



# **Budgie Bulletin**



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# NORTH EAST B.S. NEWSLETTER

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## CLUB OBJECTIVES

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

**T**O PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING VARIETIES AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ONES.

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

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

All subscriptions become due 1st January 2016  
(Except new members who joined after 1st October 2015)

**SINGLE \$15.00 DOUBLE \$22.50**

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**JUNIOR \$9.75** (65% normal fee)

**PENSIONER Single \$12.00** (80% normal fee) **Double \$18.00**

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**BCSA** Membership fee: \$15.00 per person.

Members must be financial with North East Budgerigar Society and BCSA to purchase 2015 rings.  
Please ensure that your membership card accompanies your order for rings.

*Newsletter will be forwarded to financial country or interstate members bi-monthly.*

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# Editorial

As another year goes by, the NEBS club AGM comes round again. It is time for new committee members to be elected for the 2015-16 year ahead. With the sad passing of Andrew this year, he will be hard to replace.

The NEBS has to go on regardless to be the successful club that it always has been.

The past 12 months has seen the club has update to a new computer system to make show entries and results a lot easier to handle. We just need one more person to learn how to operate it. We have also updated our staging to aluminium shelving. Many thanks must go to Graeme Alchin.

These things have been major expenses for the club, but have been purchased to make things easier for the club members.

I would like to take this opportunity thank all of the committee and members who have supported the club throughout the past year. Also, I would like to thank all the exhibitors who made their birds available for the Logan Shield. Congratulations to those that had birds chosen to represent the state at the Nationals that were held in WA this year.

Thanks to the bird handlers that go with the state team each year, preparing birds, checking ring numbers in and out of the carry cages and the early morning starts.

To the new committee coming in for 2015-16 season ahead, let's hope everything goes as it has in previous years and the NEBS continues to be the friendly and successful club that has been in the past.

Lloyd Edwards  
President

## **NOTICE**

### **2015 Rings**

Some unexpected additional 2015 Violet rings have now become available. Members who anticipate a bumper breeding season and who will need additional rings are now able to purchase them from the Ring Officer. But be quick.

### **2016 Rings**

The initial order for 2016 rings (Orange), for the ring issue date of 1 January 2016, has now been placed with the overseas supplier.

Members are again encouraged to purchase their total ring requirements for 2016 very early in the new-year. This will allow NEBS to assess whether or not the initial order was under estimated and establish if any additional rings will need to be ordered.

Dennis Lomman  
Ring Officer

# FOR SALE

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## **BIRD CARER REPORT FROM THE MANDURAH NATIONAL SHOW 2015**

The three SA bird carers for 2015 were John Mulley, Ian Marshall and Doug Lange. Twenty three of 29 exhibitors at the Logan Shield had at least one bird selected in the 80 strong Team that we took away. The 22 birds from one exhibitor formed the backbone of the Team. Spotting is an essential part of exhibiting budgerigars and most exhibitors complied to the extent that we requested on the show schedule. Spotting was of a very high standard from some exhibitors but a few made no attempt. Some did not use the entry form supplied with the show schedule to enter their birds, some do not supply ring numbers and some omit their required personalised ring code when they do supply their ring numbers meaning that the volunteers who manage the show have to waste their time chasing up these details.

Use of the reserve set of BCSA carry cages for transporting the Team from the Logan Shield to the holding area greatly simplified this operation. This and drop off of the remaining birds the day before departure went smoothly. All birds were chirpy with firm tails with none scratched before departure.

The expanded Team (now up to 81 birds with extra classes and three birds benched) were comfortably accommodated in the new and larger BCSA travel cages. Potential flight delays will no longer be a worry for us now that the birds have adequate space to be accommodated for an extended period. The BCSA hired an SUV at Perth airport to provide own transport to minimise delays between the airport and the national show venue and to facilitate Bird Carer movement between accommodation and the show venue given the early starts and distance between accommodation and the show venue.

One bird had to be scratched on show day. Multiple blood feathers concealed under a layer of mature cap feathers had ruptured during travel and it wasn't possible to repair the damage to enable that one bird to be benched. We notified the owner on the day. SA was the only State/Zone unable to bench three dark eyed clears as this composite variety hasn't caught on in SA. The extra birds and extra classes necessitated splitting the benching and judging of birds on the first day into morning and afternoon sessions with only an hour changeover to clean cages and bench the afternoon set. This was hectic but achievable with good organisation from the show officials and the Bird Carers from all seven States/Zones.

