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From the Editor

Hi all,

The first magazine with the new committee . I am looking forward to receiving all fresh ideas and advertising from lots of new companies that will aid and assist the members with all of their bird related needs. So disappointed with the amount of Show results sent this magazine only one lot of results!

We are starting a new service :
"Ask the editor"

This is a wonderful opportunity for you all to ask questions about your hobby, be it breeding , feeding ,showing ,the list is endless. I will sort through the questions and forward them to our very experienced breeders that have willingly and bravely put their hands up to answer your questions . So put your thinking caps on and start asking those questions.

Cheers
Anna

Our editor, Anna Shaw, has tried very hard with little assistance to provide material for publication. Therefore Allan Reid and I suggested to our President that we were happy to assist her with material etc for publication.

We now ask for help and co-operation from all members to make our magazine the focal point of the fancy. One can only gauge any measure of success by the response from readers by contributing a simple question or article to the editor.

John Scoble

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Presidents Report



Welcome to the latest edition of the Budgerigar Magazine of NSW and what a busy couple of months it has been. The Society has now held its AGM along with the Management Meeting both on Saturday 12th September. I wish to thank the outgoing committee members for their efforts last year and welcome the new committee to what is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the Society. A huge thanks from me to all of the members that attended the AGM a lot of who travelled many hours to be there and show their support and have their say on the way forward for the Society. I have been informed that the attendance at the AGM was at a record level in the history of the Society which shows the strength and solidarity of the members. Please remember that for many of our committee this is their first time in putting their hand up for the Society and for others they are in unfamiliar positions so it may take some time to settle in.

As I write this we are only 5 weeks into the new year with the new committee and have continued on with many of the initiatives that we have been working towards for some time. We have commenced several new initiatives some of which will take some time to complete whilst others are already finalised.

Without doubt some of the most exciting initiatives during 2015 are the embracing of technology from the Society and its members with such initiatives as –

1. Live Streaming of the Management Meetings starting in January 2015
2. The new website going live in March 2015
3. The BSNSW Inc. Facebook page in September 2015
4. Communication to all members directly from the BSNSW Inc. in October 2015

The items above will serve the Society into the 21st Century and will make it much easier for the Society to be found by new members and stay in touch with existing ones. Please take advantage of all the initiatives above and let us have some feedback on how we can continue to improve them.

We have now embarked on the preparations for the 2018 ANBC Nationals which will be held in NSW. Venues are currently being explored, once again all suggestions are welcomed and assistance gladly accepted.

Over the years there has been much debate about the state of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws that the Society is run by. This year the major task of reviewing them has been put on the agenda and the review has been commenced. This is a major task and will be a massive step in the right direction for the Society and its members & associates.

Our thoughts go out to Bittina Ely and her family after the loss of Paul last month after his battle with cancer. We look forward to your ongoing enthusiasm and passion Bittina as you continue on with the legacy that you and Paul have built.

We have been working through several members' questions in relation to their membership and status points. If you have any questions in relation to the status of your membership or whether you have received your points allocation please contact us asap as we endeavour to bring things up to a point where we are ready to take the next step with our website and are able to maintain the membership and points register online.

The next management meeting will be held at Blacktown RSL on November 9th 7.30pm – 11pm. anyone who is coming along please join us for dinner prior from 6pm. For those you can't be there in person there is a link in this issue of the Budgerigar magazine or on the BSNSW Inc. website for you to register for the Live Streaming.

I look forward to connecting with you all again soon.

Harry Charalambous.

From the Secretary – Oct 2015



“All aboard” – rings out in my ears and across the state as we (the new committee) takes the lead to drive the hobby something very dear to our hearts forward. The new look team has been working in the background; and would like to thank those that paved the way for an easy transition (you all know who they are and so do they – again Thank You)

The major upgrade on how we communicate with our members is key to the success of hitting our initiatives about “keeping everyone in the know”; the technology behind the program allows us to interact “one-to-many”, depending on your roles in your own branches or associated societies. The first correspondence came out a few weeks ago – with the details of the AGM & Management Meeting Minutes; with an email with the content and then strategically placed links to the reports on the back end of the www.budgerigar.com.au website – which by the way most of you clicked and got access to read. *(If you are keen to know the details – come along to the next management meeting; whereby I will be presenting it to the group)*

Secretary
Mark W Wilton

What's on

WHAT'S ON 2015/16

November

- 1st - [Penrith Valley Show](#)
- 9th - **BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30pm-11:00pm**
- 15th- [Central Coast Branch Annual Show](#)
- 21st- [Midstate Budgerigar Show](#)
- 29th- Sydney combined clubs Annual Lawn show



December

- 20th- **Deadline for Budgerigar**

January 2016

- 11th- **BSNSW management meeting 7.30-11.00pm**

February 2016

- 20th - Northern NSW Annual Show
- 21st- St. George Branch 57th Annual Show
- 28th NBC Young Bird show



March 2016

- 6th - Hills District Branch Annual
- 13th - New England Annual Show
- 13th - Hunter Branch Annual Show
- 13th- Canberra Branch Annual show
- 14th - **BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30pm-11:00pm**



