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Champion Junior bird at  
Penrith Valley  
Annual  
Cody Shaw  
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Right Corner  
Ray Welshmans  
BSNSW  
Winning Bird  
Nola Bradford  
Photos



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Spotlight on Juniors

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# Editor Report

Wow this is the last issue for 2014 how quickly the year has passed. I would like to thank you all for being so patient with me as I learn the ropes in this position.

We have witnessed a number of changes this year within our committee and amongst different branches.

Sadly losing a number of our respected and loved owners and breeders., true ambassadors for the breed and hobby.

I hope that 2014 has been a great year for you all, with the hobby and your own personal life and 2015 will be even better.

I thank you all for supplying me with information and photos for without your help our magazine would not be the wonderful publication it has become. A special thanks goes to Nola Bradford for her constant stream of wonderful photos and information.

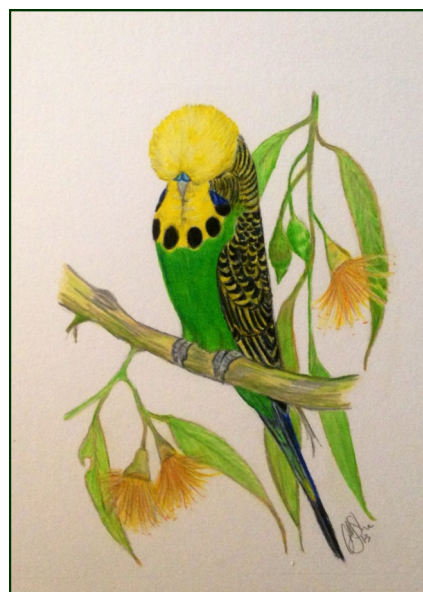
We are hoping to promote Junior breeders and exhibitors in 2015 we need them to help make our hobby continue to prosper. Please if you have a Junior in your club that is enthusiastic send in a photo and some information we would all like to hear about them, these young people are the future of the hobby

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe prosperous New Year,

Cheers Anna Shaw

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# What's on

## December

25th Christmas Day

## What's on 2015

### January

10th BSNSW Management Meeting

### February

1st Illawarra Branch Annual Show

7th Northern NSW Annual Show

8th Shoalhaven Annual Show

15th St George Branch annual Show

20th Deadline articles next Budgerigar magazine

22<sup>nd</sup> Newcastle BC Annual Show

22<sup>nd</sup> Canberra Annual Show

23rd RAS Entries Close

### March

1<sup>st</sup> Hills District Branch Annual Show

8th New England Annual Show

8th Hunter Branch Annual Show

9th BSNSW Management meeting (to be confirmed)

15th Central Coast Branch Annual Show

21st BSNSW Annual Show Dural sport and leisure

22<sup>nd</sup> BRASEA Auction Bexley

25th-27th RAS Cage Bird Show

29th South Western Budgerigar Society inc Annual

29th Tamworth Annual Show

### April

20th Deadline Budgerigar articles

### May

3rd Macarthur branch Annual Show

11th Management meeting (to be confirmed)

31st Orana Avicultural Society Annual Show

31st BRASEA Auction Bexley

### June

13th State Team Challenge and selection

19th-23rd National Championship

### July

4<sup>th</sup> Hills District Branch Auction

13th BSNSW Management meeting (to be confirmed)

19th BRASEA Auction Brisbane

### August

21st St George Branch Annual Auction

### September

13th Northside Annual Show

13th New England Young Bird Show

### October

18th BRASEA Bexley

25th St George/Illawarra combined annual Youngstock Show



Do you have an event you would like listed here and/or on the web site?  
Please forward details to [BSNSW.committee@gmail.com](mailto:BSNSW.committee@gmail.com)

# Juniors in the Spotlight



Name: Cody Shaw  
Age: Sixteen  
Branch: Penrith Valley

I have been breeding Exhibition Budgerigars for three years now and I really enjoy it. I was introduced into the Hobby firstly by mum who always had them when she was growing up and then by a friend of the family Mr Jim Carver. Jim was a member of the Penrith Valley Branch of the BS NSW and he invited me to come along to a meeting, that is how I became involved with the Exhibition birds.

