. The feature of the variety is the white cap feathers over a pale cream base with a yellow face.

The single factor form has an even infused wash of yellow over a blue series body colour. The double factor form has the same white cap but green body colour as for the green series. A mechanism for these observations is not immediately obvious, but the mutation is stable and may be a derivative of the yellow faced blue mutation carried by one of the parents of the original white cap chicks. The white cap is expressed on all varieties. It seems everyone now wants one and there will be a display of white caps at the national show this year in Penrith by enthusiasts who have them. Transmission is said to be dominant. The few I have seen appear to be of strong exhibition standard. It will be interesting to see how the wash of yellow in the blue series will be treated on the show bench by the budgerigar fancy since there is little tolerance for yellow suffusion in the Yellow Faced and Golden Faced Blues. Maybe they will at some time in the future be positioned in the ANBC Matrix as an additional colour series?

John Mulley, January 2018

Food and Feeding Exhibition Budgerigars

By Bob Deverson

PART 4: Fats and Oils

Fats are a concentrated source of energy, but this function can be replaced by carbohydrates. Some oils or unsaturated fats are more chemically active and are essential for young chicks and adult birds. Most seeds contain these oily fats which are preferable to animal fats, except fish oil. However, fish oil needs to be used with caution since it can go rancid.

Fats and oils consist of organic acids known as fatty acids. Fats are long term reserves of concentrated stored energy, provide heat insulation and some protection against injury. They also help to maintain the health of the skin and plumage and aid the body in absorption of fat soluble vitamins. Sunflower and safflower seeds contain a high percentage of fats. When the availability of food is short, stored fats are utilized by the body.

Fat is a source of certain unsaturated fatty acids that are an essential part of the budgerigar's diet. A lack of fats and oils hinders the body in the absorption of the fat soluble vitamins A and E. This results in the deficiency of these vitamins even when they are present in the food. If there is a low fat content in the diet, the carbohydrate and protein content is not efficiently used.

Although a recognizable illness may not show itself due to a low fat content in the diet, the bird will tend to overheat, converting carbohydrates to body fat which has a detrimental effect on tissues, particularly the arteries, causing the bird to become sluggish. A diet high in fat content could upset the digestion and reduce the appetite. Mineral oils are not absorbed by the body and in lubricating the aliment tract they remove valuable fat soluble vitamins, these then being excreted in the faeces.

A high level of fat in the diet slows down the emptying of the stomach, the digestion of food and interferes with uptake of other necessary nourishment.

DOWN MEMORY LANE Part 3: NEBS TREASURERS

Club minutes show that the following members have served as **Treasurer** since foundation in 1974:

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|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 1974 | Mrs P. Whitehead | 1 year | 1880-82 | Mr B. Ormsby | 3 years |
| 1975 | Mr P. Carnochan | 1 year | 1983 | J. Gardner | 1 year |
| 1976 | Mr J. Burrell | 1 year | 1984-2008 | Brian Marshall | 25 years |
| 1977- 79 | Mr B. Charleston | 3 years | 2009- | Vicki Sanford | 9 years so far |

Turnover was rapid until Brian Marshall's quarter of a century of service, which will be hard to beat!

John Mulley, February 2018

DOWN MEMORY LANE Part 2: NEBS SECRETARIES [Corrected]

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|---------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 1974 | A. Harrison | 1 year | 1982 | Darryl Keane | 1 year |
| 1975-76 | W. J. Charleston | 2 years | 1883-84 | John Rice | 2 years |
| 1977-78 | John Rice | 2 years | 1985 | Lorraine M'Kie | Few months |
| 1979 | J. Mundy | 1 year | 1986-2009 | Bette Marshall | 24+ years |
| 1980-81 | Mrs M. Turner | 2 years | 2010- | John Mulley | 8 years so far |

The 1985 – 1987 gap published in the December 2017 magazine has now been accounted for with Bette Marshall taking over as Acting Secretary a few months after election of the 1985 incumbent extending her tenure to a record of 24+ years.



MONTHLY EVENTS For 2018

North East Budgerigar Society of South Australia Inc.

