



Budgie Bulletin



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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, 2017, who will be financial for 2018)

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)

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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 2017 rings.

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EDITORIAL FOR OCTOBER 2017

Hi all. Welcome to another edition of our magazine. A reminder, that as Treasurer, I will be starting to collect your money for our Christmas Dinner held on 13/12/17 at Buckingham Arms, from October onwards. The cost is \$30 per head with the Club subsidising the extra. Hope you can all come and bring your partners.

Spring is here and we are all busy with our breeding season. Have you bred that show winner yet? Are you satisfied with your breeding season so far? From talking to some breeders the answer to that question is No! So what does constitute a successful breeding season?

Different breeders have a different idea on what this means.

For some, it is the simple reason of not enough birds bred. No fertility, or very low. Hen not going into the nest box and laying. Dead in shell. Dead soon after hatching. Hens/cocks attacking and killing chicks etc.

For others, they are happy with the numbers bred, but don't feel the birds are good enough for showing. Not enough head. Wing markings not dark/light enough. Tail/flights problems. Not big enough, long enough. Spots too small etc.

I am happy with my breeding season so far, especially compared to last year which was a disaster numbers and quality wise. I have bred numbers, but not in every nest, to allow me to pick and choose what I keep and what goes to the pet shop. Some pairings have been very successful, whilst others have given me only 1 or 2, or worse still none.

However, I have had a surprise nest. From a pair of dominant peds (I know I'll get double factor Peds) I have bred 2 pink eyed chicks?! I thought it may have been cinnamon, but a friend has said she thinks they may turn out to be ino's. Where did that come from? Can only trace the cock's family back a couple of generations as records indicate I used a bought in bird. That's the thing with this hobby, you never know what you're going to get!!

As the readership of this magazine is very large, I am going to use this opportunity to ask a question. What does an Opaline Recessive Pied look like? Try as I might I can't get a recessive pied with body colour markings on the wing. We've all seen Opaline on various varieties, including dominant peds, so why can't I breed it visually on my recessive peds? I have made no effort to not breed Opaline in, so it must be there. So far, no-one has been able to give me an explanation of why it's not showing. Is it a recessive pied thing that, like ino, masks it? Or is that why my recessive pied hens are over marked to the point they have practically normal wing markings? If anyone can give me an explanation it would be really appreciated.

Anyway, enough said. I hope you are all well and enjoying your hobby. See you at our meeting .

Vicki Sanford, Treasurer.

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

RINGS

2017 Rings

All 2017 rings have now been sold.

2018 Ring Issue

Rings (Red) for 2018 will be available as from 15 December 2017.

Dennis Lomman
Ring Officer

THE RARE VARIETY CRESTS

By Grant Finlay

CRESTS - Like them or hate them, there are many in both camps. They are here to stay!

RIDICULED - Of all the "Rare Varieties" the Crest is the most ridiculed - perhaps because of the size of the birds in general or the feather disturbance on the head which some say spoils the shape of the bird. However, Crest breeders are very dedicated together with being thick skinned and it must be said that without this dedication the Crest like many other rare varieties would have disappeared into oblivion and this would be a tragedy not only for this generation of bird keepers but also the generation to follow.

RECOGNITION - Crests have been around for more than 70 years but it is only in the last 20 years or so that they have gained in popularity and recognition of the variety was received from the BS through separate classes being allocated at Open Shows.

LOCAL INFLUENCE - The variety is popular through the country and it was quite strong in the Lancashire Cheshire area through the good efforts of a small band of fanciers who have bred and exhibited Crests and also sold their surplus stock locally and further afield in an effort to encourage others to take up the challenge of breeding Crests.

BREEDING CRESTS - Breeding Crests can be a complicated business! The offspring which do not show a visual Crest may be split for Crest (Crestbred) or may be a normal (non-Crest) budgie. These non-visual birds require to be test mated to establish if they carry the crested gene as those found to be split for crest are obviously valuable in the breeding room so therefore it can be a long and complicated process.

