

# 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 1st January 2017 (Except new members who joined after 1st October 2016) SINGLE \$15.00 DOUBLE \$22.50 FAMILY Single fee (\$15.00), plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age. Under 18 years – no charge in family situation) JUNIOR \$9.75 (65% normal fee) PENSIONER Single \$12.00 (80% normal fee) Double \$18.00 PARTNERSHIP \$11.25 per person (75% normal fee)

BCSA Membership fee: \$15.00 per person.

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2016 rings. Please ensure that your membership card accompanies your order for rings.

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## EDITORIAL

This year, 2016, is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Budgerigar Council of South Australia (BCSA). To mark the occasion, and while enough of us still remember, the BCSA has compiled an historical record to recognise those who have played major roles in maintaining the state and national profile of the hobby in South Australia over the past 20 years. This list is published elsewhere in this issue of the Budgie Bulletin and is now on the BCSA website. Two BCSA members have been active over the entire two decades (indicated by a \*\*) while five others have given service, some in multiple roles, beyond a decade and up to almost the maximum period of 20 years (indicated by \*). Perusal of the names highlights two facts: most are getting older and some of the positions have had insufficient turnover to ensure smooth succession.

There are many other unnamed individuals who have also contributed in a positive way, working closely with those who have been named, and their support in the smooth running of BCSA activities over the past 20 years is greatly appreciated. You all know who you are as we all see you at work in the smooth running of the Logan Shield, the annual BCSA Auction and the National Shows when it rotates back to South Australia every seven years.

The various BCSA roles are open to anyone who would like to, and is capable of, making a positive contribution to the hobby in this state. Whether it be at club level, state level or national level many of the volunteers in our hobby have willingly contributed many hours of their time, some over many years, to fill the roles that underpin our great hobby. They do so because they enjoy the participation and comradeship in our hobby and they do their best to maintain and enhance our hobby for the benefit of all. Note that the record now shows that NEBS and its members have made a major positive contribution in support of the BCSA throughout the past 20 years.

Also included in this issue of the Budgie Bulletin is a list of positions that need to be filled by about 2018 if South Australia is to host the next National Show in Adelaide in 2021. If we want something to happen in five years' time we need to start laying the groundwork now. Having been heavily involved in various aspects associated with the National Show in 2000, 2007 and 2014 it is obvious to me that the organising group has been steadily shrinking. Some of the members of the organising committee had to take on multiple roles to enable the National Show in 2014 and we know they can't for a number of reasons do as much again in 2021. This means engaging broader participation right across the BCSA affiliated clubs. The starting point for succession to give our state the chance to maintain its national profile might lie with expanding involvement in the organisation of the Logan Shield and BCSA Auction. The current framework will implode if participation in running these events can't be broadened, with new faces, as a prelude to running the National Show in 2021 if the BCSA membership still wish to do that.

John Mulley, February 2016

## <u>REMINDER</u>

NEBS MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2016 NOW DUE TO ENSURE CONTINUED RECEIPT OF THE MAGAZINE PLEASE DISREGUARD THIS REMINDER IF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID

## 2016 Ring Issue

Rings (Orange) for 2016 are now available for purchase.

Members should either purchase or order their **total** 2016 ring requirements early in 2016 as there will only be one opportunity for NEBS to purchase additional rings in 2016. This is likely to be before the middle of the year. NEBS will only order additional rings if there is a **known** shortfall for 2016.

Those members who have already rung chicks with the 2016 rings will have noticed that the internal diameter of the rings is smaller than in previous years. The 2016 rings have an internal diameter of 4.2mm compared to approx. 4.4mm in past years. The smaller rings have been issued Australia wide by the ANBC. The ANBC has taken action to ensure that this is not repeated in future years. **It is recommended that for 2016 members ring their chicks at least two to three days earlier than usual.** 

Dennis Lomman Ring Officer

## ATTENTION NOVICE AND INTERMEDIATE BREEDERS

BSSA has advised that the name and date of "The Novice Only Show" has been changed. The show is now named "The B.S.S.A. Murphy Classic – Future Champions Show" and will now include Intermediates as well as Novices. Date has been moved from April 2 to April 9 at the Vermont Uniting Church Hall. Show Schedules will be available closer to the date. **It** will be a Status Movement Show.