I have been really fortunate to have met some wonderful people in the hobby that are always willing to share their knowledge, I have learnt such a lot from them.

I was really happy to win Champion Junior at the Penrith Valley annual Show in both 2013 and 2014 and champion Junior Budgerigar at the RAS cage bird show 2014.

We as a family have bred a lot of different show animals including Cattle, Horses and Fowl and now I breed Budgies I would recommend this hobby to everyone I really enjoy learning about the different varieties and meeting others at the shows with similar interests. I hope to concentrate on the Lacewing and Spangles in 2015 I look forward to learning more and meeting more people.

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BSNSW inc

## **NEW ENGLAND BRANCH ANNUAL SHOW 2015**

### **SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2015 NEMINGHA HALL**

Back Kootingal Road  
BSNSW CHAMPION EXIBITOR COMPETITION

CLEARWING SOCIETY CHALLENGE EVENT

.....*FEATURED VARIETY*.....

\*\*\*\*\**FEATURED RAFFLE*\*\*\*\*\*

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sonable*

*cost*

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0412305266  
or Kevin Burgess 0448459701

**ALL WELCOME**

## **ST. GEORGE BRANCH BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW**

### **56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW - SUNDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 2015**

**VENUE:** Masonic Lodge Hall,  
480 Forest Road, Bexley.

Phone entries: Thursday, 12th February, 2015  
between

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Keith Nicholls, Warren Wilson.

#### **Enquiries and Schedules:**

Contact Show Manager,  
Jim Baker, Tel: 9601-1495  
Irene Darman Memorial

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\$100 cash prize for Maximum Specials

BSNSW Inc

## **HUNTER BRANCH**

### **2015 ANNUAL SHOW**

**Sunday 8<sup>TH</sup> March 2015**

Thomas Morgan Pavilion-Maitland Showground

Judges -Kathy Manton, Mario Capasso, Allen McCauley

Show Manager-Wally Capper----- Phone 49 308013

Benching of birds between 7am to 8.30am

Schedule posted on BSNSW Website

BSNSW CHAMPION EXHIBITOR Competition

Catering for Restricted Old birds, no UNBROKEN CAP Entries

A bird sale will be held, exhibitors only to supply birds

So come along & enjoy the day with good prizes on offer.

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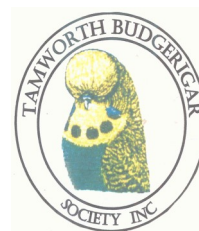
B.B.Q Lunch available at a reasonable price + free Tea & Coffee.

All entries by phone from 6.00pm Thursday only 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Contact for entries- Tony Mills

Phone---49 328826

## **Tamworth Annual Show 2015**



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Marh, 2015**

**Tamworth Rugby Hall  
Marius Street, Tamworth**

**Judges: Kathy Manton  
Garry Gazzard  
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# BSNSW Show Competitions

After taking into account a variety of feedback, the BSNSW Show Committee has decided that the BSNSW Champion Exhibitor Competition will not continue after the completion of the current competition at the end of 2014.

In response to requests for greater recognition for variety breeders, a new “**BSNSW Inc Members Best of Variety in Show Competition**” will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

The rules and conditions of the new competition are:

1. Competition is open to BSNSW Inc members only.
2. Competition will run for twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
3. This is solely a Best of Variety competition. There will be no aggregation of points across varieties.
4. Shows eligible for this competition
  - BSNSW Inc Annual Show (double points)
  - All Branches of BSNSW Inc Annual Shows and Young Bird Shows
  - Combined BSNSW Inc Branches Annual Shows and Young Bird Shows
  - Affiliated Clubs or Societies Annual Shows and Young Birds Shows
5. One (1) point will be awarded to the Best in Show of each variety (with double points – (2) - being awarded at the BSNSW Inc Annual Show.)
6. At the completion of each Show all results are to be sent to the BSNSW Show Manager, as is currently required.
7. If any show does not select an overall “Best of Variety”, no points will be allocated for that show – there will be no split points.
8. At Young Bird Shows there will need to be an overall Best of Variety in Show selected for purposes of this competition. There is no requirement that an award/prize given out by the show for this, just that the overall BOV is shown in the results sent to the BSNSW Show Manager.
9. The exhibitor with the most points accumulated over the term of the competition, in each variety, will be the winner for that variety and will be presented with their award at the following BSNSW Inc Annual Show.

**BSNSW Show Committee**

## Northern NSW Branch BSNSW

Our Annual Christmas party/ December meeting was held at Wauchope on Saturday the 29th of November . Almost all of our financial members were in attendance on the day. After a number of damp and windy days we had an absolutely cracking day for the event.

The meeting kicked off at around 10.00am, as some of our members had to travel for four hours to get here.

Breeders new and old were keen to hear how the meeting in Sydney on the eighth of November went and what changes they could expect to see implemented after this meeting.

For those of us who attended the meeting in Sydney you would be hard pressed not to come away from it with a renewed and positive attitude, in respect to the direction that the committee is heading towards. It really is up to the general membership to do our bit by stepping up and helping from now on.

The idea of a possible live streaming of the management meetings was well received by the members, however if this does not come to fruition the chance to receive the minutes from said meetings was also greeted with enthusiasm. This would help keep all members in the loop. We generally only meet about four times a year so any information re the running of the club including the E-magazine is well received.

Back to our Christmas meeting, the usual things were discussed including a change of date for our 2015 Annual show to the 7th of February, our usual day of the third Saturday in Feb would have had us on the day prior to Newcastle so it was not feasible due to the fact that some of Newcastle's members support our show and by moving to a fortnight before ( which was the only time we could get our usual venue) It would help those that support us.

Our judges are: Reg Bohringer and Matt Campbell, hopefully the Show Schedule is already available online or via branch and club secretaries

For anyone interested in coming up to show their birds or for the day out we always have a night out in conjunction with the show were everyone is welcome to join in.

Please note that all members of our Christmas get together were dressed in the NSW uniform of thongs, shorts and a shirt, not a long pair of pants to be seen.



*Wishing all BSNSW members a safe and Merry Christmas  
from our club. See you all next year*

# Major Award Presentation List THE SHOW MANAGER UNITED BUDGERIGAR SOC. INC.

NIL

MAJOR AWARD	CLASS	EXH	EXHIBITOR AND EXHIBIT NAME
"BRASEA" BEST BLACK EYE SELF,	CH108	3	MURRAY & SPINK -
"BRASEA" BEST SUFFUSED,	CH109H	1	MURRAY & SPINK -
"BRASEA" BEST GREY WING,	CH113	1	MARTIN PAOLI -
"BRASEA" BEST FALLOW,	CH120	1	PETER TIRANT -
"BRASEA" BEST RECESSIVE PIED,	OP124	1	PAUL SALNITRO -
"BRASEA" BEST CREST,	CH128	1	LEIGH DOWNEY -
"BRASEA" BEST DARK EYED CLEAR,	OP125	1	BOB CARTER -
"BRASEA" BEST RARE IN SHOW,	CH109H	1	MURRAY & SPINK -
"CWBS" BEST CHAMPION ANY AGE CLEARWING,	CH012	1	DE RANGO & SKORIC -
"CWBS" BEST CHAMPION UBC CLEARWING,	CH082	1	LEIGH DOWNEY -
"CWBS" BEST INTERMEDIATE UBC CLEARWING,	IN082	3	FRANK MICELI -
"CWBS" BEST ANY AGE CLEARWING IN SHOW,	CH012	1	DE RANGO & SKORIC -
"CWBS" BEST UBC CLEARWING IN SHOW,	CH082	1	LEIGH DOWNEY -
"CWBS" BEST OPEN ANY AGE CLEARWING,	OP112	3	BRIAN REYNOLDS -



