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Editorial

Gosh, isn't the year flying by!

Easter is upon us, the BS NSW Annual been and gone, congratulations to all exhibitors and committee for a job well done and its time for another E-Mag. Here it is the April/May issue.

Let me thank the many members and fanciers for their wonderful letters and emails of encouragement, they are much appreciated.

I have received a number of very interesting articles, too many for one publication, so please be assured if your submission is not in this e-mag there is a good chance it will pop up in the coming months.

Just a reminder that all of the submitted articles will still need to be given to the committee just to make sure it is suitable for this publication.

I must thank all of the members that have taken the time to contact the society to update their contact details, it is still a work in progress so if at any time you change your details just pop an email through to any of us and we can update them for you.

I would still love to have a history of the BS NSW Annual show section, with photos of past winners & the year they won & breeders sending in a brief story of what you have been up to since then.

Of course if the member is no longer with us perhaps a family member or friend could supply the details.

I think this would be great to have as our history is so interesting.

As per usual this edition contains all official forms and information needed by you the members.

Please take the time to read through these as there are some relating to the AGM that are important and of course the new ring order form.

I hope you enjoy this edition and remember please send anything of interest for consideration to :
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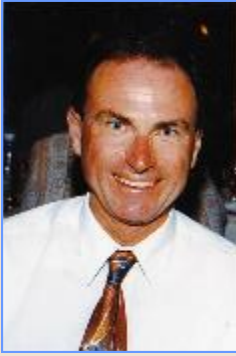
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or stories on

Past winners of the BSNSW Annual
Photos and stories what is happening
with them now.

Vision Statement of the BS NSW

The Bringing together of people in the spirit of cooperation to foster & promote the keeping, breeding, welfare and exhibition of budgerigars



Presidents Report.

I hope you all enjoyed the second edition of our Budgerigar E-Magazine capably created by our new Editor Anna Shaw, who has received lots of positive feedback and articles for our future issues.

I would like to give an update on the many positive things we have achieved with the very hard work of all our office bearers in our first six months since elected in September 2013.

1. We provided the members with a world class “special issue” of an E-Magazine at no cost for Don Burkes work, for which we were most grateful.
2. When the second issue of the E-Magazine failed to appear, we were left with no option but to advertise for a new editor and Anna Shaw produced Special Edition 2 as her application for the role which was subsequently accepted and duly elected as editor with this the next issue ready to go into production.
3. If Ted Wallis the Membership Secretary is provided with your email or postal address by either yourself or your branch you will receive a magazine.
4. As a result of the savings we will make by going to e-version we are able to reduce membership fee's for all members who provide us with an updated email address from the first of July 2014 and more to come when we receive more email addresses.
5. The members who receive a posted copy are costing the BS NSW more than their current membership fees cover so we are unable to reduce their membership fee's at this stage as many of these members are also receiving a pensioner discount.
6. The BS NSW Show has been upgraded substantially by way of additional awards.
7. The inter-branch/ State selection has been streamlined substantially i.e., we will be utilizing up to 20 judges as opposed to the 12 previously, so everyone can get away earlier assuming we get the necessary help from the participating branch and associate team members.
8. We have given support to some of the smaller branches who have had concerns about their viability with more help available if required.
9. Most branches who have good leadership and co-operative membership, have conducted very successful shows with increased entries. With the change in the ring issue date it would be prudent to reassess your show dates.
10. James Matthews our Show Manager and Public Officer has commenced reviewing anomalies in the show rules and constitution
11. The judges committee has conducted two judges meeting and seminar with at least one more programmed for later in the year. Keeping in mind that most judges have many judging appointments at both branch and associate shows nearly every weekend.
12. You will notice in the management minutes that a vast amount of work is carried out, despite a very small minority of delegates, office bearers and visitors wanting to disrupt or prolong proceedings.

I respectfully ask that if what you are doing is not in the best interests of the Society, the Budgerigar, or the majority of the members that you desist.

Best wishes for your breeding and show season your President,
Allan Reid.

Our aim is for our decisions to be in the best interest of the budgerigars– the best interest of the society and the best interest of the majority of our members.

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF N.S.W. Inc
DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY SHOW 2014

GRAND CHAMPION

WELSHMAN FAMILY

Champion Young Bird

McCauley & O'Regan

Champion Young Opp. Sex

I & K Manton

Champion Any Age

Welshman Family

Champion Any Age Opp. Sex

Welshman Family

Other Any Age Awards

Cock

Hen

Reserve Champion

Welshman Family

G & M Watson

2nd Reserve Champion

Welshman Family

Welshman Family

3rd Reserve Champion

G & M Watson

A Reid

4th Reserve Champion

A Reid

J Matthews

5th Reserve Champion

J Matthews

J Baker

Champion Open Young

McCauley & O'Regan

Champion Open Young Opp. Sex

I & K Manton

Other Open Young Awards

Cock

Hen

Reserve Champion

J Matthews

G & M Watson

2nd Reserve Champion

G & M Watson

G & M Watson

3rd Reserve Champion

G & M Watson

G & M Watson

4th Reserve Champion

T Butt

T Butt

5th Reserve Champion

J Matthews

Welshman Family

Champion Intermediate

C Sutherland

Champion Intermediate Opp. Sex

D Beckett

Other Intermediate Awards

Cock

Hen

Reserve Champion

T & Y Smith

T & Y Smith

2nd Reserve Champion

T & Y Smith

C Sutherland

3rd Reserve Champion

H & E French

H & E French

4th Reserve Champion

H & E French

B Goldsmith

5th Reserve Champion

H & E French

B Goldsmith

Champion Novice	A Dalrymple	
Champion Novice Opp. Sex	W Dunn	
Other Intermediate Awards	Cock	Hen
Reserve Champion	Kanaan & Spiteri	M Angus
2 nd Reserve Champion	A Dalrymple	Kanaan & Spiteri
3 rd Reserve Champion	A Dalrymple	Mills Family
4 th Reserve Champion	M Angus	C Shaw
5 th Reserve Champion	A Dalrymple	M Angus

OTHER MAJOR AWARDS

Champion Pair	J Matthews	Champion Team	B & N Bradford
Champion Collection	J Matthews	Champion Bush	
		Budgerigar	G Gordon
Bob Gorman Memorial Award - Most Successful Exhibitor – Welshman Family			

BEST OF VARIETY WINNERS

Normal Green	- G & M Watson	Normal Greygreen	- Welshman Family
Normal Blue	- A Reid	Normal Violet	- Myers & Cameron
Normal Grey	- Welshman Family	Yellow Faced Blue	- P Dodd
Aust. Yellow Face	- J & H Forster	Black Eyed Self	- P Dodd
Dilute	- E & D Wise	Lutino	- Welshman Family
Albino	- J & H Forster	Clearwing	- P Dodd
Greywing	- J Matthews	Cinnamonwing	- McCauley & O'Regan
Spangle Double Factor	- C Sutherland	Opaline	- Myers & Cameron
Opaline AOSV	- I & K Manton	Clearbody	- J Baker
Lacewing	- J & H Forster	Fallow	- B & N Bradford
Spangle (non-compound)	- J Matthews	Spangle AOSV	- G & M Watson
Dominant Pied	- A Reid	Recessive Pied	- T Butt
Darkwing	- no entries	Saddleback	- no entries
Dark Eyed Clear	- R & A Williams	Crested	- M Perez
Non Standard	- J Matthews		

Judges : Reg Bohringer, Craig Buckingham, Geoff Wood, Andre Ozoux.



