



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, 2024.

(Also applies to new members who join after October 1st, 2023, who will be financial for 2024)

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

FAMILY Single fee (\$20.00) plus 50% single fee for each person over 18 years of age
Under 18 years – no charge in family situation

JUNIOR \$13 (65% normal fee)

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

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

**For electronic transfer of membership fees use your name as the reference, and Bank SA BSB
105-146, Account number 547328040.**

BCSA Membership fee: \$15 per person

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2024 rings.

**Club meets at Kilburn Hall at 49 Le Hunte St, Kilburn, at 7.30pm on the second
Wednesday of every month except December.**

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Editorial

September Editorial

The August AGM provided positive suggestions for moving the club forward with the new look Committee on the inside cover. Proposals arising from the AGM and the next Committee meeting were:

- Concentrate on what has been working and let go of the rest.
- The Tender Sale in June and the Christmas dinner in December work well.
- The night shows, bird of the night, mini-shows, and the entertainment no longer work.
- Need to try something new. Hence, the Budgie Bazaar event for September.
- Skip some monthly meeting timeslots. For example, attendance at the October 28 Unbroken Cap Show could substitute for the October and November monthly meetings.
- Move away from the regimented format, such as Treasurer's reports and Apologies.
- Basket supper to be brought along to meetings by members, not just the Committee.
- Update the Constitution to reflect 2023. In progress.
- Modernise the logo. Done.
- Discontinue the NEBS magazine beyond December and replace it with a NEBS page in the BCSA magazine.
- Embrace social media for younger members and to create awareness of our existence.

Food for thought. What do you think? Over to you for feedback on the above with any other suggestions by the end of September please, for timely assessment by the Committee.

John Mulley

*******NOTICE TO MEMBERS*******

**As of the April 2018 Meeting
The start time for the meeting will be 7.30pm.
The day will still be the second Wednesday of the month.**

DID YOU KNOW?

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

UBSSA SUPPORTERS SCHEME

NEBS is affiliated with The United Bird Societies of South Australia Inc but are you aware that you as individual members can be UBSSA Supporters? For an annual subscription fee of \$15 from July 1 you can contribute to the operating costs of the UBSSA and give it strength through numbers. The UBSSA has an impact on government on matters related to bird keeping that affects all of us. The UBSSA motto is "Strength through Unity". Contact details are on their website www.unitedbirds.asn.au.



A further question and answer from the proceedings of the International Forum as part of the 2007 ANBC Show hosted in Adelaide by the BCSCA with comment at the end on the context of the answer fast forwarded to 2022.



INTERNATIONAL FORUM

On the Tuesday evening (29th May) of the 2007 ANBC Nationals held in Adelaide South Australia, a very interesting forum was attended by about sixty fanciers.

The forum panel were Marcel Buhler from Switzerland: Ricky Watts from The United Kingdom: Warren Wilson from New South Wales: Alan Gamble from New Zealand: Ron Pearce from The United Kingdom.

Question: *Sue Adams from South Australia. With your birds in the flight when you are feeding all this soft food, do you find they get fat with all this extra protein? Some hens tend to be very greedy, and I am concerned about the fat issue.*

Warren Wilson: Have you ever seen any bird that does exercise get fat?

Rick Watts: Everyone keeps their birds differently. I have large outside flights which are 9 feet square and my birds are out all day and every day except when I pair up in November. I encourage birds to be active. Your birds can be active in an outside flight by you just hanging up branches in the flights or seedling grasses whatever. The birds will fly onto them and get exercise. In the UK there are a lot of birds that never get off the floor, hundreds of breeders have birds like this – and to me that will indicate something is wrong. I do not like seeing birds on the floor but if at the end of the day you have or want good quality livestock you must roll up your sleeves and get into it. Birds will not gorge all day long on soft food and if they do then obviously, they are not getting the nutritional value from the grains you are providing. If you feed the soft food early evening, then in the morning you rinse the dishes off for the afternoon feeding. They will not gorge all day. Feeding protein is extremely easy by spending five or ten minutes on the grater or a processor preparing your soft food and it is done. It is all about getting your birds into a routine.

Pairing Skills

By Terry A 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 features 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 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 consider 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 programs 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 minimise 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 pairs 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 either bird can be 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 minimise 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 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 must be accepted, and attempts made to overcome them.

The Breeding Season

By Terry A Tuxford

This article is aimed at Novices, in which Terry Tuxford shares his experience of breeding budgerigars.

When you pair your birds at the start of the breeding season the hope of every breeder is that the youngsters bred will mature into top quality exhibition birds. It is this expectation that massages your interest and keeps the enthusiasm going as every breeding season has the potential of becoming a new beginning.

Champions have a distinct advantage over Novices as they have experience plus the knowledge of their stock, gained over their many years of breeding. Anyone can breed an outstanding bird - the challenge is breeding and establishing a complete stud of quality birds and then maintaining it each year. This journey will have many setbacks and frustrations, but the satisfaction gained makes up for it and if you do well on the show bench, this is the crowning achievement.