April 2016

- 3rd- South Western NSW Branch Annual Show

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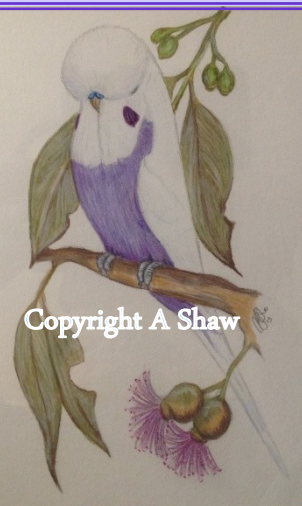
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Letters to the Editor

I am looking forward to receiving letters from members with anything interesting they would like to say
Anna Shaw

Hi Anna...Thanks for all the issues of the mag you managed to round up for me. I am sending you this email just to say how much I enjoyed the article in this issue 10 June /July written and researched by Gloria Havenhand M.Sc. Ph.D. This was such a well compiled and presented article that explained in great but easy to understand detail some of the causes of stress on our birds breeding and life span. The article really reinforced the need for good animal husbandry in our aviaries if we want to continue breeding feather and vigour into our birds. I thought it was an excellent article and I think all breeders would benefit by reading it. Keep up the great work and I hope you receive many more articles as interesting and thought provoking as this article was. Thank you David Christie

Why is it that Clearwings are so harshly judged by judges looking for really clear-winged birds?

Q *They tend to favour lesser birds with clear wings, over good quality Clearwing budgerigars with reasonably clear wings.*

Yet when they judge Spangles, they put up birds with poor spangle markings, or Normals that do not have black finite markings. It seems to be a cop-out that they do not penalise these other varieties as much as they do to Clearwings.

Anonymous

A In reference to the above questions, Firstly a competent judge should know their colour standard by having studied the strong and weak characters of each variety, Good judges in all walks of life are born not made henceforth generally either he or she sees the ideal or bird differently Each judge places one feature before another when one wants a big bird another likes a smaller type and so on, The bird now under discussion is clearwing therefore the first thing to observe is the wing colour which should also represent the birds mask colour and also be free of any form of mottling with dark pigment, A clearwing stands out with intense good body colour and Colour etc is only worth 40 points which has to battle against the 60 Points for type Yes I agree spangles light ground colour and its mottling etc of dark pigments appear not to be seen by judges maybe they have bad eyes. Often throat spots are solid and not target shaped as required for perfection of this variety. Normals yes just have a look at the running body colour into the ground colour which appears to go unnoticed and especially so in blue series birds Take for instance the variations in the mask colour in any class of normals especially greens With all these faults the longer it goes unchecked the worse they will become after all the standard of perfection was evolved for breeders and judges alike to adhere too if one wishes to keep going forward

Editor note: there is a photo of a spangle on page of this publication that seems to be a great bird to refer to.

Q *Hi Anna I have a question u can pass on . Why do some hens pluck their babies? And what do I do About it. Thx Anthony Starcevic*

A Feather plucking of chicks is generally carried out by the Hen sometimes only stripping some of the downy feathers, When they begin removing the body feathers and skin which results in bleeding you have a real problem. Some times excess rock salt may help and you may curtail the problem also by cutting the sharp end of the beak off with nail clippers, Other methods include liniments such as deep heat cream and even chilli mixtures may help by rubbing it on the effected areas. In extreme cases you can make a nest divider of punch bar with at least 15mm spaces so the chicks can be feed through these openings thus providing an effective deterrent.

My passion, my purpose. By Barrie Shutt

My passion, my purpose in our hobby will be

complete when every budgerigar owner has a mentor.

Not only in the UK but the World over.

A few words about me, the decline, our future and your role.

Why and how?

Why would anyone want to keep, breed and exhibit

budgerigars? And, supposing you did, where would you get the know-how?

Apart from the unexplained and instinctive attraction we feel for their brilliant colours and delightfully biddable ways, there are probably as many different contributory factors that motivate the hobbyist as there are hobbyists. For some, getting the knowledge is almost the next logical step after learning first to walk, then to talk. Others take their greatest satisfaction from the sense of community they get from local groups, almost like the camaraderie shared on the terraces by lads in matching scarves. Observing the outcomes of selective breeding is what might motivate others, while seeing the hardware stack up after the wins at major shows may be the driving force in some cases.

How it started.

For me, what became a lifelong fascination and source of great pleasure began almost accidentally. More than fifty years ago as an animal-lover with what was left of his first meagre pay-package burning another hole in his holey trousers pocket, I was desperate to own a pet. There would have been no question of being allowed to keep anything that took up house room, and it was love at first sight when I came upon the pair of red eared waxbills in a local pet shop.

But despite what the songs say, love is not always enough. Ignorant and unable to find any resource that would inform me on their needs; I learned the hard way that some things are not hardy enough to withstand the Cumbrian climate and a well-intentioned amateur touch. After a decent period, I decided to do things a little differently and my next venture began from a different starting place.



Learning



My first aviary
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The local library, a conveniently free source of knowledge, had a tiny section that included information on budgerigars, and I read every word. If I had learned my subjects as keenly at school I could have been Chief Exec of ICI by the time I was twenty one! As it was, I was supplementing my income by

and a cobbled-together shed, my life as a breeder and exhibitor of budgerigars began. And the learning process is a life's work. Like many, I had neither benefit of an experienced mentor nor virtually unlimited resources to encourage and enable me to breed world class birds. Having started from that place, I have a particular passion to develop support networks that will enable this season's pet owner to become next year's top-class breeder.

