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From the Editor

Season Greetings from the Editor

Best wishes for 2016 to all BSNSW members, their family and friends.

I find myself with the exciting challenge of producing this issue of the Budgerigar Magazine at very short notice.

At the September Management Meeting there was strong agreement for continuing the "Letters to the Editor" and adding an "Ask the Judges" section to encourage readers to contribute to the magazine and make the contents more relevant to the readers.

I invite those people who have been contributing to the magazine to contact the Editor and resume their contributions.

I also invite anyone who may have interesting ideas, stories or questions that they think the Judges could answer to either contact me or just send them to editor@budgerigar.com.au.

I am particularly keen to synchronise the BSNSW's three main communications vehicles, namely the magazine, the website and Facebook.

I would really like to see more Branch and Club reports. I remember a time when most Branches & Clubs would share their activities with other BSNSW Members via the Budgerigar magazine.

The position of Editor was advertised by the BSNSW. Expressions of Interest (EOI) closed on 8 December 2015. I have put in an EIO to be considered for the position of Editor.

Nominations for Editor will be presented to the January BSNSW Management Meeting.

I would also like to thank everyone who has assisted me to produce this magazine; it has really been a team effort.

The three people that I would especially like to thank are Andrew Bourne, Harry Charalambous and Mark Hawke. Andrew has prepared the cover for this magazine and numerous emails, made many phone calls and has done lots of research to help finalise stories. Harry has chased up and forwarded lots of emails with content or contacts for stories. Mark has helped me to navigate FaceBook and has given great leads for stories.

Maureen Bourne
Interim BSNSW Editor

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From the Editor:

Could Branches and Association, please provide any show advert for April and May 2016 and Club reports by **1ST March 2016**

President's Report

Harry Charalambous, BSNSW President



Welcome to the latest edition of the Budgerigar Magazine of NSW, Merry Christmas and wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016. The November Management meeting saw a record number of people register and attend for the Live Streaming with 18 registrations and 14 attendees. Well done to those of you that are embracing the technology and thank you for the feedback, we understand that there are challenges with the audio and are doing all we can to have it rectified for the January meeting. The technology works, it's simply a case of me working out how to use it to its full potential. Please bear with us as we endeavour to make it as best we can for everyone.

Thank you to Anna Shaw for undertaking the Editors position over the last two years. Anna raised the bar on the level of communication the members receive and we thank her for the time and effort she put into the role. The current edition has been put together by Maureen Bourne who along with several other members has also indicated that she would be interested in working the BSNSW Committee in putting together an editorial Team to link together such things as -

1. The Budgerigar Magazine
2. The Website
3. The BSNSW Inc. Facebook page which now has more than 400 members
4. Members contributions to all of the above

This cooperative approach 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 new initiatives and let us have some feedback on how we can continue to improve them.

The preparation for the 2018 ANBC National to be held in NSW continues with more venues now being looked at. We ask that anyone who knows of a venue that may be suitable to please let us know so we can review it. The Show Committee is also exploring the possibility of holding the STCC at Homebush in conjunction the National Poultry Show which we are told is a very big event on the calendar and will see a large number of people in attendance.

Whilst on the topic of State Team Selection for those that have not had the opportunity to go to a National event I suggest you get along to Tasmania next year and support the NSW Team whilst meeting and socialising with some of your mates or perhaps make some new ones.

The review of the Objects, Rules and By-Laws continues although it is a large project and will take some time as we work through the updates required.

The last of the year's shows finished well with Penrith Valley, Central Coast and Mid-State all holding successful shows in November. We are now in the process of updating the status points and once completed we will be looking to update those on the website prior to the start of the 2016 Shows.

Our thoughts go out to Andrew Bourne and Steve Wackwitz who unfortunately both lost their fathers over the last couple of months. Our condolences go to you both and your families at this time.

Please be mindful of the summer temperatures and monitor the impact that the hot weather has on your aviary and your birds. A little bit of time and care can save a lot of heartache. *(See article on Page 9)*

The next management meeting will be held at Blacktown RSL on January 11th 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.

Secretary Snippets

Mark Wilton, BSNSW Secretary



Since our last Budgerigar publication was released, we have been busy bees with the continued critiquing the communication system; where we have sent out the following:

- AGM Minutes & Management Meeting Minutes
- Invitation to Management Meeting & Budgerigar Magazine
- Notification of Position Vacancy
- Management Meeting minutes & invite to next Management Meeting

While there have been some teething issues, less than 5% of users/members had problems understanding the system or reported them. Those that did, we promptly assisted them (in our volunteer availability and momentum).

At the last management meeting, it was moved that we stop printing the correspondence for the meetings; as we are sending them out (*electronically*) to all branches & associates before the upcoming meetings; this saves the time and money of the society.

Participation is key – and I personally encourage everyone who is interested to do so. We are a new dynamic team, with a cross section of skills and experience; some of us even with decades of breeding & exhibiting under their belts. I am excited with the potential.

I have to congratulate all those who came before – regardless of how big or small their impact was; I personally thank you.

Moving forward – we will continue to use the communication system to correspond with the members; it tracks all activities – receipt, clicks, opens and links; it also prevents members from using their personal internet quota (MB/Megabytes) – as it displays online from the website.

(By the way the software we are using is about 6-7 years old; so we are not revolutionising the world – just the world of budgies; same goes for the LIVE Streaming software for management meetings)

I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous Christmas & New Year - and are able to protect their birds during the hotter periods; take care see you all soon.

What's on in 2016

January 2016

11th - BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30-11pm

February 2016

7th - Illawarra Annual Show

19th - Entries close:

Sydney Royal Cage Bird Show

<http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/876.htm>

20th - Northern NSW Annual Show

21st - St. George Branch 57th Annual Show

28th - Newcastle Budgerigar Club - YBS

28th - Shoalhaven Club Annual 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 7:30-11pm

16th to 18th - Sydney Royal Easter Show

April 2016

3rd - SWNSW Budgerigar Society Annual Show

May 2016

9th - BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30-11pm

June 2016

5th - Orana Avicultural Society Annual Show

11th - STCC (State Team Challenge Competition) & STS (State Team Section)

17th - 19th - ANBC Nationals – Tasmania

26th - BIS Memorial Paul Ely Annual Show

July 2016

11th - BSNSW Management Meeting 7:30-11pm

September 2016

17th - BSNSW AGM 10.30am-1pm

17th - BSNSW Management Meeting 2pm-5pm

Vale Paul Edward Ely

Paul Edward Ely 18-8-1967 to 15-9-2015



Paul has been in the breeding of budgies for the last 20 years. He has had a lot of success with his birds and become intermediate in 2013.

When Paul wanted to show me (Bittina) how to hold a budgie, when I went to hold one he scared me with them and I told him to bugger off the men can do it now.

Paul loved to help others; he was always the first person that held up his hand if someone needed help. Paul was always straight up and told you what he thought all the time and you always knew where you stood with him. He also always showed how much he cared.

Paul was diagnosed with Metastatic disease with unknown primary in January 2015. He started treatment straight away and was doing fine until 31st August 2015. We found out this cancer had spread and he was told he had less than 3 months to live. On father's day night, I had to

take him to hospital and he was admitted to palliative care unit for pain management. One day after my birthday, he passed away with me by his side on 15th September 2015 at 11.43pm. Even though his passing has been hard for me, I am still going to honour his memory and still keep up his legacy by keep breeding his birds for him.