Champion Novice,
Dominant Pied owned
by Allen Dalrymple.

Ch Intermediate, Dble
Factor Spangle, owned
by Craig Sutherland

Ch Opp Sex Young,
owned by I & K
Manton

Best Normal Violet,
owned by Myers &
Cameron.

The 60th BSNSW Annual Show was held at Kellyville on 6th April 2014 with 38 exhibitors benching 342 birds. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all those that participated on the day, in a whole myriad of ways.

Whilst the number of exhibitors and entries was disappointing it was very encouraging to see all the people who were willing to do their part to make the show run successfully. I won't even attempt to individually thank people as there wouldn't be enough room in the magazine, but a huge vote of thanks from me to the Show Committee for the unbelievable amount of work that they put in behind the scenes to get to the show day and their work on the day of the show and after. With the terrible weather and driving rain at stages it was impossible not to feel sorry for Ray and Michelle out at the BBQ, who did a sterling job despite the conditions.

There is a lot of moaning about the future of the hobby and the advancing age of our members but if you were at the show you would have seen the number of youngsters (particularly from Penrith Valley and Northside) who were putting up their hands to be involved in the show. Maybe we should be looking at what Penrith Valley are doing to have so many young and enthusiastic members.

The results are below for you to see but I just want to highlight a couple of things.

Firstly the Grand Champion which was a Normal Greygreen Cock from the Welshman Family which was an outstanding bird. One of the judges commented that he believed that it was the best budgerigar that he had ever seen in Australia, exceptionally high praise indeed. Ray also took out the Bob Gorman Memorial Award for the most successful exhibitor.

Secondly you will see from the results that the show committee asked the judges to give awards in each status down to 5th Reserve for both cocks and hens. We wanted to give recognition to those birds that were in contention for the highest awards but that just missed out. The amount of effort the judges had to put in deciding between the birds shows that the competition was very strong for those reserve awards.

As usual Bruce organised an impressive range of sponsorship prizes which are always well received by the winners but I would like to highlight the prizes donated by Dr Rob Marshall. Last year Rob donated one copy of his The Budgerigar Book and this year he trumped that by giving us two copies. The Show Committee had decided to give the Champion Novice a copy of the book as a prize and when Rob provided us with the second copy (after the schedule was produced) we decided to award that one to the Champion Opposite Sex Novice. So we ended up with two very happy Novice members, both of them from Penrith Valley branch and one of them a couple of years (or so) younger than the other one.

The Special Team Award for the most birds entered by a branch or club was won by Hills Branch with 12 exhibitors benching 136 birds followed by Penrith Valley with 7 exhibitors and 46 birds.

James Matthews
BSNSW Show Manager



Our Judges: Geoff Wood, Reg Bohringer, Craig Buckingham & Andre Ozoux



Above Kathy presenting Ray Welshman with the Diamond watches for Champion Bird in show.



Left Kathy Manton & Anna Shaw (new editor and artist who painted the birds) Awarding Allen McCauley with his trophy for Champion Young Bird.

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Over 50 Years with Exhibition Budgerigars

John Scoble

The main aim of most budgerigar clubs worldwide has always been to increase size and type - these changed dramatically over my time in the fancy.

Some thirty years ago the most successful English breeder Harry Bryan told me and Neville Seage that many breeders breed budgerigars to their own stature.

As for being a good judge Harry said you have to breed them to know them as well as having a well trained eye to pick out the imperfections in each individual.



The way I see it today and as well as in the past.”

In the late fifties the ring issue date was July the first. The major two day BSA shows staged in the lower Sydney town hall were always held early May.

This annual show used to attract over 2000 entries and one might also add you could exhibit purchased young and old birds however only in the old bird classes. I also remember up to 600 birds being shown at the early St George branch monthly meeting table shows.

A packed hall would also be there to hear the guest speaker who would also give sought after information to individual members that lined up after the official meeting closed.

Rarely today would one see a get together of breeders in a fancier's back yard looking and discussing how to improve ones birds so essential for any progressive breeder. Therefore most beginners today do not have the luxury of being given any birds for free together with guidance and practical information from proven established breeders.

What many experience today is not unlike the spiel of some used car salesmen which in turn may help many potentially good members to leave the fancy.

There appears also to be a trend to promote the lesser varieties in quantity not quality.

Included in most informative writings and also advised by successful breeders both here and overseas is that one has to have a good stud of normal's to enable one to improve all other varieties whether it be type, colour or feather. This is especially so in the lesser varieties.

I have never exhibited in a national show because of personal reasons although one often wonders why they have not included more normal dark factor classes into the national show.

This would not only be an advantage in increasing numbers but also preserving their individual characters thus providing the essential **Stock Birds** to improve colour and feather in most varieties.

When top English breeder and judge the late Alf Ormerod gave a talk in the early eighties at the hills branch he commented on the silly little perches in our show cages.

His thoughts were a good sized bird with decent claws could not grip the perch properly to exhibit themselves to their full potential in the show cage. After all this time and the importation of English budgerigar we now have larger perches.

*The powers to be in Australia may be reversing this decision to go to a smaller perch again;
maybe this will be very useful for miniature budgerigars .*

Dick Mathews, who lived not far from me at Sydney, established the Australian Yellow Face variety to perfection. His Yellow (GOLDEN) Faced visuals were spectacular with the yellow being confined to the face only and no green suffusion in their body or wing colour, Good Yellow Faced Sky's in this variety were few and far between.

Frank Gardner used to pair up a lot of Australian Yellow Face for Melbourne fanciers with breeders such as Mrs Fellows breeding two of the best Australian Yellow Faced Sky's I have ever seen.

Brian Dadd and Bryce Gringlington in Melbourne must have bred thousands of these birds however many were not what the Standard stated for a show bird, the rest were stock or pet birds. Bryce would have been the first to breed Golden Faced Violet Spangles which were SPECTACULAR to see.



The normal Violet has been added to the National classes. *The Standard* describes the bird is to be a "Visual Violet". It is somewhat difficult to judge bad coloured Cobalt's and some Violet Sky's (Violet Sky was always a stock bird not a show bird) in Violet classes. This problem was highlighted at the 2013 Nationals when a Violet Sky won the visual Violet class. Currently Sky Violet and Cobalt's are shown in "blue class" at state and National level.

One also hears there are discussions in relation to the alteration of the colour wordings of the Spangle Double Factor. This I hear has the intent to include shades of grey green and grey and no doubt it would have to include green and blue hues.

One of the first Spangle Double Factor bred by Frank Gardner, which I still have a slide of, was a pure yellow Spangle Double Factor. Quite frankly one only has to have A STOCK BIRD CALLED A CINNAMON WING SPANGLE which many are told to dispose of to breed a pure yellow and white Spangle Double Factor.

Exhibitors like Jo Mannes would be horrified about the suggested shade colour change after all the colour yellow is not grey green yellow and neither is the colour white grey white



SPN DNF YLW Hen

In regards to a stock bird these birds generally excel either visually or hidden with their minor or major modification which will improve any feature visually on an exhibition budgerigar. One could also suggest that you ask Bruce Sheppard or Colin Flanagan as to how many stock birds they use to produce a national winning crest.

Furthermore it would be most interesting to see what changes would occur, especially in judging, if the importation of overseas budgerigars was opened up again so some of the judges and exhibitors alike could acquire new breeding stock enabling them to breed a decent exhibition budgerigar for all to see and especially so in type and deportment.