Information has never been more widely available and the Internet is an extremely important source. It does not need to be said, however, that identifying reliable, informed advice and opinion is a skill by itself. There is good stuff out there, based on learning, experience and quantifiable evidence and there is less trustworthy stuff that ranges from the purely anecdotal to the downright bad. And we have to guard against reading opinion as fact, for those two things can be very different. Potentially, the various on-line forums are capable of being a valuable source of information and support, because they enable us to "meet" and share information with breeders from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities.

Changes in the hobby

We have seen massive changes in the hobby as it evolved and adapted to enable survival in the 21st Century, and yet despite the eugenics and bird-room technologies, despite the high-end competitiveness that has attracted interest from businessmen and entrepreneurs who would seek to make a profit or even a livelihood out of the hobby, budgerigars are still budgerigars and for most breeders the interest, the joys, the rewards are the birds themselves. And some things have never changed. The fact that we all start somewhere is self-evident but for a young person with his pocket-money budgies, the world of the top breeders and the world-class show can look a pretty daunting place. It is also self-evident that without new blood the hobby will eventually die out and that, in my opinion, would be very sad.

Training cage 1970



You can help to promote our hobby

How do we attract new people into the hobby? How do we support their start up? How do we encourage beginners to stick at it and enjoy what they do? How do we encourage and enable them to move, if that is their ambition, from pet-owner to champion breeder?

Promoting the hobby is not something that necessarily requires a degree in marketing techniques. Promotion begins with word-of-mouth communication – come on, you must remember it? Old fashioned talking about it! Either as an individual to your mates and neighbours, or in association with your local club, you can help spread the word, generate interest and share your enthusiasm by taking presentations to community forums who are always looking for guest speakers; examples might include schools and colleges, Elderly Care residences, Women's or Church or hobby groups. (Don't be offended if they ask you to provide your personal details as we all have a duty to protect

the vulnerable in our society.) Talk to the local press. Let them know when your meetings are and invite them to your shows. They may ask for features to provide a background, which provide extra publicity. Have an open day. Run a free course at the local college; it could be just a one-off couple of hours, or something that can be developed to run over a few weeks. See if you can have a stand at any local events and arrange to staff it with your most approachable members. Arrange visits to clubs outside your area and invite them back to yours. And, most importantly, make sure that new faces are made to feel properly welcome. There are lots of ways of spreading the word. Ask your club colleagues for their ideas. Of course, if you do happen to have a degree in marketing, it couldn't hurt!

There is an important spin-off here for existing breeders, by the way, and that has to do with how we generate and maintain a market for our surplus birds, which may not be good enough to exhibit but may be the accessible, affordable starting point for new owners. Similarly, you can forge links with local pet shops and veterinary surgeries that may hold a list of local breeders, both of which can point potential buyers in your direction. Supplying birds and equipment to new starters either at low or no cost is a win/win situation, as you increase the size of your network and the beginner does not have to invest his life savings in something that he may find is not for him after all.

At the General Council Budgerigar Society meeting in February 2011, the BS approved a proposal I had submitted for an idea that would establish a list of those members who would be interested in becoming mentors to support beginners. The list would be made available through the Budgerigar Society web site. Mentoring can include aspects of guidance, help, advice and teaching, dependent upon the resources of the mentor and the needs of the mentee. It might be one-to-one in person or based on friendly chats over the phone or internet. For the beginner the mentoring system is a genuine opportunity to feel supported and a part of something. For the mentor there is the chance to share your knowledge and experience and to know that you are genuinely helping. Any BS member who is interested can contact the society secretary including your details.

As a member, you can encourage all Area Societies to adopt the mentoring scheme by following the example set by The Northern Budgerigar Society, who brought the proposal to its members and agreed to take it up through the democratic voting system at their meeting. If the idea were taken up by the World Budgerigar Organisation, people elsewhere in the world could access accurate information that had not become distorted through translation.

We need your help now!

If you care about the future of the hobby, you have a part to play in securing it; as an individual, at local club level and through the Budgerigar Society. Share your ideas instead of jealously guarding your acquired wisdom. If you are one of the lucky ones who is time and resource-rich, think back to your first days and have some compassion for the tentative first steps of the new starter, as one disparaging remark can cause his interest to be stillborn. Spread the word; on the street, on the forums, on the social networks.

Barrie Stutt



2015/16 Committee

President



Harry Charalambous President-

I like many others had budgies when I was younger and then other parts of life got busy so I no longer kept them. I then decided it was time to keep them again and went along to a sales day at Fairfield to buy some birds where I met Lloyd Mullens a Hills Branch member who encouraged me to go along to a Hills Branch meeting. I now keep Normals, Spangles and enjoy most of all the Yellowface variety. It has been great to meet so many friendly people and to be able to give back to the hobby by way of the Hills Committee as well as the BSNSW Management Team.

Secretary



So, a little bit about me – as this is my first article in the Budgerigar Magazine; Part 1 ---

Born, Mark William Wilton in Sydney to my parents Colin & Aurora; grew up in Greystanes out past Parramatta (Eels my team – no snickering) – first go into budgies at the age of about 8 or 9, when at the OLQP school fete dad bought me a Cobalt Cock and my sister Nicole (– one of two sisters, the other Yvette) a Sky Normal Hen; we paired them up in a make shift cage from debris dad was hoarding around the house. Now that pair bred like rabbits; in no time we had almost 20 something babies (not realising you only supposed to go two rounds – they must have 5).