We are now called "Ely Family" with the help of Budgerigar Improvement Society chairman, Wayne Doull and now show manager, Mark Perez. They both have supported me, teaching me the aspects of breeding and how to hold and ring birds. I would like to thank both Wayne and Mark for their support in this hard time. I know Paul is watching over me as I now have 14 new Black Eyed budgies and I have been breeding since 19th September 2015.

Paul, you will be sadly missed but you will never be forgotten XOXO

Front Cover Story

Allan & Chris Druery

Chris and I have been involved in the fancy since 1981, and have been a father and son partnership from the beginning. We became involved in the fancy when as a 14 year old Chris had a knee injury, and was not able to play sport for twelve months. We were looking for something to occupy his time.

Some of my work mates bred birds and it all started from there. When we first started we had no intention of showing, but after a year or two we entered a few birds in a show. We didn't win anything but the bug had well and truly bitten.

Since then we have had a considerable amount of success, the main ones being fifteen National wins five of those being with Yellow Face Blue, four BSNSW Annual wins and being inducted into the National Hall of Fame.

From the Editor

Source: http://www.anbc.iinet.net.au/hall_of_fame.htm

In May 2003 the ANBC Inc. decided to establish a 'Hall of Fame' with an inaugural division of 'Breeder Excellence'. ANBC National Class wins from and including 1983 were included in the tally.

The criterion used for induction into the Hall of Fame, Breeder Excellence Division is:

- An exhibitor (or partnership) winning classes on seven (7) occasions; or
- An exhibitor (or partnership) winning the same class on four occasions.

At that time **Alan and Chris Druery Partnership** from New South Wales already had nine (9) wins. With subsequent wins in 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012 (2) and 2015 to make a total of 15 wins altogether.

Front Cover Bird

Allan & Chris Druery



Original photo from Rod Turnbull

I would like to say just a few words about the front cover bird; this bird is a member of a very good family of Normal Sky Blues, Normal Greys and Yellow Face Blues that have been developed over many years.

He was bred from a cousin to cousin pairing; the InterBranch Selection (now called the State Team Challenge Competition (STCC)) was the first time this bird had been shown at the age of 9 months.

He had two Uncles that were Brothers in the BSNSW Team at the Nationals in Canberra in 2011, one Normal Sky Blue and one Normal Yellow Face.

The Normal Yellow Face won the class and has also won Grand Champion and many variety awards since.

We are hoping for some more success in the future with this line of birds.

Management Meeting Registration Invitation

**BSNSW Inc. Management Meeting
11th January 2016 at 7.30pm - 11pm**

Join us for a webinar on 11 Jan 2016 at 7:30 PM AEDT.

Register now!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2854942785637764609>

Hi All

Please register to participate in the January 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](#)

February 2016 Shows

A Champion Exhibitor Competition event

Illawarra Branch

Budgerigar Society of NSW Inc



Sunday 7th February 2016
At the
KOONAWARRA COMMUNITY HALL
Fowlers Road KOONAWARRA

This Show will be A Clearwing Society Challenge Competition Show

CASH PRIZES
Sponsored by Bird Boxes Galore, Vetafarm
and Woonona Petfood & Produce

2016

ANBC Nationals Hobart

17th - 19th June 2016

<http://www.national2016.com>



February 2016 Shows

Northern NSW Budgerigar Breeders Association



Annual Show

**Saturday
20th February 2016**

Judges: Andre Ozoux, Craig
Buckingham & Jeff Mansfield

Give Don Harper a call,
on 66493209
to get a schedule, if you haven't
received one as yet

ST. GEORGE BRANCH of the BSNSW

57TH ANNUAL SHOW

SUNDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2016

**VENUE: Bexley School of Arts
476 Forest Road, Bexley.**

Phone entries: Thursday, 18th, February, 2016
between 6pm and 9pm to David Thorsby
Tel: 9576-5504 Mobile 0402-413-557

Lucky **email exhibitor** to receive a
20KG Bag of AVI GRAIN Blue Budgie Mix.
stgeorgebudgie@yahoo.com.au

Benching: 7.30 am to 8.30 am
Sunday, 21st February, 2016.

Judges: Andrew Bourne, Garry Gazzard, Allan Reid.

Enquiries & Schedules: Contact Show Manager
Jim Baker, Tel: 9601-1495

Irene Darman Memorial Award: Prize, Perpetual
Shield and \$100 cash prize for Maximum Specials,
and numerous other special awards

Newcastle Budgerigar Club Inc.



Young Bird Show

28th February 2016

**Wallsend Community Centre
Cnr Cowper Street &
Newcastle Rd, Wallsend**

Sponsored by
Moyle Quality Meats
Select Petz
AVICULTURAL ACCESSORIES

Shoalhaven Branch

Annual Show

Sunday, 28th February 2016

**Illaroo Road Primary School
North Nowra**

- ❖ **LUCKY EXHIBITOR PRIZE**
- ❖ **NOVICE EXHIBITOR INCENTIVES**
- ❖ **Novice entries free**

Judges: Jim Baker, Andre Ozoux and Terry Bevan

Show Secretary - Melissa Keating
Email or Phone entries accepted
keatingbudgies@outlook.com
Mobile: 0424 329 994

Click here for your Schedule

Exhibitors eligible for Best of Variety Awards Points

Avoiding Heat Stress this Summer

Dr Hamish Baron, Senior Veterinarian

I thought that a few tips around what people can do to make it more comfortable for budgies in such heat might be useful.

Birds displaying signs of heat stress will show the following clinical signs:

- their wings will be held away from their body and slightly raised;
- they may be open mouth breathing or panting;
- they will be reluctant to eat or move around;
- they may be on the floor of the aviary to try and stay in the coolest areas; and
- they may be lethargic and depressed and can pass away if the heat stress remains.

It is important to remember that the native budgie adapted to survive in the outback of Australia. Our exhibition birds, though, are a far cry from the little green flying machines that still live in the desert fringes, and so it is important to support them through times of hot weather to prevent the advent of heat stress.

Our newer members and Novices might appreciate some of these simple, yet effective, suggestions to reduce stress.

1. In summer, have a water sprinkler attached to the roof of the outdoor section of your aviary, so it can be turned on when necessary by anyone who is home at the time, or use a timer so that comes on at set intervals when you are not at home.
2. Have shallow dishes of water over the floor of the flights so the birds can bathe. In hot weather the birds will most likely be sitting on the ground.
3. Spray the birds with a hose or spray bottle at regular intervals throughout the day.
4. Put shade cloth over the flights and wet it.



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Hamish graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Queensland in 2012. To see more details go to the website below.

Source: http://sydney.edu.au/vetscience/wildlife_conservation/hospital/staff.shtml

If there is any breeze will blow colder air through the wet shade cloth.

5. Do **not** have birds in the breeding room in January and February if you live in an area that gets particularly hot. If you have any birds breeding, then in very hot weather the hens will be reluctant to abandon their eggs/chicks. The heat in the nest box will be intense and the hens will be the first to die.
6. Set up fans in the breeding room. Open all doors and windows so long as they are meshed and the birds cannot escape.
7. Nest boxes can be covered with damp cloths and refreshed regularly with cold water.
8. Ice added to the drinking water will at least give them a cool drink.
9. Wet spinach or greenery provided to the pairs or birds in the flights never fails to tempt them to bathe in it.
10. If you have internal nest boxes, and can remove the lids, do so.
11. If you have external nest boxes, think of some way you can open them without the hen getting out e.g. remove or prop up the lid and cover the top with pieces of mesh wire (cut to size well in advance).

