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2015 STCC Cinnamonwing
Winner & State Representative
Photographed by Nola Bradford
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From the Editor

This is my third issue of the Budgerigar; I am starting to get a system going. I am pleased to have nine club reports in this issue. I hope the readers are enjoying the articles.

It would be good to hear from members who have ideas, stories or questions that they would like included in the magazine.

Please use editor@budgerigar.com.au when sending your Budgerigar submissions to the Editor. I will reply to your email from the editor's email address to confirm that I have actioned your request.

The magazine will usually be published in the middle of the month following the BSNSW Management Meeting. This is to ensure that any decision made at the meeting can be communicated to the members in a timely fashion.

I have contacted the other states and zones about sharing information with the BSNSW.

The plan for the next issue of the Budgerigar is to include all the results for the 2016 ANBC National Championship. It's hard to believe that it is only a month away.

Remember that the BSNSW website now has an [Events](#) page to display your free advert for your upcoming shows and events. These adverts will be removed after the event. Clubs are also encouraged to add a FaceBook event to increase exposure for their events.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted me to produce this magazine especially Andrew Bourne; as always it is a team effort.

Maureen Bourne
BSNSW Editor

From the Editor: Please note this correction to New England's 2016 Annual Show results that were published in the Feb-March issue.
Non Standard.....E & D Wise

Could Branches and Associated clubs please provide Club reports plus any adverts for your upcoming events by 1st July 2016?

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President's Report

Harry Charalambous, BSNSW President



Welcome to the latest edition of the Budgerigar Magazine of NSW.

With the State Team Challenge Competition, State Team Selection and the Nationals in Tasmania all on next

month, it's now time for those of you who intend to put birds in to support your Branch or Club to be choosing and preparing your birds.

The State Team Challenge Competition and State Team Selection will once again be held at Dural on Saturday, 11th June. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact the Show Committee if you are able to help any way with the preparation before or on the day. It is shaping up to be a great day with many Teams vying for the title of State Champions.

The venue for the 2018 ANBC National has now been confirmed and will be at Homebush in Sydney in what will be a great venue for the show with great facilities, accommodation and transport. With the venue now confirmed the Show Committee has started working on the logistics of the event with more detail to follow soon.

Congratulations to Andre Ozoux on winning this year's Grand Champion award at the Sydney Royal Caged Bird Show held during 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show with James Matthews taking home the Reserve Champion award. Well done to everyone that helped out with the event which was once again a great success.

I had the pleasure of attending the New England Branch's 20th Anniversary Show in March which was a great celebration of the Branch's history with a dinner, awards and speeches on Saturday night and the show on Sunday.

Thank you to the Branch and its members for the invitation and your hospitality over the weekend. Congratulations to Mark Hawke on taking home the Grand Champion award on the day.

This year's BSNSW Annual Show will be held on the 27th August at the Don Moore Community Centre at North Rocks. Many venues were looked at and considered, thank you to those members who put suggestions forward for other venues however after looking at them the Show Committee decided that the venue at North Rocks was the most suitable of the available venues. Keep a look out for the Show Schedule which has been expanded to encourage as many birds as possible to be made available on the day with some great prizes to be awarded on the day.

Thank you also to Warren Wilson who has offered the proceeds of the May BRASEA Auction to the BSNSW to assist with the running of the 2018 Nationals. The BSNSW is very appreciative of what Warren has done and continues to do for the Society and the hobby as a whole.

Remember to take advantage of some of the initiatives from the BSNSW such as the Live Streaming of the Management Meetings, the BSNSW Facebook page, the website and the magazine.

Live Streaming of the Management Meetings are being well attended and growing each month. The BSNSW Facebook page now has 550 members and continues to have lots of photos and discussions posted. Remember to send any questions or contributions for the magazine to editor@budgerigar.com.au for Maureen Bourne.

I look forward to connecting with you all again soon.

Harry Charalambous.

What's on in 2016

May 2016	
20th	St George Branch Bird Sale Night
21st	SSA Show & BRASEA Auction, Bexley
22nd	Tamworth Budgerigar Society Annual Show
29th	BRASEA Budgerigar Sydney Auction School of Arts Hall, 476 Forest Road, Bexley BRASEA profits to the 2018 Nationals
June 2016	
5th	Orana Avicultural Society Annual Show
11th	State Team Challenge Competition (STCC) & State Team Section(STS)
17-19	ANBC Nationals – Hobart, Tasmania http://www.national2016.com
26th	BIS Memorial Paul Ely Annual Show
July 2016	
1st	“Budgerigar” submissions deadline
2nd	Hills Budgerigar Auction
11th	BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30-11pm
August 2016	
13th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Auction
14th	Newcastle Budgerigar Club Annual Show
20th	Federation Dinner
27th	BSNSW Annual Show
September 2016	
1st	“Budgerigar” submissions deadline
11th	Northside Branch Annual Show
17th	BSNSW AGM 10.30am-1pm BSNSW Management Meeting 2pm-5pm
October 2016	
23rd	New England Branch Young Bird Show
November 2016	
1st	“Budgerigar” submissions deadline
14th	BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30-11pm
13th	Central Coast Annual Show
19th	Mid-State Budgerigar Club Annual Show
December 2016	
1st	“Budgerigar” submissions deadline

Secretary Holiday Snippets

Mark Wilton, BSNSW Secretary

So what does the secretary talk about when he hasn't been around? – His Holiday!!!

I was lucky enough to take some time out from my busy business schedule to hop off to Singapore & Philippines.

Here are just some of the great shots that I took on my trip:



As you can see I had a lot of fun – from practically eating noodles every day to meeting some lions & tigers.





As well just floating around in the beautiful waters; and then hitting up the town through the hustle and bustle.



I would like to personally thank Myles for taking care of my birds during my absence; thanks mate.

The world of budgies continued in my absence, we had a number of correspondences come to light; and being dealt with through management steering committee (thank you also).

On my return, I've been preparing the BSNSW correspondence and email communication regarding the upcoming management meeting.

The BSNSW management team is moving into quite swift interactions, and the flow of the team is starting to really synchronise – with everyone falling into their roles nicely.

Again, I apologise for my absence (but from the photos you can see why).

I haven't been breeding since I knew I was going to travel now I am keen to get back into the bird room and pair up. In the past I have not been too successful in the colder months – but I am super keen and can see many birds eager to mate; some even self-pairing. Luckily I have good bloodlines and any match could work.

The busy season is about to start with selection nights and the InterBranch/State Team Challenge Competition coming up next month.

Mind you, some birds in the flight are coming out of moult – so they might make our team.

I trust that all clubs, branches and associates are checking their flights for the next champions – I wish all participants luck and look forward to eyeing off the top 20's in each variety.

Most people know my passion of NSW taking the nationals again.

Will this year be our year?

See you all soon.

MW

Front Cover Story

Brian Walters



Cover photo:
2015 STCC Cinnamonwing
Winner & State Representative
Photographed by Nola Bradford

The Cinnamonwing cock featured on the front cover comes from a large family of Cinnamon and Opaline Cinnamon birds. He placed first at the 2015 State Team Challenge Competition (STCC). The following week at the 2015 ANBC Nationals in Mandurah, he finished sixth and his brother, Cinnamonwing grey cock finished seventh.

There were also two cousins that represented NSW at the 2015 ANBC Nationals, one being an Opaline Cinnamon in the Opaline AOSV class that finished second and the other a Cinnamon in the Hen class that finished sixteenth. These birds are close relatives to a Normal Grey and an Opaline Cinnamon Grey that were first place winners at the 2011 ANBC Nationals in Canberra.

In total I have had 17 birds represent NSW. Eleven of these birds have either been Cinnamon or Opaline Cinnamon birds with three first place winners, one placed second and the other placed third.



Cinnamonwing Grey Cock

Opaline AOSV Green Cock

Cinnamonwing Green Hen

2015 Opaline AOSV 2nd

2015 STCC Winner & State Representative; Photographed by Nola Bradford

2015 National placed birds



2013 Opaline AOSV 3rd

2011 Opaline AOSV 1st

2011 Normal Grey 1st

2011 Normal Green 1st

2015 – 2011 National placed birds photographed by the ANBC photographer Rod Turnbull.

News from the Show Manager

Jim Baker

BSNSW Annual Show 2016

The 62nd BSNSW Annual Show will be held on Saturday, 27th August 2016 at the Don Moore Community Centre on the corners of North Rocks Road and Farnell Avenue, Carlingford.

The Show Committee's aim is to raise the standard of the show back to where it has been in the past. We are planning an expanded schedule with sections as follows:

- Open Any Age, Intermediate Any Age, both with separate Cock Classes and Hen Classes;
- Novice Any Age combined Cock or Hen Classes;
- Open Young 2015, Intermediate Young 2015, Novice Young 2015, all with separate Cock Classes and Hen Classes;
- Open Juvenile 2016, Intermediate Juvenile 2016, Novice Juvenile 2016, all with combined Cock or Hen Classes;
- Open Unbroken Cap 2016, with combined Cock or Hen Classes; and
- Restricted Unbroken Cap 2016 (Intermediate and Novice together) with combined Cock or Hen Classes.

