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From the Editor

Hi all,

My first magazine after an absence of some time.

You will notice on the front cover that it say January February issue. We had changed the months of the magazine to help us get more up to date information out to you as quickly as we can, this will be especially helpful with the Nationals in May. I am looking forward to what lies ahead .

I must say what a great year to be involved with Show Budgerigars in NSW with the Nationals in our own backyard .

If you are in charge of publicity for your branch or have anything to share with the editor I look forward to hearing from you

Cheers
Anna Shaw

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Presidents Report.

Hi All, I hope you had a great Christmas and a happy New Year.
The Show season has just started and from all reports the quality of the birds is good.
Good luck everyone I hope you all have a great season.

The 2018 Nationals preparations are well and truly going strong with only a couple of months now until we all get together at Penrith. Remember registrations must be in by the 31st of March or you will incur a charge so get online and send them in.

All of the information concerning accommodation etc is on the BSNSW website. There is also a Penrith Panthers membership form which we recommend you fill out, members of the club get great discounts on food and drinks.

We are currently the holders of the National trophy, so I hope all of you members out there have bred some great budgies as we want to insure we retain it. Good luck to all at your selections and the State Team Challenge which will be held in the Hills district this year. A big thank you to the show committee for securing a great venue, especially Ray Galbraith.

Speaking of the show committee, I would like to thank them, they are doing an enormous amount of work insuring the National show is one to remember. We can not have enough helpers so if you want to be a part of the preparations give us a call.

So once again thank you to all those that have helped me and the committee in keeping the BSNSW working towards a great future, for our members and the welfare of our birds.

Steven Cummins
BSNSW President



RING REGISTRAR REPORT

At the January meeting a motion was put forward and carried regarding coded rings. **Association members, who are not members of BSNSW, may have either their own personal code or Association code, but not both.** The changed By-Law for this motion will be brought to the March meeting for approval and inclusion into the By-Laws.

Many problems arose due to the fact wrong addresses being put onto the order sheet instead of the ones the members actually wrote on their forms. This excel order sheet is used for all contact details and addresses for postage and was not put together by this, or the previous Ring Registrar.

All rings were posted out on time on 15th December and by now most should have them. If there are still any enquiries please contact me on gandahand@gmail.com.

This has unfortunately meant some rings being sent to old addresses and have now gone missing. One club order was for 1350 rings which now have to be ordered again from overseas. Thanks to everyone involved for their understanding and patience during this time and the mainly positive remarks on Facebook. All up we ordered over 59,000 rings and hope to have very few left at the end of the year.

Geoff Hand

BSNSW Ring Registrar

From the Secretary –

SECRETARY

As we have many members changing address and not updating their contact details, we have sent out to all Branches a form to list their members names, address and contact details so the members management system can be updated.

Membership forms and ring order forms for 2019 will shortly be on the BSNSW website.

Any member who feels they would like to join the Structural Review Committee to help with Constitutional and By-Law changes please contact me. This is a very important aspect of the running and organising of the Society and all of our shows. Most meetings are held via online hook up, emails or phone calls. It would be advantageous if you have been involved in your clubs running previously either at management level or show involvement.

Any enquiries please contact me at secretary@budgerigar.com.au

Ann Hand

SHOW SCHEDULES

Please note on your Show Schedules the following;

Restricted status competition is available for BSNSW Members only.

This is as per By-law 2 (a) BSNSW Show Rules No 45

When taking entries for your show in Restricted classes, please check that person is a BSNSW member, their name can easily be looked up on the Members list on the website. If there is any query re this contact the Membership Secretary.

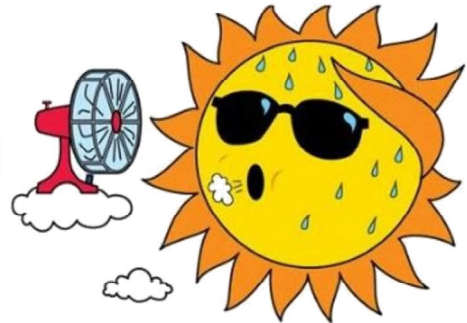
Some non BSNSW members have been showing in Novice or Intermediate classes, if this is allowed it can mean restricted class members of BSNSW may not be able to gain the points they need to advance. It has been brought to our attention that on occasion a non member has shown in Novice and then gone on to win section Champion and also majors in show.

Our Novice and Intermediate Breeders need the support from all Clubs to enable their grading to be advanced.

Jim Baker

BSNSW Show Manager

High Temperature



The heat we have encountered recently in most parts of NSW Has bought this to mind, please remember terracotta dishes placed on the floor of the Aviary or flight and in the bottom of breeding cabinets are far cooler than glass or plastic drinkers that are commonly used. Always remember plastic in the sun can be between 5-8 degrees hotter.

Also at these times it is a good idea to use a weak solution of Epsom Salts (3 grains to one litre of water)

Always remember that Condes Crystals is a Miticide a Fungicide and it also kills bacteria that is why it is commonly used by Pigeon Fanciers



T D Rothery

Making a start in Budgies with £250

"Don't keep all the varieties one likes because improvement becomes complicated and costly"

SOONER or later the fancier is tempted to enter the lists as an exhibitor. If he succumbs the problem is the quality of the stock.

To be a successful exhibitor—and by this I mean, not in the hobby just for one or two years and then fades out, but one who consistently wins year after year—one must be able to breed one's own winners.

One of the surest and quickest ways out of any fancy is to rely on winners bred by other people. Such an exhibitor passes to a higher status, such as from beginner to novice, without basically developing his stud to meet this change.

Gradual improvement

One of the main reasons for this gradual stepping up is to give the fancier the chance of gradually improving his stock rather than to pitchfork him into competition which he is not equipped to cope with.

A young fancier's ambition should be tempered with a degree of patience that would enable him to plan for the future not for just a spectacular rise in the fancy.