Perhaps also one could hope to see that horrible head flecking disappear, maybe only for a short time, after all this is not tolerated any where else in the world on the show bench.

Light Green from a
Victorian stud –
2014 – No ticking /
flecking. How
wonderful



John Scoble
2014

From the acting Secretary

It is that time of year again when we as members of the BSNSW must give some thought as to who can best manage the affairs of the society for the year 2014/2015 & submit their names via the nomination of office bearers form enclosed with this copy of Budgerigar. The BSNSW AGM will be held in September 2014.

These nominations on the appropriate form must be in the hands of the Societies acting Secretary **BY NO LATER THAN 1ST JUNE 2014** Please give the nomination of Office Bearers serious thought as this is your chance to have your say in the makeup of the Societies Office Bearers. Of course the next step you can take is to turn up & register your vote at the Societies AGM. Should postal votes be required in the case of contested positions, postal vote forms will be available in July, upon request.

Regards
Keith Nicholls
Acting Secretary BSNSW

From the Branches

St George Branch News.

FEBRUARY MEETING:

A sausage sizzle including drinks was provided from 8pm, and generously cooked by David Lawless-Pyne. Our feature of the night was the 2013 STCC and National Show held in Toowoomba. This slide presentation by Nola Bradford was most appreciated by the members. At the completion of the presentation members enjoyed lively debate on various varieties.

MARCH MEETING: Monthly Table Show, with Open Judging, including members' participation and lengthy discussion on the varieties. Thanks to our Judges Jim Baker and John Carter for their input and decision making on the night.

APRIL MEETING : Will not be held due to Good Friday.

MAY MEETING : Our Annual Sale Night see Ad-

Publicity officer Nola Bradford

Penrith Valley Branch update.

January Meeting having a small table show judged by Laurie Cauchi with Junior Cody Shaw and Novice exhibitors Ray Rogers being very successful.

February Meeting was an exciting evening for the breeders as we had after a very quick meeting a wonderfully informative talk from Mr Bob Pitt and Mr John Carter on "All things Pied" thank you to you both.

March Meeting, again an amazing turnout of both members, visitors and birds! We had Mr James Matthews come along to help our members by not only judging the table show but giving us a lengthy talk on preparing your birds for the shows and what to do on the day. We also had Ian & Kathy Manton come along to thank Penrith Valley for our help at the Hills Branch Annual, they very kindly donated a bird to be given to one of our 4 junior members that helped on the day of their show. Thank you April Meeting we were lucky enough to have Mr Paul Brett Judge our Table Show and give a wonderful talk about crests.

Anna Shaw

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Myrtaceae **Eucalyptus** Camaldulensis

"Red Gum"

*Editorial – Supplied by
Andrew McFarland – "EUGALO"*

August, 2013

The Red River Gum or the humble budgerigar out in the wild.....

Probably the environment existed well before the bird, however due to the topographic habitat of the budgerigar they found each other and have co-existed since. After reading an article from Tony Croft,

I got to thinking and thought about getting "Back to Basics" - it's always logic and after going over and over it in my mind, I decided to put it into practice. Fortunately I have been in the nursery & now the cut flower industry all my life, since studying horticulture at Hawkesbury Agriculture College.

Acquiring seedlings of the "Red River Gum- botanically *"Myrtaceae Eucalyptus Camadlulensis"*. After some research found the robust, salt tolerant cultivar that I figured would have a greater tolerance of soil type and might suit my semi-coastal property – with an elevation of 400 meters. They grew well as most eucalyptus varieties do and within 12 months, I was ready to harvest. Fortunately I own very large freezer space and put my mind to post harvest preparation and storage of Eucalyptus. I wanted the benefit of all of the plant, so pruned big tree branches, bark leaves and all up to the diameter of 25mm stem thickness. Logic to me to obtain a mulching/ shredding machine and try it.

The final product came out with a great variety of short trimmings, part leaf, shredded bark and most importantly carrying the 1,8-cineole content needed. After experimenting I decided to use one part of plant material to two parts of Rob Marshall soft food mix with the additional of some grey sunflower and hulled oats.

For convenience, I process 100 – 200kg of green product at a time and pack it into small plastic food containers, each having about 250grams of final product.



Myrtaceae *Eucalyptus Camaldulensis* “Red Gum”

Continued....

I hold about 700 – 800 budgies at anyone time and produce about 400- 600 young per breeding season. The birds went crazy and almost immediately, I could see eucalyptus material in the crops of the young birds. Also consistently the breeding hens had emerged from the box at feeding time and rubbing both short twigs and leaf under the breast feathers and anywhere they could apply it. I then began to introduce it to my flights in the processed pruned form and watched all kinds of ages demolish it, leaving absolutely no trace of the bark trimmings or leaf. After a slow start to my breeding season, things got better and better. Possibly due to the treatments I put my birds through other than this eucalyptus product, but I didn't care if the birds didn't like it so much, I wasn't changing now and have been using this eucalyptus for about 10 months. 1,8-cineole is the major constituent of medical eucalyptus oils, so I reason what harm could it be doing and imagine all the properties.

Wild budgerigars have been nesting between feeding in *E. Camadlulensis* since the beginning of time, spending their time chewing these trees almost their whole waking hours as we know budgies do. Does it help stomach ailments, feather mite, internal parasites, lice. Who knows yet, but research certainly shows at this early stage improved fertility in trials. Several visitors have made comment of the colour of the cones in my cocks and certainly the noise level has never been higher.

Again my mind wonders and I think of the future of distilling the oil an adding it in other ways to make it easier to acquire for breeders, not in my position. For me though, observation of the birds handling the rough processed product, choosing twigs or leaf and shredded bard, where all that sap flows along the cambium tissue, makes me want to continue feeding in this form.

Take or leave it, you know my views now and where I stand. I'm passionate about my birds and to date can find absolutely no reason not to continue this new practice using Eucalyptus Camadlulensis with it's hopefully magic quality of 1,8-cineole.

It's just back to basics.

Andrew McFarland



MOTTLES

By Ken Yorke 2013



Ray Welshman's Grey Green Mottle

A few weeks ago one of our members, Ray Welshman, sent the editor a few photos of a hen he bred in 2005. The bird pictured above at first glance looks somewhat like a Grey Green Dominant Pied however the twist is that this bird was born a Grey Green NORMAL! So why does it have pied markings in the photos?

This bird is almost certainly a rare variety known as Mottle. Another name for Mottle is Progressive Pied.

The unusual feature of the Mottle is that normally you have no idea you have bred one until after the first or even later moults.

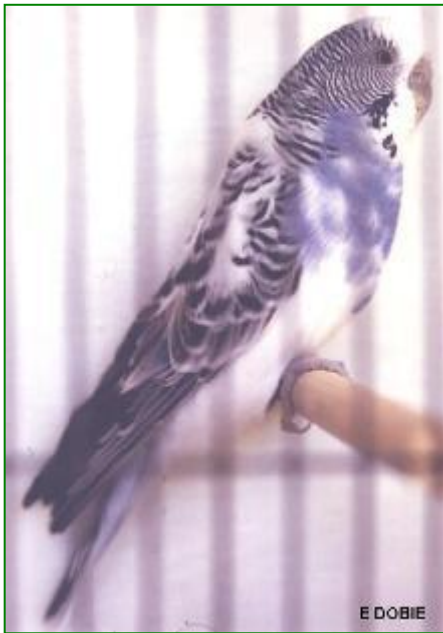
Mottles are born with no pied markings. However after progressive moults more and more pied markings appear.