The SA birds in most classes were generally placed in the same order as judged at the Logan Shield, allowing for the fact that similar birds closely positioned at one show can easily swap positions at the next show. Judging of the crest class against the new Crested Standard was educational. Apart from crests needing to be centrally placed full circles, their feather density within the crest has to be such that there is no longer any doubt about it being the most prominent feature of the variety. Similar corrective actions to other parts of The Standard might be useful to reinforce varietal features in some of the other classes. Every bird gets a rosette which makes it a challenge to bring 80 rosettes back without incurring excess baggage costs. SA is only next door to WA but despite that it was noticeable that our state had very few supporters attending the show.

Pickup of birds went smoothly back in Adelaide with everyone collecting their birds when they said they would. SA will be down one of the regular away Bird Carers for Hobart next year, so that provides an opportunity to introduce new blood. The replacement needs to be able to spot and manage birds, or be enthusiastic enough to learn and to contribute with the aim to become a regular member of the Team. Someone from within the group of 23 successful SA exhibitors at the Logan Shield would be a good place to look for such a person.

To conclude, the standard of birds at Mandurah across all classes was extraordinarily high, possibly because the 2015 show birds were rung with black rings over two breeding seasons producing a larger than usual population of budgerigars from which to select for exhibition.

# CINNAMONWING

: Bird of the month for July 2015

The Cinnamonwing was recognised as a distinct variety in Australia, England and Germany at about the same time, around 1934. The first Cinnamonwing seen in Australia were bred in Adelaide in 1933. The mode of inheritance is sex-linked recessive, meaning that only the cocks can be split Cinnamonwing, that is, carry Cinnamonwing in a concealed form. For hens, insofar as Cinnamonwing is concerned, what you see is what it is.

The distribution of markings in Cinnamonwing is the same as we see in Normals, but the markings differ in colour. The black markings seen in Normals are replaced with brown cinnamon markings caused by a mutation shutting down one of the two types of melanin responsible for black markings in the Normals. The Cinnamonwing mutation also affects feather structure and reduces body colour to less than full intensity. Therefore the variety can be used as a genetic modifier in striving for perfection in certain other varieties. For example, Blackeyed self's are usually bred on a Cinnamonwing background in order to dampen the markings and reduce body colour suffusion. Generally spangle double factors are bred on a Cinnamonwing background in order to eliminate body colour suffusion.

I have issue with the naming of this variety. I don't see it as a wing variety akin to clearwings since the markings in the Cinnamonwing are present ubiquitously. They are not restricted to the markings in the wings. The name should be cinnamon, dropping off the "wing".

The other issue I have is the myth that to improve feather structure one should breed birds "through Cinnamonwing". In reality the feather structure is altered only if the birds are Cinnamonwing. A bird's feather structure depends on the variety and is unaffected by a birds ancestry unless the gene itself is transmitted to affect the appearance. Having Cinnamonwing ancestry, unless the bird itself has received the Cinnamonwing gene and is a Cinnamonwing, has no effect on feather structure. In other words, long ago the Lamarkian theory of inheritance of acquired characters was superseded by Mendelian genetics.

John Mulley 2015

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# **NEBS FISHER ANNUAL SHOW RESULTS**