Learning the standard

Part of his experience must be to acquire knowledge of the exhibition standard of the Budgerigar, and this cannot be too extensive. It is gained by constant study of good birds at shows and exhibitors' aviaries.

Let us imagine an ambitious young fancier

who understands the general up-keep of the birds and has the specialised knowledge of exhibition standards. He is also in possession of about £250.

Two or three colours only

An important decision must be made: what colours to specialise in. It is no use keeping all the colours and varieties one likes, because the problem of improvement becomes too complicated and costly.

Concentrate on, say, two or three colours—two preferably—which can be freely intermixed, in either normal, Opaline, Cinnamon or a single colour such as Lutino. Colours which come readily to mind are Sky and Grey, Green and Grey Green. Other colours or varieties can be added in later years when the stud has been established.

Valuable foster parents

The stock which is on hand will have to be disposed of, with the exception of, say, five or six good breeding pairs which are known to be good feeders and trustworthy parents. These birds are intended as foster parents and will prove invaluable during the breeding season.

Now as to the allocation of the cash available, I would not spend the whole of the capital to start off with, but put £50 to reserve in case of any setback or loss of stock. It can always be carried forward to provide new blood the following year if it isn't spent. This leaves us with £200. How best to spend it?

The virtues of a cock

I have always advocated that the best investment for any stud is a good cock.

First it is easier to obtain a first-quality cock than a hen. Secondly cocks are usually more reliable as breeders and as a general rule have a far longer breeding life. Thirdly you can make more use of a cock over a season than you can a hen—by pairing him to more than one partner.

I would therefore purchase two cocks, the best I could obtain, to the value of about £50 to £60 each.

Older so they're cheaper

Many times good cocks are offered about three years old at reduced prices because of age. I wouldn't be averse to one of these from a reputable fancier, especially if one could have a look at some of the stock he had bred. The rest of the cash left over of the £200 would be spent on the four best stock hens I could obtain, preferably current year or one year old.

We now have the basis for our first year's breeding on which to build up a superior family of birds.

Fosters take over

The two cocks would be paired to two of the hens. At the same time three pairs of fosters would be paired. If everything went according to plan and two clutches of eggs were produced, I would transfer the eggs to the fosters to be hatched and reared. At the same time I would re-pair the cocks to the other two hens and pair up the other foster pairs.

The process would be repeated with the second two hens, the eggs being transferred as before. By now the first two hens would be about ready for laying again, and would be paired back to the same cocks, or a change over could be made.

Transfer the eggs

I believe in letting a hen bring up a clutch of chicks and this she could do this time. When the chicks are feathered, the hen will commence to lay again. These eggs could be transferred and the fosters made use of.

The cocks are re-paired with the second pair of hens again, who in their turn could bring up a round of chicks. By successful manoeuvring and use of feeders each hen could have three or four clutches of eggs and the resultant stock should form the basis of a successful stud. If anything goes wrong the reserve cash will have to be made use of for replacement. If everything goes smoothly it will be most useful the following year.

Deciding what to keep

We now have a batch of young stock, some of which are not related, some brothers and

sisters and some half brothers and sisters, together with the adult birds. I don't like to go so close in my pairings as brother to sister and I would bear this in mind when considering the birds to keep for the following year's breeding. I would be severe in my culling, and any which had shown a large deterioration in quality compared to their parents I would dispose of.

Feeders' chicks as pets

In calculating the birds required for the next year's breeding always allow a surplus of hens—just in case. The feeders may have produced chicks and these could be sold if only for pets. The cash from these and any surplus from the exhibition stock could be added to the reserve carried forward.

Introduce another of the best

With this I would introduce another good bird or two, preferably cocks for the reason I have already stated and of the best quality I could afford, cutting down to just one bird if necessary to get what I wanted. In fact I have always practised this, and each year I try to improve my stock by so doing.

With the stock at one's disposal after following the plan I have described, line breeding would be easy and distinct families of birds produced. This however is not an article on line or in-breeding and information on this must be sought elsewhere.

The second year

I have always favoured the pairing of half brother to half sister. It has always proved useful for me provided circumstances merit it, and I am sure would prove useful in this instance in the second year. In this second year more pairs would be at one's disposal and so a more normal breeding season would be practised. If however an exceptional outcross had by any good chance been obtained, the foregoing plan could be put into operation with regard to it with, I am sure, beneficial results.

Culling is essential

As the stud progresses the culling of anything inferior must become more severe. Only by doing so will advancement be made. A friend of mine, a noted fancier in the champion ranks, realised a few years ago that his stock had deteriorated considerably, so much so that something drastic had to be done about it. He disposed of all his stock with the exception of two good hens and one cock. He introduced one exceptionally good cock and another two hens, buying at the

same time some recessive Pies to be used as fosters.

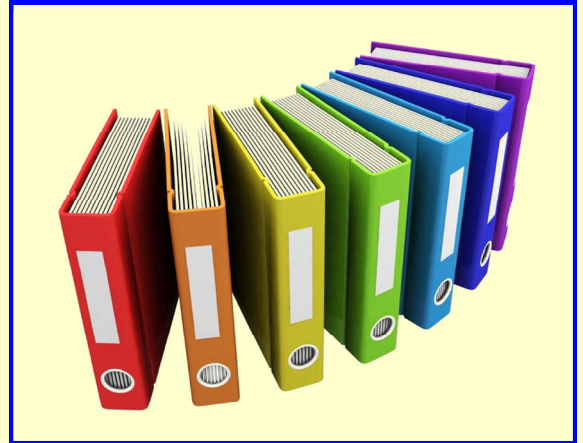
He concentrated on two colours only, and, by following a plan similar to the one I have outlined, produced forty young stock the first year. By severe culling and judicious introduction of outcrosses each year, he has produced in the space of a few years one of the best studs in the north of England, all without excessive outlay of capital.