Many of our more experienced members will have devised different ways to help their birds overcome the heat so it would be good to hear your experiences in future issues of our Bulletin.

Hopefully these tips will help in the welfare of our precious birds.

Some of these ideas are courtesy of Jean Painter, budgie breeder and judge from Australia.

March 2016 Shows



Hills Branch
40th Annual Show
Sunday, 6th March, 2016

*Venue: To be advised
as our usual venue
may not be available*

*Special guests from the
1st Annual Show
Special cash prizes
Free entry*

Hunter Branch BSNSW Inc.
2016 Annual Show

13th March 2016

Venue: Thomas Morgan Pavilion
Maitland Showground

Judges: Craig Buckingham,
Geoff Wood, Terry Bevan

Schedule posted on
BSNSW Website & Face Book pages

**We have \$670 in prize money
plus some great trophies**

TOP RAFFLE

a pair of budgerigars from Barry & Maree Wise
plus a beautiful 3D picture of a pair of Cockatoos
donated by Merv Thompson.

Contact for entries:- Tony Mills

Phone: 49328826

from 6pm , Thursday 10th March 2016

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH

20th Anniversary Annual Show
Sunday, 13th March 2016

Venue: Nemingha Hall,
Back Kootingal Road, Tamworth

**Pre-Show Dinner at
Diggers**

Kable Ave, Tamworth
Saturday evening 12th March 2016

Cost: \$35 per head

RSVP to Ernie Wise 041230526
by 7th March 2016

All prizes on the day of the show will be
monetary, with a prize of \$200 for Grand
Champion and \$125 Opposite Sex.

*Exhibitors eligible for
Best of Variety Awards Points*

CANBERRA BRANCH

42nd ANNUAL SHOW

Sunday, 13 March, 2016

Show Manager: Bob Cowburn - 6254 8495
Schedules available closer to the date

Breakfast, morning tea and lunch
available at reasonable prices

Phone entries to Show Manager on 10
March, 2016 between 6pm and 9pm

Exhibitors eligible for
Best of Variety Award Points

Bird Sale, Raffle, Door Prize

***St Jude's Primary School**
Mulley Street
Holder ACT

***Please note new venue**

Questions for Discussion

Question from Denis Beckett:

Does the size of the egg make any difference to the youngster that is likely to come from this egg ?

The egg is fertile. The photo shows a clutch of eggs with one egg much larger than the rest.

Thank you for your interesting question. I have looked at some research online but cannot find any studies of budgerigars.

However there are some interesting observations of other species.



It appears that egg size does not seem to affect hatchability and does impact upon hatch weight – the bigger the egg, the bigger the hatchling.

However the story varies dramatically from there. In some species, a bigger chick is shunned (my words) by the parents as too much work and ends up going backwards or even dying due to lack of attention.

In others, the bigger the hatchling, the bigger the adult. Baby birds that feed themselves (e.g. chicken or guinea fowl) seem to fit this category almost universally but also some other birds where the first egg is the largest.

Please let us know how you get on with this egg and I invite anyone out there who has had experience with larger eggs that have hatched to let us know their outcome.

Please send your Questions for Discussion to the editor@budgerigar.com.au to make this section successful.

News from the Show Manager

Jim Baker

I am getting lots of queries from members about their status points. Due to reasons beyond anyone's control, we cannot guarantee our records just at the moment. We are fixing the problem as quickly as we can. The BSNWS is currently testing an online membership database.

The Society's policy is that anyone can move from Novice to Intermediate or even to Open at any time they wish. However, once you show at a higher level even for one show, no one can move down in status without very good reason. As result of this, if you think you are entitled to more points than the records indicate, and you request to be recognised for those points, you will be allocated those points. This means that you will be a little closer to earning your promotion to the next level or maybe you will have reached the next level.

At the moment a Novice needs 6 points (or more if you happen to earn points with different birds at one show) to move to Intermediate. We will send you a notification letter and you will no longer be able to show in Novice. You will be returned to zero points in Intermediate. A further 15 points later you will move up to Open. If you need more help to understand the allocation of points, then please talk to someone in your Club or Branch to explain to you how the points are allocated.

Re-gradings:

Jason Tinker from Penrith Valley Branch was regraded to Intermediate on 11/10/2015.

Spiteri & Kanaan also from Penrith Valley Branch was regraded to Intermediate on 25/10/2015.

G & W Dunn from St George Branch was regraded to Intermediate on 1/11/2015.

From the Editor: I would like to invite any members who have been regraded during 2015 to provide the editor with some information about yourself or your partnership and few pictures for publication in a future magazine.

Confirmed Points:

Foster and Corbett are now on 12 points in Intermediate as of 15/12/15.

Darryl Sheather has been confirmed as Novice on three (3) points.

John Swift is now in a partnership with Graham Wise exhibiting as Swift and Wise in Intermediate on seven (7) points

Matt Monsma has been confirmed as Novice on two (2) points.

Perfect Paring

Fred Wright, UK Breeder, Judge and Author

We make what we think will be a perfect pairing and are disappointed with the results – some of the youngsters are pleasing, but too many lack the quality we want. We wonder how such a pair can produce youngsters that are at both ends of the scale.

Let's make some points first:

- I would need to be convinced that it's visually a good pairing
- I would want to ask if the partners are related in any way or are they completely unrelated
- I am very much of the opinion that pairing unrelated birds produced some great youngsters BUT you only get the benefit of the outcross if both partners are pedigree bred
- Sometimes we bring in an outcross and pair it into our own birds but the results are a complete disappointment.

I like to pair related birds, the best pairings are probably cousin to cousin, but by pairing related birds we tend to get consistent quality in all the youngsters. However, if we keep pairing related birds together and we bring in no fresh blood, the youngsters seem to reduce in size slightly, but all the youngsters start to look very much alike. My method to breed quality budgies is to pair related birds but it's vital to introduce unrelated birds on a regular basis.

If we make that pairing that we believe to be an ideal pair, we need to look into the background of both birds. In years gone by, I found that if both birds are bred from quality birds they are more likely to produce quality youngsters. If even one of the partners is bred from nothing special and the youngster is better than the parents, I find it rarely produces anything of real quality. I have no doubt that only birds bred from quality pairs, seem to be able to produce more quality youngsters.

Sometimes we bring in an outcross and pair it into our own stock and we are

desperately disappointed with the youngsters. We don't know the reasons but some outcrosses don't seem to work with our own birds. The expression is that they just don't "work" with our own stock. I would give them as second chance with another partner, but if the results are disappointing again – I would give up, not use the outcross again or any of the youngsters from the bird.

I have had the joy of interviewing many top breeders around the world and they all tell me the theories of pairing related birds and it's how they breed their winners. On many occasions I have interviewed the winner of a best in show with a fantastic bird. They again always tell me it's from related pairs but when I dig into them they actually bred it from an outcross paired into one of their own birds.

My theory is that using the outcross with a pedigree-bred bird can bring out the best from the pair and produce a super youngster that's capable of the best in show. So many times these pairing we see this as the pairing that produces that top quality youngster. It's all about "hybrid vigour" and it seems to produce a big youngster and the amount of feather seems to explode.