John Mulley, November 2015

## FOR SALE

## Old copies of budgerigar world Price 50c per copy

You can purchase them from the club treasurer or Graham Bell

## The Budgerigar Council of SA is seeking Expressions of Interest for the following positions in 2016:

Logan Shield/State Selection Show Manager to be held in June 2016.

Bird Carer for the SA Team at the National Show in Hobart in June 2016.

BCSA Auction Coordinator in July 2016.

BCSA Secretary. This position has been vacant since 2007!

Nominations for any of the above positions to be sent to the BCSA via either of the NEBS delegates Dennis Lomman or John Mulley by December 20, 2015.

Please note that your club requires a third delegate to the BCSA to fill this vacancy which has been open since mid-2015



## **BCSA and NEBS New Websites**

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

Results of all Club and State shows are posted on the website. The Photo Gallery features photos of the winning birds.

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

## <u> Avian Vet – Dr Anne Fowler</u>

Until recently, Dr Anne Fowler was a consulting vet at the Adelaide Animal Emergency and Referral Centre, Anzac Hwy, Kurralta Park.

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

In 2015, Anne gave presentations to both NEBS and the BSSA on budgerigar health which were well received.

Anne is no longer at the Kurralta Park Centre and is currently in the process of setting up her own vet clinic which will specialise in birds, small mammals, reptiles and other Australian wildlife.

Her clinic, Adelaide Bird and Exotics Vet Centre (Phone: 08 8443 4838), will be located at

Unit 1/129 Richmond Rd., Richmond and will open in March 2016 (exact date TBA).

## FALLOW: BIRD OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Like so many of the budgerigar mutations the fallow appeared simultaneously in the 1930's in Germany, England, Scotland and Australia. All are superficially similar to one another with flesh coloured ceres in males, red eyes and paler body colour. Under developed pigmentation led to the popular belief that the name fallow originated from untilled fallow land but a more realistic origin may be that in the English language fallow can also mean light yellowish brown colour. That fits well with the green series. Reduced melanisation flows from the brown markings through the body, which in general approaches half intensity on a normal background, but even paler in opaline fallows. Fallow opalines devoid of flecking or ticking are very attractive birds.

The present day fallow in Australia is the same variety as the German fallow, with a plum coloured eye and white iris ring. The English version has a solid red eye with a very feint iris ring and the Scottish version has a pink eye and no iris ring. The German, English and Scottish mutations mated to each other give all blackeyed normal chicks proving they are not allelic mutations. This means that they are controlled by different genes and technically are different varieties of budgerigar. The German and Australian versions crossed to each other give red eyed chicks proving that they are allelic mutations within the same gene. Whether they are the same mutation within this gene awaits identification of the DNA sequence in budgerigars responsible for fallow. It isn't clear to me if the present day Australian fallows are descendants of the original Australian mutation or if they are from imported German fallows, or are a mixture of the two mutations which may be at different positions within the same fallow gene sequence. This fallow gene is tightly linked on the same chromosome to the grey factor gene, so unless you already have greygreen or grey fallows you won't be able to easily introduce these colours into your family of blue or green fallows by outcrossing to greygreens or greys. There appear to be additional fallow-like varieties controlled by additional genes with non-allelic mutations in the USA. All fallow and fallow-like varieties are inherited as recessives.

Outcrossing to improve fallows requires normals or clear headed opalines, preferably hens so as to exclude cinnamonwing from the family. Cinnamonwing in fallows drastically affects the intensity of colour and markings giving a bird that visually resembles a small lacewing. However, quality normal hens are hard to find unless the fallow breeder breeds their own to use as outcrosses.

Ideally to improve fallows one would cross the best fallow to the best available normal or opaline hen. The splits that result from this are then backcrossed the following year to fallows, where about half of the chicks will be fallows. Genetic improvement is faster if one mates split to split, but with only one quarter of chicks expected to be fallows from this approach it can backfire unless sufficient pairs are set up to give numbers of fallow chicks to choose from. Yellowface should be excluded from the fallow family since there is insufficient melanin to mask the yellow body tinge associated with yellowface. The bird will be penalised for colour on the show bench, but undoubtedly regarded as an attractive variation by the hobbyist more concerned with appearance than exhibition.