Records are essential

A complete record of pairings and results must be kept and studied each year before the breeding season. By the correct application of this knowledge, improvement is bound to follow. Start serious exhibiting when the young stock warrants it. You are then on safe and sure ground.

Do not sell stock which you have proved to be producing winning birds. These birds are of far greater value to you than the cash because the problem always faces you of how to replace. From any surplus you do sell plough back the proceeds for improvement.

Do not think you can change the quality of your stock overnight so to speak. It's a much more long-term project, but it's exciting and interesting.



Editors Note on this article:

Tom Rothery was a very successful breeder and competitor.

He was widely used as a lecturer and judge,
he was highly respected
by all fanciers.

During the time of this articles printing the Budgerigar Societies
major show that was a two day show
would attract up to 5000 entries.

Most of the information written in this article is still relevant today



Penrith Valley branch have so much happening within the club, welcoming new members and planning amazing things for 2018,

The Penrith Valley Branch of the B.S.N.S.W would like to thank Mr John Scoble for his offer to the branch to hold this Auction.

John's Breeding stock is for sale due to sale of the family farm at Dubbo. John has been breeding Budgerigars for some 60 Yrs and always been among the top awards since 1964. He has also judged and lectured both here in Australia and Overseas. John is the author of 'The Complete Book of Budgerigars' as well as numerous magazine articles. I have seen Johns birds in the flight and I believe they are of exceptional quality which the photographs will contest.

Penrith Valley look forward to seeing you at the Auction or ONLINE or on the Phone.

Stuart Williams (Chairman)
Penrith Valley Branch B.S.N.S.W

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For a copy of the programme to be sent by email

A Helpful note from Betty Berry

I had found 1 nest yesterday with Red Mite in it attacking 1 baby.



Thought it may be worthwhile to mention it for those who have a couple of nests going after the breeding

One sign that they are in a nest is that perhaps one or 2 babies are not progressing well and look very pale. Unless you see them in the nest or on the chicks you don't suspect them.

They hide in the cracks of the nest box and even in the shavings. Very tiny little mites and you don't actually see them until they bite the babies then they show up with the blood in them.

What to use. Avian Insect Liquidator from Vetafarms. A bit expensive but good for all insect attacks. Spiders don't like it either. Don't tell Rose growers that it is good for the bugs on roses.

Another product is Pestene. You clean out the nest box and dust the box with it and dust the shavings.

WORLD BUDGERIGAR ORGANIZATION. SHOW BUDAPEST HUNGARY NOVEMBER 2017

We received the invitation to attend the W.B.O. Show in Budapest after Ghalib Al-Nasser (WBO secretary) asked me via email if I knew a Judge who could be interested in accepting an invitation to Judge at this Show which was a first for Hungary and a multi Country European Show.

When I first mentioned it to Alan Rowe he laughed as per previous appointments. He is after-all getting on in years like many of us, and he has had the pleasure of Judging all around Australia, as well as New Zealand, Germany, and England at the B.S. Show. We also attended another Show in Kassel Germany. His normal response came after a couple of days, "Are you coming too?" "What about our wives, Sandra and Betty?" I asked. "OK!" was his reply. So I accepted.

Ghalib, Tibor and Zita (The Hungarian organizers) agreed and the invitation arrived. Those three people put in a huge amount of work to get the Show up and running and what a great Show and weekend it was.

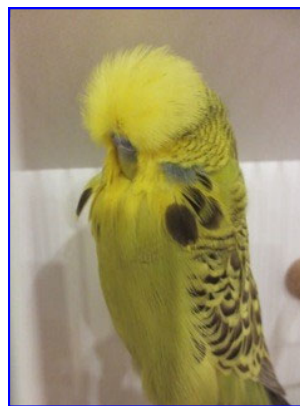
So off we went. Alan's remuneration- four night's accommodation, and that's it. Mine- zero, self funded. We arrived in Budapest two days early so as to take in the beautiful city, acclimatise to the cold and familiarise ourselves with our surroundings. This was Betty's and my second visit to this relatively small ancient city, with beautiful old architecture. The 'Hop on, hop off' bus was easy to find, very cheap and included a cruise down the river. It was better than we remembered, slightly familiar and a pleasure to tour around.

Thursday was set up day and bird entries arrived at the venue, The Danabus Grand Hotel, which is on Margaret Island. It is a magnificent old World Hotel with lovely old world style service to match..

Everyone was in by Thursday night and at dinner, in the very formal dining room, it was like old school reunion day - catching up with friends we had not seen for four years, great friends in a common hobby, with plenty of stories to tell. All birds were in by Thursday night.

An early judging start on Friday morning - 9.30am. finishing 6.30pm. There were four Judges in total.

Very slow, but in saying that, the show had four main Sections from which came Best and Reserve Best Champion Any Age and Best and Reserve Best Champion Young Bird. The Best Bird In Show was a wonderful Young bird owned by a German Breeder and Daniel Lutolf won the other three with beautiful birds. Then there were the colour classes, then every Country represented had their birds brought up and a Champion bird from each selected. They also had a class for colours which is in my book small bush budgies, plus a class of Japanese crests (Hagoromo) Different, and nicknamed 'Helicopters' in Australia but becoming popular in Europe.



The cinnamon grey-gn was champion bird of the show also champion young bird. The cin.sky also an outstanding bird was the second cinnamon in the show both birds owned by Daniel Lutolf.
Alan Rowe.



Friday night's entertainment was a dinner at a local traditional Hungarian 'all you can eat' restaurant. Plenty of food and alcohol and good company!

Saturday was viewing day with plenty of comments in a multitude of languages, of which I could only understand one. In the afternoon there were three speakers doing presentations which were all very easy to listen to.

First up was Daniel Lutolf who spoke about his new bird room, house and, while being very entertaining, told you nothing about how he achieved his stud of birds which is what I wanted to hear.