Where were we going to put all these babies? And I am pretty sure we had acquired another pair in the meantime. So one day dad went to buy and aviary and came back with the display model – here the kicker it was full of other budgies... Best dad ever!!! Amongst the birds from the display cage was a pure white female... (Unbeknownst to me a Double Factor Spangle) well I put my Cobalt Cock to the hen – nicknamed Snow White and out pops these purple blue birds with white wings; I was hooked.. The start of the Spangle Man most of you know today. Stay tuned – I will share next chapter in the next issue; till then.

Treasurer



My name is Dennis Beckett and I am both Chairman and show Manager of the BSNSW Northside Branch. I took on the Treasurers position for the BSNSW this year because I heard everyone winging about what was wrong with the Society and thought I may be able to make a difference. Harry and the management committee, are slowly making great advances in the hobby, but we need the support of all members. Communication is the key to success, so please put forward any ideas that you think will make the Society better.

I have kept Birds off and on since I was 10 years old and came back into the hobby about three years ago, after work commitments began to slow. The last time I kept birds, (about 28 years), was just before the import of the English Budgerigar. I had much more knowledge than the average beginner, but there is so much to learn. I am trying to mainly breed quality Normals, but have a soft spot for Violets.

Finally, (wearing my treasure's hat), can we please ensure when making deposits or sending cheques, give enough information to describe what the money is for. My crystal ball is foggy.

Cheers Dennis

Chairperson of Judges Committee



Hi everyone,

A little bit of history of my involvement in budgerigars .I began breeding and showing birds in 1985, I became a member of BSNSW in the early nineties don't remember the exact year . I am a life member of Newcastle club , current chairperson of the judges committee . a nationally accredited judge officiating at 3 national shows . A inductee to the ANBC Hall of fame with currently 10 national wins. Breeding varieties are normals, spangles, cinnamons, y/face and have been breeding the Aust White cap for two years with some great results in regards of colour and variety.

Thank you Gary Gazzard

Membership Registrar



About me: My name is Myles Henke
I have 2 young children (4 and 2), and work for TAB. As a young teen I was a member at St George in the early 90's. I've just got back into budgies this year. My favourite varieties are Opaline, Cinnamon & Lacewing. I have also taken on dilutes and fallows to help out our club at West Sydney. I offered to help out with memberships as it fits in well with my ever-changing work hours. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming years.

Publicity



Mark Hawke — I've been married to my beautiful wife Diane for 24 years and have two lovely children in Lydia & Ken, who over the years while I worked away for Telstra in the outback looked after my birds so I owe them everything. I've been recently elected to the position of Publicity Officer for the BSNSW and you might have seen me on Facebook before as I run our new BSNSW group plus a few others. (Exhibition Budgerigars Soapbox, Exhibition Budgerigars Oz & Show Budgerigars Only). I've been breeding and showing Budgerigars for 20 odd years and have had 14 reps go away to the Nationals with 2 wins - Hens & Albino classes which was the highlight for me in the fancy. I show for Mid-State Budgerigar Club (MBC) and I'm also a member of Orana Avicultural Society (OAS) and Hills Branch. The varieties I keep are Normals, Spangles, Yellow Faces, Cinnamons, Opalines, Dominate Pies, Albinos, Lutinos, Fallows and I've just started to dabble in Texas Clearbodies. My other loves in life are Fishing, Motorcycles, Social Networking, Dancing and partying the night away with family and friends or anyone who likes a beer. So if you see me around the country come and say G'Day. Bye for now and Cheers,
Hawkey

Editor



Well, when I asked the committee to contribute to "meet the committee" in this magazine, I didn't stop to think heck, I am one of them and I would have to contribute a photo and a little about myself.

So here goes.

I have always had Budgerigars when I was a young girl I was madly in love with birds and horses we lived in suburbia so I could not have a horse so budgies were it. My parents went to a friends pet shop in St Marys NSW and purchased me a pair of each colour bird they had instore on the day (amazing parents!!) I kept birds for year even after we moved and I could get the long awaited horse . I went to work for a company my manager was a gentleman called Ray Kramer who was big in the budgie world. Moving away from that line of work and becoming married I moved away from birds until Cody met a breeder who lived locally he purchased me a pair of birds as a surprise and then we were both hooked. I was asked to step in as replacement Editor and here I am still. Now secretary for Penrith Valley Branch and Editor for the BSNSW.

Assorted Positions



Andre Ozoux I wear many caps

I Came back to the hobby in 1979 when we bought our present home which had plenty of room for an aviary. Bought some birds from Peter Skelton who introduced me to the Hills where I am a member to this day. In 1982 the club asked me to breed Spangles as we needed more for the STCC. I was lucky to win The Spangle Logue and second place in South Australia National 1986. I won the Albino Logue in 2007 in WA.

I breed Normals, Opalines, Cinnamons, Spangles, Clearbodies, Lutinos and Albinos. I have 40 cabinets from which I hopefully breed 150 to 200 youngsters a year.

I have held various positions on Management and at Hills. I am currently the Chairman for the Colour and Standards, Senior Judge and Committee Member and Assistant Show Manager at Hills.

What not to do.

The following explanations of what not to do were written by Frank Warren, a very successful breeder and judge in the UK, and printed in the London and Southern Counties Journal.

Don't Do It!

In our last issue we gave you a token of what to expect from Frank Warren in our next few editions. Here he begins his series with what not to do during the show season.