We will award Glass engraved plaques for overall variety winners with the State theme in mind. Trophies for Major Awards will be in the shape of New South Wales with the idea of lifting the status of the show. After a lot of requests to put this show on this year, we need a commitment from Branch and Associate members of the Society to support it. If we don't get the support for this show it could be the last BSNSW Annual Show.

Updates to Status for 2016

Re-graded to OPEN:

Craig Barnett Hunter21/03/16

Re-graded to INTERMEDIATE:

D & M Sheather..... Shoalhaven.....09/03/16

M & J Troy Penrith Valley25/02/16

Michelle ANGUS..... HILLS21/03/16

Garry Grant Hunter21/03/16

State Team Challenge Competition

Invitations for the State Team Challenge Competition (STCC) were sent out to BSNSW Branches and Associated Societies & Clubs by the Show Secretary, Bruce Bradford on 28 April 2016 via email.

The invitation includes the requirements for participation that all exhibitors should read. These requirements are also available via the STCC link on the [What's On](#) page of our website.

Acceptances to participate in the STCC are due now (15 May 2016) to allow time to prepare the cage stickers and entry forms and have these returned to the participating teams prior to their team selection.

Please contact Bruce Bradford via email on bnbradford1@optusnet.com.au or phone (02)9344 0779 for further information on the STCC. Alternatively contact the BSNSW Show Manager Jim Baker by phone (02) 9601 1495 or email on jimandbrendabaker@gmail.com for other matters associated with the competition.

Best of Variety in Show Competition

2016 BSNSW Best of Variety Competition	Points as of 02-05-2016
James Mathews	44
E & D Wise	15
Mario Capasso	14
Cameron & Myres	14
A & C Druery	10
Evans Family	10
K & D Mitchell	10
Anlezark & Bohringer	9
Ken Seagrott	9
B & M Wise	8
T & Y Smith	8
Greg Gregoriou	7
David Butters	7
Gordon Chandler; J & E Wallace	6
Markos Pangalos; Foster & Corbett	6

Variety leaders for the 2016 Best of Variety in Show Competition

For the 2016 season, the winners will be determined by adding the points together for each Variety. **Two points** will be awarded to variety winners of the BSNSW Annual Show, to be held on 27 August 2016. A certificate of achievement will be awarded to all winners including the joint winners.

So support as many show as you can with your entries for the remainder of the year as this is the main objective of this competition.

VARIETY	LEADERS	POINTS
Normal Green	A & C Druery	3
Normal Grey Green	James Mathews	4
Normal Blue	Tony Butt	3
Normal Violet	Cameron & Myers & Mario Capasso	2
Normal Grey	B & M Wise	3
Yellow Face	James Mathews	4
Golden Face	Pam Hewitt	3
Blackeyed Self Colour	Bittina Ely	3
Dilute	James Mathews	5
Lutino	G & D Pinney & K & D Mitchell	3
Albino	K & D Mitchell	3
Clearwing	Markos Pangalos	3
Greywing	James Mathews	7
Cinnamonwing	James Mathews	4
Spangle DF	James Mathews	4
Opaline	Cameron & Myers	5
Opaline AOSV	Cameron & Myers	4
Clearbody	Dennis Tipping	2
Lacewing	Jim Baker, Michelle Angus & Bob Cowburn	2
Fallow	Markos Pangalos & David Butters	3
Spangle	James Mathews	6
Spangle AOSV	James Mathews	4
Dominant Pied	Evans Family, Ron Roarty & Wayne Altman	2
Recessive Pied	Tony Butt	3
Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias	3
Saddleback	P & V Giles & Joe & Eddie Green	1
Darkwing	E & D Wise	2
Crest	Foster & Corbett	4
Non Standard	E & D Wise	2

New Rules Governing the STCC and STS



STATE TEAM CHALLENGE COMPETITION (STCC) & STATE TEAM SECTION (STS)

**The STCC & STS will be held on Saturday,
11 June 2016 at the DURAL SPORT AND LEISURE
CENTRE (The Centre), corner Pellitt Lane and
Kenthurst Road, DURAL, NSW.**

RULES GOVERNING THE BSNSW STATE TEAM CHALLENGE COMPETITION (STCC) AND THE NSW STATE TEAM SELECTION (STS)

1. The Show Committee of the BSNSW Inc. shall each year organise and conduct an event not more than ten (10) days prior to the Australian Championship Show. The event will consist of two shows run concurrently. The NSW State Team Challenge Competition (STCC) between all competing teams and the State Team Selection (STS) for the selection of a team to represent NSW at the Australian Championships.
2. The STCC and STS shall be open to Branches of the Society and invited Associated Societies/Clubs.
3. The Show Committee shall provide Classes as are required in the Varieties to be benched at the Australian Championships. The Show Committee may also include any other Class that they consider would be appropriate, e.g. an AOSV class or any other format as may be approved by the Management Committee.
4. The Show Committee shall issue invitations to all Branches and Associated Societies/Clubs that are to be invited each year. Such invitations are to detail the schedule for the Show and any other information with which the participating Teams need to comply. The Show Committee must receive acceptances and non-acceptances no later than three weeks prior to the competitions.
5. The judging at the STCC shall be to twentieth place with points allocated on the basis of 20 points for the first placed bird down to one (1) point for twentieth placed bird.
6. Each bird entered in this Competition must be available for the NSW State Team and the owner must be prepared to place the bird in the care of the Show Committee until such time as it is returned from the Australian Championships.
7. The Show Committee shall arrange suitable accommodation for the birds whilst in their care and have the accommodation inspected by a veterinarian. The Show Committee shall also make arrangements for a veterinarian to be available in case a bird shows signs of requiring treatment. The owner of any bird so treated must be informed by the Show Committee of such treatment and any ongoing care that may be necessary.

- 8.** The Show Committee shall arrange for the NSW Team to be transported to and from the venue of the Australian Championships, whenever possible by a direct flight when air transport is required.
- 9.** The Management Committee appointed Team Carers of the NSW Team shall be responsible for the birds while at the Australian Championships. The same Team Carers shall arrange the return of the birds as soon as possible after the Australian Championships. The Show Committee will then be responsible for ensuring that the birds are returned to the Branch/Society/Club Team Representatives.
- 10.** The Branch/Society/Club Team Representatives will be responsible for making arrangements with the Show Committee to collect their birds from a designated place.
- 11.** In any instance where an Associated Society/Club issues their own rings, they must make available their Ring Issue Records, on the day of the STCC and STS to the Show Committee.
- 12.** An Exhibitor may only enter birds for one Branch/Society/Club Team selection.
- 13.** Each team entered must have at least two (2) Team Representatives nominated on the Entry Form. These Team Representatives will be responsible for ensuring the team is benched by the nominated time, and be available throughout the show to assist the Show Committee with any queries they might have regarding their Team. They will also be responsible for ensuring their Team is de-benched and cleared from the show venue ONLY when instructed by the Show Manager. In clearing the Team from the venue they will ensure that no bird selected in the NSW Team is removed from the venue.
- 14.** The Team Representatives are the only persons who can lodge a protest in accordance with the Objects, Rules and By-laws of the Society.
- 15.** The Chairperson or Secretary of the Branch/Society/Club shall sign the Team Entry Form giving assurance that:
 - a) Each owner of birds in the Team is currently a Financial Member of the BSNSW Inc. and/or Associated Society/Club, which the Team represents.
 - b) Each owner of birds in the Team has acknowledged that:
 - (i) All birds are available for selection in the NSW State Team for the Australian Championships.
 - (ii) All birds selected in the NSW State Team will remain in the custody of the Show Committee immediately following the STCC and held until they are returned to the Club/Branch Team Representatives following the Australian Championships. The date, place and time that the birds are to be available to the Team Representatives will be made known to them at the STCC/STS, and they will be further advised by telephone if there is any change in these plans. (Changes will only be made to the original advice when brought about by aircraft schedules and bookings).
 - (iii) No claim will be made on BSNSW Committees or Members for any loss, illness or injury to birds or equipment during or after the events, or while the birds are in the Show Committee's care.