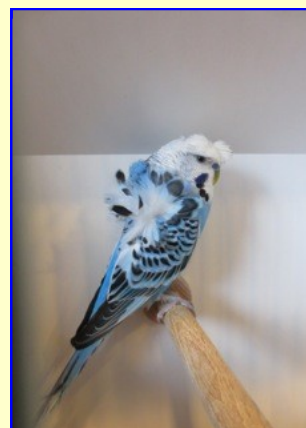
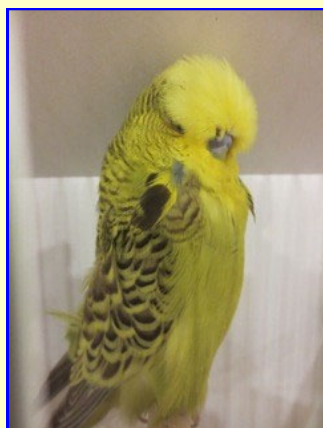
The second speaker was German Judge, Christian Back. Very well prepared and could talk under water with a mouth full of marbles, while not losing one or even taking a breath. Very informative as to judging in Germany, but managed to have his two bobs worth as to his opinion of the judging in Budapest which was not necessary. However his presentation was minute perfect to his allocated time.

Last up was Maarten Heylen from Belgium. Very successful breeder, and now also creating and developing bird products for sale. Great breeder with a lovely set up under his house and two other established breeding facilities. All up about 180 breeding cages at his home his father's home and that of his partner in birds. Only two facilities in use at any one time which is all year round on a rotation basis. Two persons almost full time. I have had the pleasure of visiting Maarten's home with my travelling companion, Alan Rowe in 2013. Large birds (could not fly) with large feathers. He, along with Daniel, are resorting back to the more attractive birds that now can fly. Maarten is a very polished speaker and delivered in a professional manner while promoting his lines of tonic foods, soft food mixes and seed supplies.

All three speakers were informative in their own way and very well received by a large audience. The winning birds had style and denser feather than what was emerging over the last few years but are still way ahead of ours. They are again striking in head quality and their body shape is well in proportion, and they show beautifully.

Saturday night's presentation function was advertised as a dinner on the river, in a boat. With the weather like it was I was glad about the boat. Great night, lovely food, good company and plenty of presentation action. Judges up first with a nice unique clock. Major awards very nearly a Daniel Lutolf exclusive. Then Country presentations, five of. Meal served, I took a bite, then Rumania announced upstanding National Anthem. Hungary another National Anthem, standing for all five in total up and down like a yo-yo. Good way to avoid indigestion. Raffles in between main and desert, very popular- Cosmetic prizes plus boxes of show budgies. About five from memory. I won a prize with no. 69 and I got a bathroom beauty product gift box. Not a bloody budgie! Left the prize for the hotel room service lady. The last prize was a Lutolf Unbroken Cap Bird.. Ticket out, blue 50.

Winner



Lutolf. He was honourable in requesting which young lady drew the ticket out and promptly awarded the bird to her and it turned out to be Zita's daughter. She was very excited with this gesture. All in all it was a great week catching up with a lot of life-long friends and the bonus - a great bird show. Tibor and Zita are to be Internationally thanked for their huge input as the prime movers in Hungary, staging and managing a great weekend of birds and entertainment of which a big majority of European Countries supported.

Sunday was birds out day and the W.B.O. meeting. The W.B.O. now has 45 Societies from around the World as members. All business is conducted efficiently with a major move to have French moult financed in a Portugal University research project as to finding a cure. The finance for this is subsidised by the W.B.O. doubling the membership fee for the next two years along with other donations. Hope it works. The B.S. United Kingdom has put up ten thousand pounds. This was my fourth attendance as a delegate at the W.B.O. meetings and I have enjoyed all of them. It was a great trip for the four of us. Next year, in 2018 the W.B.O. meeting is in South Africa and Jim Fletcher, another Australian, will be one of the Judges there

Our membership of the W.B.O. is proudly sponsored by our major Sponsor of the National Competition, GOLDEN COB of which we are very grateful, as it gives us access to all world information available for Budgerigars and contacts worldwide!

Leigh A Downey.



What's on

WHAT'S ON 2018

February 2018

- 4th—Illawarra Branch annual show
- 11th— Shoalhaven branch annual show
- 17th- New England Branch annual
- 18th- St George
- 25th - Canberra Annual Show
- 25th NBC Young Bird show



March 2018

- 3rd -John Scoble Major Disposal Sale Werrington
- 4th- Hills District Branch Annual
- 12th— BSNSW Management meeting Blacktown RSL 7.30pm
- 18th—BRASEA Auction Bexley
- 25th -Sth/Western Budgerigar Society Annual Show
- 26th-27th - Royal Cage Bird Show Homebush



April 2018

May 2018

- 6th -Macarthur Branch Annual Show
- 14th -Management Meeting Blacktown RSL
- 19th -State Team Challenge
- 25th - 30th 44th ANBC National Show Penrith Panthers



June

- 17th— BRASEA Auction Bexley
- 24th Budgerigar Improvement Society Annual Show

July 2018

- 7th Hills Branch Super sale
- 9th - BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30pm-11:00pm

August

- 11th—Newcastle Club Auction

September

- 9th—Northside Branch Annual Show
- 15th BSNSW Management meeting Blacktown RSL



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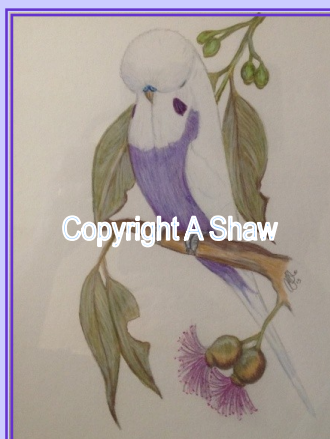
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Fallow , 3rd Opaline, Dilute
5th & 9th Lacewing

Visitors welcome

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Feather Size

some Answers for Feather Size

Budgie Busker

The general concern for the old breeders world wide was always the discussion of reverting to the wild type. The wild type notes the regressive gene, or the pull to the wild budgie. All exhibition birds were developed by a series of mutations and these mutations are a mutant away from the wild type. These include the long flight mutation which had the most profound effect on the exhibition budgie. This mutation changed the frame (ie shoulder and keel length) and the feather length. Each mutant bird, recessive varieties and semi-dominant, co-dominant, dominant, and sex linked varieties, brought something to the fold by the way of not only colour but also feather changes.