The start of the breeding season begins when the last one finishes. It is crucial that the birds are fit when you pair them up - especially the hens. It is wise to keep hens not required for showing in the flights to help them maintain fitness and not gain excessive weight. Exercise is important especially for them, as they spend most of the breeding season in the confines of a small nest box.

When it comes to selecting breeding partners, there are three main practices. The first is best to best, where you pair your best cock to your best hen and then second best to second best, third to third and so on. Unless you have a very large stud with far more birds than breeding cages, for most fanciers the quality soon drops off. However, this does work well when working with a line bred group of birds and the quality is quite even.

Balancing The Pair

The second practice is balancing the pairs to compensate for each other's shortfalls but without doubling up on the faults. So, for example if the cock is a good allrounder but has small spots, his partner needs to be a quality hen that has huge spots. The aim is to breed young with the quality of the cock but gaining the larger spots from the hen. From this pairing, any young that are bred with small spots should not feature in any future breeding plans.

The third method is to pair up purely on pedigree. To do this effectively you must have complete and comprehensive records and in theory you should be able to select your breeding pairs without ever going into the bird room. It takes a lot of courage or maybe it's foolhardiness to follow this methodology. However, if you know the strengths and weaknesses and the dominant and recessive traits in your birds it could be the most effective method. The issue we face is when looking at the birds we see an incompatible pair visually. This raises

doubt and we start fiddling with the selected partners and we end up with a combination of method one and method two.

Having considered pairing up techniques, the challenge we all face is getting the selected birds in breeding condition at the same time. Sometimes it works other times it doesn't, and compromises must be made.

Bonded In The Flight

There are two further pair selection options. The first is to pair birds that have bonded in the flight. If both birds are already, "in love" with each other the probability of a successful mating will be greater than two birds that you have selected to go together. The other is not a method but is simply random pairings. No serious

breeder would admit to doing this, but I suspect when you are having a poor season and desperation is kicking in then this does happen. Would I do this – (tongue in cheek) not a chance!

Once you have selected your pairs you may find a few of your pairings do not click. They sit on opposite perches and every time one fly's across to the other, the other bird dives onto the floor or across to the other perch – clearly trying to avoid meeting. If this happens leave them for a week and watch to see if they settle. If after a week they are still doing the same, split them up and re-pair with other birds or return them to the flights.

In a few instances the pair may be rolling around the cage floor fighting with each other. In this happens remove one of the birds immediately before they hurt each other as they are clearly incompatible.

Eggs Starting To Be Laid

If they start feeding each other, rubbing beaks and the hen is interested in the box, leave them and they will almost certainly go down to nest with eggs starting to be laid in about ten days or soon after. There was a time when the cock and hen placed in the breeding cage they would mate almost immediately. This rarely happens these days and it would be usual to never see a pair mate but with full eggs still being laid. If a pair has not produced eggs within 3 weeks there could be an issue with the hen as follows:

1. Hen too young. Six months old is the youngest that I would use a hen but only then if she appeared mature and ready to go. Just like people, our birds will mature at different rates, but this would be an exception to the norm. The accepted age for a hen to start breeding is 9 to 12 months old. It can depend on the family of the birds, as like early maturing hens there are others that can take up to 18 months to be ready to breed.
2. Hen too old. A hen aged 3 or 4 years old can still produce nests of full eggs but many at this age are past their breeding best. I am convinced that this has been brought about by the large size of the modern exhibition budgerigar that are not particularly active and gain weight quickly. Mating is also a challenge for them because of their own weight and the weight of the cock bird, makes the ability of the hen to stand on the perch while mating takes place a real challenge.
3. Hen not in breeding condition. Although you may have thought you have caught your breeding hen at the correct time and she appeared to be breeding fit, she could have been at the tipping point of her cycle and soon after pairing up has gone over the top. You could wait for her to come back into condition again, by which time the cock will probably have lost interest. The solution is to put the hen back into the flight until she is once again ready.
4. The hen is ill. This will be evident if she is fluffed up and listless. If so keep her in a warm and quiet in a stock cage until she recuperates. If you are really concerned, seek veterinary advice or a more experienced breeder.

The hens from successful pairings will lay eggs on alternate days. The number of eggs laid can vary between two and ten and I have known hens lay more than this. I suspect they are laying a double clutch when this happens. The occasional hen will lay a single egg. This could be caused by several factors such as an older hen coming to the end of her breeding career or a very young hen for who it's the first time in the breeding cage. The latter will usually go on to lay a full clutch in the future. Assuming the single egg is fertile, I always try to foster those from young hens to other hens that have 4 or so full eggs, to hatch and rear. For the single egg from the older bird, I will give her more eggs to foster.