**Show held Saturday May 2, 2015**

<b>GRAND CHAMPION</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>THIRD CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>THIRD CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>FOURTH CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>FOURTH CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>FIFTH CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>FIFTH CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>BEST OPEN BIRD</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST OPEN OPPOSITE SEX</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>BEST INTERMEDIATE BIRD</b>	<b>Geoff Murch</b>
<b>BEST INTERMEDIATE OPP SEX</b>	<b>Geoff Murch</b>
<b>BEST NOVICE BIRD</b>	<b>Wayne Bandt</b>
<b>BEST NOVICE OPP SEX</b>	<b>Wayne Bandt</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL GREEN</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL GREY GREEN</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL BLUE</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL VISUAL VIOLET</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL GREY</b>	<b>D &amp; R Lange</b>
<b>BEST YELLOWFACED BLUE</b>	<b>L &amp; H Edwards</b>
<b>BEST GOLDENFACED BLUE</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>BEST BLACK EYED SELF</b>	<b>Peter Glassenbury</b>
<b>BEST DILUTE</b>	<b>D &amp; R Lange</b>
<b>BEST LUTINO</b>	<b>Geoff Murch</b>
<b>BEST ALBINO</b>	<b>L &amp; H Edwards</b>
<b>BEST CLEARWING</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>BEST GREYWING</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>BEST CINNAMONWING</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>BEST SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTOR</b>	<b>Geoff Murch</b>
<b>BEST OPALINE</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST OPALINE AOSV</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST CLEARBODY</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST LACEWING</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>BEST FALLOW</b>	<b>L &amp; H Edwards</b>
<b>BEST SPANGLE</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST SPANGLE AOSV</b>	<b>L &amp; H Edwards</b>
<b>BEST DOMINANT PIED</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST RECESSIVE PIED</b>	<b>Marshall Family</b>
<b>BEST DARK EYED CLEAR</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>BEST CRESTED</b>	<b>D &amp; R Lange</b>
<b>BEST LADIES EXHIBIT</b>	<b>Bette Marshall</b>

**NEBS BREEDER SHOW RESULTS**  
**Show held Saturday May 30, 2015**

<b>GRAND CHAMPION</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>CHAMPION OPPOSITE SEX</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>John Mulley</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>THIRD CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>THIRD CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>FOURTH CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>FOURTH CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>K &amp; J Harris</b>
<b>FIFTH CHAMPION COCK</b>	<b>Wayne Bandt</b>
<b>FIFTH CHAMPION HEN</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST OPEN BIRD</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>BEST OPEN OPPOSITE SEX</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>BEST INTERMEDIATE BIRD</b>	<b>Andrew Stock</b>
<b>BEST INTERMEDIATE OPP SEX</b>	<b>Andrew Stock</b>
<b>BEST NOVICE BIRD</b>	<b>Wayne Bandt</b>
<b>BEST NOVICE OPP SEX</b>	<b>K &amp; J Harris</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL GREEN</b>	<b>Sue and Colin Norris</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL GREY GREEN</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL BLUE</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>BEST NORMAL VISUAL VIOLET</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Colin Norris</b>
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<b>BEST YELLOWFACED BLUE</b>	<b>Dennis Lomman</b>
<b>BEST GOLDENFACED BLUE</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
<b>BEST BLACK EYED SELF</b>	<b>K &amp; A Smith</b>
<b>BEST DILUTE</b>	<b>Andrew Stock</b>
<b>BEST LUTINO</b>	<b>J &amp; W Weidenhofer</b>
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# BCSA and NEBS New Websites

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The **BCSA** website can be viewed at [www.bcsa.com.au](http://www.bcsa.com.au).

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

The **NEBS** website is a subset of the BCSA website and can be accessed by clicking on the NEBS logo on the BCSA Homepage or directly at [www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/](http://www.bcsa.com.au/nebs/).

Information available on the site includes the NEBS Monthly Meetings Program and the Night Show Schedule.

## MAJOR POINT SCORERS FOR THE AWARD OF THE TWO \$50 VETAFARM VOUCHERS BASED ON AGGREGATE POINTS COMBINED FROM THE FISHER ANNUAL SHOW AND THE NEBS BREEDER SHOW

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE			OPEN		
First	Wayne Bandt	103	First	Dennis Lomman	72
Second	Andrew Stock	48	Second	John Mulley	70
Third	Geoff Murch	33	Third	S & C Norris	65
Fourth	Vicki Sanford	32	Fourth	J & W Weidenhofer	63
			Fifth	L & H Edwards	57
			Sixth	Marshall Family	56

\$50 Voucher winner: Wayne Bandt                      \$50 Voucher winner: Dennis Lomman