In Ray's case this pied pattern started to appear when the hen was paired up for breeding. She went into the breeding cage as a "Normal" and came out as a "Pied" some months later. He later went on to exhibit this hen at the BSNSW Hills Branch Annual Show. This hen's father, a Grey Green Normal, was in fact a four time Grand Champion in show.

While true Mottles are rare they have nevertheless appeared in small numbers regularly around the world over many years. Establishing viable families of this variety has proven difficult.

Ray's hen is of English ancestry but has no obvious ancestral link to any known Mottles. A number of Mottles have appeared worldwide in the last decade or so and a significant number of these birds are known to be descendants of birds from Jim Moffat in Scotland. Jim had bred some Mottles in his stud.

In the early to mid 1990s Kelwyn Kakoschke of Adelaide, South Australia is also known to have bred some Mottles from birds of imported ancestry. Unlike many other people who tend to breed only one or two isolated Mottles, Kelwyn managed to breed up a small family of them. In his case the variety showed some tendency for dominant inheritance.



Ray Welshman's history with the Mottle variety is not limited to only the pictured Grey Green hen. In the early 1980's he bred an Opaline Dark Green from birds descended from South Australian stock. This earlier bird had no imported ancestry. This particular bird developed pied markings on the rump and up into the mantle in successive moults. At the time he didn't realise that it was a Mottle and eventually sold it. This bird's link with South Australian ancestors is not surprising

The very first recognised Mottle mutation in the world occurred in Adelaide, South Australia in 1967 in the aviaries of Ethel Dobie. I was lucky enough to have met Ethel many years ago and she gave me one of her articles and several photos of her Mottles. Rather than me repeat most of the Dobie Mottle history here I have attached her article below in her own words.

Violet Dobie Mottle

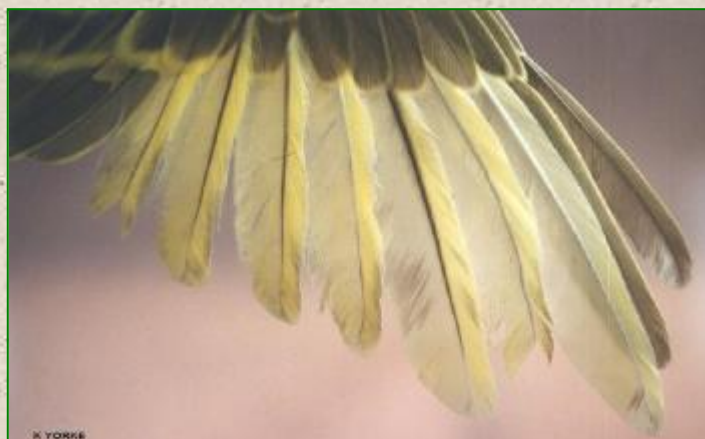
We pick up the Dobie Mottle story a few years after that article was written. The true genetic nature of the Dobie Mottle was never worked out for certain. In another article that Ethel wrote she guessed that it may have been recessive and possibly linked to the Dark factor, however her breeding results mentioned in the article below indirectly contradict these best guesses.

After Ethel's death, Stan Watson of Adelaide persevered for a number of years to keep the variety going but by the early 2000's all this line had died out. Amongst many reasons for the variety's demise was its unknown and obscure breeding pattern. Shortly before his own death Stan had told me he knew of no surviving Dobie Mottles anywhere.

With the benefit of hindsight and some comparison with other species which also have Mottle varieties, the current consensus is that the Dobie Mottle was likely a polygenic variety, but other explanations are still possible.

The exact physical cause of the mottling in this budgerigar variety is not known for certain, however it obviously involves some type of progressive damage to the melanin manufacturing and/or distribution system to the feathers. It has been likened to similar conditions in humans such as greying hair and/or vitiligo.

One thing all the above Mottles have in common is that they were all genetic based varieties, be it one single mutation or several different but similar mutations given the same name. There is however another way to get a "Mottle-like" bird; that is by disease.



Artificial Pied Cinnamon Green with grizzled

Many birds which suffer from a number of feather diseases (including “recovered” French Moults) will have damaged feather follicles and surrounding skin areas which can partially inhibit the manufacture and distribution of melanin to new feathers. This damage is often progressive over time. The result is that they grow new feathers with pied like areas due to the lack of melanin. The subtle visible difference is that these “pied” feathers are often grizzled (similar to Dutch Dominant Pies) unlike the true Mottle which has pied feathers totally lacking melanin (similar to an Australian Dominant Pied). This is a guideline only, not a hard and fast rule. These disease based birds are sometimes incorrectly called Mottles. They are sometimes called Artificial Pies as they are caused by artificial means (i.e. disease), not genetics.

I remember one Artificial Pied (a recovered French Moulter) that I bred some years ago. It was born Normal Light Green. At age two it had some grizzled yellow marks on its primary flights, wing coverts, chest and tail. At age five when it died its body was entirely yellow and had grizzled black and yellow wings and would have easily passed as a Texas Clearbody at first glance.

Many one-off so called “Mottles” which occur in the aviaries of breeders are actually this Artificial Pied phenomenon and not the true genetic based Mottle. Primary flights and tail being the most commonly seen affected areas, the birds often being disposed of before it is seen to spread to the body.

Ray Welshman himself bred a Grey Green Normal in 2011 which in successive moults had a tail that changed from black to yellow to part black/part yellow and back to yellow again. It is not clear if this bird was an Artificial Pied or minor Mottle.

One other variety also has some eerily similar traits to the Dobie Mottle, the common Spangle. A significant number of ordinary Spangles lose melanin with age. This manifests itself most commonly as ground colour patches appearing on the rump then spreading to the chest, mantle and wings.



Loss of rump colour on a Spangle

THE MOTTLED BUDGERIGARS

by Ethel J Dobie

The first of these 'mottled' birds appeared in our aviaries in Adelaide, South Australia in 1967, although in appearance very similar to the Danish or Recessive Pied, they have one peculiarity which no other budgerigar seems to possess. When the chicks are old enough to leave the nest, they are normal coloured birds, but as they go through their first moult, the 'mottling' gradually appears. The 'mottling' commences on the rump and lower parts of the birds, some have very little 'mottling' on them, others have more white (blue series), yellow (green series) than body colours, with patches of white/yellow on the wings.

These birds have appeared in other parts of Australia. Recently some have been bred in northern Queensland and southern Victoria, several thousand miles apart, but it has been proved, their ancestors originated in our aviaries.



The 'mottling' must be carried in a recessive form, this strain of birds have very poor fertility. The best results seem to come from a pair of normal birds each carrying the recessive factor for 'mottling'.

It all started when we mated a Violet/Opaline Cock to a Sky-Blue Hen. The reason for this mating was to improve our strain of Violets. The Sky-Blue was a lovely hen. We had bred Violets for many years and had won many 'specials' with them, naturally we wished to improve them still further. We chose the best Violet Cock we had and mated him to the good Sky-Blue Hen.

The Violet Cock was our own breeding, we could trace his family tree back for many years, but the Sky-Blue Hen was a daughter from a pair of Sky-Blues we had purchased for an outcross from an interstate breeder the previous twelve months.

This pair produced eight chicks, four of which were Opaline Hens (1 Violet, 2 Cobalt and 1 Sky-Blue).

The following year we mated the Opaline Sky-Blue Hen to a Violet Cock which was a son of the same cock which produced the Opaline Sky-Blue Hen. This meant we had mated half-brother to half-sister.