For many years Doc Robinson was the top breeder in South Africa. He was known as an in-breeder and paired closely related birds. However, it was common knowledge that he used to frequently sell his best in show birds and never take them home from the show. When he had retired, sold all the birds and



living in a flat, I sat with him one morning and we just talked budgies. I asked him about selling those best in show birds. He smiled and said most of them were bred out of an outcross cock and as an in-breeder, he did not want to take the best in show birds home - "they were just mongrels". That morning, suddenly so much fell into place for me.

There is yet another example of good birds not producing good youngsters. From time to time a novice will produce that wonder-bird, and it wins everything. We ask how it was bred and we never get a clear response and when that happens, I believe it's probably just a "sport" and came from nothing special in the bloodline. More often than not, we never hear of that novice again. The bird has no background and is

never able to produce anything of note in the breeding cage.

For me breeding top quality birds is all about building a stud of good birds. They all start to look alike, and we have an excellent idea of what the pairs will produce. However, bring in that outcross that fits in with our own stock - and we have a chance of producing something special, but remember, it's going to be a mongrel!

Fred Wright is a champion budgerigar breeder, judge and international author.

For more details go to Fred's website at <http://www.fred-wright.co.uk/about.html>

This story was obtained from Fred Wright in response to questions from Dennis Beckett.

Ring Issue: January Vs September

Cec Gearing.

The on-going ring-issue debate! Let me confess, the first time that the date was changed from January to September, I was appalled - even angry. Why, because I did not think it through.

Now, unless you have lived your entire life in the concrete jungle, you will at some time have marvelled at the dead-looking deciduous tree in your yard, or on the street corner, as, all of a sudden, little green buds start to appear. Days get longer, nights shorter, bulbs begin to send shoots up through the ground, cold snaps decrease, wild birds begin their courtship rituals.

This, my friends, is Spring, the first season of the new year as determined by Nature. Not the calendar year in January, as decreed by the Romans. Our budgerigars do not carry a calendar around with them. Like all living things, naturally they respond to the call of Nature.

If you are a wealthy fancier, perhaps you can create an artificial environment to coincide with your annual holiday, or some other convenient event. Fortunately, these people are in the minority, as this is not in the best interests of the birds or the hobby. With our summers getting progressively hotter, we hear of fanciers losing breeding pairs because they

were tempted to breed in January and February, as temperatures soared as high as the mid-forties, when in August - September the weather is much milder.

Some of my friends worry about a 2016 bird having been bred 3 months earlier in 2015. This is simply a matter of mind-set. When you, as I do, mentally regard Spring as the start of the year, it should be possible to accept that a bird was hatched 4 months before the Romans decided to play God. This is fact: regardless of the date of issue, all around the world, Spring heralds the new year.

Remember with the distribution of 160,000 rings each year in Australia, you still stand a very good chance of purchasing a calendar-year rung bird, if you still think it is important!

There is a Facebook poll on January V September ring issue date on the Exhibition Budgerigar Soapbox page that was recently posted. Too early to give results yet. Why don't you check it out!

Ask the Judges

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

Answer: Craig Buckingham speaking as a senior panel judge, representing the judge panel and committee says: **CLEARWINGS:**

now as the name suggests, birds in this class should have wings clear of any markings, body colour of good contrast, and the overall budgerigar should meet the standard of perfection as close as possible.

However when judging classes of clearwings at most shows we tend to see predominately two variations on this ideal:

1. Beautifully clean wings free of markings, body colour of good contrast and a poorer quality of bird; and
2. Moderately clean to dirty winged birds, body colour of good to average contrast and generally a better quality of bird.

Now based on the current standard and the assessment of points, most often, bird number 2 tends to come first in the class. Therefore, I would tend to disagree with your observation that judges tend to favour lesser birds with clearer wings, however judges are often trying to find very clean wing birds that are of a good quality budgerigar.

Maybe the assignment of points should be altered in the standard for this variety to reward and encourage the breeding of beautifully clean winged birds with good contrast in body colour and less emphasis on the quality of bird as this variety will probably never meet or come close to the current standard of perfection. It would be good if this happened before we lose the clearwing completely from our show bench.

In regard to the spangles and normals being placed or preferred on the show bench with faults such as poorly marked spangle wings or smudged markings in the wings of normals,

you only seem to be looking at these points in isolation and not as a judges. The judge first looks at the overall bird in comparison to the competition in that particular class on the day. Again as judges we have a standard to guide us to choose the bird that should win the class, by assessing all aspects of the bird in relation to the points allocated for colour, markings and type. So yes, sometimes we see birds placed first that may have specific faults that you have mentioned, but relevant to their competition on the day they are generally correctly positioned and “do I think it’s a cop out by judges” as you have expressed, NO, judges cannot afford to look at wing comparisons in isolation.

Jean Painter would like to emphasize that the point scores in our Standard dictates what the Judges have to consider when selecting the best birds in any variety.

Unfortunately the 60- 40 allocation means that often the best examples of the variety birds are placed down the line because they are inferior in head quality, size, type, etc. and regardless of whether we are talking about

Clearwings or Spangles or any other variety the BEST BUDGERIGAR will win, not the best example of the variety unless it is both.



We all admire the Clearwings with that wonderful contrast between the body colour and the pure white or yellow wings and the spangles that have the bullseye spots and clearly defined markings and the recessive pids with just the right amount of melanin in the wings and the clear head because they are the ideal variety birds but until we can persuade the ANBC to change the point score in the Standard in favour of variety markings the Judges have to judge to the Standard regardless of personal preferences.

On the previous page of this response are two pictures of Clearwings. They are the Wilson Family's winner of the 2004 National Show and the second placed bird in 2004 owned by Barbara and Ted Wallis. Photographs by Andrew Bourne, 2014.



Above we have Nola Bradford's photos of the 2015 National winner owned by Kakoschke & Rice along with the three NSW selections owned by Brian Walters (7th at the National) and Mick Aukett (10th & 14th at the National).

Response from Andrew Bourne: It is pretty clear from the photographs that judges at the National Level and the NSW level are doing a great job of choosing the best bird overall given all the variations you see in the Clearwing class. It is also clear (to me at least) that Clearwings are improving overall year to year under the current judging.

The **Ask the Judges** section has been added to Budgerigar magazine. You can help support this new section by sending your questions to editor@budgerigar.com.au, I will arrange for the judges to answer your questions. The earlier you send in your question the more time we will have to prepare a detailed the response.

I would especially like to thank all the judges on the BSNSW Judges committee for their prompt and considered response to this Ask the Judges question.

Interstate Budgerigar Interview with Cec & Brenda Gearing, WA

Mark Hawke



I had a call from a mate of mine the other night, Cec Gearing. Not only one of the best breeders in the land he's also one of the nicest in the hobby. When I was at the Nationals earlier this year at Mandurah WA, I ran into Garry Armstrong a Facebook friend who just happened to be one of the judges at the 2015 Nationals.

Garry offered to take me down to the Cec and Brenda Gearing's to check out their Budgerigar stud. Well I was told Cec & Brenda Gearing were one of the best breeders in Australia and after our visit those stories

were confirmed well and truly. I thought I had a few good ones but they just kept coming and coming. This is a super stud of budgerigars and you wouldn't meet nicer and more hospitable hosts.

Well getting back to our call, I asked Cec if he would answer my Facebook Budgerigar Interview 20 -20 questions which he replied not a problem.