Don't take too seriously detailed instructions on how to train birds to keep them steady on the show bench. Some birds are natural showmen, others are, and always will be, fidgety. If spraying fairly frequently will not steady them, they are not likely to make good show birds no matter what trouble you take with them.

Don't send birds to a show which are obviously molting, or in poor condition, even though you have made the entries, it will be unfair to the birds, damage your exhibition record – worse still, you may lose a very valuable bird.

Don't blame a judge if he fails to notice in your birds good points which some other judge saw a week or so previously. The bird may be out of condition, the competition a lot stronger, or the first judge may have been wrong.

Don't attempt too many varieties if you have limited accommodation. It is far better to specialize in a few colours only to achieve success on the show bench.

Don't put too many hens together in a stock cage as they are bound to squabble – six to eight in a double stock cage should be the maximum.

Don't forget to put plenty of seed on the floor of the show cage.

Don't just moisten the feathers of the birds when spraying them. Wet them thoroughly. Always spray leaving plenty of time for the bird to dry before it rests for the night.

Don't fail to check over all cages before taking them to a show. Make sure doors are secure, correct class tickets are attached, and no bird is sent that has suddenly gone sick.

Don't, if you are an exhibitor, fail to give full support, active as well as financial, to your local and area Society.

Don't despair of the quality of a bird you think is good until you have shown it in good condition, under two or more of our best judges. I find that judges' opinions differ considerably, apart from which you do not know how your bird was behaving at the time it was judged, unless you are stewarding with him.

Don't criticise a judge until you are quite sure that you know what constitutes a first class exhibition budgerigar. All judges are not good ones, even though they are BS Judges. But we have to learn to live with it, if we are going to support our shows.

Budgie Busker

St George/Illawarra Y/B Show 2015

Ted Wallis Memorial Show

ST. GEORGE/ILLAWARRA 39TH ANNUAL YOUNG BIRD SHOW, 2015

The Bexley School of Arts was a hive of activity at 6.30 am on Sunday, 25th October, 2015 when members arrived to erect the staging and prepare the hall for the “Ted Wallis Memorial Show”. Andre Ozoux, Wayne Doull and Mario Capasso judged the 210 birds exhibited by 25 members. A continuous morning tea and eats from the barbecue were available to the members and their families who stayed for the day and enjoyed the very happy and social atmosphere.

Barbara Wallis joined the judges and Chairmen of the two branches for lunch and then presented the major awards to the winners. Show Managers, Jim Baker and Allen McCauley were ably assisted by their stewards from both branches and the show ran very smoothly, allowing us to clean up the hall and finish by 3 p.m. which was appreciated after our very early start in the morning.

Our thanks to our very competent computer team of David Thorsby, Craig Geering and Ken Liley, and thanks also to our cooks, David Lawless-Pyne and Garry Yannakis for a job well done.

Major award winners were:

CHAMPION ADULT FEATHER and BEST OPEN ADULT FEATHER	- James Matthews.
CHAMPION UNBROKEN CAPPED and BEST OPEN UNBROKEN CAPPED	- Laurie Gauchi.
BEST INTERMEDIATE ADULT FEATHER	- Jason Tinkler.
BEST INTERMEDIATE UNBROKEN CAPPED	- J & E Wallace.
BEST NOVICE ADULT FEATHER	- Kevin Watson.
BEST NOVICE UNBROKEN CAPPED	- Ahmed El Masri.

Nola Bradford. (Publicity Officer)



Champ Adult Feather James Matthews



Champ Open Unbroken Capped Laurie Gauchi



Best Intermediate Adult Feather Jason Tinkler



Best Novice Unbroken Capped Ahmed El Masri



Left

Best Novice Adult Feather

owned by Kevin Watson

Right

Best Intermediate

Unbroken Capped

owned by J & E Wallace.

Nola Bradford photo's



Photos of the members who owned the winners at the show, receiving their awards from Barbara Wallis

James Matthews CH Adult feather



Jason Tinkler best Intermediate adult feather



Kevin Watson Best Novice Adult Feather



Laurie Gauchi Champ. Unbroken Capped



John Wallace Best Intermediate Unbroken Capped



Ahmed El Masri (Best Novice Unbroken Capped)



Nola Bradford photo's



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

NEW ADVERTISING RATES AND INITIATIVES

A review of the Society's advertising rates has been undertaken. The review looked how we could tap into the potential of the web site (www.budgerigar.com.au) as an income raising tool plus provide new services to our Branches, Associated Societies and Members.

At the July Management Committee meeting the Committee ratified new Advertising Rates and initiatives listed below.

Advertising Rates

Web Site	Magazine	Web Site + Magazine Package
per month	per issue	per magazine issue (ie 2 month on Web site)

Branches and Associated Societies/Clubs

Shows, Events, Seminars.