- (iv) Australian Championships rules require disqualification of birds with a second leg ring. Any bird selected in BSNSW Inc. State Team with a second ring will have one ring removed by Society Officials under the authority of the Show Committee to make the bird compliant with Australian Championship rules. All care but no responsibility will be taken by the Society when removing the second ring.
 - (v) Any breach of the Rules or conditions of this event by any individual team member, or group of team members, may result in the disqualification of the ENTIRE team from the STCC and the STS.
- c) Each bird listed on the Team Entry Form must be bred by the person(s) recorded as owner(s) and BSNSW Inc. or another recognised Ring Registrar/Recorder must have issued the ring number to the person(s).
- 16.** Each class in the STCC is to be judged by a Senior Panel Judge.
 - 17.** Six State Team Selectors will be appointed by the Judges Committee upon meeting the eligibility requirements set out by the Judges Panel.
 - 18.** Judging and selection will commence simultaneously at the start of the competition. Class Judges will be allocated their first class by the Show Manager and the Chair of the Judges panel who will jointly ensure that all decisions are fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Society.
 - 19.** Two State Team Selectors will join the Class Judge who will become the third selector for that Class. They will find and mark the first six cages and the two State Team Selectors will move on to the next appropriate class.
 - 20.** The Class Judge will finalise the class and mark the cages 7 to 20. Once a Class Judge completes a class, he or she will move to the next available class in which they have no birds competing.
 - 21.** Birds in positions 4th, 5th and 6th in the STCC will be the compulsory Reserve birds in that order for the State Team.
 - 22.** Birds selected for the NSW Team in the National Competition may be replaced in the Team if that is deemed necessary by the Show Committee on advice from the Team Carers or the Vet.
 - 23.** Owners of reserve birds are encouraged to make arrangements for the birds to be made available for the team if possible but this is not compulsory after the birds leave the STS building at the completion of the show.
 - 24.** Should a requirement for a replacement arise after the birds have left the building after STS, the Reserve birds in order will be given the first opportunity to be the replacement. Should none of these be available, the Show Committee is authorised to find a suitable replacement bird from breeders who entered the class in the STCC.

Report on the Yellow Face Blue Review

Colour & Standards Committee, BSNSW

This Review was undertaken at National Level because of the dissatisfaction of members in States and Zones with issues regarding the Yellow Face Blue Variety/Colour. It was completed at the end of 2015 and distributed to all member bodies of the Australian National Budgerigar Council.

In New South Wales, since then, it has been discussed at great length by various Committees and individuals with the findings that this Review has not addressed what NSW wanted to see in the outcome, mainly that the Yellow Face be removed from attachment to all Varieties for exhibition purposes, and placed in an Any Other Standard Variety/Colour class or classes or section probably at the end of the Matrix.

Our feelings were that the Yellow Face or the Golden Face changes the appearance of a Variety so that it no longer is a true representative of that variety.

Although the ideal Standard Yellow Face or Golden Face budgerigar is a blue bird with a yellow or Golden Face this can only be achieved in the double factor form.

The single factor needs a separate class and a Standard which accommodates the expected yellow travelling into the body and wings of the bird rather than penalise the single factor so severely that it is no longer competitive with the Double Factor.

That is if we agree and wish to encourage the single factor form in exhibition.

The Breeders of Yellow Faces and Golden Faces not only want to show the single factor forms of these birds because they are often very competitive budgerigars, but they also want them to be judged without extra penalty for a characteristic that is in their make-up.

We cannot accept where the Review states that a Yellow Face self colour bird will attract no points for colour. The statement 'that the greater the intrusion of yellow into the blue body the greater the penalty' is much fairer.

This Review will be discussed further at the ANBC Meetings in Tasmania in June.

For the selection of teams to compete in the State Team Challenge Competition and State Team Selection this year the birds will be judged as per the current Standard for their varieties.

The current members of the BSNSW Colour and Standards Committee are as follows:

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For more information in relation to BSNSW colour and standards contact any member of this committee.

May & June 2016 Shows & Auctions

Tamworth Budgerigar Society



Annual Show

**Sunday
22 May 2016**

Tamworth Rugby Hall
Marius Street, Tamworth

Judges: Kathy Manton
Garry Gazzard

BBQ Breakfast and Lunch
Morning tea available

Contact: Rob Small
Show Manager
Mobile: 0488 241 000

“BRASEA”

BUDGERIGAR SYDNEY AUCTION

** All “BRASEA” profits will go to the 2018
National Account of the Budgerigar Society of NSW

May 29th 2016

School of Arts Hall, 476 FOREST ROAD, BEXLEY

Note: NEW VENUE

Inspections 8 am Auction 9 am

“BRASEA” Auction Dates

2016 - Oct 16th Sydney - July 17th Brisbane

NSW Sale Days 2016 - April 2nd Gunnedah, July Hawkesbury
May 1st 10am Fairfield, May 20th 8pm Bexley - TBC

Other Sales, all States, listed under “Whats On” www.brasea.com

Buyers - Sales paid by Visa, Mastercard or UnionPay have a
Fee of 5% added to total purchase prices, to cover Bank fee, monthly
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of the BSNSW, the funds will be used to run the
2018 National Championships in NSW

ORANA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

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Member of Association of NSW Country Bird Clubs

32nd ANNUAL SHOW

Sunday 5th June 2016

Ray Clarke Pavilion, Dubbo Showground

OVER \$2200 CASH PRIZE MONEY

BSNSW Best of Variety in Show Competition

- ❖ Food & Refreshments Available
- ❖ Bird Sale Section
- ❖ Raffles
- ❖ Accredited Judges
- ❖ 8:30am Judging start
- ❖ Perpetual Trophies
- ❖ Comprehensive Schedule
- ❖ Trade Stand

Schedule available on BSNSW Website

Or on request

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PAUL ELY MEMORIAL BIS ANNUAL SHOW

26TH JUNE 2016

PENRITH PACEWAY CLUB

146 Station St, Sydney

TELEPHONE ENTRIES ON 25TH JUNE 2016

EMAIL ENTRIES from 20TH to 25TH JUNE at 4pm

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Let's Remember Paul and his life on this day
Always in our hearts



FaceBook Report

Mark Hawke, FaceBook Administrator

What did you plan to do?

In this period, I planned to:

- Administer and the day to day running of the BSNSW Official Facebook group;
- Promote upcoming events by creating Events on the page;
- Participate in Post discussions;
- Offer help and advice; and
- Conduct interviews, written up with photos and video sessions.

What did you actually do?

All of the above, plus I:

- Helped Maureen with articles for the upcoming Budgerigar Magazine with stories and reports;
- Interviewed Craig Sutherland and included photos;
- Publicised upcoming shows, meetings and events;
- Ran and judged the local Ag show to generate interest in the hobby;
- Advertised with the local radio and newspapers for our upcoming show;
- Updated the OAS show schedule with Maureen's help;
- Reported for two clubs as publicity officer for the Mid-State Budgerigar Club and the Orana Avicultural Society to go into the magazine;
- Loaded onto FaceBook photos and results of the Royal Easter Show, the Tamworth Budgerigar Society's 2016 show schedule after their president Paul Hull sent it to me and the Auction schedule sent to me by Warren Wilson;
- Posted a few tips about getting your birds ready for the STTC and posted a reminder about the approaching selections;



- Assisted with some behind the scenes work to start the ball rolling on the BSNSW Annual Show venue; and
- Reminded all Branches and Associates to visit our website to see what needs updating, like missing results from the past, incorrect contact details and info. Then send these updates to Fehmeed Bilgrami (webmaster@budgerigar.com.au), Maureen (editor@budgerigar.com.au), Jim Baker (jimandbrendabaker@gmail.com) and myself (publicity@budgerigar.com.au) so the team can update the website, magazine, championship points and Facebook.

What do you plan to do next?

- I plan to do much the same as above.

Any general suggestions or comments!

- I think the hobby is going well at the moment.
- Maureen did talk to me about the poll I ran on ring issue dates and I know there is a proposed ring issue date change being put forward. The FaceBook poll was in favour of the ring issue date staying the same.
- I still believe if at all possible we need Committee Members to try to get on Facebook and join the BSNSW group and Exhibition Budgerigar SOAPBOX group for feedback from our members and breeders.

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Management Chatter

The BSNSW Management Team

The May Management Meeting was held on Monday 9th May and was a very productive night. Thank you to all those that attended in person and online

Some of the highlights from the meeting were -

- Nominations are now open for the BSNSW Committee positions. There is a form in this copy of the magazine with nominations due by the 1st June.
- Back by popular demand - the 2016 BSNSW Annual Show will be held on 27th August at the Don Moore Community Centre in North Rocks. This show will have an expanded schedule of classes to enable all breeders the opportunity to bring some birds along and enjoy the day.
- The Treasurer continues to struggle to allocate funds deposited into the BSNSW bank account with no reference. When depositing funds please use your membership number, surname and purpose of payment for identification e.g. 1234 Smith Rings or 5678 Smith Membership. If unable to add a reference when depositing money please send a follow up email to the treasurer with details otherwise your payment cannot be credited to you.
- A presentation from The Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association who have applied to become an Associate of the BSNSW. This item should now be discussed at Branch level with a vote to be taken at the July meeting.
- The venue for the 2018 ANBC National has now been booked and will be held at Homebush. More details on that to follow.
- Our BSNSW Delegates were instructed on how to vote at the upcoming ANBC AGM to be held at Hobart in June. Read the minutes for more information.
- The BSNSW is exploring the possibility of purchasing new staging with the existing staging needing repair; it may be more cost effective to replace it and have some better staging available for the 2018 Nationals.
- Ring orders for 2017 are due to be with the BSNSW Ring Registrar by 30th June. Please place your order ASAP to avoid missing out on obtaining your rings for next year. The Ring Order Form for 2017 is included on page 43 and is also available on the BSNSW website at <http://www.budgerigar.com.au/ring-order-forms.html> or FaceBook.
- A recommendation by the Judges Panel was put to the meeting on a new way of judging for the STCC & STS and after discussing the recommendation and making one or two changes; a motion was put forward and passed which will see a more streamlined judging process which will see a quicker yet more effective judging and selection process. See the revised Show Rule on page 10 for more details.