Fisher Show

Held On: Saturday, 17 June 2023
 Held At: Kilburn Hall
 President: Graeme Alchin
 Secretary: John Mulley
 Birds Entered: 103
 Birds Benched: 100

Benched by Status

70	Open
26	Intermediate
4	Novice

Major Awards

Grand Champion	Dennis Lomman	Dom Pied ASC/ASV Cock
Champion Opposite Sex	John Mulley	Normal Grey Green Hen
Reserve Champion Cock	John Mulley	Aust White Cap Cock
Reserve Champion Hen	Dennis Lomman	Cinnamonwing ASC Hen
Third Champion Cock	John Mulley	Dilute Yellow/White Cock
Third Champion Hen	John Mulley	Normal Green Hen
Fourth Champion Cock	Dennis Lomman	Cinnamonwing ASC Cock
Fourth Champion Hen	Marshall Family	Lacewing Hen
Fifth Champion Cock	Dennis Lomman	Cinnamonwing ASC Cock
Fifth Champion Hen	John Mulley	Normal Y/F Blue ASC Hen
Best Open Bird	Dennis Lomman	Dom Pied ASC/ASV Cock
Best Open Bird opposite Sex	John Mulley	Normal Grey Green Hen
Best Intermediate Bird	Michael Smith	Spangle AOSV Hen
Best Intermediate Bird Opposite	Ian & Gina Wise	Dilute Yellow/White Cock
Best Novice Bird	Paul Arnup	Normal Grey Cock
Best Novice Bird Opposite Sex	Paul Arnup	Normal Blue Hen
Best Junior Bird	0	#N/A

Best Of Colour/Variety

Normal Green	John Mulley	Cinnamonwing	Dennis Lomman
Normal Grey Green	John Mulley	Spangle Double Factor	Graeme Alchin
Normal Blue	Dennis Lomman	Opaline ASC	Graeme Alchin
Normal Visual Violet	Dennis Lomman	Opaline AOSV	John Mulley
Normal Grey	Graeme Alchin	Clearbody ASC	Paul Arnup
Normal Yellow Faced Blue	John Mulley	Lacewing	Marshall Family
Normal Golden Faced Blue	John Mulley	Fallow ASC	Michael Smith
Black Eyed Self	John Mulley	Spangle ASC	Graeme Alchin
Dilute Yellow/White	John Mulley	Spangle AOSV	John Mulley
Lutino	Graeme Alchin	Dominant Pied ASC/ASV	Dennis Lomman
Albino	Marshall Family	Recessive Pies ASC/ASV	Marshall Family
Dark Eyed Clear	Marshall Family	Australian White Cap	John Mulley
Clearwing ASC	Vicki Sanford	Crested ASC/ASV	John Mulley
Greywing ASC	John Mulley	Any Other Variety	Michael Smith
		Ladies Exhibit	Bette Marshall



**BEST NOVICE BREEDER
PAUL ARNUP**



**GRAND CHAMPION BREEDER
DENNIS LOMMAN**



**MAJOR AWARD
JUDGING**



MAJOR AWARD WINNING BIRDS



JUDGING FINISHED



**2023
NEBS ANNUAL FISHER SHOW
TROPHIES**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated
Saturday 15th July 2023, Enfield Community Centre**

1. **Venue:** Enfield Community Centre
2. **Commencement Time:** 9.00am
3. **Attendees:** Michael Crossley, Wayne Bandt, Andrew Swift, Kerry Murphy, Ken Harris, Ian Jenke, Peter Glassenbury, Shiralee Reardon, Wayne Weidenhofer, John Mulley, Ian Marshall, Malcolm Loveridge, Doug Lange, Sue Adams, George England, Kelwyn Kakoschke, Dennis Lomman, Ian Wise, Troy Holmes & Chris Murphy.
4. **Apologies:** Jane Kelb, Nigel Tonkin & Bob Simpson.
5. **Previous Minutes:** Meetings minutes distributed to all delegates and Clubs following last year's AGM. **Motion:** - That the minutes as tabled previously be accepted. Moved – Shiralee Reardon. Seconded – Wayne Weidenhofer. All voted in favour.

REPORTS (All reports to be accepted in one motion)

6. **Financials 2022-23:**
7. **Presidents Report:**
8. **Treasurers Report:**
9. **Ring Officers Report 2023: Note from BCSA Secretary** – SA ring orders are again extended to 31st August 2023, with ANBC approval and all relevant orders for 2024 will be placed with the manufacturer Coditech within that timeline.
Motion: - That all reports be accepted. Moved – Doug Lange. Seconded - Sue Adams. All voted in favour.

10. Committee Positions:

Election of Office Bearers: Nominations received as per the Objects and Rules of The Budgerigar Council of South Australia Incorporated.

As only 1 nomination has been received for all Office Bearer positions, these are duly elected.

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| a. President: | Troy Holmes |
| b. Vice- President: | Michael Smith |
| c. Secretary: | Chris Murphy |
| d. Treasurer: | Ian Wise |
| e. Ring Officer: | Wayne Weidenhofer – replaced by Nigel
Tonkin. |

Note – Following the close of nominations, Wayne Weidenhofer withdrew his nomination as Ring Officer. The previous Ring Officer (Nigel Tonkin) was asked to continue in the role for 2023/24.