• One small (1/2 column) advertisement	Free	Free	Free
• Subsequent small advertisements	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00
• Half Page Advertisements	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 45.00
• Full Page Advertisements	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00

Auctions and Other Fundraising Events

• One small (1/2 column) advertisement	Free	Free	Free
• Subsequent small advertisements	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
• Half Page Advertisements	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00
• Full Page Advertisements	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 120.00

Commercial Rates

• One small (1/2 column) advertisement	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00
• Half Page Advertisements	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
• Full Page Advertisements	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 150.00

Buy, Sell, Swap, Wanted or "Freebies" Rates

(Web Site only)

- **Members** are entitled to one (1) standard ad* in a calendar year:
The ad will remain on the web site for one month (unless you wish to remove it earlier).
(* A standard ad = 4 lines)

➤ First Standard Ad. of 4 Lines	Free
Ads of more than 4 lines	\$ 2.00 per additional line
➤ Subsequent Standard Ads.	\$ 5.00
Ads of more than 4 lines	\$ 2.00 per additional line

- "Swap" or "Freebies" Standard Ad. no charge

- **Non-members or Commercial:**

- All ads \$ 3.00 per line, with a minimum cost \$ 20.00

Breeders' Advertisements

Web Site	Magazine	Web Site + Magazine Package
per month	per issue	per magazine issue (ie 2 months on Web Site)
\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00

Note: To avoid any confusion or disputes all advertisers will be required to complete an “Advertising Agreement” form provided by our Advertising Manager.

You will see that we will continue to provide our Branches and Associates with one small advertisement in the magazine and on the web site for Shows, Seminars, Fundraising and other events. (There is already a dedicated page on the web site for “event advertisements”). The new initiatives are that we intend to a special or dedicated page on the web site for “Buy, Sell, Swap or Freebies” advertisements (perhaps it may be called “Classified Ads”) and another page for “Breeders’ Ads”.

It is our hope that this will promote greater use of the web site and provide Members the opportunity to “connect” with each other when they have something they need **or** have something they no longer need but feel it may be of use to others.

For further information, or to place an advertisement, please contact our Advertising Manager, Grant Dyer, email advertising@budgerigar.com.au.

Ian Manton

MID-STATE BUDGERIGAR CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 21st November 2015
Orange Showground, Leeds Parade Orange

Entries

Phone: (02) 6365 1131 6–9pm Wed 18th Nov 2015

E-mail: heatherbdunn@bigpond.com

E-mail entries accepted from Sunday 15-11-15 until 6pm 18-11-15. Confirmation will be sent.

National Schedule of classes – available Oct 2015

Champion & Reserve Champion Awards in all sections
Best Any Age Bird & Young Bird Award in each variety.

Features include

- Sat night dinner the Robin Hood Hotel
- Breakfast and lunch available on sale; one free sandwich ticket per exhibitor
- Individual results sheets available

JUDGES

Steven Mow (Vic)
Peter Thurn (Vic)

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From the aviaries of Mid-State club members

Enquiries: Terry Bevan (02) 6365 1131 or 0419 696 80

BE THERE FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!!!

Newcastle

My Apologies for the late notification but here is the Newcastle Committee for 2015/2016

Management. President – Darren Peters, Vice President – Gary Gazzard, Treasurer – Ian Carroll, Secretary – Ken Yorke, Ordinary members – Chris Moyle, Bruce Whiting and Pat Jupp

Operations sub-committee Membership register – Robert Taylor, **Ring Register** – Mick Auckett, **Service Section** – Daniel Scheerer, **Public Officer** – Mick Auckett, **Librarian** – Robert Taylor, **Editor** – Darren Peters, **Trustees** – Mick Auckett and Paul McCusker, **Show Secretary** – Wayne Ingham, **Assistant Show Secretary** – Richard Clarke, **Show Manager** – Paul McCusker, **Assistant Show Manager** – Clint Cameron, **Chief Stewards** – Daniel Scheerer, Chris Moyle and Karen Peters, **Canteen Manager** – Tony Keogh, **Publicity Officer** – Paul McCusker, **Ordinary Officers** – Maree Robertson, Rebecca Fellows and Brian Claxton.

The Exhibitor of the year was Ken Yorke. This award combines points from the Young Bird Show, Annual Show, 9 table Shows the Interclub Challenge and National Show.

The Club person of the year was Jupp & Scheerer.

The August Table show had 10 birds exhibited best Bird was from A&C Druery. Best Advanced – A&C Druery, Best Novice – Robert Taylor, Best Normal Green – A&C Druery, Best Normal Blue – A&C Druery. The table show was followed by a very interesting talk on the sprangle variety presented by Gary Gazzard.

The September table show again had 10 birds exhibited Best Bird – Jupp & Scheerer, Best Advanced – Jupp & Scheerer, Best Novice – Robert Taylor. There were no featured varieties exhibited. Following the table show a forum discussing problems in the breeding room were discussed.

Paul McCusker Publicity

"The Combined Clubs" Sydney Annual Lawn Show



Sunday 29th November 2015 from 9am

St Ives Showground 450 Mona Vale Rd St Ives Sydney

Fun day for Everyone – Bird Show and display, Birds for Sale, Gold Coin Raffle with many Christmas and bird type prizes, Picnic with BBQ, continuous Morning tea, information on joining many bird Clubs, Meetings, fun and bird activities, Santa for the children with a small present – you must register your children for the present and for the BBQ lunch – full details & costs

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Northside News and Show Report 2015.

Sunday 13th September was the day for Northside club with the staging of our Annual Show on that date.

A lovely day dawned, a lovely setting among the gum trees, a lovely greeting from old friends and a lovely array of top quality budgies for the enthusiast to drool over, ensured the day was going to be most enjoyable for all who were lucky enough to be in attendance.

It certainly was enjoyable for James Matthews, who took home six major awards which of course included Grand Champion.

I might add, a very worthy champion, with not one word of dissent on the selection did I hear all afternoon. Congratulations James.



Margaret MacNamara presented the John MacNamara Memorial Trophy for Grand Champion to James Matthews.