2016 May BSNSW Management Meeting

At the March BSNSW Management Meeting a motion from the Judges Committee was put forward and passed to increase the Judges fee at shows. The By-Laws have now been changed.

JUDGES FEES

The prescribed fee for judges for Annual Shows and Young Bird Shows is \$50. The Show Committee is free to increase the fee if they wish. The fee is to be paid at the Show usually when judging is completed.

Upon receiving an invitation to judge any show, a judge may request addition funds to cover their costs of travel and accommodation. If suitable arrangements cannot be agreed with the Show Committee within 7 days the invitation to judge lapses.

Management Meeting Invitation

BSNSW Inc. Management Meeting July 11th 2016 - 7.30pm - 11pm

Join us for a webinar on Jul 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM AEST.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5886313938872722178>

Hi All,

Please register to participate in the July 2016 Management Meeting. Whether you would like to listen in or have your say here is your opportunity to do so from wherever you are in the world. Please note if you are coming along in person to Blacktown RSL we generally meet for dinner and a catch up from about 6pm.

Thank you also to those that provided feedback after the last meeting as we endeavour to continue to improve the experience for all involved. We thank you for your participation and feedback.

Register now so you can log on and participate in the meeting if you cannot come along and be there in person.

Please forward any feedback on the meeting to president@budgerigar.com.au

Thanks for taking part.
Harry Charalambous

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [View System Requirements](#)

Terry Smart, New England Branch

Just some chatter from New England Branch. After a most successful anniversary dinner and bird show, New England is now gearing up for the inter-branch. It is one of our yearly adventures, of travelling down to Dural via bus. Seats are always limited and we never fail to fill the bus. Our long term president Ernie Wise organises our yearly assault to improve our ranking with our rivals. We have a few new members who are looking forward to the trip and to socialise with other NSW clubs. Our young bird show is our next challenge in October. If bird numbers are anything like our anniversary show, it will be a great achievement for the branch. We do thank other clubs for their on-going support. Congratulations also go out to Terry and Yvonne Smith, Ernie Wise for their success at other branch shows during the 2016 showing season.



Branch & Associate Reports

PENRITH VALLEY BRANCH, Beck Spiteri

It's been a busy few months for the Members of Penrith Valley.



Sunday 6th March, Penrith Valley members went along to The Hills 40th Annual Show. It was great to see 12 members benching birds on the day.

Huge congratulations to all Penrith Valley members who took out Major awards and Best of Varieties awards; you guys did outstanding.

On Saturday 12th there was an aviary tour at James Matthews place in the morning then onto Ray Rogers for BBQ lunch and bird room tour. It was great to see so many members stopping by at the various locations.



It's always amazing seeing members discussing the hobby, helping each other out and having a laugh.

Penrith Valley was invited by Bunnings North Penrith for their Easter Family Night on Thursday 17 March. Ray, Beck and Joe went along and



had a table set up with a few Show Budgies in show cages. They were there to talk to the locals of Penrith about Budgies. Many people were surprised by how big the 'budgie' has become and didn't actually know there is a hobby for the Budgie Lover to show their birds.

Friday April 1st was our monthly meeting. Another great turn out with many birds for the table show. Bird of the night went to Tony Cook.

Sunday 17th April was our 3rd Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser for this year. Always a good day with lots of laughs while raising money for the club. Thanks to the members who came along and gave a hand to help out.

Next meeting is on Friday 6th May at Llandilo. Harry & Team will be giving a presentation regarding the CBS. Guests are welcome to attend.

CENTRAL COAST BRANCH, Ray Condon

Our Monthly Meetings: This year we changed our meeting time to Sunday mornings instead of Tuesday night. We have transferred one meeting to the Newcastle Annual Show in February and at the other monthly meetings we have had good attendance with more birds entered in our Monthly Table Show. Consequently, we feel we have made the right decision to change the meeting time.

Fred Cardona: Mr Fred Cardona moved into the Central Coast area last year and is now an active member of our Branch. He is a real asset to our Branch with the amount of knowledge he has to share as well as his and Mrs Cardona's good company.



Fred Cardona is shown here with Jean Painter and Keith Nicholls at the 2016 Hills Annual.

SHOALHAVEN BRANCH, Rodger Burton

A number of members attended an aviary visit at Dennis Henry place. After travelling about 8km on a dirt road, we arrived at his farm. It was a great day, viewing his aviary and relaxing with a coffee in the sun. There were some lovely birds to be viewed on the day as Dennis had all his breeding cabinets full of paired birds. He also had some birds available for sale.



The club would like to congratulate Dave Parkes on his show results at Canberra where he won novice champion & opposite sex champion. Dave also won opposite sex champion at the Macarthur Show. What a great effort, well done Dave.

MidState Budgerigar Club, Mark Hawke



Hi just a quick note to let you know what's happening out Mid-State way. We held a MidState Budgerigar Club (MBC) special meeting on the 17th of April in Wellington at the Cow and Calf Hotel with two positions being filled. They are as follows: Secretary - Mandy Bohringer and Editor - Rob Peffer. Congratulations to both Mandy and Rob on your appointments.

Then we got down to picking a day for our show plus other matters. This is how that went, MBC selections will be held at the Orana (OAS) annual show setup at 11:00am on Saturday 4th of June 2016, Dubbo Show-ground. Then, at 1:00pm lunch will be provided with MBC meeting to follow.

Most members will be attending the dinner and our sister clubs show (OAS) the following day.



The following week we will be heading to Sydney for the State Team Challenge Competition (STCC). We will be defending champions as the best club in NSW. So please bring all you varieties as we need all the points we can muster.

Other news is the MBC annual show date has now been confirmed and will be held on Saturday, 19th Nov 2016 at the Orange Show-ground with our AGM to follow and a dinner that night at the Robin Hood Hotel. So look forward to seeing you all there with the schedule and judges TBA at a later date. So that's all from the other side of the mountains.



Orana Avicultural Society, Mark Hawke

News from the Central West; we have a very important pre show meeting this Tuesday 10th at Sporties Club North Dubbo to sort out a few jobs.

The club held a promotional day at the local Ag Show which is to promote the club and our hobby. It's a great way to teach members how to run a show and have plenty of laughs and fun at the same time.



Mark Hawke judging the Finches at the Ag Show



Ian Todhunter doing paper work



Craig Barber's Champion Budgerigars



Group picture with all the winners



Dubbo Show Society, Annual Agricultural Show.

But the serious stuff is just around the corner with our annual show and dinner coming up fast.

The Greet & Meet Dinner will be held on the Saturday night 4th of June at the [Sporties Dubbo](#) at 6:00pm with our Annual Show held the following day on Sunday 5th of June at the Dubbo Show ground. Show schedule is on the BSNSW website and Facebook.

Orana is a mixed bird club so for something different why not make the trek to Dubbo for a most enjoyable weekend. Maybe take a visit to the [Taronga Western Plains Zoo](#) on the Saturday to get the ball rolling.

Hope to see you all there and look forward to catching up with you all.

HUNTER BRANCH, Barry Wise

Hunter Branch members have been on the road visiting the breeding rooms of Ernie Wise and Robert Manvel. Many very good birds were on show and at our last meeting Mick Banister gave a report on the visit. Thanks go to Ernie and Robert for their time.

This year's Hunter inter club challenge selection day will be held at the home of B & M Wise from 11 o'clock followed by a BBQ.



The usual suspects at the May Hunter Branch meeting



More fun than bingo



Eddy Green snake oil salesman

These photos of the Hunter Branch meeting were posted on to the BSNSW Face book page.



Chairperson: Tony Mills and Secretary: Wally Capper conducting the May Meeting

At the table show best bird of the night was bred by T & R Mills; it looks like Tony is on his way to another yearly points score win.

CANBERRA BRANCH, Rita Corbett

It is pleasing to report that the Canberra Branch is running very well. We have had good attendance and discussion at recent meetings and I am happy to report that our membership is growing. We have new novice members and more prospective members expected at our next meeting. This is good, not only for our branch, but for the hobby in general. One of our new members, bred budgies in Sri Lanka!

Our members have given good advice to new members and some mentoring has been taking place and the new members have been encouraged to ask questions and seek advice with regard to any problems they are experiencing. With the cold weather beginning it is time for us to make sure our birds are protected from the elements as far as possible. Many a chick can be lost when the frosts hit our area.