Few breeders venture into fallows, so this variety is a good choice for anyone hunting points to progress up the ladder to open from novice or intermediate. The Logan Shield/State Selection Show allows accumulation of points on an even playing field, with status points awarded within classes. John Mulley, January 2016

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



## **PROPOSED 2021 NATIONAL SHOW HOSTED BY THE BCSA**

**VIABILITY TEST:** POSITIONS TO BE FILLED WITH NAMES BY THE 2018 NATIONAL SHOW DATE EVENT COORDINATOR AND MEDIA: PLANNING COMMITTEE (~5+ members): Representation needed from both of the Adelaide clubs

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FINANCE AND REGISTRATIONS:

TEAMS TRAVEL COORDINATOR:

AIRPORT TEAMS PICKUP (Thursday) AND DESPATCH (Monday): (3 volunteers for 6 teams): EQUIPPING BIRDROOM AND STORAGE PRIOR TO SHOW:

SHOW CAGE CONSTRUCTION AND STORAGE (Number to be determined for 3 judging sessions): HOLDING CAGE CONSTRUCTION AND STORAGE (7 sets for 7 teams, at present):

TRANSPORT OF HOLDING CAGES, SHOW CAGES, SEED etc. TO AND FROM THE VENUE:

SECURITY (4 members):

TOURISM AND TOUR HOSTS: Suggest registrants book direct with tour operators

STALL HOLDER COORDINATOR:

PROMOTIONS AND WEBSITE:

PHOTOGRAPHY: Currently the same team circulates from venue to venue

ELECTRONICS: Currently the same team circulates from venue to venue

VIDEO (Needs team of 2):

AUCTION COORDINATOR: RAFFLE COORDINATOR:

SUPPLY OF STAGING:

ROSETTES AND BIRD DISPLAY (Needs team of about 6):

ANBC DELEGATES (In addition to Chairperson 2 more required from BCSA):

C&S DELEGATE (Chairperson plus 1 from BCSA):

BCSA BIRDCARERS (Needs 3):

STEWARDS (Number to be determined, one or two teams, currently 21 birds staged per class): DOOR INCLUDING REGISTRATIONS (Needs team of 6):

Implication of filling OR NOT filling the above positions by 2018: BCSA will need to notify the ANBC whether or not it can host the 2021 National Show. If NOT, then BCSA will be relegated to Associate Member status

#### **BCSA ADMINISTRATION: AN HISTORICAL RECORD**

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PRESIDENT:	
1996-1997	*Peter Glassenbury (CPBS)
1997-2001	Bill Davis (CPBS)
2001-2002	*Peter Glassenbury (CPBS)
2002-2015	**Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
2015-	*Peter Glassenbury (PPBS)
SECRETARY:	
1996-2002	**Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
2002-2005	Bob Deverson (BSSA)
2005-2007	Jenni Liebich (MGBS)
2007-2015	**Nigel Tonkin (Acting) (MGBS)
2015-	* Peter Glassenbury (Acting) (PPBS)
TREASURER:	
1996-1998	Henri Koster (CPBS)
1998-2007	*John Mulley (NEBS)
2007-2014	*Peter Glassenbury (NEBS)
2014-2015	Andrew Stock (PPBS)
2015-	*John Mulley (NEBS)
<b>RING OFFICER:</b>	
1996-1997	Kym Levi (BSSA)
1997-1998	Heather Quist (CPBS)
1998-2015	*Doreece Brunton (MGBS)
2015-	**Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
WEBSITE COOF	RDINATOR:
2006-2008	Troy Holmes (NEBS)
2008-2009	**Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
2009-2015	Dennis Lomman (NEBS)
2015-	Ben Hale (BSSA)
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\*Decade or more of service to the BCSA. \*\*Two decades or more of service to the BCSA