Whilst the numbers of entries this year were down on last year, 250 entries, the quality was certainly up and it had to be a very likeable bird to gain any advancement.

Clearwing had the largest entry with 22 of which any one of ten could have been crowned champion but it was great to see Warren Wilson visit the podium to be presented with the prize for Champion Clearwing.



With so many top birds in most categories our judges, Andre Ozoux and Craig Buckingham, had to think fast but move slowly as positions on the bench changed repeatedly, but at the end of the day it was mostly agreed they got just about every thing right. Congratulations Judges.

Margaret presenting the John MacNamara "Best example of a Variety" trophy for Golden Face Violet to Gerry and Michael Lynch.



Dennis Beckett accepting trophy for Champion Intermediate opposite sex

Head Chef, Vic Giles and his able assistant, Pam, direct from hotel Australia, presented a three course meal which I am sure our new prime minister would have enjoyed immensely.

As we are not a big club, we needed a little help in certain areas, so a mighty big thank you to all those who willingly gave their time and effort so graciously without request.

Gerry Lynch



2015 Annual Show Results

Major Awards	Exhibitor	Variety
Grand Champion	James Matthews	Opaline A.O.S.V. hen
Champion Any Age Bird	James Matthews	Opaline A.O.S.V. hen
Champion Any Age Bird Opposite Sex	James Matthews	Cinnamonwing cock
Best Open - 2014 Blk Ring	John Carter	Normal Green cock
Best Open Opp Sex - 2014 Blk Ring	James Matthews	Dble Factor Spangle H
Best Intermediate - 2014 Blk Ring	Mark Wilton	Spangle Normal C
Best Inter. Opp Sex - 2014 Blk Ring	Dennis Beckett	Normal Blue H
Best Novice 2014 Blk R	Kanaan & Spiteri	Clearbody C
Best Novice Opp Sex - 2014 Blk R	Kevin Watson	Spangle Normal H
Champion Young - 2015 Purple R	James Matthews	Spangle Normal C
Champ Young Opp Sex - 2015 Purple Ring	Kanaan & Spiteri	Clearbody H

Best example of a Variety -- Gerry Lynch -- Golden Face Violet -- The Johnny Mac Foundation Trophy

Northside Show 2015

Best of Variety Awards

Best of Variety Awards	Exhibitor
Normal Green - Light, Dark or Olive	John Carter
Normal Greygreen	James Matthews
Normal Blue Sky, Cobalt, Mauve	Dennis Beckett
Normal Violet	Mark Wilton
Normal Grey	Dennis Beckett
Normal Yellow Faced Blue	David Dunn
Australian Golden Face	John Carter
Blackeyed Self - Yellow or White	Ray & Sue Condon
Suffused - Yellow or White	John Carter
Red Eyed Self - Lutino	Kanaan & Spiteri
Red Eyed Self - Albino	John Carter
Clearwing ASC	Wilson Family
Greywing ASC	Ron Roarty
Cinnamonwing ASC	James Matthews
Spangle Double Factor - Yellow or White	James Matthews
Opaline ASC	Dennis Beckett
Opaline AOSV	James Matthews
Clearbody ASV/ASC	Kanaan & Spiteri
Lacewing ASV - Yellow or White	Jim Baker
Fallow ASV/ASC	John Carter
Spangle (Non compound)	James Matthews
Spangle AOSV	Paul Anderson
Dominant Pied ASV/ASC	Ron Roarty
Recessive Pied ASV/ASC	Jim Baker
Crest ASV/ASC	Kanaan & Spiteri
Dark Eyed Clear - Yellow or White	Joe Elias
Saddleback ASC	Pam & Vic Giles
Darkwing	Ray & Sue Condon

Bush Budgerigar	Wilson Family
Junior - Any colour, age or variety	Katie Simcock
BRASEA Award - Light Green	Dennis Beckett
BRASEA Award - Violet	Mark Wilton
BRASEA Award - Lutino	Kanaan & Spiteri

Feather Cyst's

Feather Cyst's

Unfortunately most of us have had birds that have developed feather cyst's.

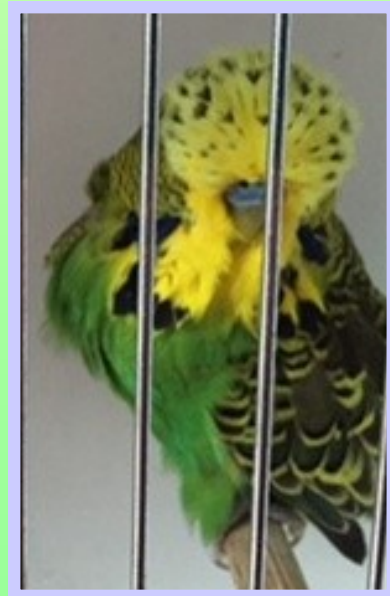
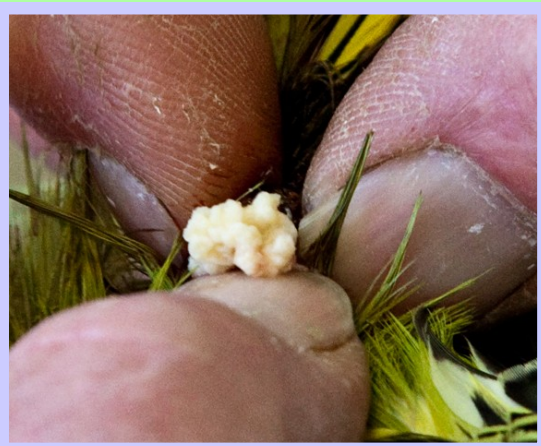
I had a lovely dark green Cock bird fledge with one already beginning to grow and tried to find a suitable treatment. Sifting through the internet articles, I came across the following treatment.