TYPES OF CREST

TUFTED should be an upright crest of feathers up to 8mm high just rising above the cere.

HALF CIRCULAR should be a half circle of feathers radiating from the centre of the head, falling or raised in a fringe above the cere.

FULL CIRCULAR should be a flat round crest with feathers radiating from the centre of the head.

BREEDING EXPECTATIONS - Any of 3 types of Crest described above can be paired with Crest bred or with the Normal type budgies and any one type of Crest can breed with any of the 3 types and sometimes this can occur in the same nest. Most breeders usually pair a visual Crest to either a Normal or Crest bred in an effort to increase the size of any Crested offspring. Pairing 2 visual Crests together is not recommended, although the youngsters may have a stronger Crest gene they will most probably also decrease in size.



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;

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.

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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.

NEBS CHRISTMAS DINNER

BUCKINGHAM ARMS HOTEL SMORGASBORD

1 WALKERVILLE TERRACE, GILBERTON

Wednesday December 13

7.00pm for sit down at 7.30pm

COST \$30 PER HEAD (Portion over \$30 Subsidized by NEBS)

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MEETINGS, AT THE LATEST

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Come along and enjoy the end of 2016

YELLOWFACED BLUE: BIRD OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

The Yellow Faced Blue has been recognised since the 1930s. It is one of the four colour series: Green, Golden Faced Blue, Yellow Faced Blue and Blue. The visual differences we see between these variations are determined by differing levels of yellow ground colour all of which are under the control of variations of the same gene.

The colour of the native green budgerigar is simply the combination of the maximum amount of yellow pigment superimposed upon underlying blue that we would otherwise see. Mutations of the gene responsible for the yellow pigment progressively reduce the amount of yellow deposited in the feathers. Small reduction leads to Golden Faced Blue, moderate reduction to Yellow Faced Blue and complete reduction to Blue with a white face. Double Factor Yellow Faced Blue similarly extinguishes totally the production of yellow pigment to give Blue with a white face, visually indistinguishable from Blue.

The Yellow Faced Blue mutation is recessive to wild type Green but dominant to the Blue mutation. In other words, like the Blue mutation the Yellow Faced Blue mutation can be carried in concealed (split) form in all varieties of the Green Series. When paired with the Blue mutation the Yellow Faced Blue mutation expressed in single factor form is dominant displaying a yellow face and head and minimal visible yellow body suffusion.

The self-coloured varieties Black Eyed Self White, Albino, Spangle Double Factor White and Dark Eyed Clear White in the Yellow Faced Blue Series all with the absence of melanin unmask the underlying yellow body pigment. These varieties are penalised on the show bench for body suffusion, blue or yellow. The same yellow suffusion at a reduced level is seen in varieties with melanin at reduced level: the Dilute, Clearbody and Fallow when these varieties are expressed in the Yellow Faced Blue Series. The yellow body suffusion in these partially melanised varieties is less than for the de-melanised varieties, but still unmistakable. So, the aim of every breeder of exhibition budgerigars is to restrict the Yellow Faced Blue mutation to the fully melanised varieties, preferable the Normals. Visual Yellow Faced Blue in the aviary is easy to control. Simply exclude it from being hidden in the Green Series by not mating Yellow Faced Blue with Green. Furthermore, be aware that when mated with Blue half the offspring on average will be Yellow Faced Blue so numbers of Yellow Faced Blue bred will be directly proportional to the number of such matings.