#### **BCSA SUPPORT ROLES: AN HISTORICAL RECORD**

#### **BCSA DELEGATES TO ANBC:**

1996-2002, 2005-2006, 2010-2013	*Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
1996-1997	*Peter Glassenbury (CPBS)
2002-2004, 2008-2014	*Peter Glassenbury (NEBS)
2015	*Peter Glassenbury (PPBS)
1998-1999	Bill Davis (CPBS)
2000-2001, 2003-2008	John Mulley (NEBS)
2007	Lloyd Edwards (NEBS)
2014	Dennis Lomman (NEBS)
*Decade or more in that role	
SHOW MANAGER STATE SELECTION SH	IOW AND LOGAN SHIELD:
1996-2007	*Bruce Stafford (NEBS)
2008-2014	Doug Lange (PPBS)
2015	Doug Lange (NEBS)
*Decade or more in that role	
JUDGES COORDINATOR FOR SA JUDGE	S:
1996-1998	Trevor Weckert (BSSA)
1999-2001	Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)
2002-2014	*Peter Glassenbury (NEBS)
2015	*Peter Glassenbury (PPBS)
*Decade or more in that role	

STAGING STATE SELECTION SHOW AND LOGAN SHIELD: 1996-2007 \*Bruce Stafford (NEBS) 2008-2015 Graeme Alchin (NEBS) ELECTRONICS AT STATE SELECTION SHOW AND LOGAN SHIELD: 1996-2015 \*\*Graham Bell (NEBS) \*\*Two decades or more in that role SHOW COORDINATOR SA HOSTED NATIONALS: 2000, 2007, 2014 Nigel Tonkin (MGBS) SHOW MANAGER AT SA HOSTED NATIONALS: Bruce Stafford (NEBS) 2000, 2007 2014 Doug Lange (NEBS) **BIRD CARERS AT THE NATIONAL SHOW:** 1996, 1999, 2001-2002 Peter Glassenbury (CPBS) 1997-1999 Nigel Tonkin (MGBS) 1999-2001 Rob McKie (NEBS) 2000, 2014 Larry Jeffries (PPBS) 2000, 2007, 2014 Malcolm Loveridge (PPBS) \*John Mulley (NEBS) 2001, 2003- 2006, 2008-2011, 2013, 2015 2002-2007, 2009-2013 \*Doug Lange (PPBS) 2015 \*Doug Lange (NEBS) 2002 Glenn Stearnes (BSSA) 2003 Bruce Stafford (NEBS) Jack Boog (NEBS) 2004 2005-2009, 2012-2015 Ian Marshall (NEBS) 2008, 2011 Algi Lapinskas (BSSA) 2012 Ray Slade (PPBS) \*Decade or more in that role ANBC COLOUR AND STANDARDS COORDINATOR 2013-2014 Peter Glassenbury (NEBS) 2015 Peter Glassenbury (PPBS) SA COLOUR AND STANDARDS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ANBC 1996-1997, 2000-2002 Nigel Tonkin (MGBS) 1998-1999, 2000, 2003-2014 \*Peter Glassenbury (NEBS) 2015 \*Peter Glassenbury (PPBS) \*Decade or more in that role FUNDRAISING THROUGH THE BCSA ANNUAL AUCTION Auction Coordinator, Catalogue assembly, Auctioneering and Accounting Pre-2012 Peter Glassenbury (NEBS), John Mulley (NEBS), Bob Deverson (BSSA), Graham Bell (NEBS) 2012-14 Dennis Lomman (NEBS), Peter Glassenbury (NEBS), Graham Bell (NEBS) 2015 Dennis Lomman (NEBS), John Mulley (NEBS), Peter Glass (PPBS), Graham Bell (NEBS) NATIONAL ANBC JUDGING APPOINTMENTS SINCE 1996 1999 Shiralee Reardon (NEBS) 2000, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2012 Peter Glassenbury (NEBS) 2000, 2007, 2014 Nigel Tonkin (MGBS) 2002, 2010 Malcolm Loveridge (PPBS) **ANBC PRESIDENT SINCE 1996** Bill Davis (CPBS) 2000 2007, 2014 Nigel Tonkin (MGBS)

## SHOW SCHEDULE FOR MONTHLY NIGHT SHOWS 2016

Class 1: Normals (GreenSeries, Blue Series, Normal Yellowfaced Blue Series & Normal Goldenfaced Blue Series)

Class 2: Dilute, Blackeyed Self, Clearwing, Greywing, Fallow & Recessive Pied

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

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

Class 5: Crested, Darkeyed Clear, Darkwing & Saddleback

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

Note that classes now include the four colours: Green, Blue, Yellowfaced blue and Goldenfaced blue (single factor golden faced will be penalized for colour)

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).  $1_{st} = 3$  points,  $2_{nd} = 2$  points,  $3_{rd} = 1$  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 awarded a certificate and be chosen from Young birds, **except for September - November** when best of each Status 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. Bird of the Night will be awarded a Certificate.