We are in the process of trying to organise a couple of aviary visits, and these should be very enlightening for new members as well as the established members. In the meantime, we are looking forward to the Inter-branch Challenge. The venue and arrangements will be discussed and decided at our next meeting.

BRASEA, Warren Wilson

"BRASEA" 29th MAY 2016 AUCTION

The May Auction will once again be held in the Bexley School of Arts (next door to the Masonic Hall) 472 Forest Road Bexley.

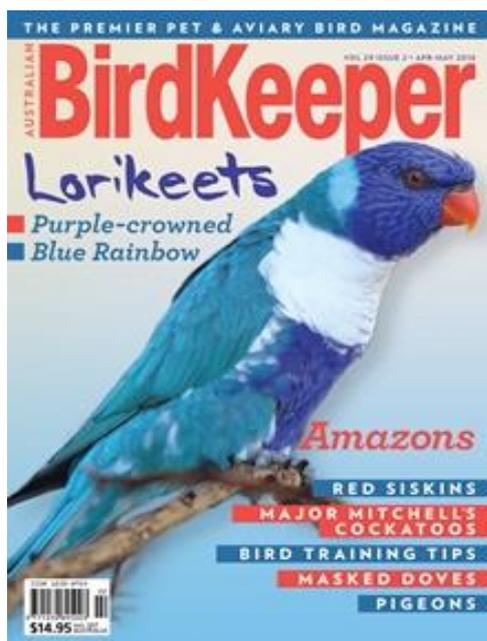
The profit is to be donated by BRASEA to the BSNSW for use to help run the 2018 National Championships in NSW.

We are also hoping some of the BSNSW members will turn up to assist the running of the event on the day. In all other respects it is a normal BRASEA Auction but I repeat in the Bexley School of Arts....

The Catalogue is available from the [BSNSW "What's On" page](#) or the BRASEA Web site under Live Auctions. Hard copies are available from warren@brasea.com or from Jean Painter jean.painter@bigpond.com.

We have the latest Photographic project from Leila Jefferies if you enjoyed her first Budgerigar Exhibition and Book and the Bird Book of the World contact Warren for details. We would like to have Budgerigars in centre Stage again and with help from you we can ...

"Australian BirdKeeper" ABK has their latest information and details of the issue which is out now in Newsagents everywhere - please get in touch with them for details on birds and reptiles and for subscriptions



The Federation 2016 Dinner will be held on the 20th August where the Guests of Honour are Budgerigar man Ron Hunt and John Colee of Lizard Canary fame. Please come along if you live close enough and support Ron in this wonderful award presentation. Go to the [BSNSW Events](#) website page for more information or contact Warren to book for the Federation 2016 Dinner.

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20 August 2016
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For Sydney Members and friends, St George will be have a Sale in the same hall we have the Auctions at Bexley on May 20th and South Sydney Avicultural Society and BRASEA will be having their 2016 show at Mascot on 21st May.

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Bobbie Budgie

HILLS BRANCH, Ray Galbraith

The recent Hills Branch Show was well attended, with the general public and exhibitors mingling throughout the day, as the judges went about their work sorting out the great number of birds entered for this **Hills Branch 40th show**. At the end of judging, **Mr James Matthews from Penrith was awarded Grand Champion**.

This years' Royal Easter Show again saw cage bird exhibitors in particular budgerigars, attend from far and wide, to compete for the coveted Major Awards. **Mr Andre Ozoux** entry of a Spangle Variety bird, **gained the Grand Champion Award. Champion Junior Budgerigar was awarded to Hills resident Jade Oldham**.



Jade Oldham receiving the Champion Junior Budgerigar Award at the Royal Easter Show



Jade and younger sister Kimberley with their exhibits

March meeting saw business dispensed with quickly and the meeting opened up to information and discussion of the Clearwing Variety. **Mrs Kathy Manton conducted the discussion**.

Birds were brought along by the members and discussed in detail, providing the members with a wealth of information and the opportunity to dissect the characteristics of the variety, from a breeding and exhibiting viewpoints. Kathy in depth knowledge as a breeder, exhibitor and Senior Judge was appreciated by the members present, as was evidenced by the involvement of breeders in attendance who are not Clearwing breeders, but took an active part in the discussion.

April meeting was well attended by members, but Table Show bird numbers were lower than normal. It was a packed house in attendance to hear the lecture and discussion by the well-known **Avian Veterinarian, Mr Jim Gill**. Jim lecture supported by a great pictorial display, held the members attention and provoked active discussions, Questions were forthcoming all through the lecture, as Jim explained the various problems encountered by our birds and his long career of case studies of the various problems provided informative answers. The lecture was so interactive that after a short mingle period and a cuppa, it was go home time or as regularly happens at Hills; retire to the carpark to continue discussions. A great night had by all.

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2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show

Nola Bradford

The [Sydney Royal Caged Bird Show](#) was held on 17-18 March, 2016. This was the 19th year that the Royal Easter Show has been held at Homebush and aviculture has been present in the Wynne Pavilion for the public to view the varieties of Budgerigars, Canaries, Finches, Lovebirds and Parrots.

The Budgerigar Section was capably judged on the staging in front of the public by Craig Buckingham and Jean Painter, both Senior Panel BSNSW Judges. The two Judges made the decisions on the placings and awards of the birds together. Both Judges were most impressed with the quality of the winning birds.

Jim Baker was the Show Manager and Bruce Bradford was the Show Secretary. They were ably assisted by Stewards, Ray Galbraith, Andre Ozoux, Brenda Baker and Nola Bradford.



Grand Champion
owned by Andre Ozoux

Reserve Champion Budgerigar in Show went to a Young Spangle Grey Green Cock owned by James Matthews.



Reserve Champion
owned by James Matthews



Jean Painter and Craig Buckingham
judging at the 2016 Sydney Royal Caged Bird Show



Jade Oldham, winner of Junior Budgerigar

So, as you can gather, the Spangle Variety classes in the Show were most competitive, as were the Normal and Cinnamonwing classes.

Seventy birds were entered in the Budgerigar Section comprising of Open Any Age and Young birds, with an additional ten in the Junior Section.

Jade Oldham won the Junior Section with an Opaline Violet Hen that was a well-balanced bird that showed well. It was awarded 8 points out of 10.

When all the judging of the different varieties of Junior caged birds was completed, this bird competed with the other exhibits in the Junior Sections for Best Junior Bird Overall. This award went to an African Lovebird in perfect condition. The Judge of that Section had awarded it 9.5 points out of 10.

Dr Mike Cannon was once again on hand over the two days to check that all exhibits were in good health. After judging the Stewards ensured that all the birds had a fresh supply of water and millet sprays or treats.

The Finch Society provided a lovely planted aviary with a number of exhibits and also showed a film on the variety. There was a wonderful display of the various types of birds.

This certainly gave the many children and adults alike an insight into bird keeping.

This was the fifth year that Ian and Jennifer Sheffield, members of the Parrot Society of Australia and Mark Holland, the new Vice President, brought a number of tame parrots to the Show so that the public could put the birds on their shoulder or hands. It was great to see the faces of youngsters showing such delight at the experience of handling the birds.

The Budgerigar Judges, Craig and Jean, wish to thank their Stewards for a job well done on the day, and gratefully thank the R.A.S. for their invitations to Judge at such a prestigious event.

VARIETY WINNERS:

- NORMAL GREEN Andre Ozoux
- NORMAL GREYGREEN Jim Baker
- NORMAL BLUE..... Andre Ozoux
- NORMAL GREY Jim Baker
- YELLOW FACE BLUE Andre Ozoux
- BLACK EYED YELLOW Ray Galbraith
- LUTINO Ray Galbraith
- CLEARWING..... B & N Bradford
- GREYWINGJames Matthews
- CINNAMONWING.....James Matthews
- SPANGLE DOUBLE FACTORJames Matthews
- OPALINE Jim Baker
- OPALINE AOSVJames Matthews
- CLEARBODY Andre Ozoux
- LACEWING Jim Baker
- FALLOW B & N Bradford
- SPANGLE..... Andre Ozoux
- DOMINANT PIED Jim Baker
- RECESSIVE PIED Jim Baker
- AOSV..... Ray Galbraith
- NON STANDARD..... Jim Baker
- PAIRS Ray Galbraith
- TEAM B & N Bradford



Grand Champion and Reserve Champion



Andre Ozoux receiving BSNSW Grand Champion Award



Bruce Bradford receiving James Matthews Award for Reserve Champion

Photos taken by Nola Bradford

2016 Central Coast Exhibition and Show

2016 Gosford Regional Show: The Central Coast Branch held a budgerigar exhibition and show at the Gosford Regional Show on Saturday 30th April to Sunday 1st May 2016 at Showground Road, Gosford.



For the second year in a row we have had an exhibition/show at the Gosford Regional Show. The birds are on display for the two days over the weekend and don't the public love to see them.

Last year was an exhibition only but this year the Show Committee offered to provide us with the official show sashes if we held an actual show. We didn't have a large area, just enough for one set of staging, so the numbers of birds were limited.