This pair produced nine chicks. All normal in feather when they left the nest. Eight remained so, but one a Violet Cock when he came through his first moults showed patches of white on the rump and underparts.

This same year we mated another of the Opaline Hens to a Violet Cock, which was also a son of the father which produced the Opaline Hens. Once again we had half-brother and half-sister mated together. The chicks in the first round all had normal feathering. In the second round they only produced one chick, a Violet Hen. This bird had normal feathering when it left the nest, but on commencing its first moult, showed patches of white on rump, wings and underparts. This Hen had more white on her than the Cock.

The next breeding season we mated two of the 'mottled' birds together. The hen laid three rounds of eggs, all were infertile.

Even when two 'mottled' birds are mated together and they produce chicks only a small percentage develop into 'mottles' and when two normal birds, that have been bred from the 'mottles' are mated together, they produce approximately the same percentage of 'mottles'.

The colours bred in the 'mottles' so far have been:- Mauve, Violet, Cobalt, Sky Blue (Normal and Opaline) and a Cinnamonwing Grey, also Dark Green. There may have been other colours and varieties bred of which I have no knowledge.



SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW
10th-11th April 2014

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17th ROYAL EASTER SHOW **(Words and Photographs by Nola Bradford)**

The Budgerigar Society of N.S.W. Inc. was very pleased to once again be involved with the Sydney Royal Cage Bird Show which ran throughout the first two days of the Easter Show. This year Budgerigars were the feature breed and it was exciting to have a record number of budgerigars benched: 222 in the Exhibition Bird classes, 35 Miniatures, 5 Australian Bush Budgies and 22 junior exhibits.

Show Manager, Ian Manton was assisted by Stewards, Ray Galbraith, Andre Ozoux, Bruce and Nola Bradford and a junior member of Northside Branch, Errol Bousfield, who were all kept busy answering numerous questions from the large procession of visitors to the Wynne Pavilion throughout the two days. Special mention must go in particular to members of the Pied Society, Hills District and Penrith Valley's team of juniors for supporting the show with so many entries.

Kathy Manton and Allan Reid judged the Exhibition budgerigars in front of the public, who seemed quite interested in how the birds were being selected as winners. The Cinnamonwing and Spangle classes in particular were very strong and Kathy and Allan stated that they were a pleasure to judge. James Matthews took out top honours, winning both Grand Champion Budgerigar and Reserve Grand Champion with Cinnamonwing Light Green Cocks. His Cinnamonwings also took out sashes for Champion Old Bird and Champion Young Bird. The RAS have special awards for Junior exhibits and it was great to see Cody Shaw from Penrith Valley achieve 1st and 2nd place from the 22 junior budgerigars that were shown. Ron Hunt judged the Miniature and Bush Budgies.

Avian Specialist Veterinarian, Dr. Mike Cannon was on standby within the Cage Bird Pavilion throughout the two days of the show to check that all birds were in good health. The Pied Budgerigar Society and Macarthur Branch BSNSW both entered a team of birds and were successful in winning a number of variety awards. They also promoted the hobby with a stand displaying a number of paintings of colourful Pied varieties.

This is the third year that Ian Sheffield, President of the Parrot Society of Australia, accompanied by his wife, Jennifer and other club members joined us with their tame Major Mitchell Cockatoo, Alexandrine Parrot and Pink Galah. These birds were able to interact directly with the public which proved once again to be very popular with the large crowd of visitors during the two days. Ian and his crew make a point of working with young people, including wheelchair bound and special children and love giving them the opportunity to pat them and have their photograph taken with these tame parrots.

Variety Award Winners were: NORMAL GREEN Pied Budgerigar Society. NORMAL GREYGREEN James Matthews. NORMAL DARK GREEN Andre Ozoux. NORMAL BLUE Pied Budgerigar Society. NORMAL GREY Macarthur Branch. BLACK EYED YELLOW Pied Budgerigar Society. LUTINO Pied Budgerigar Society. ALBINO Pied Budgerigar Society. CLEARWING Pied Budgerigar Society. GREY-WING Pied Budgerigar Society. CINNAMONWING James Matthews. DOUBLE FACTOR SPANGLE Pied Budgerigar Society. OPALINE Pied Budgerigar Society. OPALINE AOSV B & N Bradford. CLEARBODY Jim Baker. LACEWING Pied Budgerigar Society. FALLOW B & N Bradford. YELLOW FACE BLUE Carlo Arfi. SPANGLE Andre Ozoux. DOMINANT PIED Pied Budgerigar Society. RECESSIVE PIED Ray Galbraith. CREST Carlo Arfi. NON STANDARD James Matthews. PAIRS Pied Budgerigar Society. TEAM OR COLLECTION Carlo Arfi. AOSV Pied Budgerigar Society. CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN BUSH BUDGERIGAR Carlo Arfi. RESERVE CHAMPION Wilson Family. CHAMPION MINIATURE Pied Budgerigar Society. RESERVE CHAMPION Noakes & Phoenix.



Ch Bird of Show
James Matthews



Reserve Bird
of show
James Matthews



Junior
Champion
Bird
Cody Shaw



Wayne Burton, Chairman Domestic Animals presenting
James Matthews with his award

Photo's
Nola Bradford



Judges Allan Reid & Kathy Manton



Junior Steward, Errol Bousfield.



Three good looking birds.

Hills District Annual Show

Major Awards	Exhibitor	Variety
Grand Champion	Welshman family	<i>Normal Grey Green cock</i>
Reserve Champion	Craig Sutherland	<i>Spangle (Normal) ASV ASC cock</i>
Champion Any Age	Welshman family	<i>Normal Grey cock</i>
Champion Opposite sex Any Age	Allan Reid	<i>Spangle Double Factor hen</i>
Champion Young	Craig Sutherland	<i>Spangle (Normal) ASV ASC cock</i>
Champion Open Young	Mark Hawke	<i>Spangle (Normal) ASV ASC hen</i>
Champion opposite sex Open Young	John Barden	<i>Normal Yellow Faced Blue cock</i>
Champion Intermediate Young	Craig Sutherland	<i>Spangle (Normal) ASV ASC cock</i>
Champion opposite sex Intermediate young	Terry O'Brien	<i>Cinnamonwing hen</i>
Champion Novice young	Dennis Beckett	<i>Normal Grey cock</i>
Champion opposite sex Novice young	Allan Dalrymple	<i>Normal Yellow Faced Blue hen</i>
Champion Albino trophy	Mark Hawke	<i>Albino cock</i>
Sanfillipo perpetual trophy	Peter Dodd	<i>Blackeyed self-colour cock</i>

Best In Variety Awards –	Exhibitor
Normal green	Terry O'Brien
Normal Grey green	Welshman family
Normal Blue	G & K Parker
Normal Violet	Abi Haider
Normal Grey	Dennis Beckett
Normal Yellowfaced Blue	John Barden
Australian Yellowfaced blue	Pam Giles
Black Eyed Self Colour	Peter Dodd
Dilute Yellow/white Grey Yellow/white	Ian & Kathy Manton
Lutino	Welshman family
Albino	Mark Hawke
Clearwing	Peter Dodd
Greywing	James Matthews
Cinnamonwing	John Boss
Spangle Double factor	Craig Sutherland
Opaline	Mark Hawke
Opaline AOSV	K & D Mitchell
Texas Clearbody ASV ASC	Abi Haider
Lacewing	James Matthews
Fallow	Mark Hawke
Spangle (Normal)	Craig Sutherland
Spangle AOSV	K & D Mitchell
Australian Dominant Pied	Tony Goodman
Danish Recessive Pied	Ray Galbraith
AOSV-Saddleback, Darkwing, Dark Eyed Clear	Pam Giles
Crested	Paul Brett
Non-Standard	J & S Bucior