So thanks again Cec and Brenda for letting all the BSNSW members take a look at some of your super stud of birds and read the thoughts of very knowledgeable breeders.

Cec and Brenda Gearing celebrating being inducted to the "ANBC Budgerigar Hall Of Fame" at the 2015 ANBC Nationals in Mandurah Western Australia. Once again Congratulations to Cec and Brenda Gearing on being inducted into "The Hall Of Fame".



What started your interest in budgerigars?

I lived in a small country town in the U K and soon after I was married, the "in" thing was a budgie in a cage. I purchased a couple of pairs from an advertisement, just to supply the market.

How long have you been in the hobby?

With the exception of seven months at Graylands Migrant Camp in WA (where I arrived as a "Ten Pound Pom") I have kept them since I was 22 – that is for 63 years.

What Club and level do you show at?

WA does not have enough fanciers to warrant a Champion status, so we exhibit in Open as members of all three WA clubs.

What varieties do you keep?

I keep Albinos, Lutinos, Normals, Opalines, Cinnamons and Recessive Pieds.

Over the years we have represented WA in all varieties except Fallow, Black-eyed Self and Dilute.



What is your best memory in the hobby?

Winning 1st and 2nd in the Albinos at the 2003 Nationals (only our second attempt at that level), and selling both birds the following year for a record \$5000 each.



2003

1st Place Albino



2003

2nd Place Albino

Visit the WABC website for more photos of Cec & Brenda's from the ANBC National
<http://www.wabudgerigarcouncil.com/>

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

Mark Hawke's.

Is there anything in budgies that really irritates you? Negativity.

Whose bloodlines have influenced your stud?

A friend's father came from the UK in the '90's, bringing his birds with him. When he passed away, what was left after the sale was given to me by my friend. We have purchased the occasional bird from interstate from time to time (in listing them I would risk omitting and thus upsetting someone!) We have concentrated on building a strong family of our own.

Name your three top budgerigar breeders in Australia? Henry George, Jeffrey Leong, and Sheppard & Flanagan.

What was your best ever bird and for what reason?

My best bird was a yellow-face hen an ultra-modern bird by any standards. After several years working with this variety, she died on Pre-selection day, 2015.



If you could only show at one show, which would it be? The Pre-Selections.

Comments from Grant Dyer

When on holidays last Christmas Cec and Brenda were kind enough to allow my whole family to visit and have some coffee and biscuits.

I have to say my kids thought it was just a blast and the kids just loved the budgies. With words like "WOW Dad, these are twice as big as Joshua's Budgies".

My youngest Lachlan's fondest memories of our visit at age 5 was when Cec wanted to get rid of spiders and cobwebs he got out the flame thrower and blasted the spiders and critters away with a huge flame. Lachlan's words it must have been at least a meter long flame – AWESOME.

From the Editor: Thanks Mark for allowing me to publish this interview with Cec Gearing before you post it on FaceBook. Andrew and I had a very enjoyable visit to Cec & Brenda's place in 2009. We also fondly remember our visit and their great hospitality.

For the full interview and even more pictures check out the Official BSNSW FaceBook page when Mark Hawke posts this interview.

Breeding Room Experience with Anthony Lahood!

On the 22 November 2015, Penrith Valley members arrived at Anthony Lahood's breeding room as soon as we walked in we were greeted by Anthony. We had a look around and were amazed by his setup and the outstanding quality of his birds.



We sat around and helped pair up some birds; we discuss why certain birds are better together, different features and other helpful breeding information. Anthony then showed us how to trim and pluck the feathers around the vent and the safe way to hold the bird and explained that trimming the feathers help in eggs being fertile.

We went on to learn how to make food for the crop needle and then crop feed a bird, So much easier seeing it done in front of your own eyes. We were shown how to hold the bird and to feel the needle in the crop. This was continued with a lots more bird talk and looking at generations in birds and blood lines. Everyone walked away having learnt something new.

The Penrith Valley Branch would like to thank Anthony for allowing their members into his breeding room and for teaching us all something new and interesting. **This was a day we won't forget.**



Story taken from the Penrith Valley FaceBook page, edited by Maureen Bourne

A Reminder about Polyomavirus

Dr Hamish Baron, Senior Veterinarian

Lots of bird breeders have been very stressed of late around the whole topic of polyomavirus and what to do about it. I thought that a few sensible tips to guard against over-reaction and keep your aviary polyoma-free might be helpful for all.

1. Always check any birds you wish to buy prior to purchasing new birds! If the birds are missing their long tail feathers or any of their flight feathers do not purchase them as they could possibly have the virus called polyomavirus, sometimes known as French Mould.
2. Always quarantine any new birds to your aviary from every source no matter how experienced the breeder or how clean their aviary looks, how much you trust the person or how keen you are to breed with the birds. Vets suggest a full 6 weeks of isolation so that you can be as sure as possible that you are not bringing in any "new" disease to your aviary.
3. Always make sure that the birds in your set up are as "stress-free" as is possible -- excellent diet, plenty of space for every bird to perch and play and feed and a clean water supply and living conditions, help to keep stress to a minimum.
4. If you have birds that you suspect have the virus, please understand that it is contagious. If you have birds other than budgies, these birds CAN contract it as well. So all birds that have feather problems (except if they are moulting, obviously!) need to be housed so that they are isolated from all other species.
5. If your young birds do grow back their feathers as they mature, there are some who believe that it is possible to use them in your breeding programme in a carefully controlled situation away from other breeding birds. However, if they do not grow back their feathers, then they should not be used for breeding as the stress of the whole breeding process can result in dead in shell chicks, early death in nestlings and live chicks with feather disorders and polyomavirus in the next generation. For those intent on eliminating this disease from their aviary it is important to never use affected chicks in the breeding room.
6. If feather issues show up in a nest, discontinue breeding with these birds immediately and avoid using them again.
7. Prevent the probability of having the virus appear in your nests by trying to restrict your breeding to just two rounds and try not to breed in the height of the summer months.
8. This disease is widespread in New Zealand, but is also very widespread in every country where people breed birds. Some of the best breeders of exhibition budgies, for example do have trouble with this disease, here in New Zealand and in England, Europe and Australia.
9. The Budgerigar Society of New Zealand (Inc.) is starting a process of trying to work on learning more about this disease by trying to work together with other countries to learn more about how the disease works, how to reduce the incidence of it and how to, perhaps, treat this disease here and internationally.
10. You can make a difference in your little corner of the breeding world by refusing to buy diseased birds, not breeding birds that have feather problems, providing your birds with an excellent diet based on seed and vegetables and keeping your birds as stress-free as is humanly possible. .

Please be in touch with me on hamish.baron@sdnedy.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to be a part of a small group working towards improving the health and well-being of our New Zealand aviaries.

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Branch & Association Reports

HUNTER BRANCH, Barry Wise

The Hunter Branch has been busy with our Xmas party on the 1st December with 32 members enjoying each other's company at the East Maitland Bowling Club.

We held our end of year table show results and Tony & Rhonda Mills won best open exhibitor of the year and Gary Grant won restricted exhibitor well done to both members.

Hunter Annual Show will be held on the 13th March 2016 we have \$670 in prize money plus some great trophies. Also we have a top raffle with a pair of budgerigars from Barry & Maree Wise plus a beautiful 3D picture of a pair of Cockatoos donated by Merv Thompson.