MURRAY & SPINK - BRASEA BEST  
SUFFUSED & BEST RARE IN SHOW



# Penrith Valley Annual Show Results - 2014



## Major Awards

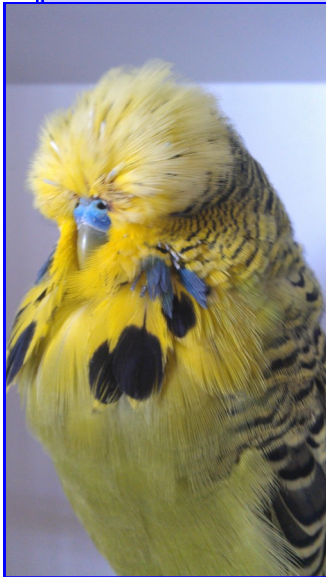
Award	Exhibitor
Grand Champion	James Matthews
Champion Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Open Young	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Open Young	James Matthews
Champion Intermediate	Kevin Kerney
Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate	Kevin Kerney
Champion Novice	Allan Dalrymple
Champion Opposite Sex Novice	Allan Dalrymple
Best Junior	Cody Shaw
Best Opposite Sex Junior	Cody Shaw

## Best of Variety in Show

Variety	Exhibitor	Variety	Exhibitor
Normal Green	Dennis Beckett	DF Spangle	Bendall & Perkiss
Normal Greygreen	Kevin Kerney	Opaline	Abi Haider
Normal Blue	Ian & Kathy Manton	Opaline AOSV	James Matthews
Normal Violet	Jeff & Heather Forster	Clearbody	Abi Haider
Normal Grey	Kevin Kerney	Lacewing	Brian Findlay
Normal Yellowface Blue	Laurie Cauchi	Fallow	Nil
Normal Aust Goldenface	Jeff & Heather Forster	Spangle	James Matthews
Blackeye	Wade Dunn	Spangle AOSV	James Matthews
Dilute	Ian & Kathy Manton	Dominant Pied	Abi Haider
Lutino	Jeff & Heather Forster	Recessive Pied	R & A Rogers
Albino	Bendall & Perkiss	Dark Eyed Clear	Vince Hudson
Clearwing	Ian & Kathy Manton	Darkwing OR Saddleback	Nil
Greywing	James Matthews	Crested	R & A Rogers
Cinnamonwing	James Matthews	Non-Standard	James Matthews

# Penrith Valley Annual Show

Photo's Molly Shaw



Left  
Kevin  
Kerney  
Normal  
Grey  
Green  
Any  
Age  
Cock



James  
Matthews  
Grand Champ  
Bird Of Show



Right  
Dennis  
Beckett  
Normal  
Green,  
Light Dark,  
Olive,  
Young



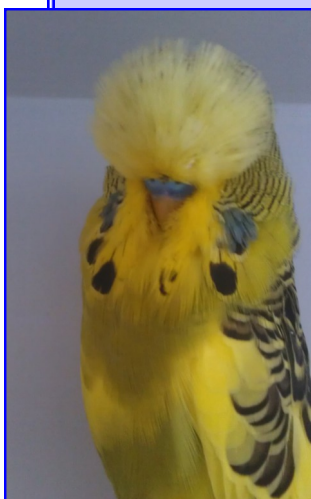
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KathyMan-  
ton  
Normal Blue,  
Sky Cobalt,  
Mauve any  
age cock.