For example the cinnamon mutant also brought a softer round ended feather with it. This feather was used to balance the feather length of the long flight and opaline mutations.

Jo Mannes also used dark factor birds for the same effect, as Jo found the dark factor (ie normal dark green) also had soft round ended feather. So therefore he could garnish the same effect without introducing cinnamon into his normal lines. Today these mutant feather types have been crossed across all varieties and types of birds, and therefore modern birds are a multi combination of recessive genes.


The feather window to a bird is its mask which generally shows you the type of feather (ie length and width). If a bird has a round spot your mask feather will generally be deep and wide and round ended, and its body feather in all likelihood would be medium in length and round ended which is indicative of soft feather. If one has a really deep mask with narrow pointed feather displaying an arrow head or pointed spot, the body feather would be long and narrow (buff).

If a bird has a short mask, narrow feather, and small spots, such birds would have yellow type body feathers being short and narrow (wild type) as mentioned. Varieties and colours also play their part with resulting feather types.

In the breeding of good modern birds one must have a good understanding of the standard even though the current standard may have been superseded in some areas.

The standard as it currently exists has a long keel, quite wide shoulder, back skull, broad at the base of the face, with a slight downward sweep with a broad thick neck.

Even though the most up to date birds may exhibit more extreme areas after a base frame, keel length combined with shoulder width, the rest of the picture is produced by long broad feathers.



1. This modern 210mm nest feather Grey Green Hen with the superb head quality is of height value, also this particular bird possesses the heritable features of not only long broad feathers but also large bone and body structure All things being equal the larger specimen is always the most admired by spectators and the type to breed for if one wishes to go forward

2. side view hen. This individual is a nest sister to the previous Hen, the side view enables one to see the hens eye position moving closer to the centre of the head, Her deep mask with its long feathers materialize as if they are overlapping the body feathers which extends the process as one can see to behind the eye. from a frontal view such birds whenever they rotate their head their mask feathers create an independent swivel effect to capture ones eye.

Spangle photo The spangle green cock at eight weeks is 240mm or nine and half inches in length and a real eye opener this youngster has a deep mask and straight backline with long silky broad feather, The breeder has shown how one can control the pigment and variegation factors within the spangle mutation that one rarely sees now This feature is evident with the fine dark penciling superimposed to a greater extent upon the lighter ground colour especially so on the flight feathers

Hills District Branch News

Save the Date!

Sunday 4th March, 2018



2018
Annual Show
THE HILLS DISTRICT BRANCH
BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

Derby **&** Oaks
Competition

\$350
IN PRIZE MONEY
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Details inside.

Mercure HOTELS
PENRITH
BOOKING FORM BUDGERIGAR CONFERENCE
22nd May 2018 - 28th May 2018

The Mercure Hotel Penrith is providing accommodation for the 2018 Budgerigar Conference at the Panthers Event Centre.

The below rates are available subject to availability on a first come first served basis, there is a limited block for this event of 100 rooms per night. Payment required prior to arrival.

Rates will be held at the below co stings until one month before the event 22nd April 2018. Late bookings will incur the full price of the Best Unrestricted Rate of the day.

Should all of the rooms be taken before this date the hotel will sell upgraded room types at public rates.

To book simply fill in this form and return to h9877@accor.com and we send back your confirmation number.

There are limited amounts of each room type.

Room Type 1 - Standard Room \$179.00

Configuration I: Queen/Single.

Room Type 2 - Standard Room \$179.00

Configuration: 2 Double Beds

Guest Name

Contact phone number: _

Required Room Type _

Dates required:May to..... May 2018

Credit Card to guarantee the booking

Type of card: -----

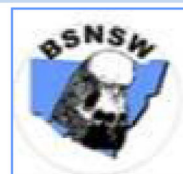
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If credit card is to be used for payment please circle YES / NO

Payment will be confirmed and settled 30 days prior to your arrival. A 1.5% merchant service fee applies to all credit card transactions.

2018 - ANBC Nationals Registration Form



Proudly hosted by Budgerigar Society of New South Wales

Registration covers entry to the two day Show & Auction, and entitles you to book for Functions & Tours

Please complete and return this registration form by 31st March 2018

Bookings after this date cannot be guaranteed and will incur a late fee of \$15

| | | SURNAME | First Name <i>(used on your name tag)</i> | | Zone | | | | |
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| Registration: | P1 | | | | | | | | |
| Accompanied by: | P2 | | | | | | | | |
| Accompanied by: | P3 | | | | | | | | |
| Accompanied by: | P4 | | | | | | | | |
| Accompanied by: | P5 | | | | | | | | |
| Mailing address: | | | | | | | | | |
| Suburb: | | | State: | P/code: | | | | | |
| Country: <i>(If not Australia)</i> | | | | Phone: | | | | | |
| Mobile: | | Email: | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tick events for each person</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| REGISTRATION | | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | Cost pp | Total No | Total Costs |
| Registration - for persons 18 years & over | | | | | | | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Registration - for persons under 18 yrs | | | | | | | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Registration - for persons under 13 yrs | | | | | | | \$ 10.00 | | |
| DINNER FUNCTIONS | | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | Cost pp | Total No. | Total Costs |
| Friday Night Meet 'n Greet | | | | | | | \$ 55.00 | | |
| Saturday Night - Paddlewheel Dinner Cruise | | | | | | | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Sunday Night Presentation Dinner | | | | | | | \$ 80.00 | | |
| Special Dietary requirements – please advise requirements on next page | | | | | | | | | |
| Total for Registrations & Dinners | | | | | | | \$ | | |
| SOUVENIRS | | | | | | | Cost each | Total No. | Total Costs |
| Results booklet for 2018 Nationals | | | | | | | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Postage | | | | | | | \$ 5.00 | | |
| Total for Souvenirs | | | | | | | \$ | | |