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### **SA TEAM SELECTION: RESULTS FOR NEBS AT THE LOGAN SHIELD**

Normal green	Third	Marshall Family
Normal blue	First	Sue & Colin Norris
Normal violet	First	Dennis Lomman
	Second	Sue & Colin Norris
Normal grey	Second	John Mulley
	Third	Marshall Family
Normal Yellow face	First	John Mulley
Goldenface	Third	Diana Trevarthen
Dilute	First	Doug & Ruth Lange
Albino	Third	Marshall Family
Clearwing	Third	John Mulley
Spangle double factor	First	Lloyd & Helen Edwards
Opaline	Second	Dennis Lomman
	Third	Sue & Colin Norris
Clearbody	Third	Andrew Stock
Lacewing	First	Marshall Family
	Second	Marshall Family
Fallow	Second	Lloyd & Helen Edwards
Spangle	Second	Dennis Lomman
	Third	Sue & Colin Norris
Recessive pied	First	Marshall Family
	Second	Marshall Family
	Third	Marshall Family
Crest	First	John Mulley
	Second	Doug & Ruth Lange
	Third	Doug & Ruth Lange
Dark eyed clear	First	John Mulley

# TREASURER'S REPORT, August 2015.

Hi everyone, well another year has passed all too quickly. For those that understand the financial statements, you will see that we have operated at a loss again this year. This is due to having to replace our PA system because the government changed rules on the frequency we could use. We also finished off the new aluminium shelving on our staging. Those of you who help out at the Shows have no doubt appreciated the lightness of the new shelves. You will also notice that I have cancelled one of our term deposits. I put some in the Incentive Saver account, and some in the cheque account to cover our expenses. At the time we had a huge order for rings to cover. Interest rates on term deposits are very low these days, and at the time the Incentive Saver was offering a better rate. Unfortunately the Club is not raising as many funds as it used to, but the expenses keep going up. We are starting the new financial year with more in our cheque account, than at the same time last year, but only because of the transfer of funds from the term deposit. The committee may have to look at ways of raising more funds. Enough from me. Have a good breeding season. You're Treasurer, Vicki.

INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR 2014-2015		
INCOME		EXPENDITURE
\$ 887.15	Night Raffle	\$ 315.00
2799.40	Trading Table	1625.10
571.75	Subscriptions	0.00
486.00	BCSA Fees	601.00
2631.60	Rings	1850.00
391.50	Shows	1614.31
49.00	Sundries	146.00
10.00	Postage/Printing/Stationery	1569.56
1676.00	Other Raffles/Social Functions	1459.56
11.20	Donations/Sponsorships	280.00
0.00	Trailer Reg. & Ins./Affiliation Fees/Hall Rent	355.00
936.03	Interest from Bank Accounts	0.00
562.80	Canteen/BCSA Lunches	67.48
179.50	Tender Sale	27.96
50.00	Derby Rings	180.00
0.00	PA system & Stage Shelving	1662.69
\$11241.93	TOTALS	\$11753.66
511.73	EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	0.00
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\$11,753.66	FINAL TOTALS	\$11,753.66

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NORTHEAST BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY INC.

## BALANCES OF BANK ACCOUNTS AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015

<u>BALANCE OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT AS AT 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014.</u>	\$ 1,073.63
PLUS INCOMES 2014/2015	11,223.63
PLUS DEPOSIT FROM CANCELLED TERM DEPOSIT	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	13,797.26
LESS EXPENDITURE 2014/2015	11,753.66
LESS TRANSFER TO INCENTIVE SAVER	<u>80.00</u>
<u>BALANCE OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</u>	<u>\$ 1,963.60</u>
<u>BALANCE INCENTIVE SAVER ACCOUNT AS AT 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014.</u>	\$ 236.19
DEPOSITS FROM CHEQUE ACCOUNT	80.00
DEPOSITS FROM CANCELLED TERM DEPOSIT	5,000.00
INTEREST RECEIVED FOR 2014/2015	<u>18.30</u>
<u>BALANCE OF INCENTIVE SAVER ACCOUNT AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015.</u>	<u>\$ 5,334.49</u>

<u>TERM DEPOSITS AS AT 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014.</u>	\$ 19,000.00
ADD INTEREST EARNED	913.20
LESS INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO CHEQUE ACCOUNT	913.20
LESS CANCELLED TERM DEPOSIT	<u>6,500.00</u>
<u>BALANCE OF TERM DEPOSIT AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</u>	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>

<u>CHEQUE ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</u>	\$ 1,963.60
INCENTIVE SAVERS ACCOUNT AS AT 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015	5,334.49
TERM DEPOSITS AS AT 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015	<u>12,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCES AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</u>	<u>\$ 19,798.09</u>

TOTAL BANK FUNDS AS AT 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015	\$ 19,798.09
TOTAL BANK FUNDS AS AT 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014	<u>20,309.82</u>
<u>NET LOSS AS AT 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015</u>	<u>\$ - 511.73</u>

CHEQUES OUTSTANDING.