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 or certificates.

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 or a Show Cage. **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 BENCHEDRevised January 2016

## NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY MINI SHOW Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## Entry is for owner bred 2015 purple rung birds

Entry fee is 50 cents per bird The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> positions will be decided overall on points accumulated Prizes will be Trading Table vouchers: 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 These will be awarded to Open, Intermediate and Novice Exhibitors Exhibitors must be current financial members of the North East Budgerigar Society

Entries **only on official entry form** to John Mulley, 13 Dunkley Ave., Firle. SA 5070 or <u>jmulley@bigpond.net.au</u> by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

NO LATE ENTRIES PLEASE. BE AWARE THAT STANDARD MAIL DELIVERY NOW TAKES UP TO SIX WORKING DAYS, FOUR DAYS FOR PRIORITY MAIL

**Postal entry Option 1:** Entry fee to accompany the entry form with a stamped self-addressed envelope with **Priority mail sticker** and cheque or money order payable to the North East Budgerigar Society (donation optional). **Extra 50<sup>c</sup> in lieu of Priority sticker** 

**Postal entry Option 2:** Send stamped self-addressed envelope with **Priority mail sticker** with entry form and pay entry fee at the door in sealed envelope labelled with name and amount as per entry form (donation optional). **Extra 50<sup>c</sup> in lieu of Priority sticker** 

*Email Option:* Email electronic version of the entry form as an attachment and pay entry fee at the door in sealed envelope labelled with name and amount as per entry form (donation optional), **but adding additional \$1.50 for postage of cage stickers** 

- Class 1. Normal Green Series
- Class 2. Normal Blue Series (\*Excluding visual violet)
- Class 3. Normal Yellow Faced Blue (\*Excluding Golden Faced Blue)
- Class 4. Lutino and Albino
- Class 5. Cinnamonwing
- Class 6. Spangle Double Factor
- Class 7. Opaline ASC/AOSV
- Class 8. Lacewing
- Class 9. Spangle ASC/AOSV
- Class 10. Dominant Pied

Intermediate Breeders place 'I' and Novice Breeders place 'N' on entry forms.

\*Exclusions are varieties benched in the May Rare Variety Mini Show

NO SEED IN CAGES PLEASE

SPOTTING NOT NECESSARY WITH MAJOR SHOWS TO FOLLOW HOT WEATHER POLICY: If on the previous evening the temperature forecast is **above 32 degrees** NO BIRDS WILL BE BENCHED

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION: 2016 NATIONAL SHOW

Registration for the 2016 Australian National Budgerigar Championship Show in Hobart, Tasmanian Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June is now open.

This is available on: <u>http://www.nationalresults.net/display/NAT2016/National+2016+-+Registration</u> Available to you in 2 Options:

- **On-Line Registration:** This is the preferred registration method for the 2016 National Show. Our automatic PDF form is easy to fill out and does all totals/calculation automatically for you!
- **Off-Line Registration:** If you prefer to do an off-line registration you can still easily do that. *Just follow the steps provided.*

All further Information re tours, accommodation etc. available on: <u>http://www.national2016.com</u>

## Talking Birds Newsmagazine

Editor <u>lloyd@talkingbirds.com.au</u> <u>www.talkingbirds.com.au</u>

Dear Club Secretary,

Eleven years after it was established Talking Birds is no longer being printed, instead it is now distributed to readers by email at the start of every month. That switch was made due to rising print and Australia Post costs, which made it no longer viable to print and mail Australia's only monthly newsmagazine for bird keepers.

TB is the only Australian bird magazine to be published every month, with every edition containing excellent articles on parrots, finches, budgies, canaries, a vet column, a pet bird article and the latest bird news from Australia and around the world. Fancy poultry and fancy pigeon articles are published every second month.