| TOURS & BUS TRIPS (costs are for the bus/coach only- add your own expenses) | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | Cost pp | Total No. | Total Costs |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Saturday Shuttlebus- 2.9 klm each way trip from Mecure Hotel to the Jetty @ Tench Reserve for the Paddlewheel Dinner Cruise (or 38min walk) | | | | | | \$ 20.00 | | |
| Monday Tour- Bus trip to Blue Mountains, taking in spectacular scenery, high tea at Hydro Magestic and Scenic Railway. | | | | | | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Tuesday Tour- Bus trip to Southern Highlands, includes wine tasting, lunch at a Scottish pub, visit a Sweet Shoppe, and Antiques outlet and more! | | | | | | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Wednesday Tour- A new Modern Zoo is scheduled to open near Penrith in April. We hope to incorporate a Zoo visit into our Program. TBC | | | | | | TBC | | |
| Total for Bus Trips / Shuttlebus | | | | | | \$ | | |
| GRAND TOTAL for Registrations, Dinners, Souvenirs & Tours | | | | | | \$ | | |

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

(Please advise of any special dietary needs for each person registered, email further details if insufficient space)

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| P1: | P2: |
| P3: | P4: |
| P5: | Notes: |

PAYMENT METHODS: (Circle one of the two methods below)

- POST The completed registration form (along with cheque or money order in favour of **Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc** for the total amount payable) to:

2018 National Registrations
C/- Ian & Kathy Manton
44 Clifton Rd,
Marsden Park NSW 2765

- EMAIL & Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Scan and email the completed registration form to:

nationalregos2018@bigpond.com

EFT your payment to:

Account Name: Budgerigar Society of NSW

BSB: 082-133 **Account No:** 5628 18664

Payment ID: N18 SurnameState in the bank's payment description to identify your payment
e.g. N18SmithWA

If the payment cannot be identified, the BSNSW will assist where possible, but your registration cannot be completed until the EFT is identified

ALL ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGISTRATIONS TO:

Ian & Kathy Manton - phone 02 9627 7748 between 7.00pm and 10.00pm
or email to: nationalregos2018@bigpond.com



THIRD UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL PLANNING 2018

Variety Sponsorship: We have three Varieties that are awaiting a sponsor- Cinnamonwing, Fallow and Normal Grey. Contact Jean Painter if you are interested. Tel 48894926 or email jean.painter@bigpond.com

The List of Stewards is complete and we require two more people to join the Security Team. If you would like to be part of this Team contact Ken Liley. 95465881 or email lileys@bigpond.net.au

Registrations Forms are on the website along with the rest of the package- Hotel Booking form, Panthers Membership Form, Information Sheet and National Program. Be advised that registrations received after 31st March will incur a late Fee of \$15. If you have any queries about registration you can contact Ian and Kathy Manton. nationalregos2018@bigpond.com

Team Carers are required to send their shirt sizes and photographs to Ann Hand A.S.A.P. secretary@budgerigar.com.au

Raffle books are being distributed to Branches, Affiliates and Other States and Zones. Great prizes, \$2 a ticket, \$10 a book. Clubs and Branches please keep a record of who you give a book to and send all stubs back in the reply paid envelope supplied by the 15th May at the latest especially if you are also enclosing any unsold books.

Just a reminder that all birds participating in the State Team Challenge Competition and the N.S.W. State Team must be owner bred, must have the correct colour ring with the A.N.B.C. code on it and at the S.T.C.C. must be eligible for Team Selection.

The Date for the Stewards' School will be the 7th April at Campbelltown and all stewards on the National list will be contacted.

The White Cap class will be a display class only.

The Birds for the Auction at the National have all been organised and it won't be long before the catalogue is complete.

A computer program for both the S.T.C.C. and The National has been devised by Ken Yorke and we have a capable computer Team organised to run both!

Our Vet, Dr.Mike Cannon, will be at the National for three days, Friday ,Saturday and Sunday and on call Thursday and Monday.

Day passes will be sold at the door of the Marquee on both the Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th May. If you plan to attend both days please note that it is cheaper to register and if you do that you get a name tag.

PROGRESS ON PLANNING FOR THE ANBC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW AT PENRITH, SYDNEY ON THE 24TH TO THE 28TH MAY 2018

Things we have achieved so far:

- We have secured the venue Penrith Panthers and the costs have been accepted for said venue
- \$20,000 grant from Destination NSW
- \$10,000 received from ANBC
- Logies ordered and paid for by ANBC
- Containers of equipment have been put together by Dave Ganzer at a minimal cost to States and Zones.
- Hotel accommodation at Mercure Hotel 120 rooms reserved and price set.
- Dinner and Cruise on the Paddle Steamer booked for Saturday Evening
- All four judges and the master of ceremonies invited and accepted.
- Auctioneer booked for the Sunday
- Sponsorship by Golden Cob secured
- Website updated with advert for the 2018 National
- Breakdown of areas that will require the most assistance/help
- We have received offers of assistance by volunteers

We still have so much to do and need your help!