007 Colberne Ind.	\$168.00
008 Avicultural Society	25.50
013 Avicultural Society	51.00
014 G. Alchin	104.21
016 BCSA	6.00
<u>TOTAL CHEQUES</u>	<u>\$354.71</u>

STOCK ON HAND - TRADING TABLE

<u>TOTAL STOCK</u>	<u>\$4,413.00</u>
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EST. VALUE ASSETS 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2015.

PA System	\$ 900.00
Trailer	3,000.00
Data Projector/Laminating Machine	330.00
Bond for Hall	100.00
Staging	3,000.00
Cutlery, brooms etc.	225.00
<u>TOTAL EST. VALUE</u>	<u>\$ 7,555.00</u>

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# Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday June 10, 2015

Normal proceedings were suspended for the night and replaced by 85 birds presented for sale.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Program for monthly meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year are on the table by the door
2. Club business cards and membership forms are on the table by the door.
3. Magazines for members who don't receive it electronically are available tonight out the front.
4. Our club AGM will be held during the August 12 meeting so nomination forms for Committee positions are on the table. Members need to step forward and play a part in the future development of the club if it is to be there for them on into the future!
5. The Logan Shield competition will be held next Sunday June 14. The state team for the national show the following weekend is selected from that. Thank you to NEBS members who entered birds in support of our club.
6. The BCSA Auction will be held Saturday July 18 at the Enfield Community Centre. The catalogue will be on the BCSA website prior to the auction and is currently being assembled.
7. BCSA AGM will be held Sunday July 19 at 13 Dunkley Ave. Firle. Nominations for positions are due ideally with positions to be filled to be spread across the four affiliated clubs.
8. Received the Southern Cage Bird Society Newsletter for June.
9. Received the May-June Budgie Digest from BSSA
10. Received the May Newsletter from the Fleurieu Peninsula Cage Bird Society
11. Received from BSSA and placed on the table by the door the show schedules for their Ron Norman Annual Show combined with the BRASEA Show to be held Saturday July 4.
12. Sadly Andrew stock passed away on Friday June 5 just a few weeks short of his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday. The committees of the North East Budgerigar Society and the Budgerigar Council of South Australia will greatly miss his contributions to the running of those organisations. Previously he has been an active member of the Port Pirie Budgerigar Society. He will be a great loss to the budgerigar fancy in South Australia.

**Bird Sale:** (Inspection and offers to be made from now for about the next half hour).

- Starting price – breeder's choice as written on the cage. Spare biros are available for anyone who forgot to bring one
- Minimum increment is \$5 but not restricted to \$5 if you really want the bird
- Time will be called after about half an hour during a window of no buyer activity
- Notice of 5-15 minutes will be given before calling time
- Finishing time will be called without notice so don't mess about

- Name of anyone who writes a bid down after time is called will be crossed off
- Seller to sign and write paid on the tender form when their money is collected
- Seller to move the bird from their cage to the buyer's cage
- Anything not attracting a bid can be sold any time any price after time is called
- Decanting area – tables will be placed in front of the staging after time is called.

DOOR PRIZE: Ben Hale

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Paul Arnup; Second: Tony Melbourne; Third: Dennis Lomman

REMINDERS:

Next meeting will be the Derby and Oaks night. Bird of the month will be Cinnamonwing. Entertainment will be photos of winning birds at the national show in Mandurah, WA. Don't forget to pick up your magazines and the various handouts on the table by the door before you leave.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday July 8, 2015

Lloyd Edwards, President

## **Minutes of the North East Budgerigar Society General Meeting**

HELD: Kilburn Hall, 49 Le Hunte St. Kilburn on Wednesday July 8, 2015

WELCOME: President Lloyd Edwards declared the meeting open at 8.04 pm. Reminder to members to wear nametags to be eligible for the \$10 door prize

APOLOGIES: Nil; NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING: 32

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as read

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Past issues of Budgie World magazines are available for 50 cents each or 12 for \$6. See Graham Bell  
CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