John Mulley, September 2017

DOWN MEMORY LANE: PRESIDENTS OF NEBS

Since a couple of long serving members have just stepped down from their positions on the Committee at the last AGM it is appropriate to reflect upon those who have ensured the ongoing viability of the club by holding positions on the Committee since the club's inception. Starting with **Club Presidents:**

1974-79	Bob Hancock	5 years	1994-2017	Lloyd Edwards	23 years
1979-93	John Fisher	14 years	2017-	Graeme Alchin	
1993-94	Peter Beck	1 year			

Results of the Kadina A H & F Show Budgerigar and Caged Birds Section held on August 19th 2017

Judge: Shiralee Reardon

Budgerigars

Grand Champion
Champion Opposite Sex
Reserve Champion Cock
Reserve Champion Hen
Champion Young

Malcolm Loveridge
Malcolm Loveridge
Trevor Russell
Malcolm Loveridge
Kevin Smith

Canaries and Finches

Champion Canary
Champion Zebra Finch
Reserve Champion Zebra Finch
Champion Australian Finch
Reserve Champion Australian Finch
Champion Foreign Finch
Reserve Champion Foreign Finch
Champion Others

Chloe Williams
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Thank you to North East Budgerigar Society for your continued support

Malcolm Loveridge

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Food and Feeding Exhibition Budgerigars

By Bob Deverson

PART 2: Proteins

Protein plays a major role in ensuring the wellbeing of budgerigars. Proteins are comprised of amino acids which contain the elements carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and sometimes sulphur. Proteins are used in the formation of body tissue during growth, as replacement of proteins broken down during bodily functions, and in egg production by the hens. They are present in most organs and tissues of the body, especially the feathers and skin. When there is an imbalance of protein in the bird's diet the metabolism becomes confused and waste by-products accumulate in the body, producing gouty deposits near the joints of the limbs and in the internal organs.

There are approximately 20 different amino acids which form proteins. Some of these can be manufactured by the budgerigar and are known as nonessential amino acids. The others are referred to as essential amino acids and cannot be manufactured by birds, so must be supplied in the diet.

Protein is the third and last storehouse of energy in prolonged disease or starvation. When most of the stored fats have been depleted the bird starts using protein. Muscle wastage will become noticeable particularly over the breast and limbs. The protein breaks up disposing of its nitrogen and becomes a carbohydrate like substance which can be utilised by the body. Most of the nitrogen is disposed of in the urine. This loss of weight is referred to as **"going light"**.

The precise requirements of the different amino acids for budgerigars are unknown. When an inferior quality protein source is fed the health of the bird suffers according to the tissue most starved of amino acids. Since glandular tissues, muscle and skin have high requirements for those amino acids that contain sulphur, long term periods on a diet lacking this element will result in poor breeding, muscle weakness, faded plumage and renal disease.

Excessive protein in the diet of budgerigars increases the need for vitamin B₁₂, which may elicit signs of vitamin B deficiency, especially with young in the nest. A long-term result of very high or very low amounts of protein in the diet are a deposition of gouty deposits throughout the body. This may be the result of stress or exhaustion of normal kidney tissue, toxicity of the amino acid glycine, or damage to the kidneys by the lack of raw materials for their repair.

The protein content of vegetables recommended for budgerigars is as follows, with protein in grams calculated on one measure cup: carrot 1.32gm, corn 4.51gm, spinach/silverbeet 0.86gm, peas 16.35gm.