Katie entertaining us on her guitar

We had 32 entries from 5 exhibitors. Our well-travelled judge was Mr Ron Hunt. He is a great judge to talk to about the birds and we all enjoyed that opportunity. Thanks Ron.



We are considering making some changes for next year to have a show on the 1st day, which could mean members of our neighbouring club would be able to join us for the show on Day 1 and then take home their birds on the same day.



Ron Hunt presenting Champion sash to Terry Atkinson

Samantha the Gosford Show Girl
(bird with sash looking at birds with sashes)

Results of this year's show are below:

CENTRAL COAST BRANCH OF BSNSW Inc.	
2016 GOSFORD REGIONAL SHOW	
CHAMPION & BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS	
CHAMPION OF SHOW	T & G Atkinson
NORMAL GREEN	T & G Atkinson
NORMAL GREYGREEN	Dan Allen
NORMAL BLUE SERIES	T & G Atkinson
NORMAL GREY	T & G Atkinson
AUST Y/FACED BLUE	Katie Simcock
BLACK EYED SELF	R & S Condon
DILUTE & GREY Y/W	Ian Pitts
CLEARWING	R & S Condon
CINNAMONWING	T & G Atkinson
OPALINE	Katie Simcock
LACEWING	T & G Atkinson
SPANGLE	T & G Atkinson
DOMINANT PIED	T & G Atkinson
RECESSIVE PIED	Katie Simcock
DARKWING	R & S Condon

2016 Macarthur Branch Annual Show

The 2016 Macarthur Branch Annual Show was held on Sunday 1st May 2016 at the Picton Agricultural Hall, Picton. There were 333 entries and 32 exhibitors which is an increase on previous years. The judges were Craig Buckingham, Allen Reid and Richard Bucior with trainee judges Tony Butt and Chris Roger. The judges commented on the number of high quality birds which is a good omen for the State Team Challenge Competition and NSW Team for the National.



Judges at the Macarthur Annual Show
Left to right: Craig Buckingham, Allen Reid, Richard Bucior and trainee judge, Chris Rogers



Grand Champion exhibitor James Mathews with Macarthur Chairperson David Butters



Bob Bourke Trophy winner, Ewing Cooke
Best Australian Golden Face Blue



Champion Dominant Pied exhibitor, Chris Rogers with David Butters

Awards	Exhibitor
Grand Champion	James Mathews
Champion Any Age Bird	McCauley & O'Regan
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age Bird	K & D Mitchell
Champion Young Bird	James Mathews
Champion Open Young Bird	James Mathews
Champion Opposite Sex Open Young Bird	McCauley & O'Regan
Champion Intermediate Young Bird	Denis Henry
Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate Young Bird	Mark Perez
Champion Novice Young Bird	Woolfenden & Da-Rosa
Champion Opposite Sex Novice Young Bird	Dave Parkes

Awards	Exhibitor
Champion Dominant Pied	Chris Rogers
Best Australian Goldenface Blue	Ewing Cooke
Novice Exhibitor ##	Terry Hammerton
Novice Exhibitor ##	Dave Parkes
Champion Pair	McCauley & O'Regan
Champion Team or Collection	James Matthews
Best Clearwing in Show	Shane & Elsie Sullivan

BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS

Variety	Best Overall	Any Age
Normal Green	K & D Mitchell	K & D Mitchell
Normal Grey Green	James Matthews	Mark Perez
Normal Blue	G & M Chandler	Chris Rogers
Normal Violet	Mario Capasso	~
Normal Grey	Ewing Cooke	David Butters
Normal Yellow Face Blue	Denis Henry	James Matthews
Australian Yellow Face Blue	Ewing Cooke	Ewing Cooke
Black Eyed Self	Bittina Ely	~
Dilute	James Matthews	John Carter
Lutino	K & D Mitchell	K & D Mitchell
Albino	K & D Mitchell	K & D Mitchell
Clearwing	Shane & Elsie Sullivan	Shane & Elsie Sullivan
Greywing	James Matthews	James Matthews
Cinnamonwing	Cameron & Myers	Cameron & Myers
Spangle Double Factor	James Matthews	Owen Watson
Opaline	G & M Chandler	Cameron & Myers
Opaline AOSV	Cameron & Myers	Cameron & Myers
Clearbody	Hilton Smith	Shane & Elsie Sullivan
Lacewing	K & D Mitchell	K & D Mitchell
Fallow	David Butters	David Butters
Spangle	James Matthews	McCauley & O'Regan
Spangle AOSV	G & M Chandler	~
Australian Banded Dominant Pied	Chris Rogers	Chris Rogers
Dutch Dominant Pied	Chris Rogers	~
Dominant Clear Flighted Pied	Tony Butt	Tony Butt
Variegated Dominant Pied	Tony Butt	Tony Butt
Double Factor Dominant Pied	Tony Butt	Tony Butt
Recessive Pied	Mark Perez	Tony Butt
Dark Eyed Clear	Tony Butt	~
Darkwing	John Carter	~
Non Standard	Terry Hammerton	~

2016 South Western NSW Annual Show



South Western held their 21st Annual Show on Sunday 3rd April. The weekend kicked off with a Saturday night dinner at the Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club where Craig Buckingham updated those who could attend on the findings thus far from the BSNSW working Group. On Sunday we had 32 exhibitors bench 288 birds for Allan McCauley, Richard Bucior and Craig Buckingham to judge. At the beginning of the presentation the judges were given a small gift and Richard gave a brief talk on the number of quality birds presented at the show.

Our President Tony Butt and Show Manager Darrell Perkiss thanked all members and visitors, especially the Pied Society guys, who assisted with the set up and clean up on both days.

So if you are thinking of coming out west next year to enjoy a great weekend at Junee lock in the last Sunday in March to attend our 22nd Annual show.

MAJOR WARDS	EXHIBITOR
Grand Champion	David Kelleher
Champion Pied in Show	Garry Pymont
Champion Young Bird in Show	Garry Pymont
Best Crested in Show	Garry Pymont
Best Clearwing in Show	Horatio French
Champion Open Any Age	David Kelleher
Champion Open any Age Opposite Sex	Bruce Corcoran
Reserve Champion Open Any Age Cock	Bruce Corcoran
Reserve Champion Open Any Age Hen	Bruce Corcoran
Champion Open Young	Garry Pymont
Champion Open Young Opposite Sex	Gordon Chandler
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Champion Intermediate	Horatio French
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Reserve Champion Intermediate Cock	Ron Hornery
Reserve Champion Intermediate Hen	Horatio French
Champion Novice	Geoff Hill
Champion Novice Opposite Sex	Geoff Hill
Reserve Champion Novice Cock	Matt Hurst
Reserve Champion Novice Hen	Steve Thomas
Champion Unbroken Cap	Ewing Cooke
Reserve Champion Unbroken Cap	Ewing Cooke

Flecking in Budgerigars in UK

Allan Michael, United Kingdom Budgerigar Society

Many years ago, Allan Michael made enquires via the South West Budgerigar Club (SWBC) in Mandurah about budgerigar breeders in WA, whilst here visiting his family.

Allan was put in touch with Cec and Brenda Gearing and so their friendship began as did Allan's association with the SWBC.

Allan has been the Club Patron for SWBC since 2007 and when he is visiting WA, time permitting, he judges at the Club. Allan was one of the WA Carers in 2008 in Busselton Nationals. He was also one of the Judges in 2015 Nationals.



Allan & Nikki Michael at the
2015 ANBC National

At the 2015 ANBC Nationals in Mandurah, Western Australia, Allan Michael gave a presentation on "Flecking in Budgerigars". The informal presentation was well received with lots of questions and discussion from the audience.

Definition of Flecking

Flecking is defined as a dark mark (flecking or grizzle) on the crown or frontal of a budgerigars head.

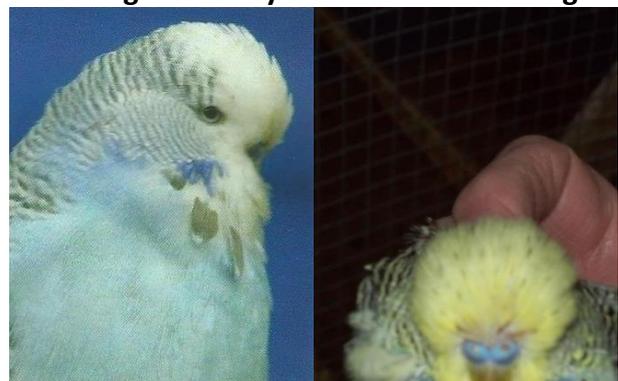
An extension of normal marking above the eye and shadow markings should not be considered a major fault but must be severely penalised.



The frontal and the crown should be clear and free of any marks (melanin) with any deviation being severely penalised.