Left  
Ray Rogers  
Best in variety  
Recessive  
Pied



Right  
Jeff & Heather  
Forster:  
Best in Variety  
Normal Violet



Left  
Abi Haider  
Dominant Pied  
Young Open  
Cock



Right  
James Matthews  
Best in variety  
Cinnamonwing



Right  
Laurie Cauchi  
Best in Variety  
Normal Yellow  
Face Blue

# FERTILITY & FEEDING

By Gerald S Binks (UK)

*Author of "The Challenge" 1997 and 2006 editions*

## ***Fertility***

A common question put to me is "how do I achieve a good fertility so that I do not have two poor seasons that can easily put me out of the hobby?" Firstly, let me address a depressing scenario. Here we have the enthusiastic fancier who has, we can say, 20 breeding cages into which he can drop perhaps 30 pairings over a normal season. If he has small birds, he may not have many fertility problems, but with the larger big birds, especially hens, it becomes more difficult in at least 80% of the nests. Easy to breed with the "mice", but not with the "rats."

Our fancier may well be feeding a number of items over and above the standard see mixtures along with water and some vitamins that he has heard about - but doesn't understand. In some cases he's not really interested and this is very true as I have found that in my boo "The Challenge" fanciers love to read the "juicy bits" but when it comes to the two most important chapters in the whole book - the ones on feeding - they gloss over them. They are the vital chapters because without taking them step by step and understanding what is required, then a failed breeding season is very likely. Next stage is depression and that can be followed by "exit stage left" from the hobby. Two consecutive seasons like this, and it's a certainty.

Here in the UK is a classic case of one such fancier who approached me for help. He was just not breeding birds of any consequence. You may know him. He is Geoff Bowley, who is a quality judge and whose father won Best in Show at our biggest event some years ago. His fertility was appalling. Geoff is but one of hundreds who have called me over time with just this problem. My reaction is immediately to request every single item that goes into the husbandry of the stud in a nutritional sense. I write them all down as they list them. I can then assess what is going wrong quickly and I can say that 90% of the cases are solvable instantly. This is based on having studied nutrition in Zoology at school, added to all the mistakes that I have made myself in the hobby. In my case, and I appreciate that the UK feeding methods are unlike Australian diets, I was searching for a diet that would stand the test of time, year in, year out.



## *Searching for the perfect diet*

After the Second World War in 1945, the UK hobby just survived with a few dedicated fanciers with relatives who were fighting being pressed to bring home seed in their kit bags whenever possible. Forget the kit - just bring the seed!! The birds were terribly small but bigger than the wild variety. Head qualities were non-existent. I visited Australia in 1975 and experienced the warm hospitality given to a mere "Pom." I lectured at Adelaide University and, of course, attended the large show there at the time. By 1975 however, the British had forged ahead with the massive improvement in head qualities, including depth of mask, spot size, back skull, but until recently, not width of face with directional feather. Therefore, when I saw the Australian birds I could see within minutes that for style and type, Australians were miles in front of us with the deportment and show preparation of their stock, but we had the heads!! I said at the time that if we had what you had, or vice versa, then we would have a real show class exhibition budgerigar. A decade ago I was the UK co-ordinator for 4500 budgerigars that went from the UK to Australia before the import ban came must as a nation down at Spotswood Quarantine in Melbourne. Some great birds went out as I saw every one of them prior to their export. They revolutionised the Australian fancy to what you have today, but you must as a nation, badly need outcrosses after all this time.

So, how did the UK, now joined by Europe, improve everything? The answer lay with two areas. Nutrition and selection and thinking what exactly could be ahead in time but not yet achieved. You had to know a budgerigar's features to the millimetre to be able to do that. The credit for these forward stages goes to names such as Harry Bryan, Angela Moss Frank Wait, Maurice Finey, Joe Collyer, Doug Sadler, Alf Ormerod and Margery Kirkby Mason, to name a few. Binks was around but no more than that. Progress depended, they all agreed, on nutrition and everyone had their own haphazard ideas. All sorts of vitamins and mineral sales were thrust into the birds. Everybody had a biscuit tin full of seed mixture to which was added 12 teaspoons of Cod Liver Oil, and then a product called Kilpatrick's Pigeon Minerals was added. This contained a multiplicity of minerals but mainly salt and carbon. The tin was shaken and the blackened mixture was given after 24 hours. That was THE most successful post war diet and into the 50's that still existed, but it was dead easy to breed budgerigars by the bucket load. I never forgot it but in the 60's new products entered the markets which looked better. After a while I realised that even though they looked good, they were made by "chemists" who understood their chemistry, but they didn't know anything about budgerigars and what they really required to make them highly fertile and far bigger than their ancestors.