I purchased a product called Essence of Propolis from the UK. It is described as being "an antibacterial - natural in beehive - from the Gums and resin of our hedgerows and trees." (Note: make sure the essence cannot reach the eyes)

I first dabbed the essence directly onto the cyst. After a couple of days the cyst had began to shrivel up a little and I saw a couple of black spots. I grabbed one of the spots with my finger nails and was surprised to pull out a feather quill about a 2cm long. Other smaller quills also were pulled out. I then ensured the essence got into the cyst. A few more days and I pulled away a scab and gently squeezed out a lump of waxy type material about the size of my small finger nail. More essence and after about 7 days the cyst was almost totally gone.

We have used it on a couple of other birds with the same results. The Dark Green cock bird never grew a tail, but is filling eggs in the breeding room. The cyst, so far, hasn't regrown. I can't say that it is the answer to feather cyst's, but it seems to have worked for me. Better than having the bird not being of any use to you. (it always seems to be the better birds)

Dennis Beckett



Mike Cannons response next page

Hi Dennis,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the attached article.

Essence of Propolis is not a product I have seen or used. A search on Google reveals that it is developed from the gum and resins of trees and that bees use it to help sanitise their hive. One source states that "they use Propolis collected from Australia which is certified to be free from lead and other heavy metals" - Interesting that we are importing a product that initially came from her

There is no denying the product seems to have worked in this case.

The enthusiasm of the author is noted, because like many other bird fanciers, we are all aware of the frustration that feather cysts cause. Having said this, any new medication should be used with caution, as it may or may not work in other cases, but more importantly we need to be sure it does not cause other problems before we endorse its use.

This antibacterial component of the product is not really that important, because feather cysts are not primarily an infection. They are a deformed feather that grows under the skin instead of normally. You can have secondary infection but this will improve when you remove the retained feather.

The absence of the drug or chemical components of the product makes it difficult to wholeheartedly embrace it. It does seem to have a dessicating or lethal effect on the cells it contacts, with only a small dab being required. For feather cysts this is useful as the cells will continue to form a new deformed feather (and hence a new cyst) if the feather is simply removed.

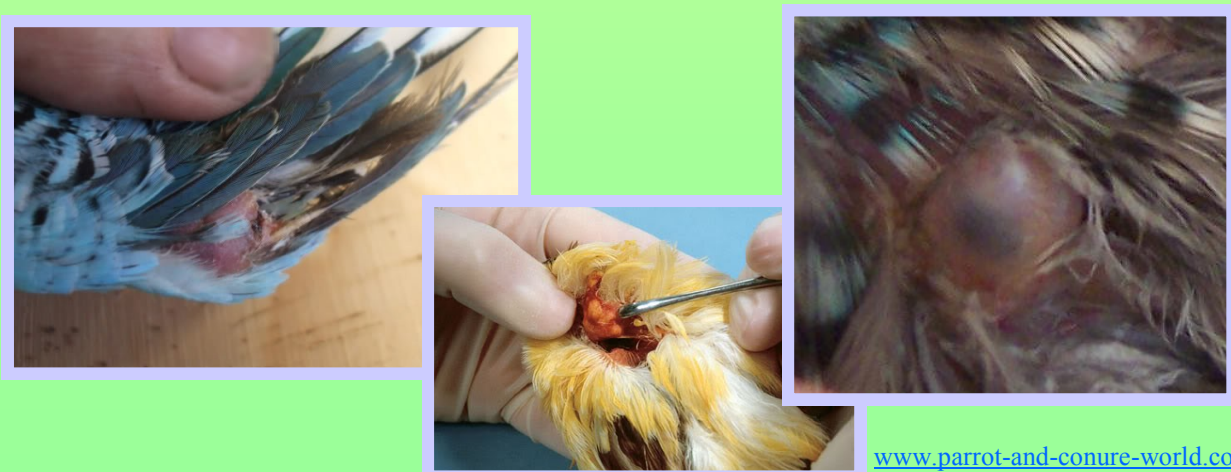
The product's strength may also be its weakness as you seem to only need a small amount applied to the cyst and this means it is quite strong or concentrated, so you need to be sure it does not affect other surrounding tissues that are healthy.

The website says that it is safe for humans to take orally, I would still be slightly concerned if the bird were to swallow some of it because the human gastrointestinal tract is different to birds.

The article also states that it "must not be allowed to reach the eyes". So take care when applying it to an area that the bird can easily reach with its beak and spread to its eyes.

The only way to be certain is for others to trial the product and then report their success or any problems that may occur applaud the author for taking the time to share his success with the rests of us.

Mike Cannon



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Photo's and story Mark Hawke



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

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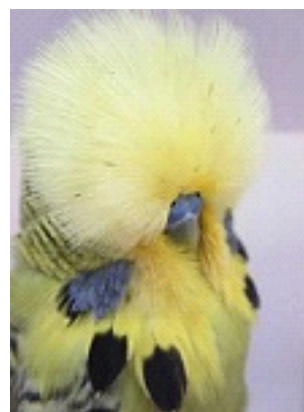
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