TB exposes thieves, scammers and smugglers, as well as making bird keepers aware of people who try to destroy our hobby and detailing changes to legislation which affect aviculture in Australia.

The change to email delivery after 11 years of ink-on-paper publishing has allowed TB's price to drop from \$9 to \$4 per month as well as providing email updates to readers when notable events occur between emailed editions.

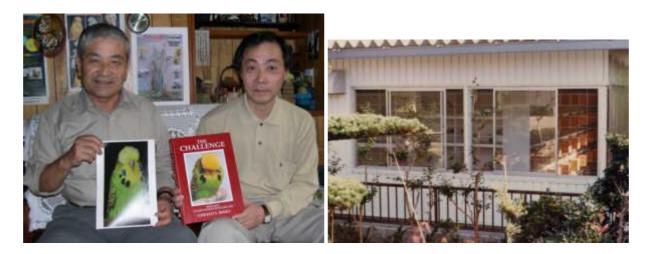
Could you please let your members know about the TB change and ask them to contact me at lloyd@talkingbirds.com.au if they would like to check out a free sample edition. People who do not have email access can arrange to have TB printed out in black and white at A4 size and mailed to them.

If any of your members would like to receive TB each month, a subscription form can be found at www.talkingbirds.com.au

Thanks for taking the time to read this note, and for letting your members know about TB's new emailed editions.

## Welcome to my Birdroom – Mr. Tatsuhiro Ozeki, Japan

Budgerigar breeding in Japan started in the early 1900's and we call this bird "SEKISEI INKO", meaning "yellow backed green parrot".



Tatuhiro Ozeki and Akira Ozaki

The Bird room

Just like many other countries today we have two sides to the hobby. One is in pursuit of "Coloured Budgerigars" which focuses on clear colours and wing-marks and includes the "Japanese Crested". These are all birds that are similar in size to the wild budgerigars.



The other is "Show Budgerigars", which are called "English Budgerigars" or "Big sized Budgerigars". The breeding history of this type of Budgerigars goes back about 40 years and is more intense.



Needless to say, there are a lot of pet-birds as well.

Today, I would like to introduce one of the top breeders of "Show Budgerigars" in Japan and show you some of his birds through which I am sure you will recognise the quality of the Japanese "Show Budgerigars".



Mr. Tatsuhiro Ozeki was born in 1941 and has been breeding budgerigars since 1971. His bloodlines mainly consist of birds from Gerald S. Binks. Tatsuhiro's aviary contains 32 breeding cages, 4 stock cages, 10 training cages, 2 flights. He keeps around 300 budgerigars consisting in particular of Spangle, Dominant Pied and Texas Clearbody.



Tatsuhiro Ozeki's catchphrase is "IMAWO KOERU", which means "improving quality all the time" (Editor's note. Literal translation is "Go Over Now" so this is my interpretation on what Tatsuhiro means.)



Tatsuhiro's long-time hope is to breed super-high-quality birds and he looks forward to breeding improved quality birds, each year.



#### About the Author:

Akira Ozaki is the current Chairman of the Japan High-Class Budgerigar Preserve Association. This association, established in 1962, is the oldest budgerigar club in Japan. They are mainly interested in the Japanese Colour Fancy and Japanese Crested budgerigars.

Akira hopes that the hobby world-wide will accept the field of Japanese Colour Fancy budgerigars in the same way as the Japanese crested. With these birds, they are not improving their size, which is the result of them adapting to the Japanese climate of very high humidity in the summer and of the preference of Japanese fanciers to the aesthetic appeal of these birds.

Akira also has more than 50% of his stud dedicated the European types of budgerigar.