Motion: - “That the nominated candidates be declared the elected office bearers for the year 2023/24. Moved – Peter Glassenbury. Seconded – Sue Adams. All voted in favour.

Committee for the year 2023/2024 (current delegates)

NEBS - Shiralee Reardon, John Mulley, Nigel Tonkin, Ian Wise
PPBS - Larry Jeffries, Doug Lange, Peter Glassenbury, Michael Smith
BSSA - Chris Murphy, Ken Harris, Wayne Weidenhofer, Troy Holmes

Motion: - "That those additional Delegates recorded, not being Office Bearers, be accepted". Moved – Dennis Lomman. Seconded – Malcolm Loveridge. All voted in favour.

Motion: - "That the signatories for bank accounts be Troy Holmes, Ian Wise and Chris Murphy with any 2 to sign. Moved – Ken Harris. Seconded – George England. All voted in favour.

11. Election of Auditor:

That an auditor independent of the Committee be sought by the Committee to Audit the Council books for the 2023/2024 year.

Moved – George England that "Worrall & Co" be approached to be the BCSA Auditor for the 2023/24 year.

Seconded – Ian Marshall. All voted in favour.

12. General Business:

Motions: -

Financial Matters – **(to be treated as one motion)**

1. "That the Full Member Organization fees for the forthcoming year be \$100.00 and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting."
2. "That individual membership be \$15.00 per year and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting".
3. "That the Junior Membership fee for the year be FREE and be subject to review at the next Annual General Meeting".
4. "That the price of rings for the 2024 be set at 50 cents per unit and freight and bank fee charges apply as per ANBC guidelines and as settled at any General Meeting".
5. That the price for printing and postage of the BCSA Magazine "Chatter" be set at \$12.50 per issue or \$50.00 per year for the 2023/24 year.

Moved – Shiralee Reardon. Seconded – Michael Crossley. All voted in favour.

13. General Matters –

- a) The Financial report has yet to be audited. Once this has been completed, the full financial report will be issued to all members.
- b) The President reported that he had received several enquiries from Interstate and Overseas individuals wishing to join the BCSA, following the release of the Chatter Magazine. Members present endorsed the BCSA evaluating the process to allow this to happen working within the current rules that all members must belong to one of the 3 member Clubs of the BCSA.
- c) Wayne Weidenhofer was presented with his certificate in attaining Major Award Judging Status.
- d) Dennis Lomman was presented with Life Membership of the BCSA.
- e) Kelwyn Kakoschke was presented with Life Membership of the BCSA.

14. Meeting Declared Closed: 9.25 am.



BCSA Treasurer Report 2022-23

Details of the financial position of the BCSA at the end of the 2022-2023 financial year are set out in the profit and loss statement that accompanies this report. Total funds of \$66,857.30 is slightly down on the previous years \$69,368.09.

Our costs for 2022/23 were different to 2021/22 based on the purchase of a laptop computer and printer for the Logan Shield, the carry-over of the rosettes, and them being absorbed into this financial year just gone, some final National expenses from Victor Harbor, the Logan Shield being more expensive to run, website development costs, magazine generation and publishing, the honorarium paid to bird carers for Ballarat (including travel costs) and the initiation of Facebook advertising. Fortunately, much of this cost was offset by donations, leaving a deficit of \$2,565.79.

As an July 1st 2023, the Operating Account balance is \$6,700.33, while the Investment account currently holds a balance of \$60,156.97. The current term ends on July 19.

This is my first year in the role and I still have a lot to learn. A special mention must go to not only the work that the President has put into advancing the hobby, but the very generous donation made by him this financial year to boost the new and exciting changes going forward.

Ian Wise, BCSA Treasurer

BCSA Treasurer Report 2022-23

2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR			
Opening Balances		2022/23	
National Account	\$	2,878.85	
Term Deposit	\$	44,697.74	
Transaction Account	\$	21,846.50	
Total Funds On Hand	\$	69,423.09	
Income			
Club Affiliations	\$	200.00	
Auction Proceeds	\$	13,780.00	
Raffle	\$	198.00	
Memberships (Past)	\$	30.00	
Memberships (2023)	\$	855.00	
Ring Sales	\$	4,827.50	
Show Entry Fees	\$	340.00	
Interest	\$	984.57	
Bond Return	\$	385.00	
Sale of Auction Bird	\$	459.90	
Donations	\$	10,142.00	
			\$ 32,201.97
Expenses			
Rings		-\$ 4,810.25	
Jnr Ring Reimb		\$ -	
ANBC Affiliation		-\$ 300.00	
Auction Payouts		-\$ 12,212.00	
Auction Costs		-\$ 207.00	
Bank Charges		-\$ 19.15	
UBBSSA		\$ -	
2022 Rosettes		-\$ 751.00	
2022 Nationals		-\$ 649.00	
Logan Shield Expenses		-\$ 2,396.35	
Hall Hire		-\$ 349.50	
Hall Key/Bond		-\$ 385.00	
Insurance		-\$ 65.00	
Secretary Expenses		\$ -	
Bird Carer & Freight Costs		-\$ 2,613.34	
Facebook Ads		-\$ 304.27	
Magazine Costs		-\$ 3,922.85	
Website		-\$ 3,045.05	
PC		-\$ 2,738.00	
			-\$ 34,767.76
Net Outcome (Loss)			-\$ 2,565.79
Balances At June 30 from People's Choice			
National Account	\$	-	
Term Deposit	\$	60,156.97	
			Calculated Balances
Transaction Account	\$	6,700.33	At June 30
Total Funds On Hand	\$	66,857.30	\$ 66,857.30
Match			
			\$ -