Now, I come up to the year 2000 and beyond. Size, feather growth and directional feather, is all the rage. Few fanciers have the latter and to obtain them requires a big dip in the pocket. For many years now I have gone back to basics with a high Vitamin A & D inclusion in the diet and this is where the Geoff Bowley's of the world go wrong. Their birds look fit when you see them, but the big birds of today demand

this high dose to give them the vital energy to reproduce instead of just sitting there or laying infertile eggs. I personally still use cod liver oil but in a lesser quantity at two teaspoons to twelve pounds of seed. I also use the Kilpatrick's Minerals and it has shown me how important minerals are over and above grits and cuttlefish bone. "Binks has, I suppose, bred a fistful again" is something I hear occasionally. So Geoff Bowley was given my diet in full. He applied it fully and after a few months on it, his birds were put down to breed. The results were terrific and he wrote it up in a magazine. However, two years later I heard he was doing badly again, which I found astounding. When I found out the reason it was Geoff who said "I really couldn't get on with the cod liver oil so I dropped it." I was staggered but it proved my point 100%. Today I find that if your birds have the right diet balance there is little need to trim the vent area. Think feather there doesn't matter if the birds are bursting with energy.

### *The importance of grit*

This is a subject that is a bit obscure to many fanciers, especially when they read articles by a few veterinarians "that grit is not necessary." I find this point of view bizarre. Nature has provided birds with a toughened muscular section of their digestive tract, called the gizzard. It will only function if given grit in both soluble and insoluble forms, eg, sharp granites and shell grit. No grits and the gizzard lining becomes ulcerated and breaks down and another distressed bird is found on the floor soon to die. Take shows for example. What is the first thing the birds go to on return home, especially in your country where they are away from home for a longish period? You know they go immediately for the grit pots. The grit not necessary brigade is very wrong in my personal view for giving out such bad advice. Birds do not have teeth so that is replaced by a gizzard and its contents. No "teeth" no proper digestion and nutritional conversion.

Let me turn to the presence of grit in the aviary. Ask yourself, how often do I top it up or replace it? Chances are you just see the grit there and think the birds turn it over, except they do not! What they do is choose the particle they want from the top surface and the smaller particles are rejected and a dust accumulates. You will have seen this, I feel sure, but have you replaced it regularly enough? In flights it is so easy to overlook this important management practice. It also extends to every grit pot when the birds are breeding. They do the same and the bowl looks fine and full, but the birdbrains only take the top layer. Remember, the swallowed good grits are expelled once they are worn down in the gizzard, and require replacing. If none is available, then the chick rearing process is affected and dead or scrawny chicks may be the result. You are the sole provider for your stock. Any failing will be reflected in your breeding or health conditions. There is no substitute for quality husbandry.



*We at the Penrith Valley Branch would like to wish everyone an amazing, safe Christmas. We hope to see all of you again next . We are planning an amazing 2015 as a branch and supporting juniors in the hobby.*

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# Mid-State Annual Show Results 2014

## Champions and Reserve Champions

Grand Champion:	John Boss
Champion opp. sex in show:	John Barden
Champion young bird:	John Barden
Champion any age:	John Boss
Champion opp. sex any age:	G&M Chandler
Reserve champion any age cock:	Wayne Altman
Reserve champion any age hen:	G&M Chandler
Champion open young:	John Barden
Champion opposite sex open young:	G&M Watson
Res. Champion open young cock:	G&M Watson
Res. Champion open young hen:	Tim Gleeson
Champion Intermediate:	Paul Bayliss
Champ. opp. sex intermediate:	Paul Bayliss
Res. Champion intermediate cock:	Rob Turner
Res. Champion intermediate hen:	Wendy McLynn
Champion novice:	Brian Edgecock
Champion opposite sex novice:	Brian Edgecock
Reserve champion novice cock:	Lynne Mackander
Reserve champion novice hen:	Lynne Mackander