BRASEA Winter Bulletin, please take from the table; Program for United Birds Seminar for July 19, notification of United Birds AGM for August 16 and their June Newsletter; Feathered World Newsletter from the Canary and Cage Bird Federation; Southern Cage Bird July Newsletter

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT: To be presented at the AGM next month

RING OFFICER REPORT: The club has ordered 2016 orange rings including coded rings for individual breeders. Highly recommended that rings be purchased in January to put the club into a position to know how many additional rings will be required in its one mid-year supplementary ring order. The supplier for 2016 has changed to a Belgian company. Samples have been sighted and are of a high standard, contrary to the purple rings supplied for 2015

TRADING TABLE REPORT: Coopex going out tonight for \$8 per packet

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS: Peter Trevelion and Joshua Van Houten were welcomed as new members

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Program for monthly meetings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year are on the table by the door
2. Our club AGM will be held during the August 12 meeting so nomination forms for Committee positions are required. Last year we were unable to fill the Assistant Secretary position and someone had to double up to fill the Vice President position. This year the Assistant Show Manager is an additional vacancy
3. NEBS needs to elect a third Delegate to the BCSA. Nominations were called without any response. The club is therefore in danger of not being able to supply its full complement of delegates for the first time in the 18 year history of the BCSA
4. The BCSA Auction will be held Saturday July 18 at the Enfield Community Centre. Catalogues are on the BCSA website and are on the table, but only take a catalogue if you are going to register as a bidder
5. BCSA AGM will be held Sunday July 19 at 13 Dunkley Ave. Firle
6. Rosettes from the national show were given out to members who showed for the North East at the Logan Shield
7. Wire breeding cages (20X) in as new condition and show cages are for sale. Contact Marilyn Stock on Mob 0427 478 374
8. The Kadina Show is on August 15. Contact Malcolm Loveridge for a show schedule
9. Gawler Show schedules are on the table

ENTERTAINMENT:

Slideshow of first three placegetters in the 27 classes at the recent national show in Mandurah with commentary by Ian Marshall who was one of the Bird Carers. Derby and Oaks was judged with commentary from Shiralee Reardon

QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION: Nil

NIGHT SHOW RESULTS: Bird of the Night Cinnamonwing: John Mulley; Best Open: John Mulley; Derby and Oaks: Open cocks: First John Mulley; Second Dennis Lomman; Third Lloyd Edwards; Open hens: First John Mulley; Second John Mulley; Third Lloyd Edwards

LUCKY ENVELOPES: \$20 envelope to Tina Wilson-Smith; Show cage to Lloyd Edwards

DOOR PRIZE: \$10 Trading Table voucher to Shiralee Reardon

NIGHT RAFFLE: First: Michael Smith; Second: John Mulley; Third: John Farrugia-Gay

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nil

NEXT MEETING: August 12 will be the AGM and presentation of the first half of the Daniel Lutoff Lecture with comments and discussion to follow

REMINDERS: Please stack your chair at the back of the hall prior to supper

MEETING CLOSED: 9.20 pm

Lloyd Edwards, President

# Myth Busters – As collected by Terry Tuxford – Don't believe everything you are told!

Have you noticed how the “wisdom” which permeates our hobby is passed down virtually unchallenged through the years? An idea proposed by expert “A” in his “How To Breed Budgerigars Book”, is later picked up and endorsed by expert “B”. Then, ten years later, expert “C” gives it the final stamp of approval with an introduction that begins; “Experienced breeders recommend....”.

In this article I will be exploring these beliefs and exposing those that are little more than unsubstantiated opinion. Should any reader wish to contribute to these I eagerly await your input as we – “Bust the Budgerigar Myths.”

## **Egg, milk and milk powders are suitable bases for soft food.**

Ask any laboratory worker and you will be told that one of the best mediums for culturing bacteria is milk. Remember too, that we are advised to ensure that the eggs are hard boiled. Well, my digestive system is reasonably robust, certainly more versatile than that of any Budgerigar but if you offered me the choice between a hard and a soft boiled egg, I know which one I would choose. We hard boil the eggs so that it crumbles and is easier for the birds to pick up, not because it is intrinsically better for them that way. Try lightly scrambling them next time you want to mix your soft food. You will find them easier to work with and the birds will enjoy them just as much.