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2014

**ANNUAL SHOW
Sunday 18TH MAY
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**Thomas Morgan Pavilion-
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Judges -Kathy Manton,
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Show Manager- Wally Capper--
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**Benching of birds between
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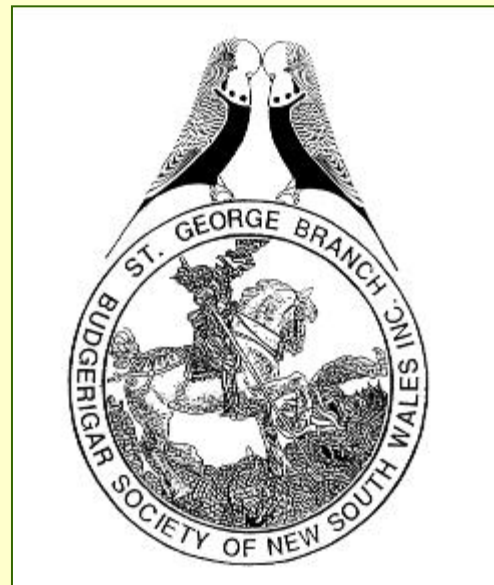
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Friday, 16th May, 2014

Venue:

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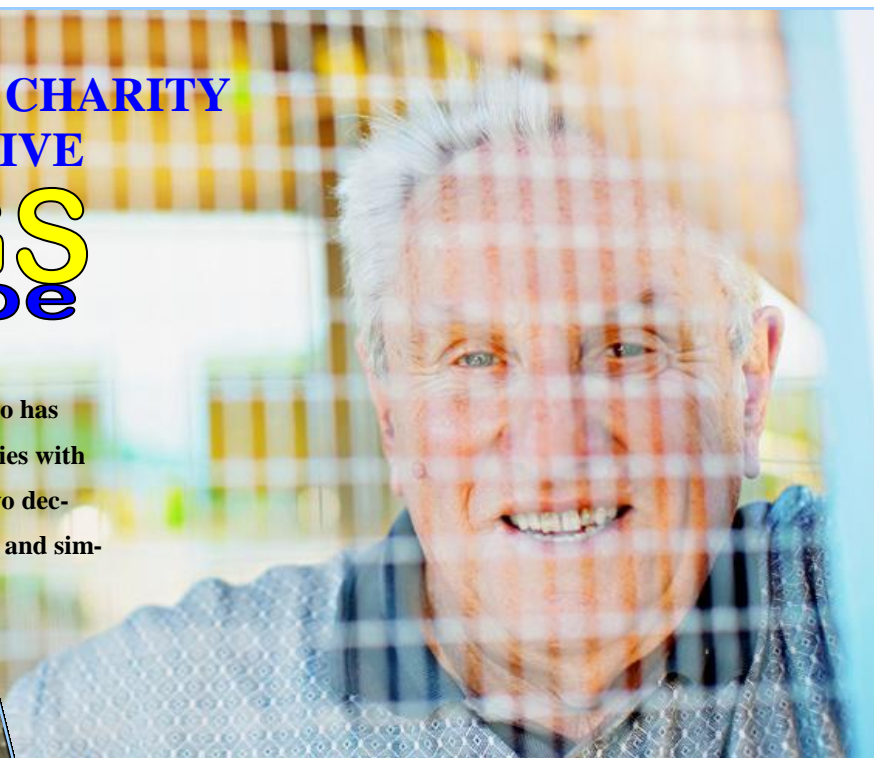
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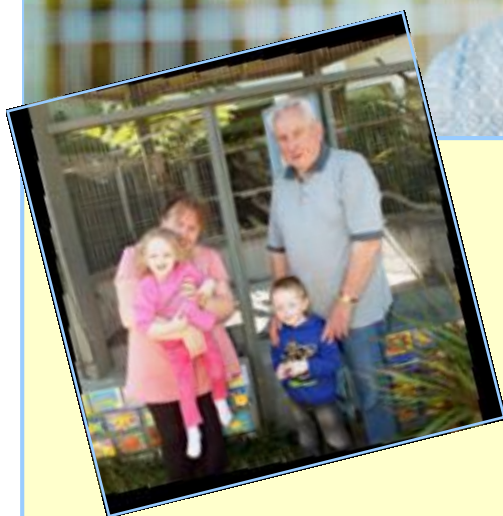
THAT'S LIFE! CHARITY INITIATIVE WINGS of hope

This budgerigar enthusiast, who has kept smiles on the faces of families with seriously ill children for over two decades, has also proven the power and simplicity of the act of volunteering



Main photo: Allan Druery in the aviary at Ronald McDonald House Newcastle

left Sharen Kemp's children Amelia and Logan were captivated by the birds



Hidden within the gardens of Ronald McDonald House Newcastle, on the grounds of the John Hunter Hospital, is a delightful aviary that regularly boasts 50 to 60 beautiful budgerigars. The birdcage has been filled with healthy budgies since the House opened its doors in 1991. Since that opening, retired fitter Allan Druery from nearby Maitland has travelled to Newcastle once or twice a fortnight to look after the birds. That's over 22 years of volunteering!

The aviary was set up by Jim Mackie, who passed away a while ago. He was a member of the Newcastle Budgerigar Club," Allan explains. "We organised a roster of club members to take care of the birds at Ronald McDonald House but people have come and gone and I find myself taking care of it quite often."

Whenever a family has shown interest in the budgies Allan has organised a free bird and cage for them to take home after their hospital ordeal. All the birds in the aviary have been donated by the Newcastle Budgerigar Club and the feed for the aviary is donated by Golden Cob.

"One little girl sent me a thank-you letter and said the bird made her very happy," the 74-year-old recalls. "She actually had to come back for more treatment and her family stayed at the House a second time. She took another bird home with her that time, too!"

'I've done something for the community'

Ronald McDonald House Newcastle, which offers a place to stay to families with seriously ill children, supplied over 13,000 bed nights in 2012 to families facing the terrible possibility of losing one of their children to illness. Over 225 volunteers gave a collective 1638 hours of their time each month to ensure the smooth running of the House. Allan was one of these proud volunteers.

"The kids, the families, the volunteers, the staff – they all seem to enjoy the budgies," Allan says. "They always call me if they think one of the birds could be sick, or even if it's just acting strangely. There's something special about the birds. Kids seem to have a great connection with them."

By volunteering, Allan manages to achieve two powerful goals. He indulges his love of budgerigars and at the same time gives enormous happiness to families suffering great trauma.

"As far as Ronald McDonald House goes, I simply see it as a very good cause. They help a lot of people at a time that the people really do need help.