<ul> <li>Normal Grey</li> <li></li></ul>	* Bird of Month	A2 th Anniversary ↔	*	<ul><li>♦ Sex-Linked Varieties</li></ul>	✤ Entertainment	✤ Wed 13 th Club Meeting	APRIL			♦ Fallow	Bird of Month		*	Recessive Varieties		Entertainment	♦ Wed 13 th Club Meeting		JANUARY	<ul> <li></li> &lt;</ul>	Details Listed Are Subject To Change	Lamone 1/4	Established 1022	
*	No Bird Of Month		Purple Rung Birds	Rare Variety Mini Show	Entertainment	Wed 11 th Club Meeting	MAY	<ul> <li></li> &lt;</ul>	Opaline			so pay up now& continue to	Magazine issued to un-financial members	Contract of This second will be the lost	Dominant Varieties	*	Entertainment *	Wed 10 th Club Meeting	FEBRUARY	<ul> <li></li> &lt;</ul>	South Australia Inc.	Of	North East Budgerigar Society	MONTHLY EVENTS
	No Bird Of Month		BY TENDER	SALE OF BIRDS	Entertainment	Wed 8 th Club Meeting	JUNE	* * * * *			No Bird Of Month		Purple Rung Birds Only	Mini Show		Entertainment	Wed 9 th Club Meeting		MARCH	<ul> <li></li> &lt;</ul>			Y	For 2016

SOUTH	AUSTRALIA 2016 Novice Championship Show Fisher Annual Show Stan Watson Breeder Show Breeder Show (Young Birds)
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	Breeder Show (Young Birds)
SAT 28th May NEBS	
	Breeder Show (Black Ring)
SAT 4th June Mt Gamb	bier Diploma Show (Young & Adult Bird
SUN 12th June BCSA	State Pre Selection Show ( LOGA)
18th & 19th June ANBC	NATIONAL'S
SAT 2nd July BSSA	Ron Norman / Brasea Show
SAT 9th July Pt PIRIE	Annual Show
SAT 16th July BCSA	Auction
SUN 17th July BCSA	AGM
SAT 6th August Crystal B	Brook Agriculture Show
SAT 13th August KADINA	Agriculture Show
27th & 28th August GAWLE	R Agriculture Show
SAT 24th September BALAKL	AVA Agriculture Show
SAT 8th October NEBS / E	BSSA Inter Club Challenge Show
SAT 15th October CLARE	Agriculture Show

## Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday January 13, 2016 WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.05pm APOLOGIES: Bette and Brian Marshall; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Laminated Night Show Schedule Program for the first half of 2016 is on the table to collect and take home

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: December Newsletter from Southern Cagebirds; Nov-Dec Budgie Digest from BSSA; November Newsletter from The Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Birds; From the ANBC via the BCSA notification of the four judges selected for the 2016 national show in Hobart: they are Malcolm Taylor from South Africa, Scott Eriksen from NQ & CZ, Peter Thurn from Victoria and Alistair Home from Tasmania CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term Deposit \$12,500.00; Incentive Saver \$5,440.86; Cheque Account \$2,888.15. Total Funds \$20,829.01

RING OFFICER REPORT: Orange 2016 rings are now available. The Ring Officer urged members to buy early in the year in order to allow the club to assess by mid-year any need for a supplementary ring order, noting that last year despite repeated warnings delayed demand amounted to 500 rings

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Multiclens was highlighted as an inexpensive additive to drinking water for the prevention of bacterial growth

BCSA REPORT: Last BCSA meeting was held November 27; Call went out for expressions of interest for Logan Shield Show Manager, Bird Carers for the National Show, Auction Coordinator and the BCSA Secretary vacancy, the last position having been vacant since 2007; 2016 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of formation of the BCSA. Historical record of the main contributors who have supported the state in various positions during this period has been compiled, placed on the BCSA website and will be in the NEBS magazine next month. There have been many contributors, some spanning as much as the whole 20 years; List of positions has been compiled that need to be filled by about 2018 if SA is to run another national show in 2021. New faces are needed in some of the key roles; BCSA is seeking expressions of interest from anyone in the club interested in training to be a judge; The next BCSA AGM will be held on the morning of the auction in the hope of getting BCSA members interested enough to attend their AGM

## NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Nil

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Ian Marshall asked members for donation of excess budgerigars suitable for colony breeding for a family who lost their budgerigars in the recent bush fire
- 2. The Committee is looking for speakers for the months of August, September, October and November. Volunteers or suggestions to let the Committee know
- 3. Janet Harris has volunteered to fill the vacant position of Assistant Secretary to cover for the Secretary in his absence. Thanks Janet
- 4. Shiralee Reardon has volunteered to fill the vacant position of third NEBS delegate to the BCSA. Thanks Shiralee