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PORT PIRIE ANNUAL SHOW 2017

RESULTS

GRAND CHAMPION MALCOM LOVERIDGE NORMAL GREEN HEN

OPPOSITE SEX GEOFF EDWARDS NORMAL BLUE COCK

1ST RESV COCK L&H EDWARDS SPANGLE D/F COCK

1ST RESV HEN GEOFF EDWARDS GREY GREEN HEN

2ND RESV COCK MALCOM LOVERIDGE NORM GREEN COCK

2ND RESV HEN L&H EDWARDS SPANGLE HEN

3RD RESV COCK MALCOM LOVERIDGE DOM PIE COCK

3RD RESV HEN GEOFF EDWARDS CINNAMON HEN

4TH RESV COCK GEOFF EDWARDS DOM PIED COCK

4TH RESV HEN LARRY JEFFRIES SPANGLE A O S V

CHAMPION INTER DEAN GRANTHAM CINNAMON COCK

NO NOVICE


PORT PIRIE BREEDERS SHOW 2017 RESULTS

GRAND CHAMPION	GEOFF EDWARDS	NORM GREEN COCK
OPPOSITE SEX	GEOFF EDWARDS	NORM GREEN HEN
1 st RESV COCK	MALCOM LOVERIDGE	NORM GRY GREEN COCK
1 st RESV HEN	GEOFF EDWARDS	DOM PIE HEN
2 nd RESV COCK	GEOFF EDWARDS	DOM PIED COCK
2 nd RESV HEN	MALCOM LOVERIDGE	NORM GRY GREEN HEN
3 rd RESV COCK	GEOFF EDWARDS	REC PIED COCK
3 rd RESV HEN	GEOFF EDWARDS	NORN OPPALINE HEN
4 th RESV COCK	TREVOR RUSSELL	NORM GRY GREEN COCK
4 th RESV HEN	GEOFF EDWARDS	REC PIED HEN

CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE DEAN GRANTHAM NORM GREY COCK

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Pairing Skills – Terry Tuxford UK

Selecting pairs of budgerigars, which breed youngsters of quality, is a skill which makes the difference between success and failure for the exhibitor. Occasionally luck occurs and produces a winner from an apparently poorly matched pair. However, producing winners' year after year suggests that something more than luck is at work. Even so, when a carefully chosen pair breeds a top-quality youngster it often also produces brothers and sisters which are not so visually appealing.

It is important to make a distinction between show birds and stock birds. Most show birds are well balanced and attractive to the eye and portray as many of the positive features of an exhibition budgerigar as is possible. A good stock bird however, has a surplus of some feature such as height above the perch, browiness and thickness through the neck. Unfortunately, countering the excess of a desirable feature there is usually a fault such as bad wing carriage, so giving the impression of imbalance.

Chicks Of Less Quality



Nature has the habit of regressing from an excess and the outstanding features of any Budgerigar tend to be diluted in its young. Even two well balanced show birds usually produce chicks of less quality than themselves when paired together. Loss of size is the problem most often encountered in the young of such matings. Spreading desirable qualities through a stud dilutes them. If we could find a way of increasing a desirable quality we would have solved the problem of consistently breeding top quality livestock, but nature is not so obliging.

When selecting breeding pairs today we must take into account flecking, which was not so much of a concern when I first came into the fancy and we cannot afford to ignore it in the breeding room. Intelligence needs to be employed when using flecked Budgerigars in breeding programmes or else we could lose the beautiful clean caps that the best exhibition birds possess. Many breeders believe there is a link between flecking and quality, and this is much stronger in hens than it is in cocks. Hens with grizzled caps are often far ahead of their clean counterparts in respect to overall head qualities and size.

This is far less true of cocks. Grizzled males are seldom ahead of clean ones in quality. For this reason it makes sense to limit the flecked Budgerigars in the breeding team to hens, which also ensures that flecking is limited to one side of each pairing only. Even this is not completely foolproof as some Budgerigars carry the fault of flecking recessively in hidden form.

No Place In Any Stud

A quality Budgerigar that is flecked can bring benefits to a stud but flecked individuals of only average quality have no place in any stud at all. Some fanciers buy in a flecked Budgerigar in the belief that quality is always allied with the fault as they believe that their studs will be improved. In most cases they may increase the size of their Budgerigars' throat spots but the problems they introduce completely outweigh the benefits. A flecked headed hen will often produce clean headed cocks but which in turn breed dirty-headed daughters.

It would be best if all pairings consisted of two clean headed partners but unfortunately such individuals capable of breeding winners are few and far between. If they can be obtained they are priceless and should never be put with flecked partners.