The Job only takes me about an hour each time I visit, but I always walk out of there knowing I've done something for the community. I'm a volunteer



How You Can Make A Difference

To help families in need by becoming one of Ronald McDonald House Charities' vital donors or volunteers at Houses across Australia, please

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South Western NSW Budgerigar Society Inc

19th Annual Show Awards

Our 19th Annual Show was held on Sunday 2nd March 2014. The year's show was one of our best yet. Entry numbers were good with 333 birds entered and 29 exhibitors attended. With the efforts of all our active members the show ran as smooth as clockwork. Some of the judge's comments were, 'this is a great show', 'we love coming down here and it's a great social outing', 'the quality of birds is very strong and how united you are as a club and how well the show ran'. A lot of credit for the show running so well is because every active member got in and did their share of the work. Our presentation went off well and all trophies well received. At the completion of the presentation, the hall was vacated without any hassle with a number of compliments passed on to the committee on what a good day was had, what a great venue we have and how well the show was run. So if you are thinking of coming out this way next year put the second Sunday in March in your diary for a great weekend.

Wendy McGlynn
Publicity Officer

The winners on the day are as follows:

Grand Champion	Anlezark & Bohringer	Normal Spangle
Champion Young Bird of Show	Anlezark & Bohringer	Normal Spangle
Best Crested in Show	Bill Reid	
Best Clearwing in show	H & E French	
Roy McDermont Memorial Trophy	John Way	
Champion Any Age	Anlezark & Bohringer	Normal Green
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age	G & M Chandler	Opaline
Reserve Champ Any Age Cock	Anlezark & Bohringer	Normal Grey
Reserve Champion Any Age Hen	Dave Kelleher	Cinnamonwing
Champion Open Young	Anlezark & Bohringer	Normal Spangle
Champion opposite Sex Open Young	Anlezark & Bohringer	Opaline
Reserve Champion Open Young Cock	G & M Chandler	Normal Blue
Reserve Champion Open Young Hen	Anlezark & Bohringer	Cinnamonwing
Champion Intermediate	Brian Goldsmith	Normal Spangle
Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate	John Way	Normal Green
Reserve Champion Intermediate Cock	Ron Honery	Normal Spangle
Reserve Champion Intermediate Hen	H & E French	Opaline
Champion Novice	Terry Hammerton	Normal Grey Green
Champion opposite Sex Novice	Geoff Hill	Opaline
Reserve Champion Novice Cock	Shayne Maurer	Dominant Pied
Reserve Champion Novice Hen	Shayne Maurer	Dominant Pied
Southwestern NSW BS Special Award	G & M Chandler	Normal Blue

Best of Variety

Normal Gren
Grey Green
Normal Blue
Normal Violet
Normal Grey
Normal Yellow Faced Blue
Australian Yellow Faced Blue
Black Eyed Self
Dilute
Red Eyed Self Lutino
Red Eyed Self Albino
Clearwing
Greywing
Cinnamonwing
Spangle Double Factor
Opaline
Opaline AOSV
Clearbody
Lacewing
Fallow
Spangle
Spangle AOSV
Dominant Pied
Recessive Pied
Dark Eyed Clear
Crested
Pair

Young

Anlezark & Bohringer
Colin Mcphee
Gordon Chandler
H & E French
Anlezark & Bohringer
G & M Chandler
Gordon Steward
Bill Reid
G & D Pymont
Lance Rodd
Bendall & Perkiss
H & E French
Bob Cowburn
Anlezark & Bohringer
Bendall & Perkins
Anlezark & Bohringer
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John Way
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Dave Butters
Anlezark & Bohringer
Peter McGregor
Tony Butt
Tony Butt
Bob Cowburn
Bill Reid
H & E French



My thoughts on the ring issue debate

I have noted with interest the various comments submitted re changes to the ring issue date, in particular Mick Arnold Ray Welshman & Alister Holmes these 3 gentlemen make a lot of sense.

Just to set the scene: from the early 70's to the late 80's I showed at most of all the Sydney metropolitan area annual shows plus Illawarra & Central Coast showing from 30 to 60 birds on a regular basis. In those days the show season started with Northside in mid January followed by The BSA annual. The BSA annual became the first show to start the season (Australia day Weekend). The show season finished about the end of March.

NOTE: The hottest & most humid time of the year. A perfect time to show Budgerigars. **(NOT)**

My thoughts.

Along with well thought out reasoning re the ring issue date we really should take a serious look at when we show our precious charges & we must take into consideration their well being above all else. I personally am open to a reasoned & well thought out change to the ring issue date. (Remember what Mick said BREED THE BIRDS WHEN THEY ARE READY & NOT TO A RING ISSUE.

When do I think the show season should begin: I think generally speaking Budgerigars are in their best show condition from May to August/October. By spreading the show season over 3 to 4 months, & then starting to seriously look at pairing up the birds as they come into breeding condition from mid August on. I believe there would be a marked improvement in the breeding results as well as the possibility of the shows receiving more support from the Breeders/exhibitors.

Re the ring issue date: At the moment the whole thing is a shambles. IE double rung birds (cut one off later to suit) old young birds etc. As long as Budgerigars bred in say 2014 become old birds straight after the ANBC National in 2015. That to me would be the best result. So I guess that would make the ANBC National the last show in the season. Change the ANBC show date? Why Not?

Just to finish off. Yes I still show at 3 shows in March (10 to 12 birds) but only out of loyalty & a wish to support the Hills, Central Coast & BS Annuals.

I hope I have put the cat amongst the pigeons. Keith Nicholls.

BSNSW Inc.

MACARTHUR BRANCH 2014 ANNUAL SHOW in conjunction with the PIED BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY Sunday 4th May 2014

Picton Agricultural Hall, Menangle Street, PICTON

BSNSW CHAMPION EXHIBITOR Competition

Sponsored by Elenbee Bird Supplies

Champion Dominant Pied

(Dominant Pied's split into individual varieties)

Macarthur Branch Featured Variety – **Lutino**

Most Successful Novice Exhibitor (pair of birds)

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Thursday 1st May 2014

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Northern NSW Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc.

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Wauchope Country Club – King Street, Wauchope
Commencing – 11 am Saturday, 10th May 2014

Entry fee; \$20 (you receive 2 free tickets in the raffle, for a personally signed **“ORIGINAL”** piece of Roy’s artwork)

Roy is the current and past President of the Budgerigar Society of the U.K. as well as being one of the leading breeders and exhibitors of budgerigars. Roy is a highly respected and successful Wildlife Artist, who has his works hanging in all corners of the globe. Roy has also been responsible for the artwork on the **“STANDARD OF PERFECTION”** for the A.N.B.C., as well as the Standard of Perfection, for caged birds of all types for many other countries in the world.

Roy has kindly offered to speak on the current scene of budgerigars in the U.K., as well as the many official judging appointments he currently attends in the U.K., Europe and abroad. This talk will start at 11am sharp and complete at approximately 12.30, when there will be a 1 hour break for lunch. (This is available on site, at the club Bistro). The second part of the program will commence at 1.30pm, with a QUESTION and ANSWER session with Roy and include at least 2 of our leading judges/breeders in NSW, to conclude at approximately 3.30pm.

An informal social evening will be held at the Club that night, with Roy and his wife Lucy and anyone else who may wish to attend.

Two **“ORIGINAL”** pieces of Roy’s artwork will be raffled and auctioned on the day. Signed prints of his artwork will be available for purchase on the day, at a cost of \$25 each. These prints would make a perfect variety prize for your future club/branch shows.

Accommodation is available at two motels in town- so please book early.

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If you wish to be part of this wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to Roy Aplin, please phone Ian Hanington on 0418 655 722 by no later than **SUNDAY 4th MAY**, as the Club requires numbers to organize this function.



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Please advise the Editor of any changes in the details of your meeting times or Chairperson and Secretary A.S.A.P.