Hunter members will welcome Brian from Bribo Quality Avian Products on the 15th January 2016 to give a talk on his products and their benefits to our birds. Brian is a retired industrial chemist, he produces some very good bird health products that are used widely throughout Queensland and NSW, his talk will begin at 7pm followed by an informal talk and light refreshments.

Hunter Branch Members wish all their bird friends all the best for Xmas and look forward to catching up in the New Year.

PENRITH VALLEY BRANCH, Branch FaceBook Page

Penrith Valley held their End of Year Christmas party on Friday 4th December 2015. What a party we had we all gathered and indulge in Christmas ham, chicken, jacket potatoes, cheese and dip, Mexican dip platters, pies and sausage rolls, pastizzi, salads



and so much more to start with. There was lots of conversations and laughter, jokes from the Bon Bons and even some budgie talk as well.



Thanks to all members and guest who came along and helped setup, organised food, brought food in, cleaned up and had a great time.

CANBERRA BRANCH, Rita Corbett & Bob Cowburn

Initially, we would like to advise that, contrary to a disturbing rumour we believe is circulating, Canberra Branch is alive and well, we have **not** folded!

It has been an interesting year. We have retained basically the same Committee who are working well together. We have also signed up several new members who have assimilated into the club very well.

Some of our members have attended shows in Junee, Shoalhaven and Orange, with varying degrees of success with their birds. We are looking forward to our annual show, the 42nd for this club, to be held in March 2016.

We held a very successful BBQ and an exhibition at a Department of Defence Christmas function, and we also ran a raffle.

We would like to congratulate Tess Kilpatrick on achieving Open classification.

We wish everyone a successful breeding season, and a very Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous 2016.



NORTHERN NSW BUDGERIGAR BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, John Richardson

We held our Annual Christmas party in conjunction with our end of year meeting on the 21st November in Wauchope. A Bar B Que, along with a couple of quiet beers, was enjoyed by all those members who attended on the day

The main topic of conversation during the meeting was the preparation for our 2016 Annual Show, which is to be held on the 21st February.

Everything in the way of planning is on track, we just need to get as many entries on the benching as we are able, to keep the judges occupied for as long as possible.

We consider ourselves to have been lucky to secure the services of Andre Ozoux, Craig Buckingham & Jeff Mansfield to officiate on the day.

So if you have time, & you would like to see how your current crop of young birds compare to what is around up our way, please give Don Harper a call, on 66493209 to get a schedule, if you haven't received one as yet.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH, Terry Smart

Our 2016 annual show will be our 20th anniversary since the forming of the branch. We are planning a great show on Sunday 13th March 2016 at Nemingha Hall (back Kootingal Road), Tamworth.

There will be a dinner at Diggers, Kable Ave, on Saturday evening 12th March for those wishing to attend. Please notify Ernie Wise on 0412305266 if attending before 7th March 2016 for catering purposes. The cost is \$35.00 per head. All prizes on the day of the show will be monetary, with a prize of \$200.00 for Grand Champion and \$125.00 for Opposite Sex. With our branch continuously growing, our show should be a day enjoyed by all.

Our last meeting for the year was held on 21st November 2015 followed by a Christmas get together.



From our members to your members, have a safe and healthy 2016, and hope to see you all at our anniversary show.

SHOALHAVEN BRANCH, Rodger Burton

We hosted our young bird show in November 2015. The show went very well even though numbers were down. Thank you to all the people who participated and particularly those who travelled hours to get here. Very special thanks go to all our members and the helpers from other clubs who helped make it an excellent day.

Our club members enjoyed Christmas celebrations and a lawn show in December hosted by Bruce Cameron & Barbara Myers in front of their newly built aviary; there were plenty of quality birds on show. The club had invited Denis Henry to judge the birds we thank him for coming along and speaking to our members about the birds present on the day.

Our meeting night has changed to the first Monday of the month starting in January 2016 the venue and times are the same.

We are now preparing for our annual show on Sunday, 28th February 2016 we hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

2015 Central Coast Annual Show Results

2015 Annual Championship - 15 November 2015

Major Awards

AWARD	WINNER	AWARD	WINNER
Grand Champion	Wally Capper	Champion Intermediate Novice Any Age	J E Wallace
Champion Young Bird of Show	David Dunn	Champion Intermediate Novice Any Age Opp. Sex	A J Sketchley
Champion Open Any Age	Wally Capper	Champion Intermediate Young	J E Wallace
Champion Open Any Age Opp. Sex	Ingham & Langdon	Champion Intermediate Young Opp. Sex	T & R Mills
Champion Open Young	B & M Wise	Champion Novice Young	David Dunn
Champion Open Young Opp. Sex	P & V Giles	Champion Novice Young Opp. Sex	Michelle Angus

The Joe Sanfilippo Memorial Trophy for CHAMPION ALBINO IN SHOW
was won by Ingham & Langdon

BEST OF VARIETY AWARDS

Normal Green	Wally Capper	Normal Opaline	Michelle Angus
Normal Grey Green	J E Wallace	Opaline AOSV.	Ingham & Langdon
Normal Blue	David Dunn	Clearbody	Jupp & Scheerer
Normal Violet	Jupp & Scheerer	Lacewing	Ingham & Langdon
Normal Grey	B & M Wise	Fallow	B & N Bradford
Yellow Faced Blue	David Dunn	Normal Spangle	Wally Capper
Aust Y/Faced Blue	G & M Lynch	Spangle AOSV	Wally Capper
Black Eyed Self	R & S Condon	Dominant Pied	Ingham & Langdon
Dilute & Grey Y/W	R. Galbraith	Recessive Pied	John Carter
Lutino	J E Wallace	Saddleback	P & V Giles
Albino	Ingham & Langdon	Dark Eyed Clear	R A Williams
Clearwing	R K Pitt	Darkwing	R & S Condon
Greywing	B & M Wise	Crested ASV.	Craig Geering
Cinnamonwing	A J Sketchley	Bush Budgerigar	Craig Geering
Spangle D-Factor	Wally Capper	Best Junior	Katie Simcock

CENTRAL COAST BRANCH 27th ANNUAL SHOW

On Sunday 15th November 2015 we held our Annual Show and received 274 entries from 34 exhibitors representing our Branch with very strong support from the Northside, Hunter, Hills District and St George Branches as well as the Newcastle Budgerigar Club.



Many exhibitors also helped out with tasks on the day and for this we are very thankful.

Our two judges, Gary Gazzard and Craig Buckingham, were very busy judging around 137 birds each with all 28 varieties of the exhibition budgerigar being represented and benched in our show, which was a very pleasing aspect of the day.

Both Gary & Craig should be congratulated for their total professional approach and performance. Accordingly, the Club wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

As we all know, organising and running Shows requires organisation and team work from members and I take my hat off to all our members for their contribution in making our Show day a success as well as thanking all the other exhibitors for their attendance, participation and more importantly, their friendship.

We congratulate, Wally Capper, for his Grand Champion win as well as all the other major award winners including the individual Variety winners which can be viewed in the included table with this report.



The Club was pleased with the success of the day and we would be happy to receive feedback to assist our continued improvement and growth and look forward to bigger and better things in the future.

Another successful aspect of the day was the Central Coast Club's working in co-operation project with the Golden Cob sponsored launch of the Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association Club Inc. (AHBA), who held an interesting display and exhibition of budgerigars from the most spectacularly coloured and beautiful exhibition Budgerigars that the world

has ever seen that were originally produced in the 1930-1970's era.