BCSA Ring Officers Report 2022-23

A total of 9550 rings have been issued / ordered for South Australian fanciers this year compared to 10140 in 2022.

Ring quality remains good, although very tough if you want to cut one off.

It would be an interesting exercise to assess the actual number of rings used from those that are issued

Trusting your season has been a good one thus far.

Financial membership numbers 2023

Club	Inter	Junior	Novice	Open	Grand Total
BSSA	2	6	23	12	43
NEBS	3	2	9	12	26
Pt Pirie	1		2	9	12
Grand Total	6	8	34	33	81

		Partnership	11
		Life Member	5
BSSA	43	Open	33
NEBS	26	Inter	6
Pt PIRIE	12	Novice	34
	81	Junior	8
		Total	81

Much regard,

Nigel Tonkin, State Ring Officer

I've written a much more detailed report, which I'll save for our next Edition of Chatter, but I would like to highlight the key points here. Let me start by saying I am phenomenally proud of what we've achieved in the past 12 months as a state. At a National level, we had greater participation, a stronger team, and a better outcome.

- For the first time since the inception of the BCSA, South Australia finished with 4 wins at the National level. And what's better, is that it was four different exhibitors who won those.
- We had 45 birds on the Top bench at the Nationals, 5 more than the year prior
- We had 20 exhibitors making up the team, a 33% increase on the year prior
- We finished with 446 points, 35 points out of third place, compared to 397 the year prior, where we were 105 points away from third place.
- We had only one class where we didn't fill it with all three birds at the Logan Shield (Dark Eyed Clear), versus three classes the year prior (Crest, Dark Eyed Clear, and Blackeye)
- We won 4 National Titles (Dilute, Clearwing, Dominant Pied and Whitecap) versus 2 the year prior (Normal Blue, Dilute).
- We had over 50 members of the public drop in and attend the Logan Shield to find out what Budgies is all about.

In terms of the internet, social media, and advertising,

- We've created our new look website, which is 196 individual pages.
- Our Domain Authority (DA) – our credibility, has risen over 400%, from 13 to 53.
- Google shows that it has Index (discovered) all of 196 pages, and is currently ranking key words for search engine results from 119 of them.
- We have been very active on social media with 87 Instagram posts, and over 100 Facebook posts. We have 1,100 following us on Facebook, with an average of 100 coming on board every month.
- In the last 28 days, our posts have been shown in people's Facebook feeds 14,372 times, we've had 2,359 reactions, and 215 shares of posts through Social media. Social media is our biggest traffic driver to our BCSA website.
- Overall, Google itself says we've had 3,600 users to our website in the last 60 days, and 55,000 events, up from 16 users for the 9 months prior.
- Of the 3,600 users, they've collectively viewed the site 24,000 in the two months we've been launched.
- We managed to have three radio interviews in the lead up to the Logan Shield, and some excellent press coverage in the Advertiser for the hobby.

In terms of our Auction being held today;

- We have secured some fantastic interstate participation, with several national winning breeders making birds available here today.
- We've got close to 20 registered phone bidders, so our interest is not only interstate sellers, but interstate buyers.
- We will bring our auction live to country as a Zoom meeting for the first time in the BCSA history.
- We hope that the calibre of birds and interest is reflected in the quality of the birds here today, and the revenue generated for the council to continue all of these wonderful activities to drive up participation in the hobby.

The revamped auction and the website's efforts, in my opinion, capture the spirit of South Australia's new slogan, "A New State of Mind."

Fittingly today, we plan on bestowing two life memberships to members who have served the BCSA admirably over the years, or brought honour and prestige to the Council through their generational achievements in budgerigars.