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7 Stanfield Close, Kambah ACT 2902
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2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
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Secretary: Kathy Manton
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May

4 Macarthur Branch Annual Show

18 West Sydney Branch Annual Show

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25 BRASEA Auction - Sydney

June

1 BSNSW KK Auction

1 Orana Avicultural Society
Annual Show

6 – 8 Cage Bird National

14 BSNSW State Team Challenge

Competition & National
Selections

19 - 25 ANBC National – Adelaide SA

22 BIS Annual Show (TBC)

29 Canary & Cage Bird Improvement

Soc/BRASEA Variety Show

July

5 Hills Branch Auction see ad

12 Invitational Lawn

Challenge Show-Northside,

Penrith Valley, West Sydney &

Pied Society (TBC)

PREPARING BUDGERIGARS FOR EXHIBITION

(Article reprinted from Nola Bradford's
"Budgerigars".)

Unless a Budgerigar is well prepared and trained it is best left at home in the flight, because it stands little chance against others entered in peak of show condition. First of all a Budgie must be a healthy bird before it is allowed to compete in a show; even a healthy and fit bird needs grooming and training to stand any chance of winning an award.

Show birds should be selected weeks before the actual show date, keeping in mind that it takes eight weeks to grow a tail feather, six weeks or a little longer for flight feathers, and four weeks for spots. It is up to the exhibitor to make sure that they all have their quota of feathers. A close watch on prospective show birds is needed for lost or broken tail feathers or a missing spot. When a spot is lost, it is likely the others will follow, therefore, if they are removed, six new ones should appear four weeks later. If flight and tail feathers are removed, new ones should grow in time for the show. Bent tail feathers can be straightened if they are dipped carefully in hot water for a few seconds.

Blood quills if left alone will probably clear up of their own accord; do not exhibit a bird with a blood quill, as it will lose points. Trying to remove it will result in some bleeding, and this will stain the feathers around it and these are not easy to clean.

An advantage of keeping show birds in a holding cage for a few weeks before a show is that it will give them time to put on some weight. They slim down when flying in a big flight. This will help them through a show, because show birds particularly hens, eat little in a show cage.

Budgies in good condition and with all their feathers still need more attention before show day. To clean, tighten and improve the feathers, the birds should be sprayed daily with clean warm water from a pressure sprayer. Spraying should begin about 14 days before a show. Do not spray on the last three days, as this enables the feathers to replace their natural oils. By this time you will notice the birds look cleaner and neater with quite a shine on the feathers. A teaspoon of glycerine or a propriety line of plume spray can be added to each pint of water on the last few days of spraying.

In most colours this spraying is all that is necessary to make a bird clean, but birds of a lighter colour, such as Albinos and Lutinos, may need hand washing. A mild shampoo in warm water and a soft shaving brush, and plenty of clean water is all that is necessary. Starting with the wings and then the body, always brush down the feathers. The mask and head also want the same treatment, using cotton buds instead of shaving brush; this is easier to manipulate, particularly around the eyes. When shampooing is finished, rinse thoroughly in two lots of tepid water.

After a bird has either been washed or sprayed, it should be returned to a clean cage away from any draughts. Obviously putting a clean wet bird in a dirty cage will make it dirtier than before it was washed, and draughts in this damp state could easily give it a chill and you could lose the bird. Greenfood, Cod-liver-oil or any other additives that could stain the mask should now be withheld from the diet.

Spot plucking is permissible, but it is a task that cannot be hurried; a beginner should practice on other birds first. Some fanciers use a pair of sharp nail scissors; cutting too many feathers around the spots will leave noticeable gaps which could be penalised. Others use a pair of tweezers – the blunt end type or a pair of eyebrow tweezers – and with either, you can remove the one feather.

It is a waste of time grooming a bird and then putting it in a dirty show cage. It is not possible to always have a new freshly painted cage, but if cages are cleaned and repaired after each show, you will always have a clean cage ready. Do not put a quick coat of paint on your cages the day before the show, as unless they are thoroughly dry they will mark the bird. Also remember the stewards who have to handle the cages while benching the birds.

Be careful not to have marked cages; a copy of the Standard can be had from the Society. Make sure the drinker is in the right place, and perches on the correct wires. Use only the seeds allowed by the Society on the floor of the cage. All these points may seem unimportant but they are only to protect the breeder and the judge from any malpractice. Your reward for all this work is to find your bird with a Champion ribbon or rosette.



Left: Dennis Henry
Lutino Hen

Champion Bird of show
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17	18	Normal Violet	19	20	Special
21	22	Normal Grey	23	24	Special
25	26	Yellowfaced Blue Normal <i>not Goldenface</i>	27	28	Special
29	30	Australian Goldenface Normal ASC	31	32	Special
33	34	Blackeye Self Colour Yellow and White	35	36	Special
37	38	Dilute - incl Suffused & Grey Factor	39	40	Special
41	42	Redeyed Self Colour Lutino	43	44	Special
45	46	Redeyed Self Colour Albino	47	48	Special
49	50	Clearwing ASV/ASC	51	52	Special
53	54	Greywing ASV/ASC	55	56	Special
57	58	Cinnamonwing ASV/ASC	59	60	Special
61	62	Spangle Double Factor Yellow or White	63	64	Special
65	66	Opaline Normal Wing only	67	68	Special
69	70	Opaline AOSV / ASC	71	72	Special
73	74	Clearbody ASC / ASV	75	76	Special
77	78	Lacewing A.S.V. Yellow or White	79	80	Special
81	82	Fallow ASV/ASC	83	84	Special
85	86	Spangle ASC / ASV	87	88	Special
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97	98	Saddleback ASC	99	100	Special
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Circle One: New Member* Renewal* Late Renewal (Including Late Renewal Fee)*

New Member Background: Breeding Budgerigars forYears Showing for.....Years

Have you been a member of the BS NSW before.....? Approx When

B. S.N.S.W (Inc). (Form EF1)

**NOMINATION FORM FOR THE
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Acting Secretary: Keith Nicholls 340 Highlands Drive Failford NSW 2430

PART: A NOMINATION

* of
(Name) (Address)

Is nominated for the position of
(Office Bearer Position)

of The Society.

The above nomination is made by:

* *
(Signature) (Date) (Signature) (Date)

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(Print Name, Address & email in Block Letters) I (Print Name, Address & email in Block Letters)

Nominee and persons nominating (TWO) must be financial members of the Society.

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PART: B (for Society use only) Action By The General Secretary

Valid nomination (Part A) received: YES/NO
(Date)

Nominee contacted and advised of the nomination: YES/NO
(Date)

Nominee accepts nomination and has indicated
A willingness to stand for the nominated position: YES/NO
(Date)

Nomination details are included in notification
To members (through 'Budgerigar'): YES/NO
(Date)

Nominee included on Ballot Paper for Postal Vote: YES/NO
(Date)

Nominee including position advised to the
Returning Officer: YES/NO
(Date)

B.S.N.S.W (Inc)

(Form EF2)

APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

To be lodged with the General Secretary of the Society no later than 31st July

Acting Secretary: Keith Nicholls 340 Highlands Drive
Failford NSW 2430

Part: A APPLICATION

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Name) (Address
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.email.....

(Print Name, Address & email in Block Letters)

being a Financial member of the B.S.N.S.W (Inc) hereby apply to receive a Postal Vote
for the Annual Election of Office Bearers of the Society.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

PART B (For Society use only)

Action By The General Secretary

Application received and recorded: YES/NO Date)

Membership verified from Membership Register: YES/NO (Date)

Ballot Paper forwarded: YES/NO (Date)