Markings above eye

Shadow marking



Flecked

Grizzled



Flecking in the 1980's

- In 1988 the Budgerigar Society UK made a rule that no flecked bird was able to win a class at any show.
- This rule only lasted for 1 year.
- Around 90% of flecked birds disappeared from the show bench.
- This rule meant that inferior birds were able to win classes over much superior specimens that were flecked!

Present Budgerigar Society Ruling

- In 2014 the rule was extended that any bird displaying any form of flecking or grizzling will not be considered for any major award.
- Major awards being:
 - Best in show;
 - Best opposite sex any age in show
 - Best young bird in show; and
 - Best opposite sex young bird in show.
- Flecked birds are eligible to win challenge certificates and section special awards

Guidelines on Flecking

United Kingdom

- The frontal and crown should be clear and free of ALL markings and ANY deviation must be SEVERELY penalised.

Australia

- Head Flecking – the greater the flecking, the greater the penalty.

The Ideal Budgerigar

United Kingdom



Australia



My thoughts and experiences of breeding flecked birds

- If you pair a normal cock bird with flecking or a family history of flecking you are more likely to breed a flecked baby.
- If you pair a normal or opaline hen bird that is flecked or has a history of flecking you are less likely to produce flecked babies.

Consider the flecking and markings in the following birds:



Question – do we need to consider the genetic makeup of our birds more thoroughly when pairing to avoid breeding flecked birds?

Additional thoughts on Flecking Presentation by Allan Michael – May 2016

United Kingdom and Australian standard budgerigar

In my presentation, I alluded to the UK as well as the Australian standard budgerigar. I currently have seven pictorial budgerigar standards from organisations around the world. I honestly believe that the World Budgerigar Organisation should take a lead and formulate a single standard for exhibition budgerigars around the globe. This would make judging much easier for those who travel around the world placing awards.

With reference to temporary faults:

Very often birds are inadvisably exhibited when displaying temporary/faults. One may argue that the bird is not complete and therefore not in condition? However, one has to bear in mind that the fault is of a temporary nature and not permanent.

In the UK birds displaying two temporary faults such as a short tail or a missing flight are not able to win a major award, although could annexe a class win.

With reference to some major faults:

Opalescence

I feel Opalescence is another major fault equal to flecking. This fault occurs in all varieties where the pattern and distribution of markings is defined as a visible overlay of body colour intruding on the cheeks, back of the head, neck and wings. This detracts from the definition of markings as depicted in the pictorial ideal. This is described in the UK as a major fault.

Long Flights

We currently have potentially another major issue in the form of long flights and long tails, a long flighted budgerigar is described as a bird carrying long flighted characteristics with flights extending beyond the rump feathers. These flights may be crossed or hanging below the cushion of the tail/rump. These birds must be disqualified.

Long tails

Long tails are described as a bird with an excessive length of one or both primary tail feathers. It is important to look at the size, shape and deportment of the whole bird, and not look at the tail in isolation, and take into account the length of the tail from perch to floor of the show cage. These birds should also be disqualified.

The Budgerigar Society UK recommends that the ideal tail should represent approximately 35 percent of the birds overall length from tip of the wings to tip of the tail.

Long Flight/Tail Issue

The long flight/tail issue may be one to watch out for in the future in Australia, although I have observed one or two birds venturing on long flight/long tail in the country.

From the Editor: *The BSNSW would like to thank Allan Michael of allowing us to share his presentation on Flecking in the UK with our readers. We would especially like to thank him for the additional comments that he provided in May 2016 for this article.*

A Letter from the Retiring Chairman of the WBO

The 10 year term of chairmanship of the WBO for Gerd Bleicher ended on 31st March 2016. This letter has been circulated for all members world-wide.



“Dear officials, dear friends of the budgerigar fancy, today ends, according to the WBO constitution, my time as your chairman. I have held this post for ten years.

This gives me the chance to look back to this decade. We have achieved a lot together and in my feeling it is the greatest that I could be part to develop the pictorial ideal. We have worked on most of the standards as colours, rings, show cages etc. And finally we could publish a standard for the colour budgerigar. These all are results from all of us together. It has always been my philosophy to see my work as a team leader, as we only can bring WBO forward as a team.

I want to thank all who supported and helped my work and who made it easy for me to be your chairman. I want to thank specially Roger Carr as the Immediate Past Chairman who helped me especially at my start. It is now up to me to play his role in our organisation. I am happy that at the end of my term the German AZ is back as a member in WBO.

From 1st April 2016 Carlos Ramoa from Portugal will be our new chairman. I wish Carlos the very best for this and that he has all the energy to bring the WBO another step forward. I ask all officials and delegates to support Carlos and make it easy for him, to be our chairman.

I wish you all the very best and look forward to see you all again in good health at our next meeting in December in Lisbon, Portugal.

*Very best regards
Gerd Bleicher*

Letter re-published from the April 2016 issue of The Bulletin, Bi-Monthly Bulletin of the Budgerigar Society of New Zealand.

Seed verses Millet Sprays

Carol Gough

In September 2010, the Brisbane & Northern Suburbs Budgerigar Society Inc. decided to trial two (2) Millet Sprays on the floor of show cages rather than a seed mix suitable for budgerigars.



There were a number of reasons for this trial which were as follows:

- **Duty of Care:** There had been a number of falls and a number of near misses over the years due to seed being on the floor. No matter how many times the floor is swept during a show, there are still seed grains in the walking area.
- **Possible Lawsuits:** If a fall did occur and an injury sustained, a lawsuit could be laid against the club hosting the show. In this day and age when we are the second largest country with litigation, this is definitely something to be aware of.
- **Better for bird stress:** If a bird is stressed or becomes ill at a show, they more like to eat from the millet seed sprays due to it being a softer seed and less effort is required for it to crack the outer husk.
- **Easy Hall Cleaning:** As fanciers age and member numbers dwindle in most clubs, the number of workers staying behind to clean up the hall after a show is sometimes very limited. Without seed in the cages it would be a lot easier to clean.

I must admit there was some fierce opposition to the idea when it was first suggested.

Some of the Opposition ideas were:

- My birds will not eat millet sprays.
- Birds will starve in the show cages.
- You can't cage the birds the night before. The bird droppings could soil the feathers on a bird.
- Birds will get their leg ring caught on the stalks.

To counteract the negatives:

As for exhibitors stating “**my birds will not eat millet**” may I suggest you throw some millet sprays in the next boxes when young chicks are in there as well as the nursery cages. By throwing sprays in the next boxes, it gives the hen some soft seed to eat as well as teaching the babies to crack a soft seed.

Birds will starve in the show cages:

Also to the best of my knowledge, no bird has died from having millet sprays instead of seed and actually it is a common occurrence to see birds down eating the millet sprays before and after judging whereas you very rarely see them eating the seed mix off the show cage floor.

Caging the birds the night before:

This was the biggest problem. Why not put some absorbent towel over the plastic insert and just take it out in the morning. The towel will absorb all the droppings

Birds will get their leg ring caught:

I encourage exhibitors to cut off the stalks before placing the millet sprays in the cages to prevent a ring from being caught on a stalk.

Outcome:

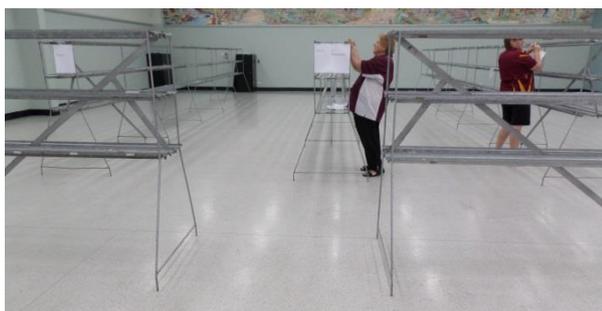
In the five and a half years since the millet sprays were initiated at a show, all but three societies have adopted the procedure of millet sprays over the seed mix in all their shows.

The South Queensland Budgerigar Breeders Association Inc. (SQBBA Inc.) has now adopted millet sprays for all their shows including the Zone Selection Show.

Of the remaining three clubs, one is considering changing but unfortunately there are still a few diehards that don't like making changes.

An interesting note is that those who are opposed the Millet Sprays are **usually** those who do not stay behind to clean up after a show. They would not know what a broom is!!

Below are photos from Carol Gough of the show hall depicting floor at start of show with 457 exhibits.



Floor at the start of the show as staging was being marked.



Floor at the end of the show as exhibitors were de-benched their birds.

At a recently held Annual Show, presentation concluded at 1.35pm and everyone was on the road home after bird check out, staging put away and floor swept by 2.15pm.

The only thing that had to be swept off the floor was a few feathers. This makes it so much easier on our aging fanciers.



The only things on the floor were a few feathers and some cards.

It took me only (by myself) about ten minutes to sweep it and only one small dust pan full of rubbish.

It also enables show officials to get home at a reasonable time to take their birds out of the show cages.

No society that has trailed the Millet Sprays has any thoughts of going back to loose seed.

From the Editor: Many thanks to Carol Gough and SQBBA for providing this article for the BSNSW "Budgerigar".