Lastly, there is the current situation at the North East, who are on the look out for new and enthusiast committee members to help drive them forward. The Club is financially secure, but needs more volunteers to participate in events, meetings and organising committees. If you're thinking you may have an interest, but you're not sure, my advice to you is that serving on a committee can have numerous benefits, and it can be a rewarding experience for several reasons. Being a part of such a committee allows you to make a meaningful contribution to the budgerigar community in South Australia. You can help shape the policies, standards, and practices that affect budgerigar breeders, owners, and enthusiasts in the region. It has the added benefit that it can aid personal development, giving you the opportunity to enhance your leadership, decision-making, problem-solving, and communication skills. As a committee member, you'll meet and work with diverse people who share your interest in budgerigars. These connections can provide support, inspiration, and potential opportunities for collaboration in breeding programs with other fanciers. One thing I've personally found is that serving on a committee deepens your knowledge of budgerigars, their care, breeding, diseases, and overall well-being. This specialised knowledge could benefit your own budgerigar breeding program. Furthermore, as a committee member, you also have the chance to advocate for budgerigar-related issues that are important to you. You can help in spreading awareness about budgerigars, their needs, and the joy they can bring as pets or as an exhibition stud. This can lead to more people becoming responsible budgerigar owners, which in turn helps grow our great hobby. While serving on a committee requires time and effort, it also offers the opportunity for meaningful experiences, and I would strongly encourage you to consider the potential experiences and benefits.

I look forward to the 2023–2024 fiscal year with great excitement, and I express my gratitude to the many individuals who have contributed an incredible amount of time and energy to the BCSA and its many committees, teams, and carers.

Troy Holmes, BCSA President

North East Budgerigar Society of South Australia Incorporated Incorporation Number A7656 (the “Association”)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at 49 Le Hunte St., Kilburn, South Australia, on August 9, 2023, at 7.30pm.

Chairperson: John Mulley, in the capacity as Public Officer following the Notice of Meeting sent to all members on behalf of the Committee.

20 members present: John Mulley, Ian Marshall, John Farrugia-Gay, Mike Crossley, Dennis Lomman, Shiralee Reardon, Vicki Sanford, Ian Wise, Barry Hayes, Marcus Strudwicke, Janet Smith, Graeme Alchin, Graham Bell, Beau Schutz, Nigel Tonkin, Kate Davis, Bill Davis, Paul Schroeder, Troy Holmes, Sue Adams.

Tickets for the door prizes were distributed.

Apologies: Michael Smith, Bette and Brian Marshall, Lloyd and Helen Edwards, Tony Van Den Brink.

Special presentation of Life Membership badges by Dennis Lomman, in his capacity as Vice President:

Citation: Life Membership proposal for Graeme Alchin

Graeme Alchin joined the North East Budgerigar Society as a Junior long before many of us had exhibition budgerigars. He has served on the Committee since 2002, was the Show Manager from 2009 until 2016 and President since 2017. Since 2009 he has housed the trailer with the club staging, made the aluminium shelving that replaced the heavy steel shelving, and managed the setup of staging at club shows, the 2014 national show in Adelaide and at the Logan Shield and BCSA auctions each year since 2009. Being there at the beginning and end of these events represents a valued commitment at club and state level.

Citation: Life Membership proposal for Vicki Sanford

Vicki Sanford joined the Northeast Budgerigar Society in January 2003. She was Assistant Secretary on the Committee from 2005 until August 2009 when she accepted the role of Treasurer. Vicki has continuously held the Treasurer position over the next 14 years with all that entails for the monthly raffles, payment of invoices, and ring and membership payments. The club membership has fluctuated between 45 and 80 members during the past decade as an indicator of the scope of that involvement. She took on the additional role of Trading Table Officer since 2019 to extend the life of the club and in recent years has managed the catering at club shows. Throughout her term on the Committee, she has been an active participant in management decisions affecting the club and is a regular at the end of the day to leave the hall shipshape after club shows, Logan Shield and BCSA auction.

The Committee (apart from the two nominees who knew nothing about this) recommended that these outstanding contributions to the Society be recognised since without their managerial contributions over the stated timespans the club would have been brought to the brink of liquidation long before tonight.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Graeme Alchin thanked members and the Committee for supporting the club by actively participating in meetings and the shows throughout the year. Its our club and the more we contribute to it the more we benefit by being part of it.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Vicki summarised her report. Full details of the club’s financial position are set out in the financial report that will appear in the September magazine.

DOOR PRIZES: Door prize winners were Ross Gordon, Graeme Alchin, and Sue Adams.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO HANDING OVER TO THE CLUB PATRON TO DECLARE ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS VACANT:

Given that the club has not been able to fill the Committee for the past five years and its clear that monthly meetings and shows are not supported much beyond members of the Committee, as the Public Officer I was instructed by the Committee to put in place the legal steps leading to liquidation if the club could not fill the key Committee positions moving forward.

Key Committee positions are President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ring Officer, and Show Manager, but bear in mind that the remaining Committee positions represent the reservoir of members who gain experience on the Committee to step up into the Key Committee positions when they are

vacated, as eventually happens.

Various discussions at Committee level and informally behind the scenes have tried to find solutions since it's been a great club and we all wanted it to keep going:

- The Trading Table position has now lapsed due to lack of demand arising from poor attendance at monthly meetings,
- The Trading Table role was temporarily taken over by the Treasurer and the Show Manager role was temporarily taken over by the Secretary, pending the emergence of someone from the membership stepping forward to fill those roles,
- The magazine has been moved to quarterly rather than every two months since we don't have a dedicated Committee person for sourcing fresh magazine content,
- Difficulty finding speakers within the membership for entertainment and attendance has not been strong enough to justify external speakers,
- Ideas floated have included changing the Constitution to allow for an abbreviated Committee, reducing the frequency of meetings, even going to the extreme of only issuing rings, all of which have their downsides in relation to the club having a future.
- Magazine editorials and statements at AGMs over several years have communicated the need for new people to fill Committee positions, to no effect.