## **Budgerigars are seed eaters, they consume very little else!**



Budgerigars Eating Mealworms

Not true I am afraid. Budgerigars are cannibals at times. A nesting hen will happily consume a small chick which dies in the nest and have you seen what the flock will do to the corpse of a bird which dies in the flight? They always go for the head first – I wonder why? They will also snap up any insect or spider which is foolhardy enough to come within reach, a habit which can result in the occasional puzzling intestinal upset as the insect's defenses take effect.

## **Strict breeding room, cage and nest hygiene are essential for the production of healthy chicks!**

The consequence of this is that our birds have lost their natural resistance to disease and/or that the modern day infections and viruses are more virulent than those of yesterday. Both propositions have some validity and I am not going to argue that hygiene is not important but I do suspect that sometimes we get carried away and take our precautions to ridiculous extremes. I have been in birdrooms where the cleaning programmes were so strict that I was tempted to look in the corner of the cages for the miniature bathroom facilities, where the air was pungent with the odour of disinfectants and extractor fans whipped into the great outdoors all feathers and dust particles which the ionisers did not bring tumbling to the floors. I cannot help wondering whether the hygiene routines in such establishments are planned for the benefit of the birds or to satisfy the fastidious tastes of the owners.



I fear that we may well be inadvertently suppressing our bird's natural resistance to disease. There was a time when our breeding pairs raised large numbers of healthy chicks in cages, nest boxes and bird rooms designed and managed to provide the most natural surroundings. The disturbance associated with cleaning were kept to a minimum – usually a quiet daily once over, followed by a more thorough clean out at the end of each round, when the comfort of the birds was paramount.

We all know the discomfort we feel when a house proud host or hostess straightens and rearranges the cushions as soon as we rise from the chair. Are we sacrificing the comfort, the peace and quiet of our breeding birds, controlling their environment and perhaps stressing them needlessly, to satisfy our concern about diseases which may, or may not, affect their health or our own.

### **Do not disturb the eggs in the nest!**

We are advised that the hen will position her eggs carefully with the oldest towards the outside and the most recently laid towards the centre. Now that is interesting. Clever little creatures are they not? Do we really believe that a hen who will sit for up to 26 days on a clutch of infertile eggs, who will defend these useless products against all perceived threats and who clearly does not know when she is wasting her time, is somehow smart enough to successfully identify each egg in the clutch and rotate it according to some predetermined pattern?

Those of us who number the eggs in sequence as they are laid, can tell you that this apparently logical theory is almost certainly a fiction. I inspect the nest boxes twice a day and I can assure you that I have never seen an identifiable pattern in the way the eggs lie in the nest. Egg number one can be found this morning in the center of the clutch with number two and five. This evening it may be towards the outer in company with numbers three and four. The egg laid today may be in the center of the clutch, but it can equally be found at the very outer edges. I suspect that rather than following a well-planned rotation routine, the hen simply becomes uncomfortable, rises, shuffles and turns her clutch indiscriminately and then settles on them again. If we accept the alternative propositions that the shuffling is completely random, then the ultimate effect would be the same as if the hen had followed the suggested imprinted behaviour.

### **When fostering eggs or chicks, beware of possible rejection by the receiving hen!**



Healthy Chicks

Another over-stated danger. It has been my impression over many years of successfully transferring both eggs and chicks that Budgerigar hens cannot count. It is clear that most Budgerigars have very little idea of either quantity; the number of eggs in a nest, or capacity; the size and feeding demands of their clutches. Show an incubating hen an egg and she will sit on it. Put a hungry chick in the nest, assuming its age and size are similar to their own, the pair will feed it.

In the days when I took the experts advice and closely supervised all transfers, I experienced the occasional rejection. I suspect that I caused most of the trouble myself by disturbing the foster pairs. Now I leave them well alone and have few failures.

Budgerigar breeding, like all livestock hobbies, is meant to be enjoyed. Of course we should do everything in our power to ensure that our charges are well cared for, kept free of sickness and diseases and given the best possible housing. Let us not forget, however, that they are birds and not humans.

Send your busted myths to the [terry@budgerigarworld.com](mailto:terry@budgerigarworld.com)

# 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 mating's. 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 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 bird room 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 program and so the difficulties have to be accepted and attempts made to overcome them.

# 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

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