Details Listed Are Subject To Change

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|--|---|---|
| Wed 10 th Club Meeting | Wed 14 th Club Meeting | Wed 14 th Club Meeting |
| Entertainment Australian White Cap Door Prize : - A White Cap Budgerigar | Entertainment Birds At The Zoo | Entertainment Mini Show - Recessive Varieties |
| Bird of Month Australian White Cap | Please Note : This month will be the last Magazine issued to un-financial members so pay up now & continue to enjoy your hobby as a member of the NEBS | No Bird Of Month |
| | Bird of Month Dominant Pied | |
| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| Wed 11 th Club Meeting | Wed 9 th Club Meeting | Wed 13 th Club Meeting |
| Entertainment Preparation For Breeding | Entertainment Mini show Dominant Varieties | Entertainment SALE OF BIRDS BY TENDER |
| 44 th Anniversary | No Bird Of Month | No Bird Of Month |
| Bird of Month Saddleback | | |

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO JANUARY

| | Points | Shows entered |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|
| Novice | | |
| Ben Hale | 3 | 1 |
| Michael Sloper | 3 | 1 |
| Intermediate | | |
| Vicki Sanford | 16 | 1 |
| Open | | |
| John Mulley | 6 | 1 |

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

USE OF THIS STANDARD - MATRIX

1. For describing Standard Varieties.
2. As a guide and reference for Breeders and Judges.
3. As a guide and reference for exhibitors in ascertaining the classes in which to enter their exhibits.
4. As a guide for compiling show schedules.
5. Combinations of varieties accepted as standard are listed as groups under the primary variety in the combination. Such birds are described as:

Opaline (primary variety) Greywing (other variety) Yellowfaced Sky Blue (colour).

For combinations of more than two varieties to be accepted as standard, every combination of the varieties involved must appear in the groups.

| Standard Primary Colours & Varieties | Section Number | Recognized Combinations | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Primary Colours | | As with any Green and Blue Series the Yellow Face Series Blue is recognized and accepted in sections 4-20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Normal Green Series | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Normal Blue Series | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yellow Faced Blue Series | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Varieties | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Eyed Self | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dilute | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Red Eyed Self | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dark Eyed Clear | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clearwing | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greywing | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cinnamonwing | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spangle Double Factor | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Opaline | 12 | 4 | 5 | | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | |
| Clearbody | 13 | | | | | | | | 12 | | | |
| Lacewing | 14 | | | | | | | | 12 | | | |
| Fallow | 15 | | | | | 9 | | | 12 | | | |
| Spangle | 16 | | | | | 9 | 10 | | 12 | | 15 | |
| Dominant Pied Group | 17 | | | | | 9 | 10 | | 12 | | 15 | 16 |
| Recessive Pied | 18 | | | | | 9 | 10 | | 12 | | 15 | 16 |
| Any Other Standard Variety (AOSV) | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crested | 20 | Recognised in 1 to 19 and above groups | | | | | | | | | | |

Standard Primary Varieties 12-20 may combine with one or more than one of its group varieties, but will remain the primary variety for exhibition purposes. The largest number listed in the numerical list of sections and combinations is always the primary variety.

NOTE: The "Section Number" is the code number for *The Standard* Primary Variety it represents and includes any birds displaying the Violet Colour Intensity Modifier.

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday January 10, 2018

WELCOME: Welcome to the first meeting of 2018 with the meeting open at 8.00pm. In the absence of the President and Vice President Dennis Lomman filled that role for the night

APOLOGIES: Graeme Alchin, Lloyd and Helen Edwards, Lea Todd

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 27; MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Last November the proposal from Port Pirie club for a joint show run by the two city clubs for an any age show was brought to the attention of this meeting, as set out in a note in the December magazine and the November minutes presented in the December magazine to bring this to the attention of members who don't attend meetings. Some verbal comments have been received. Further comments were invited from the floor on the proposal for the two Adelaide clubs to cancel their annual shows to be replaced by a single any age show alternating annually between the NEBS and BSSA. Proposals from the floor included formation of a show subcommittee for when NEBS run the event or a subcommittee with representation from each club