Ring Issue Date

North & Central Queensland has again submitted a motion for the ANBC AGM to return the ring issue date to 1st September even though the motion was lost with five Zones against. (Source: 2015 ANBC AGM Minutes and 2016 ANBC AGM Agenda)

In the Dec-Jan 2016 issue of the Budgerigar, there was an article, January Vs September from Cec Gearing, WA. Following this publication there was also an active discussion on the Exhibition Soapbox FaceBook page and a poll on the ring issue date.

Results

- 62% were in favour of 1st January

Two of the poll themes in the comments were:

- The ring issue date is a separate issue from the date it is best to breed your birds. There were lots of comments.
- Rings issued for 1st January was the least complicated option with the ring year being the year of issue.

Line Breeder rather than Out Crosser

Bob Wilson

I stick with the advice of the great mentors. I've had over the years and consider myself a "line breeder" rather than "out crosser".

My birds are currently comprised of three families based on their background/pedigree. I breed best to best within each family, being careful not to double up on any visual or underlying faults.

If you visit don't be surprised if you see a few pair up breeding whatever the time of the year. I don't breed by the calendar but prefer to put pairs to work when they are in tip-top breeding condition no matter what the date or season.

Living just north of Kansas City, we usually have very hot, humid summers and frigid cold snowy winters. The birds are housed inside a garage and temperature is controlled wherever possible to reduce the extremes more for my benefit than the birds.

I do try to give all the birds at least a three month break in summer while they go through their heavy moult.

The birdroom has 24 breeding cages, so going in to a breeding season I like to have 30-36 cocks and 48 hens in the breeding team. The hens are at least 9 months old, and the cocks 12-15 months, with the tell-tale white iris.

Usually around late September the birds in the flight will start coming into condition. The cocks will start bouncing on the perch, chasing hens, and fighting with other cocks. The hens start calling in a high pitch, chasing their favorite cock, and laying horizontal on the perch, tightening her feathers, and vibrating her wings.

At the first sign of this the cocks and hens in the breeding team are separated by sex and placed in smaller flight cages ready to be prepared. It does not take long once the birds are separated for any pairs that bonded in the flight to "forget" their mate.

The birds that continue to show the tell-tale breeding condition signs after 10-14 days are paired up and placed in the breeding cages with nest boxes attached. Feathers around the vent are plucked on both birds before they go into the breeding cage.

The nest box has a little Diatomaceous Earth placed in the concave (to guard against mites) and a good handful of pine and cedar shavings.

The shavings will tell you when the hen starts exploring the nest box, and when she starts cleaning the box and pitching the shavings into the cage it stimulates her natural breeding instincts. Most hens will be in the nest box within 24 hours. If she has not entered within 7 days she is not in breeding condition and is returned to the flight.

I expect to see the first egg laid within 14-21 days. If she does not lay by the end of 4 weeks, I assume she is not in condition and she is returned to the flight.

Pairs or hens that are returned to the flight are replaced by new pairs from the "breeding team flight cages" that are showing signs they are ready to breed.

If the first round of eggs is clear, and the pair is still very active, the hen is permitted to lay a second round. If these also prove to be clear she is either given fertile eggs from another pair to incubate, or the pair is returned to the flight.

By continually cycling pairs that prove not to be in condition, have clear eggs, or maybe have other issues, within a couple of months all your breeding cages have nests with fertile eggs or chicks. This provides plenty of options to foster eggs and chicks should anything go wrong.

If the process started late September, and the first pairs are in my 24 breeding cages a month later, by the beginning of February the first round of chicks are on the perch and all cages have pairs with either fertile eggs or chicks.

If they remain healthy, pairs that are producing the best chicks are permitted to go three rounds with chicks in the third round fostered out.

Pairs that produce mid-quality youngsters are broken up after their second round, and replaced with birds from the "back-up breeding team" to see what they can produce.

By late May the pairs are broken up as their last nests of chicks go into the baby flight cage. They first go to a small flight cage for a couple of weeks to adjust, and then to the flight cage for their summer break that lasts 3-4 months.

By using this process of rotating pairs as they come into true breeding condition I usually average 10-12 chicks per breeding cage over the season.

Note: The Northern Hemisphere breeding season is September to May; the equivalent breeding season in the Southern Hemisphere would be April to December.

Source: <http://www.49w.us/breeding.htm>



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Coded 2017 Closed Rings \$56.00 per 100 (+ postage)			
Postage: Regular post: \$4.00 or Express Post: \$10.00	<u>Reg</u> / <u>Exp</u>		
TOTAL AMOUNT:	Cheque / EFT		

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE BSNSW INC.

OR PAY BY DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BSNSW ACCOUNT: BSB: 082133 Account Number: 507903428

**Please reference the payment with RINGS (memb no.) Surname
e.g. RINGS (1234) SMITH**

Surname:		Membership Number:	
Given Names:		Phone:	
Address:			
Suburb or City:	State:	Post Code:	
Email:			

Please ensure your address is correct for the postage of your rings.

Ring Order Form revised on 09 May 2016

AGM Nomination and Postal Vote Forms



BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS (Form EF1)



Mark Wilton, BSNSW Secretary
55 Plymouth Cres, KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147
 Email: secretary@budgerigar.com.au

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Completed **nominations for the 2016 Annual Election of Office Bearers** are to be forwarded to reach the **BSNSW Secretary** of the Society at the above address **by 1st June 2016**.
- Nominee and both persons nominating (two) must be financial members of the Society.

PART A: NOMINATION

Name:			
Address			
Is nominated for the society position of			
(Office Bearer Position)			
The above nomination is made by:			
PROPOSER		SECONDER	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
Sign:		Sign:	
Date:		Date:	

Please print name and address.

PART B: (for Society use only) Actioned by the Secretary

Date

Valid nomination (Part A) received: (Form completed correctly and financial status checked)	YES/NO	
Nominee contacted and advised of the nomination	YES/NO	
Nominee accepts nomination and has indicated a willingness to stand for the nominated position	YES/NO	
Nomination details are included in notification to the members	YES/NO	
Nominee included on Ballot Paper for Postal Vote:	YES/NO	
Nominee including position has been advised to the Returning Officer:	YES/NO	



**BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC.
APPLICATION FOR A POSTAL VOTE
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
(Form EF2)**



**Mark Wilton, BSNSW Secretary
55 Plymouth Cres, KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147
Email: secretary@budgerigar.com.au**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **Applications for Postal Votes** for 2016 Annual Election of Office Bearers **MUST** be lodged with the **Secretary** of the Society at the above address by **31st July 2016**.
- Postal Votes are only **available to financial member** of the BSNSW Inc. for the 2016-2017 period.
- Remember **membership fee are due** as of the **30th June**.
If you have any queries, please contact the secretary.

PART A: APPLICATION

I hereby apply to receive a Postal Vote for the Annual Election of Office Bearers of the Society.

Name:		Membership Number:	
Address			
Email:			
Sign:			

Please ensure your address and email are correct to receive your ballot papers.

PART B: (for Society use only) Actioned by the Secretary Date

Application received and recorded: (Form completed correctly and financial status checked)	YES/NO	
Membership verified from Membership Register:	YES/NO	
Ballot Paper forwarded;	YES/NO	

Forms revised on 11 May 2016

Membership Form

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NOTES:

- Clubs or Societies joining as Associates Please use Associate Application Form
- Branch Members: Please send this form to the Branch Secretary
- Branch Secretaries: Please forward to the Membership Registrar (Branch retains \$11 per membership)
- Non-Branch members should send this form to the BSNSW Inc. Membership Registrar

BSNSW Membership Registrar
8 Marie Close, Bligh Park, NSW, 2756

Email: memberships@budgerigar.com.au

ANNUAL FEES: 1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017

General (Senior) Membership	**	\$40.00
Concessional (Pensioner & Junior) <small>Junior must be 16 years or under</small>	**	\$30.00
New member after 31 st January 2017	ADD	\$12.00
New member after 31 st March 2017	ADD	\$ 6.00

** Includes E-Magazine

To obtain a printed (Black & White) magazine ADD	\$24.00
Extras Late Renewal fee	\$ 5.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$

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OR PAY BY DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BSNSW ACCOUNT: BSB: 082133 Account Number: 507903428

Please reference the payment with 'MEMB (member no) Surname' e.g. MEMB (1234) SMITH

Please select:	General Member	or	Branch Member
Branch Name			
Surname:		Membership Number: <small>Note: (new members = NEW)</small>	
Given Names:			
Exhibition Name:			
<small>Note: The exhibition name is a name you provide to the BSNSW, and you use when you exhibit your budgerigars</small>			
Address:			
Suburb or City:	State:	Post Code:	
Email:			
Home phone:	Work phone:	Mobile	
Junior Members: Date of Birth			Pensioner No:

Membership Form revised on 17 March 2016



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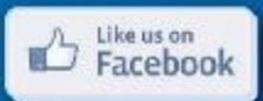
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