The Chair opened to the floor for discussion prior to handing the meeting over to the club Patron to declare the Committee positions vacant and to elect the new Committee:

Lively discussion with wide participation took place. Suggestions for the new Committee to consider can be summarised as follows:

- Move away from a regimented meeting style to make it more like an attractive social event rather than a meeting. For example, arrange seating in a circle for group participation.
- Concentrate on what we like that has succeeded in achieving participation in the past. Stand outs are the June bird sale and the Christmas dinner, both of which facilitate social interaction.
- What we like is chatting about birds surrounding by members with a wealth of knowledge and experience. For example, everyone could bring along a budgie to talk about it, or that approach could be used to discuss a budgie related topic.
- Embrace social media to attract younger members and to close the gap in awareness that budgie clubs exist.
- Challenges to face-to-face meetings are competition from Google and the cost of exhibition budgerigar stock, seed, and equipment.
- Challenges for clubs are attracting members able to take on leadership roles in key positions with some rotation involving new people to prevent stagnation.
- If necessary, trim the number of peripheral Committee positions, retaining the key positions until the situation can be turned around. That may even involve trimming the number of meetings (events) each year.

With discussion having run its course the Chair handed the meeting over to the Club Patron to declare all Committee positions vacant and to elect the new Committee:

CLUB PATRON: Bill Davis continues as club Patron. Bill declared all Committee positions vacant and called for nominations from the floor. Positions were filled as follows:

President: Graeme Alchin

Vice President: Shiralee Reardon

Secretary: John Mulley (but stepping down from that position no later than the 2025 AGM)

Assistant Secretary: Marcus Strudwicke

Treasurer: Beau Schutz

Ring Officer: Shiralee Reardon

Show Manager: Troy Holmes

Assistant Show Manager: Ian Wise

Trading Table Officer: Position has previously lapsed by Committee agreement.

Committee Member: John Farrugia-Gay

Committee Member: Ian Marshall

Committee Member: Nigel Tonkin

Committee Member: Dennis Lomman

The meeting was then handed back to the Chair.

Since key positions seen as essential (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ring Officer, and Show Manager) were filled as well as all remaining position open for nomination it was unanimously agreed that the club remains viable. The alternative agenda option of proceeding along the pathway to liquidation was deleted. The Secretary is currently the Public Officer. Consideration could be given to separating these roles in the Constitution.

John Mulley, Secretary and Public Officer

INCOME REPORT FOR NORTHEAST BUDGERIGAR CLUB FOR 2022-2023

Hi everyone. Well it's that time of year again. This year we have made a loss of \$1,133.50. This is due to no longer selling raffle tickets at night meetings and no longer charging entry fees for our shows. This was in the hope that it would encourage more people to show and enter more birds. Plus we have to pay for all of the show lunches as we stopped the shared salads after covid.

We are having our AGM coming up and I will not be restanding for the Treasurer's position. I have been on the Committee for about 19 years and I want to have a break. Hopefully there is someone prepared to fulfill this position, or 1 of the numerous positions available. This is a good club and I would like to see it continue. Look forward to seeing you all at our AGM.

Vicki Sanford, Treasurer NEBS.

INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR 2022-2023

INCOME		EXPENDITURE
\$ 99.00	Raffles/Supper	\$ 251.14
1,047.00	Trading Table	697.00
674.00	NEBS Subscriptions	0.00
285.00	BCSA Fees	285.00
1,487.50	Rings	1,437.50
0.00	Shows/Show Lunches	294.00
60.00	Sundries	918.56
0.00	Secretarial Expenses/Magazines	618.20
0.00	Trailer Reg. & Ins./Affiliation Fees	359.50
654.90	Interest Bank Accounts/Incentive Saver	0.00
20.00	Canteen/Drinks	0.00
0.00	Hall Rent	600.00
\$ 4,327.40	TOTALS	\$ 5,460.90
\$ 1,133.50	EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	
\$ 5,460.90	FINAL TOTALS	\$ 5,460.90

Audited & found correct (records produced) by Committee. Northeast Budgerigar Society Inc.