NSW are the hosts for the Nationals in 2018 to be held at Penrith Panthers on the 25th to the 28th of May. We need your help if you are able to be the designated recogniser for a specific area or be willing to offer assistance in an area we would love to hear from you. Volunteers needed in the following sections if you feel you can assist in any of these areas please contact Jim Baker National Show Manager

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|---|---|
| 1. Registration Stand | 16. Souvenir organiser |
| 2. Sponsorship | 17. Panthers and Mercure Hotel Liason officer (Steve Cummins) |
| 3. Advertising | 18. Main Hall Decorator |
| 4. Publicity | 19. Staging set up area (Jim Baker) |
| 5. Media Publicity | 20. Staging and seating |
| 6. Raffles | 21. Chief Steward (Ray Galbraith) |
| 7. Trade Stands (Bruce Bradford) | 22. Judges Coordinator (Jean Painter) |
| 8. Airport transfers for bird team | 23. Lighting |
| 9. Airport transfers for international visitors | 24. Auction Coordinator |
| 10. Security –Bird Room Ken Liley Main Room- | 25. Auctioneer |
| 11. Functions Organisator | 26. Show day catering officer show duration |
| - Room Decorations | 27. Announcer |
| - Door Checks | 28. Scribe for Judges comments |
| - Seating Allocation | 29. Photographer (Nola Bradford) |
| 12. Meet and greet Friday evening organiser | 30. Information officer |
| 13. EMCEE at function | 31. First aid officer |
| 14. Forum organiser | 32. Health and safety |
| 15. Tour organiser host/hostess | 33. Photographer DVD |

St George Branch News.

November Meeting:

This was the Final Night of our three-month Point Score Competition.

Jean Painter judged our Table Show, with 84 birds being benched.

Results were: CHAMPION BIRD and CHAMPION ADULT FEATHER Wilson Family.

CHAMPION NEST FEATHER Jim Baker.

ADULT FEATHER OPEN Wilson Family.

ADULT FEATHER RESERVE CHAMPION Craig Geering.

NEST FEATHER OPEN CHAMPION A & C Merriman.

NEST FEATHER RESERVE CHAMPION Jim Baker.

NEST FEATHER RESTRICTED CHAMPION and RESTRICTED RESERVE CHAMPION Brian Waters.

Point Score Results: **Open/Intermediate:** Wilson Family 128, Craig Geering 124,

Jim Baker 110, A & C Merriman 55, K & S Liley 54, Wackwitz Family 32, B & N Bradford 20. **Novice:** Brian Waters 122, Len Hutchinson 8, George Camaris 3.

After many months of discussion we have a new Club Shirt available.

Members were more than pleased with the new design and the shirts were "modeled" by some of the members, on the night. What a great "LOGO".



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL

National Budgerigar Show

Hosted by Budgerigar Society of New South Wales

25th May to 30th May 2018

Website: www.budgerigar.com.au

Contact point: nationalregos2018@bigpond.com



Venue: Penrith Panthers, Penrith NSW

PROGRAM

Friday 25th May

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| 2.00pm | ANBC Judges Accreditation Theory Examination – Panthers |
| 2.45pm | ANBC Judges Accreditation Practical Examination – Panthers |
| 2.00pm - 4.30pm | Registration – at Penrith Panthers Foyer |
| 6.30pm | Meet and Greet – Welcome, Official opening and canapé selection dinner in Fernhill Room, Panthers |

Saturday 26th May

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| 6.00am | Bird room open to Carers and Security |
| 7.30am | Marquee at Panthers open to Officials , Trade Stands and Workers |
| 8.30am | Marquee open to Registrations and Day Passes |
| 9.00am - 11.30am | Judging of National Show 1st set of Classes with viewing until noon |
| 10.30am - 12.30pm | Auction birds on display |
| 1.00pm - 3.30pm | Judging of 2nd set of Classes with viewing until 4pm |
| 4.00pm | All birds de-benched. Marquee closed. |
| 5.30pm | Shuttlebus from Mecure Hotel to Nepean Belle - Jetty at Jamisontown |
| 6.00pm - 9.00pm | Paddlewheeler Cruise and Dinner on Nepean Belle (leaves from the Jetty at Tench Reserve, Tench Avenue, Jamisontown). |

Sunday 27th May

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| 6.00am | Birdroom open to Carers and Security |
| 7.30am | Marquee open to Officials , Trade Stands and Workers |
| 8.30am | Marquee open to Registrations and Day Passes |
| 9.00am - 11.30am | Judging of 3rd Set of Classes with viewing until 12.30pm |
| 10.30am - 12.30pm | Viewing of Auction birds |
| 1.00pm | National Show birds de-benched |
| 1.30pm – 2.30pm | ANBC Bird Auction commences followed by Auction of original Roy Aplin budgerigar paintings |
| 2.30pm | Judges workshop in Marquee – open to all Registrations and Day Passes |
| 3.30pm | Marquee Closed to all except Workers & Officials |
| 3.30pm | ANBC Judges Panel Meeting in Boardroom |
| 4.30pm | ANBC Colour and Standards meeting in Boardroom |
| 7.00pm | Presentation Dinner in Ron Mulock AO room |

Monday 28th May

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| 6.00am | Birdroom open to Carers and Security |
| 9.00am | ANBC Delegates meeting in the Boardroom |
| 9.00am – 4.30/5.00pm | Bus Tour- Pick up from Mecure Hotel to the Blue Mountains , includes high tea at Hydro Magestic, spectacular scenery and Scenic Railway - great trip) |
| 7.00pm | Forum in Boardroom – Guest Speaker Gerd Bleicher , includes visual presentation of winning birds in Europe at recent shows, followed by Question and Answer time with three guest speakers |

Tuesday 29th May

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| 9.00am - 4.00pm | Bus Tour – Pick up from Mecure Hotel to Southern Highlands , includes wine tasting , lunch in historic Berrima, visit a Sweet Shoppe, and Antiques stores and more! |
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Wednesday 30th May