When selecting pairings, my considerations are influenced mainly by what I can see followed by what I know about the family from where they came from. When an outcross is brought in, more account must be taken of visual properties due to your lack of knowledge of its pedigree than that of one of your own birds. Some breeders will bring in an outcross but then use it with the lesser quality birds in the stud. This is just crazy because if a budgerigar is worth obtaining then it is worth the best partner you can find.

Getting Down To Basics



Whatever methodology you use in selecting pairings in the birdroom you need to get down to basics. Each of my breeding cages is fully prepared with sufficient food and water to minimize disturbance of the pairs for their first few days together.

The cocks in my breeding team will have been selected as a matter of course in the months prior to breeding through daily observation. My first consideration is overall quality and only the top cocks are used for breeding. Some pairings select themselves because they were very successful the previous year. I have heard it said that little progress will be made if pairings are repeated from year to year. My view is why change a good thing when you've got one.

The cocks are placed into their breeding cages and the most suitable hens are selected from the flights. Of course, fitness does govern the timing of this activity. It is usual that the best cock is paired with the best hen but even so, this does not often produce the top-quality youngsters. Top quality Budgerigars are paired and produce chicks which are useful but not outstanding. The best youngsters come from the young of the top-quality parents from the following year. So, the Budgerigars retained and used for breeding are not always the best-looking ones. Very often it is the brothers and sisters of the most striking individuals who breed the specials winners. This situation has been confirmed by breeders for many years.

A Change In Partner

Once paired and seen to be getting on together, the Budgerigars are left. To get full eggs followed by chicks requires the cooperation of both the cock and the hen and if a pairing fails it can be either bird that is at fault. There are times when a change in partner is needed. Some cocks just do not have the libido to stimulate the hen into successful mating. I am never too quick to return a hen to the flight as a failure. I try another cock as a partner first.

Introducing a new partner to any Budgerigar calls for vigilance in case there is fighting and this is even more important when one partner has already reared a nest of chicks. In my experience a hen which has reared accepts a new partner more readily than a cock in the same situation. To minimize the risk of problems it is best to put the pair into a cage which is new to both the cock and the hen. However, make sure the nest box is in the same location.

Many of the problems encountered during the course of the breeding season are caused by imposing your selection of a cock to a particular hen. Of course, doing this is essential to any pedigree livestock breeding programme and so the difficulties have to be accepted and attempts made to overcome them.

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society

General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday August 9, 2017

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.00 pm

APOLOGIES: Marshall Family, Shiralee Reardon; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 25

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: From the BSSA show schedules for the UBC interclub challenge to be held on October 28. Hard copy will be on the table to take at the September and October meeting for anyone wishing to support the club at this show; July-August Budgie Digest from BSSA; July newsletter from Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Society; June-July Feathered World newsletter from the Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia; Notice of AGM date from UBSSA; Animal Adoption Renewal from Adelaide Zoo for the \$100 donation in support of the budgerigar exhibit

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Electronic copies of the UBC show schedule to those on email

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Pending the club's financial position, are we happy to continue our \$100 support for the budgerigar exhibit at Adelaide Zoo? Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Refer to the AGM Treasurer's Report. To summarise: Term deposit: \$12,500; Incentive Saver \$5,735.86; Cheque Account: \$7,692.74; Total funds: \$23,928.60

RING OFFICER REPORT: Supplementary 2017 ring order has been received and distributed. No more 2017 rings are available. Any shortfalls will need to be filled by ring transfers in the event of some breeders having an excess. 2018 coded ring orders have been finalised and the number of additional club NE rings to be ordered will be determined at the Committee meeting

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Plastic carry handles for show cages on special tonight for \$10

BCSA REPORT: Next meeting August 25th. Anything from the floor that needs to be raised via the NEBS delegates? Nationally the discussion is focussed on possibly containerisation for the national show equipment, moving it around the states/zones as they host the national show

NEW CLUB MEMBERS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS: 2016 most status points recognised by an award from the BCSA: Novice: Ken and Janet Harris; Intermediate: Wayne Bandt; Open: Kelwyn Kakoschke. Breeders elevated to Champion Status for 2017 (with 85 or more points won in 2016): Kelwyn Kakoschke and Dennis Lomman: Congratulations to both