John Boss with his Grand Champion bird, a normal sky blue

## Award – Any Age

Normal light, dark, green olive  
 Normal grey green  
 Normal sky blue, cobalt, mauve  
 Violet  
 Normal grey  
 Yellow faced blue (Normal) ASC  
 Australian yellow faced blue (norm)  
 Blackeye self  
 Dilute yellow or white  
 Lutino  
 Albino  
 Clearwing ASC  
 Greywing ASC  
 Cinnamonwing ASC  
 Spangle double factor ASC  
 Opaline (black wing) ASC  
 Opaline AOSV  
 Clearbody  
 Lacewing  
 Fallow  
 Spangle (non-compound) ASC  
 Spangle AOSV  
 Dominant pied ASV, ASC  
 Recessive pied ASV, ASC  
 Saddlebacks dk eyed clear dk wing  
 Crested

## Breeder

Anelzark/Bohringer  
 Wayne Altman  
 John Boss  
 Nil  
 Nil  
 Bob Cowburn  
 Nil  
 Wayne Cusack  
 Wayne Cusack  
 John Boss  
 Wayne Altman  
 Andrew Cusack  
 G&H Wood  
 G&M Chandler  
 G&H Wood  
 G&M Chandler  
 Terry Bevan  
 Nil  
 Nil  
 Nil  
 Anelzark/Bohringer  
 Anelzark/Bohringer  
 Wayne Altman  
 Terry Bevan  
 Bob Cowburn  
 Bill Reid

## Award – Young

Normal light, dark, green olive  
 Normal grey green  
 Normal sky blue, cobalt, mauve  
 Violet  
 Normal grey  
 Yellow faced blue (Normal) ASC  
 Australian yellow faced blue (norm)  
 Blackeye self  
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 Anelzark/Bohringer  
 G&M Chandler  
 Rob Turner  
 Rob Turner  
 John Boss  
 Wayne Cusack  
 Wayne Cusack  
 Tim Gleeson  
 Wayne Altman  
 H&E French  
 G&H Wood  
 G&M Watson  
 John Barden  
 Anelzark/Bohringer  
 Gary Pymont  
 Tim Gleeson  
 Dave Kellaheer  
 Nil  
 Paul Bayliss  
 John Barden  
 Wayne Altman  
 G&H Wood  
 Bob Cowburn  
 Bill Reid

## Show Report

Our annual show attracted entries from 35 exhibitors. The budgie and exhibitor numbers were up slightly from last year. The quality was extremely high, as always.

Andrew Plunkett and Matt Campbell did an excellent job of picking the winners. Thanks go to Matt and Andrew for a job well done.

The judges awarded Grand Champion to a sky blue normal cock exhibited by John Boss. He also won Champion any age. John Barden won the Champion Open Young. Paul Bayliss scored the Champion Intermediate and Brian Edgecock secured the Champion Novice. Congratulations to them, and all the other winners on the day.

After the show, the judges, and many of the exhibitors stayed on to enjoy a social night and catch up with friends over good food and a few drinks.

So, if you want to have a great social weekend, compete, and see quality budgies, make the trip to Orange next year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Heather Bevan  
Mid-State Budgerigar Club Show Secretary



Grand Champion of Mid-State  
Annual Show 2014 bred by  
John Boss



Paul Bayliss  
Champion Intermediate



Brian Edgecock,  
Champion Novice



Lindsay Fardell and  
Percy Anelzark –  
club members and  
stewards

Below  
Andrew Plunkett and  
Matt Campbell –  
Judges on the day



Reg Bohringer (Head Steward)  
and Gary Pymont (steward)



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