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| 9.00am - 4.00pm | A new Modern Zoo is scheduled to open near Penrith in April. We hope to incorporate a Zoo visit into our Program. TBC. Updates will be sent to all Registrations |
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At this National we, in N.S.W. are the hosts. A tremendous amount of work is being done by the Operations Committee and the Show Committee to ensure that all runs smoothly but we need assistance. There will be a Team of people at the venue from the Wednesday of the National week, setting up all the areas and equipment inside the Marquee. The many contents of the container will have to be unloaded , brought into the venue and put in place. The birdroom will have to be made ready for the arrival of the Bird Teams from all States and Zones. The cages for the Auction birds will have to be unpacked , put together and located in the allocated area. The Teams of birds and their prime Carer will have to be collected from the airport on a one team to one vehicle basis .Visitors from overseas will need to be met at the airport and taken to the venue, a lot of staging will have to be erected in set areas. Special netting will have to be installed to prevent the escape of any bird, signs and sponsorship advertising will have to be erected inside and outside the Marquee. Trade Stands will have to be set up. Birds have to be brought in for the National Judges Examination on the Friday and taken away afterwards. This is all before the Show begins! Over the two days of the Show we need raffle ticket sellers , people on the door selling Day passes and checking people coming in ,and a couple of ‘runners’ to take messages from the computer Team to the camera operators etc.

On the Monday all the equipment that came out of the large container has to be put back in exactly as it was when it came. All the show cages have to be cleaned, dried and packed in shopping bags before they go into large wooden boxes for the travel. The Marquee has to be emptied. The bird Teams and their Prime Carer have to be taken to the airport for their trip home, one team per vehicle again.

If you have not already volunteered a part of your time to help out we would love to hear from you so we will know when we have a much needed few extra pairs of hands. If you do not want to commit to a certain job but are just willing to give a hand wherever you are required just give us a day and a time when you will be available and we will find something you are happy to do. Contact Jean Painter Tel. 0409 907 113 or 48894926, and email jean.painter@bigpond.com OR Ann Hand Tel, 0487 801 217 or 62276071 and email secretary@budgerigar.com.au



Peter Baker 20/20 interview with Mark

I've known Peter for around 20 years and one thing that's always stood out is his ability to breed outstanding exhibition budgerigars. They're known for good shoulder and width that most only dream about. If I were looking for an outcross his name would be on top of my list. Peter's a Mid-State man through and through and his Sky cock won the Nationals and if he wasn't so mad on his other love of lawn bowls I'm sure he would have won a few more. In the old days Peter, Wayne Cusack, John Barden and myself used to do quite a few shows together so it wasn't a bad crew in one car as it turned out as we all went on to win at the Nationals. He loves a beer and a yarn, which I must say I miss, as I'm not working in Wellington anymore and our chats after work were very enjoyable usually only two subjects were raised one being the birds and the other being our beloved Sydney Roosters. Might even go for a drive very soon to check out one of the best studs in Australia. All in all he's a super bloke with plenty of knowledge about our great hobby of Exhibition Budgerigars.

Question 1.

What started your interest in budgerigars?

I had them as a child growing up, pet type

Question 2.

How long have you been in the hobby?

Show birds I have had for about 25 years

Question 3.

What Club & level do you show at?

Mid State club and show as open

Question 4.

What varieties do you keep?

Normal's, opalines, spangles pids, lacewings, lutinos

Question 5.

What is your best memory in the hobby?

Winning a national with a sky blue

Question 6.

Whose birdroom would you like to spend a day in having a one to one budgie chat?

Hard to say there is so many good breeders out there

Question 7.

Whose bloodlines have influenced your stud?

John Scoble and Gary Watson

Question 8.

Name your 3 top budgerigar breeders in Australia in any order?

Too hard to pick there is so many good breeders out there to mention

Question 9.

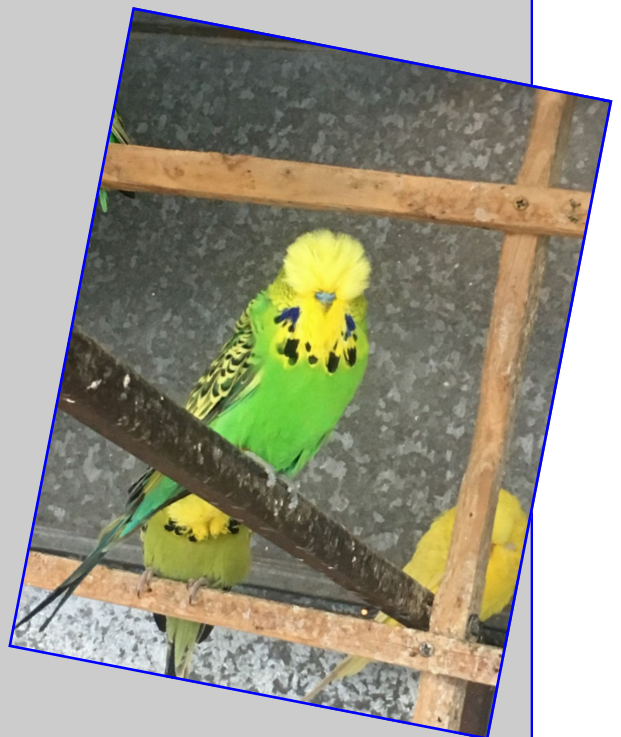
What was your best ever bird and for what reason?

A sky spangle not a huge bird but breed better than himself

Question 10.

What car or motorcycle do you drive / ride?

Ford wagon



Question 11.

Name the person you would most like to have dinner with?

My wife

Question 12.

If you could only show at one show, which would it be?

Mid State club

Question 13.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

I would have a bit better set up as I don't have much room

Question 14.

Is there anything in budgies that really irritates you?

Question 15.

Do you have any other hobbies?

Lawn Bowls and darts

Question 16.

What is your favourite movie & actor?

Star wars and all the actors no

Favourite

Question 17.

What is your favourite food & restaurant?

Pizza and the Federal hotel

Question 18.

What football team do you follow if any?

Sydney Roosters

Question 19.

Are you in a relationship?

Yes married

Question 20.

Occupation?

Water treatment



John Scoble Budgerigar Auction

Major Dispersal Sale

(Owing to property being sold)

SATURDAY 3rd March 2018

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