Budgerigar Rare & Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia

The 2015 Sydney Annual Lawn Show (SALS) was held at the St Ives Showground in Sydney, on 29th November joined by members and friends from all over the State, some travelling several hours from Canberra, Central Coast & Newcastle and Tamworth, all the awards were contested and won - 194 birds were judged by Jean Painter & Jim Baker. Thanks to Northside Branch for tremendous help ... plus catering and selling the birds Also thanks to Terese Ryan for donating a Special Quilt to raffle.

The event is a continuing initiative of the three specialist Australian Clubs, the **Clearwing Budgerigar Society of Australia**, the **Pied Budgerigar Society of Australasia** and the **Crested Budgerigar Club**, supported by their Patron "BRASEA", Budgerigar Rare & Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia. We also have the support of the Australian Bush Budgerigar Organisation plus "BRASEA's" Miniatures and Birds of Colour sections for the first time this year. Clearwing AGM Meeting was conducted during the show.

Warren Wilson

2015 Sydney Annual Lawn Show (SALS)

Congratulations to all the 2015 winners. Awards presented by Dr Ronald Harley Yardley.

Award	Winner
Champion Clearwing (Bob Gorman Award)	Hannah McKay
Best Yellow-wing (Ted Wallis Award)	Hannah McKay
Best Heritage Clearwing (Harley Yardley Award)	Hannah McKay
Best Whitewing Clearwing	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Reserve Champion Clearwing	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Best AOV Clearwing (John MacNamara Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Modern Clearwing (Harry Smith Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Champion Blackeyed Yellow	Pam & Vic Giles
Best Blackeyed White	S & D Wackwitz
Champion Darkwing	E & D Wise
Champion Dilute	Wilson Family
Champion Crest	Thanh Vu
Champion Saddleback	Pam & Vic (Chef) Giles
Champion Goldenface	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Champion Violet	Hannah McKay
Champion Dark Eyed Clear	Joe Elias
Champion Rainbow (Ken Gray Award)	Gerry & Michael Lynch
Champion Miniature	Justin Magnee
Champion Australian Bush Budgie	P & J Kelly
Champion AOV Class	Abi Haider
Champion Junior Award	1st & 2nd Orlando Fox 3rd Jason Henke
Birds of Colour	1st Thanh Vu 2nd Joel Scott 3rd Darren Burgess
Champion Pied & Best AOV	E & D Wise
Best Recessive	Hannah McKay
Best Aussie Banded	Dennis Beckett
Best Clearflight/Dutch	Joe Elias
Novelty Cage Award - a deadheat !!	Justin Magnee & Ella Cooper
Best Greywing	Terry Hammerton
Best Fallow	E & D Wise
Best Lacewing	E & D Wise
Best Clearbody	Hilton Smith

With thanks for the wonderful assistance all day, to those who donated prizes for the raffle and brought birds for sale, plus so many who worked so hard to make the day a success, especially the **chef of the day**.

We plan to do it all again on **27th November 2016** at the St. Ives Showground
Please put the date in your new 2016 diary now, so you do not miss out.

2015 Penrith Valley Annual Show Results



Major Awards

Award	Exhibitor
Grand Champion	Ron Roarty
Champion Any Age	Ron Roarty
Champion Opposite Sex Any Age	James Matthews
Champion Open Young	James Matthews
Champion Opposite Sex Open Young	James Matthews
Champion Intermediate	Jason Tinker
Champion Opposite Sex Intermediate	Spiteri & Kanaan
Champion Novice	Cody Shaw
Champion Opposite Sex Novice	Cody Shaw
Best Junior	Wade Dunn

Best of Variety in Show

Variety	Exhibitor	Variety	Exhibitor
Normal Green	Jason Tinker	DF Spangle	James Matthews
Normal Grey Green	Jason Tinker	Opaline	D & M Sheather
Normal Blue	D & M Sheather	Opaline AOSV	James Matthews
Normal Violet	T Vu	Clearbody	Spiteri & Kanaan
Normal Grey	Tony Cook	Lacewing	J Radcliffe
Normal YellowFace Blue	R & A Rogers	Fallow	Nil
Normal Aust. GoldenFace	Pam Hewitt	Spangle	James Matthews
Blackeye	G & W Dunn	Spangle AOSV	Shaw Family
Dilute	James Matthews	Dominant Pied	Ron Roarty
Lutino	T & C Hancock	Recessive Pied	Vince Hudson
Albino	R & A Rogers	Dark Eyed Clear	Vince Hudson
Clearwing	Jennifer Bell	Darkwing or Saddleback - No exhibits	
Greywing	James Matthews	Crested	Spiteri & Kanaan
Cinnamonwing	James Matthews	Non-Standard	Jim Baker
		Bush Budgie	Spiteri & Kanaan

2015 Mid-State Annual Show Results

Champions and Reserve Champions

Grand ChampionJohn Scoble
 Champion opposite sex in show Mark Hawke
 Champion young bird..... G Wood
 Champion any age.....John Scoble
 Champion opposite sex any age..... Mark Hawke
 Reserve champion any age cock.....John Scoble
 Reserve champion any age henSwift and Wise
 Champion open young..... G Wood
 Champion opposite sex open youngJohn Scoble
 Res. champion open young cock.....Anlezark/Bohringer
 Res. champion open young henDave Kellahe
 Champion intermediate.....Jason Tinker
 Champion opposite sex intermediate Gavin Tilse
 Res. champion intermediate cock.....Swift and Wise
 Res. champion intermediate henPaul Bayliss
 Champion noviceCraig Barber
 Champion opposite sex novice.....Peter Payne
 Reserve champion novice cock Simon Woods
 Reserve champion novice hen.....Craig Barber



John Scoble with his Grand Champion bird,
a spangle double factor

Ray Welshman Memorial Trophy
 best normal grey green in show
 Anlezark/Bohringer

Award – Any Age	Breeder	Award – Young	Breeder
Normal light, dark, green olive	G Wood	Normal light, dark, green olive	G Wood
Normal grey green	Anlezark/Bohringer	Normal grey green	Gavin Tilse
Normal sky blue, cobalt, mauve	Mark Hawke	Normal sky blue, cobalt, mauve	Tim Gleeson
Violet	G&M Chandler	Violet	Peter Wheeler
Normal grey	Nil	Normal grey	G&M Chandler
Yellow faced blue (Normal) ASC	Barry Whalan	Yellow faced blue (Normal) ASC	Mark Hawke
Australian yellow faced blue (norm)	Nil	Australian yellow faced blue (norm)	D&G Pymont
Blackeye self	Paul Ely	Blackeye self	Nil
Dilute yellow or white	Nil	Dilute yellow or white	Nil
Lutino	Mark Hawke	Lutino	Swift & Wise
Albino	Mark Hawke	Albino	Wayne Altman
Clearwing ASC	Nil	Clearwing ASC	Nil
Greywing ASC	G&H Wood	Greywing ASC	Bob Cowburn
Cinnamonwing ASC	Mark Hawke	Cinnamonwing ASC	Dave Kellahe
Spangle double factor ASC	John Scoble	Spangle double factor ASC	Swift & Wise
Opaline (black wing) ASC	G&M Chandler	Opaline (black wing) ASC	Paul Bayliss
Opaline AOSV	Nil	Opaline AOSV	Ron Hornery
Clearbody	Tim Gleeson	Clearbody	Tim Gleeson
Lacewing	Bob Winnard	Lacewing	Brian Finlay
Fallow	Mark Hawke	Fallow	Nil
Spangle (non-compound) ASC	Mark Hawke	Spangle (non-compound) ASC	John Scoble
Spangle AOSV	Paul Bayliss	Spangle AOSV	Swift and Wise
Dominant pied ASV, ASC	G Wood	Dominant pied ASV, ASC	Anlezark/Bohringer
Recessive pied ASV, ASC	Tony Butt	Recessive pied ASV, ASC	Tony Butt
Best in variety, any age, best AOSV	Bob Cowburn	Best in variety, any age, best AOSV	Tony Butt
Crested	Foster Corbett	Crested	D&G Pymont