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Thank you card to the club from Helen and Lloyd Edwards for the get well card we sent to Lloyd while he was in hospital; Feathered World Newsletter from Canary & Cagebirds (please take); Nov-Dec Budgie Digest from the BSSA; December 2017 newsletter from United Bird Societies of SA; Registration form and other information received from the Budgerigar Society of NSW regarding the national show they are hosting in May, available upon request from the NEBS Secretary; Renewal notice for trailer registration received; Correspondence from Port Adelaide Enfield Council seeking suggestions on how to improve usage of this hall

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Response to Port Adelaide Enfield Council with some suggestions about improving the utility of the hall for club use

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit: \$12,500; Incentive Saver \$5,830.65; Cheque Account: \$6,796.20; Total funds: \$25,126.85. Potential expenditure on the trailer refurbishment is unknown at present

RING OFFICER REPORT: New 2018 red rings are available tonight. The NE rings this year are missing the NE code due to an oversight by the Belgian ring manufacturer, but the codes were correct for the other SA clubs and for the personal codes

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Plenty of items available tonight as usual

BCSA REPORT: Next meeting is programmed for February 23

NEW CLUB MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Welcome Barry Chant as a visitor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Reminder that club memberships for 2018 are due tonight
2. Trading table vouchers for \$30 were presented to the winners of the 2017 night shows: Novice: Michael Sloper; Intermediate: Vicki Sanford; Open: Dennis Lomman

ENTERTAINMENT: Nigel Tonkin spoke on the derivation of the Australian White Cap and gave a pictorial presentation of the White Cap combined with various varieties, and for something different, passed around deceased specimens of same that he had prepared by a taxidermist. Tickets for the door prize to members financial for 2017 and present tonight were distributed and drawn at the end of the presentation

WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM: This segment was deferred until February

NIGHT SHOW: Best Novice: Michael Sloper; Best Intermediate: Vicki Sanford; Best Open: John Mulley; Bird of the Month – Australian White Cap: No entries. Judge's Comments: Two excellent Novice birds were benched, an Intermediate Recessive Pied stood out and there were four excellent specimens with full circular crests that excited the judge. Thanks Shiralee Reardon for judging tonight

LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled tonight

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Ken Harris; Second: Ken Harris; Third: Ben Hale

Draw for the door prize which is an Australian White Cap: Paul Shroeder

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Birds from the Zoo. Bird of the Night will be Dominant Pied

REMINDERS: Please help put away the chairs

MEETING CLOSED: ~9.15pm

Dennis Lomman, Acting Chairperson

THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDSIN THE BCSA ERA

NATIONAL CLASS WINNERS WHO REPRESENTED NEBS IN THE LOGAN SHIELD

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

NATIONAL JUDGING APPOINTMENTS WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

1994, Malcolm Loveridge, Perth;

1999, Shiralee Reardon, Gold Coast; 2000, Peter Glassenbury and Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide;

2002, Malcolm Loveridge, Hobart, 2003, Peter Glassenbury, Cairns;

2007, Nigel Tonkin and Peter Glassenbury, Adelaide; 2008, Peter Glassenbury, Busselton;

2010, Malcolm Loveridge, Rockhampton, 2012, Peter Glassenbury, Geelong;

2014, Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide

NATIONAL SHOW MANAGER WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

2000 & 2007, Bruce Stafford, Adelaide; 2010, Nigel Tonkin, Rockhampton;

2014, Doug Lange, Adelaide

NEBS LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Lowe (dec); Bob Hancock (dec); Betty Fisher (dec); John Fisher (dec); Arthur Harvey (dec); Coral Harvey(dec); Julie Kakoschke; Kelwyn Kakoschke; Brian Marshall; Bette Marshall; Bruce Stafford; Marion Stafford; Lloyd Edwards; John Mulley; Graham Bell; Helen Edwards; Lea Todd

Please notify the Club Secretary if you know of any errors or omissions in the above