- 5. From now on ordinary mail will take up to six working days for delivery which has implications for when show entries need to be posted to the club and closing dates to enable return of cage stickers to exhibitors in time for the show
- 6. Night show aggregate points winner: Open: John Mulley. No Novice or Intermediate breeders entered the minimum of three night shows in order to qualify
- 7. Christmas raffle winners: First Dianna Trevarthen; Second Peter Glassenbury; Third Bruce Hale (c/o Ben)
- 8. Club memberships are now due if not already paid

ENTERTAINMENT: Presentation on Recessive Varieties by John Mulley QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION: Nil NIGHT SHOW: Cancelled due to temperature BIRD OF THE MONTH SUMMARY: Fallow was discussed during the presentation LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Peter Trevelion; Second: Graeme Alchin; Third: Paul DiCaterina ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Nil

NEXT MEETING: February 10 which will include a presentation on Dominant Varieties. Bird of the Month will be Opaline, including Opaline AOSV REMINDERS:

Don't forget to pick up next year's Program and next year's night show schedule off the table before you leave. Please stack your chair at the back of the hall prior to supper MEETING CLOSED: 9.20pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

## Tips For Looking After Your Birds During Hot Weather – Nigel Tonkin, South Australia

Many of us provide heating for our birds for the winter months but how many make provision for extremes of temperature when the weather gets hot. Australian fanciers are well experienced in dealing with these conditions. Here, Nigel Tonkin offers advice based on his experience.

These are things that I DO or DO NOT do and others may beg to differ – if so, add yours to this article at the end.

## WATER

DO water in the early part of the day – I try to at around 0600 - 0700 a.m. and then again later in the evening at say 1930 - 2000 p.m. I have lights on timers so the birds can see from 0500 a.m. until 2300 p.m.

DO add ice to the water in the morning to keep it cool for a longer period of time.

DO check the water later in the day to ensure all containers have water.

DO change the water twice daily.

DO use open trays, glass or enamel – not galvanised. I am not one for upturned bottles as they do not allow all of the birds' access to the drinking water when they need it i.e. only permits one at a time vs. a flock situation

DO NOT add vitamins as these can go off'.

DO add Aviclens or a similar sanitiser to the water

DO NOT spray the birds in the aviary during the day as this increases humidity and puts more stress on the birds

## **AIRFLOW and AVIARY ACTIVITY**

DO use electric fans to create air movement.

DO us air-conditioning if you have it but it can be dangerous if the power goes off due to the potential for a significant jump in temperature over a short period of time.

DO get into the aviaries early in the day. Once out stay out to prevent disturbance of the birds.

DO allow the birds to control their own day without interruption once you have fed, watered and turned on any items you might use.

Do insulate in preparation for hot weather if you are able to but only when cool.

DO use shade cloth to take some of the heat off the aviary.

## GREENS

DO NOT feed green food unless in the early morning or late afternoon and it can all be eaten in a short period of time

## SOFT FOODS and SOAKED / SPROUTED SEED

DO NOT feed soft food as this can quickly sour in the heat, I cease all dietary add ins.

DO feed sprouted seeds but take care as these can be a treat if done properly but a disaster if overdone and or seeds are not thoroughly rinsed.

## **CHECKING BIRDS**

DO check your birds both in the a.m. and p.m.

As stated at the outset, others may not do the same as me but that's okay so long as we are all aware of the need to use best practice to prevent disasters during hot weather conditions.

## THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDS

#### NATIONAL CLASS WINNERS WHO REPRESENTED NEBS IN THE LOGAN SHIELD

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

#### NATIONAL JUDGING APPOINTMENTS WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

1994, Malcolm Loveridge, Perth;

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

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

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

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

2014, Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide

#### NATIONAL SHOW MANAGER WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

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

2014, Doug Lange, Adelaide

#### **NEBS LIFE MEMBERS**

Gordon Lowe (dec); Bob Hancock (dec); Betty Fisher (dec); John Fisher (dec); Arthur Harvey (dec); Coral Harvey; 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