BALANCES OF BANK ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023

<u>BALANCE OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2022</u>	\$ 3,435.06	
Plus Incomes 2022/2023 (Does not incl. Interest from Incent. Saver)	3,703.75	
Plus Transfer from Incentive Account	1,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 8,138.81	
Less Expenditure 2022/2023 (Does not incl. Transfers to Incent. Saver)	5,460.90	
<u>Less money transferred to Incentive Saver</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 2,077.91</u>	

<u>BALANCE OF INCENTIVE SAVER ACCOUNT AT 30TH JUNE, 2022</u>	\$ 4,683.78	
Plus Deposits transferred from Cheque Account	600.00	
Plus Interest received for 2022/2023	623.46	
Plus balance transferred from Term Deposit	12,500.19	
TOTAL	\$ 18,407.43	
Less money transferred to Cheque Account	1,000.00	
<u>BALANCE OF INCENTIVE SAVER ACCOUNT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 17,407.43</u>	

<u>BALANCE OF TERM DEPOSIT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2022</u>	\$ 12,500.00	
Interest transferred to Cheque Account	31.25	
Transfer of balance to Incentive Saver Account	12,500.19	
<u>BALANCE OF TERM DEPOSIT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	

CHEQUE ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 30 TH JUNE, 2023	\$ 2,077.91	
<u>INCENTIVE SAVER ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 17,407.43</u>	
<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCES AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ 19,485.34</u>	

TOTAL BANK FUNDS AS AT 30 TH JUNE, 2023	\$ 19,485.34	
TOTAL BANK FUNDS AS AT 30 TH JUNE, 2022	20,618.84	
<u>NET LOSS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	<u>\$ - 1,133.50</u>	

<u>CHEQUES OUTSTANDING</u>	<u>EST. VALUE OF ASSETS 30TH JUNE, 2023</u>	
Nil	PA System/Projector	\$ 600.00
	Trailer/Staging	3,700.00
	Bond for Hall	100.00
	Rings	65.00
	Cash Floats on Hand	58.00
	Trading Table Stock	425.00
	<u>TOTAL EST. VALUE</u>	<u>\$5,178.00</u>

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Minutes of the Northeast Budgerigar Society

General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday June 14, 2023, 7.30pm

Normal proceedings suspended for the night to enable priority to be given to the bird sale. The club extends a welcome to visitors present tonight.

APOLOGIES: Graeme Alchin.

JUST A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mailout of the June magazine will be the last for non-financial members.
2. Dennis referred to the 2024 ring ordering procedure and advised that full details can be found in the June Budgie Bulletin.
3. Procedure for bird sale is as follows:
 - Starting price – breeder's choice as written on the cage.
 - Minimum increment is \$10 but not restricted to \$10 if you really want the bird
 - About 10 minutes notice will be given before calling time
 - Time will be called without notice when we see no buyer activity
 - Anyone who writes a bid down after time is called will be crossed off the bidder list
 - Seller is to sign and write paid on the tender form when their money is collected
 - Seller is to move the bird from their cage to the buyer's cage
 - Tables will be placed in front of the staging to facilitate transfer of birds
 - Any bird not attracting a bid can be sold at any negotiated price after time is called
 - Get started!

BIRD SALE UNDERWAY until no further buyer activity.

Sale birds were provided by L&H Edwards, Michael Crossley, Peter Glassenbury, Vicki Sanford, Dennis Lomman, John Mulley and Marshall Family.

4. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday July 12. Entertainment will be a presentation AND DISCUSSION on the birds at the National Show. Bird of the Night will be Recessive Pied.
5. REMINDER: The BCSA auction and AGM will be held on July 15.
6. Bird sale terminated at ~8.30pm.

Dennis Lomman, Chairman.

THE NORTH EAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY HONOURS AND AWARDSIN THE BCSA ERA

NATIONAL CLASS WINNERS WHO REPRESENTED NEBS IN THE LOGAN SHIELD

1996	Helen Brooks	Fallow	Cairns
1997	Rob McKie	Opaline	Melbourne
2000	John Mulley	Opaline AOSV	Adelaide
2001	M & R Rafferty	Opaline AOSV	Freemantle
2002	S & C Norris	Dominant Pied	Hobart
2003	John Mulley	Blackeyed Self	Cairns
2007	Marshall Family	Albino	Adelaide
2009	Peter Glassenbury	Blackeyed Self	Burnie
2014	Dennis Lomman	Normal Violet	Adelaide
2014	Marshall Family	Recessive Pied	Adelaide
2014	D & R Lange	Crested	Adelaide
2018	Troy Holmes	Normal Grey Green	Penrith

NATIONAL JUDGING APPOINTMENTS WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

1994, Malcolm Loveridge, Perth.

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

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

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

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

2014, Nigel Tonkin, Adelaide, 2019, Peter Glassenbury, Brisbane, 2022 John Mulley, Victor Harbour

NATIONAL SHOW MANAGER WHILE A NEBS MEMBER

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

Rockhampton; 2014, Doug Lange, Adelaide

NEBS LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Lowe (dec); Bob Hancock (dec); Betty Fisher (dec); John Fisher (dec); Arthur Harvey (dec); Coral Harvey(dec); Julie Kakoschke; Kelwyn Kakoschke; Brian Marshall; Bette Marshall; Bruce Stafford; MarionStafford; Lloyd Edwards; John Mulley; Graham Bell; Helen Edwards; Lea Todd; Dennis Lomman; Graeme Alchin; Vicki Sanford

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