MOVED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA AT THIS POINT, THEN RETURNED TO THIS AGENDA

ENTERTAINMENT: The interview conducted by Graeme Alchin with the veteran breeder Ray Evans was entertaining with insights into the many changes that have taken place over the years

NIGHT SHOW: Not held this month; LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Marcus Strudwicke; Second: Murray Bray; Third: Sue Adams

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 13. Entertainment will be Question and Answer. Bird of the Night will be an **unbroken cap** Normal Yellow Faced Blue. For September, October and November the night shows will highlight unbroken caps, but Young 2017 blue rung birds also accepted for points

REMINDERS: Please help put away the chairs. Don't forget to pick up your magazines

MEETING CLOSED: 9.10 pm

Graeme Alchin, President

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO AUGUST

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Ben Hale	4	1
Michael Sloper	25	3
K & J Harris	2	1
Intermediate		
Vicki Sanford	11	1
Open		
Dennis Lomman	20	2
John Mulley	10	2
Graeme Alchin	3	1
L & H Edwards	1	1
Shiralee Reardon	3	1

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 9, 2017

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8-10 pm.

APOLOGIES: As per the General Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM: Taken as read. Available for perusal.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil; **CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lloyd thanked all members for contributing to the ongoing success of the club which is starting the new year in a solid financial position. He regretted having to stand down as President but was keen to remain active at Committee level. He took the opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted him during his 24 years tenure as President, especially members who have supported the club throughout the year by attending monthly meetings, members working in the kitchen, speakers who have provided the entertainment and SA breeders who have supported the NEBS shows. He wished the club every success in the future, thanking "one and all" for their support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As per the August magazine for the audited balance sheet. Thanks to Sandy Strachan CA for auditing the books again this year. Funds increased by \$2,235.56 over the past year due to raffles, lucky envelopes, Trading Table, canteen ably run by Helen and Lloyd at club and BCSA events and by bank interest. Main expenses were magazine postage and the cost of trailer refurbishment is on the horizon.

One nomination was received for PATRON. Bill Davis accepted the position.

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS WERE DECLARED OPEN: Election of the new Committee was moderated by the Patron Bill Davis. The new Committee:

PRESIDENT Graeme Alchin

VICE PRESIDENT Lloyd Edwards

SECRETARY John Mulley

ASSISTANT SECRETARY Janet Harris

TREASURER Vicki Sanford

RING OFFICER Dennis Lomman

SHOW MANAGER Luke Jamieson
ASSISTANT SHOW MANAGER Michael Smith
TRADING TABLE OFFICER No nomination was received so nominations were called for from the floor. Michael Sloper volunteered to fill the position
COMMITTEE Helen Edwards; Ken Harris; Ben Hale; Lea Todd

Positions previously filled:

BCSA COUNCILLORS Dennis Lomman, John Mulley, Shiralee Reardon
MAGAZINE EDITOR Lea Todd

The Patron Bill Davis thanked all who nominated for positions, congratulated and handed the meeting over to the incoming President, reiterating thanks to Lloyd for a job well done.

The incoming President Graeme Alchin assumed the role of President for 2017-2018 and welcomed the new Committee.

The meeting returned to the August General Meeting agenda at 8.20 pm.

Graeme Alchin, Preside

Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday September 13, 2017

WELCOME: President Graeme Alchin declared the meeting open at 8.00 pm

APOLOGIES: Nil; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 24

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Minutes from the BCSA meeting held on August 25, to be discussed later under BCSA Report; Notification from the Taxation Office seeking an update on contact details associated with the club's ABN number; Chemical Essentials asking if we are still using F10 products

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil; BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Updating details associated with the club's ABN are in progress

TREASURER'S REPORT: Term deposit: \$12,500; Incentive Saver \$5,754.38; Cheque Account: \$6,457.93; Total funds: \$24,712.31. Time to think about the Christmas dinner

RING OFFICER REPORT: No 2017 rings are left. New 2018 rings available from December 15.

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Trading Table changeover has occurred

BCSA REPORT:

1. The 2018 rings have been ordered from the Belgian ring supplier
2. Discussions are ongoing at ANBC level regarding containerisation of the national show infrastructure, to cut costs and make the show easier to stage each year by the host Zone
3. Expressions of Interest were called for BCSA Show Manager and Electronics Supervisor
4. BCSA noted a change to the President at NEBS and expressed thanks to the outgoing President Lloyd Edwards for his many years of support to the BCSA in that role including many years as a past BCSA Councillor
5. The suggested change in format of the State Selection Show as presented by an Individual Member at the BCSA AGM is to be reviewed by their club and submitted through their club to satisfy the constitutional requirements for such submissions. Regarding the format of the State Selection Show:
 - a. Are there any comments from the floor for the NEBS Committee to consider in relation to the format of the State Selection Show. One member suggested leave it alone as it is
 - b. For anyone who does not currently enter birds in the State Selection Show, who would enter birds if allowed to opt out of making them available for state selection? When the national show is held at a venue not serviced by a direct flight one member would like to have that option
 - c. Who would support the notion of there being a State any age open show? Good idea in principle but not if it means adding an extra show to the show season. Preferable to support shows at other clubs instead appeared to be a popular suggestion

NEW CLUB MEMBERS: Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Trading Table has now changed hands since the last meeting. Thanks to the previous Trading Table Officer Sue Norris for her outstanding service over the past few years, especially supplying valuable breeding aids such as Liquid Gold and The Good Oil at reasonable cost. Thanks to Michael Sloper for stepping forward to continue this valuable service
2. Unbroken Cap show schedules are on the table. For anyone wanting an electronic copy and can't find the one distributed last month, ask the Secretary. Support from NEBS members at this interclub last year was extremely poor so we hope to have better support this year
3. Barrie Hayes presented a display of budgerigars at the Royal Adelaide Show in the North East's name. Thanks Barry and thanks Dennis who made birds available
4. Committee has started thinking about entertainment ideas for the first half of next year. Any suggestions from the floor? None forthcoming, so the Committee will make the plans

ENTERTAINMENT: Question and Answer. This was an opportunity to solve any problems and to discuss variations in husbandry that some breeders have found useful

NIGHT SHOW:

Best Novice: Michael Sloper; Best Intermediate: Geoff Murch; Best Open: Diana Trevarthen

Bird of the Night (**unbroken cap** Normal Yellow Faced Blue): Diana Trevarthen

Judge's Comments: Nice lot of birds were presented tonight. Perching was a problem for some of the unbroken caps but that is why we bring them to night shows, to give them experience

Thanks to Shiralee Reardon for again judging the night show

LUCKY ENVELOPES: None filled tonight

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Lloyd Edwards; Second: Lea Todd; Third: Dennis Lomman

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday October 11. Entertainment will be Quiz Night related to budgerigars moderated by Janet Harris. Bird of the Night will be an **unbroken cap** Dilute. The September, October and November night shows will highlight unbroken caps, but Young 2017 blue rung birds are also accepted for points

REMINDERS: Please help put away the chairs

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55pm

Graeme Alchin, President

NIGHT SHOW AGGREGATE POINTS ACCUMULATED UP TO SEPTEMBER

	Points	Shows entered
Novice		
Ben Hale	4	1
Michael Sloper	33	4
K & J Harris	2	1
Intermediate		
Vicki Sanford	22	2
Geoff Murch	12	1
Open		
Dennis Lomman	26	3
John Mulley	10	2
Graeme Alchin	3	1
L & H Edwards	2	2
Shiralee Reardon	3	1
Diana Trevarthen	20	1

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

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

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

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