2015 Photos from Mid State Annual Show



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2015 Best of Variety Points

Date	SHOW	NORMAL GREEN	NORMAL GREYGREEN	NORMAL BLUE	NORMAL VIOLET	NORMAL GREY	YELLOW FACED BLUE	AUSTRALIAN GOLDEN FACE	BLACKEYED SELF COLOUR
1/02/2015	Illawarra	John Scoble	John Scoble	J & G Smithers	John Scoble	Cliff Cameron	Stephen Leggett	Peter House	Bourne & Hand
7/02/2015	Northern NSW	David Christie	D & V Punton	D & V Punton	D & V Punton	A & C Druery	A & C Druery	Steve Kilduff	No exhibits
8/02/2015	Shoalhaven	Mario Capasso	John Barden	J & G Smithers	Mario Capasso	John Barden	G W Steward	Bourne & Hand	Bourne & Hand
15/02/2015	St George	Greg Gregoriou	McCauley & O'Regan	Jeff Thomas	T & C Hancock	Vince Hudson	Abi Haider	Peter House	J Painter
22/02/2015	Canberra	Dennis Beckett	Anlezark & Bohringer	Anlezark & Bohringer	T Kilpatrick	T Kilpatrick	Luke Dodge	Bourne & Hand	Bourne & Hand
22/02/2015	Newcastle	John Barden	Ingham & Langdon	Craig Barnett	T & G Atkinson	A & C Druery	A & C Druery	Brian Turner	Ken Yorke
1/03/2015	Hills	John Barden	John Barden	Mark Hawke	Peters Family	Merv Thompson	John Boss	Dennis Beckett	Peter Dodd
8/03/2015	Hunter	Craig Barnett	B & M Wise	Craig Barnett	Jupp & Scheerer	Merv Thompson	A & C Druery	Brian Turner	R & S Condon
8/03/2015	New England	T & Y Smith	D & V Punton	T & Y Smith	Tom Davies	T & Y Smith	Frank Duff	Tom Davies	E & D Wise
21/03/2015	BSNSW (Double Pts)	I & K Manton	I & K Manton	I & K Manton	A Reid	Abi Haider	Abi Haider	Peter House	R & S Condon
29/03/2015	South Western NSW	Anlezark & Bohringer	David Kelleher	Anlezark & Bohringer	D & G Pymont	E Cooke	H & E French	John Carter	John Carter
29/03/2015	Tamworth	Small Family	Small Family	Small Family	Glen Gardner	Small Family	Small Family	Tom Davis	Ray Galbraith
3/05/2015	Macarthur	A McFarland	McCauley & O'Regan	Paul Muir	A McFarland	A McFarland	E Cooke	E Cooke	No exhibits
31/05/2015	Orana	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Mark Hawke	John Boss	Wayne Cusack
28/06/2015	BIS	Wayne Doull	Wayne Doull	Geoff Wood	No exhibits	Terry Bevan	Abi Haider	Pam Hewitt	Ely Family
13/09/2015	Northside	John Carter	James Matthews	Dennis Beckett	Mark Wilton	Dennis Beckett	David Dunn	John Carter	R & S Condon
11/10/2015	Shoalhaven YBS	J R Tinkler	J R Tinkler	J Matthews	D Parkes	D R Tipping	T Evans	Pam Hewitt	No exhibits
25/10/2015	St George - Illawarra YBS	G Gregoriou	G Gregoriou	Laurie Gauchi	Pam Hewitt	Laurie Gauchi	R & A Rodgers	Pam Hewitt	No exhibits
1/11/2015	Penrith Valley	J R Tinker	J R Tinker	D & M Sheather	T Vu	Tony Cook	R & A Rogers	Pam Hewitt	G & W Dunn
15/11/2015	Central Coast	Wally Capper	J & E Wallace	David Dunn	Jupp & Scheerer	B & M Wise	David Dunn	G & M Lynch	R & S Condon
21/11/2015	Midstate	No Overall Varieties Winners were Judged							
TOTAL POINTS >>		2=	2=	2=	2=	2=	3=	4 =	5
Variety Winners		John Barden	McCauley & O'Regan	Anlezark & Bohringer	A Reid	Merv Thompson	A & C Druery	Peter House	R & S Condon
		I & K Manton	John Barden	I & K Manton	Jupp & Scheerer	Abi Haider	Abi Haider	Pam Hewitt	

Best of Variety Points by Jim Baker, BSNSW Show Manager

Date	SHOW	DILUTE	LUTINO	ALBINO	CLEARWING	GREYWING	CINNAMONWING	DF SPANGLE	OPALINE
1/02/2015	Illawarra	No exhibits	T & C Hancock	Cliff Cameron	Evans Family	J Matthews	McCauley & O'Regan	John Scoble	J Matthews
7/02/2015	Northern NSW	No exhibits	T & Y Smith	Cliff Cameron	Steve Kilduff	Larry Williams	Brian Walters	Ian Hanington	Ian Hanington
8/02/2015	Shoalhaven	Wilson Family	John Boss	R A Burton	Wilson Family	J Matthews	J & G Smithers	Bendall & Perkiss	Mario Capasso
15/02/2015	St George	C & M Morgan	Jeff Thomas	Robert Taylor	C & M Morgan	J Matthews	Jeff Thomas	McCauley & O'Regan	Abi Haider
22/02/2015	Canberra	Ken Denmeade	Bob Cowburn	Bob Cowburn	Markos Pangalos	A & C Merriman	Bourne & Hand	Bourne & Hand	Jason Tinker
22/02/2015	Newcastle	E & D Wise	Ingham & Langdon	B & T Jones	G O'Connor	B & M Wise	T & G Atkinson	G Gazzard	T & R Mills
1/03/2015	Hills	Ray Galbraith	A Reid	Mark Hawke	I & K Manton	Ron Roarty	C Sutherland	John Boss	I & K Manton
8/03/2015	Hunter	Merv Thompson	Jeff Thomas	B & T Jones	G O'Connor	Ingham & Langdon	Jeff Thomas	Warren McKinlay	A & C Drury
8/03/2015	New England	E & D Wise	Mark Hawke	Mark Hawke	T Smart	T Cooper	T & Y Smith	E & D Wise	D & V Punton
21/03/2015	BSNSW (Double Pts)	Ray Galbraith	A Reid	R & A Rogers	I & K Manton	J Matthews	Jason Tinker	J Matthews	I & K Manton
29/03/2015	South Western NSW	Bruce Corcoran	Bruce Corcoran	Geoff Hill	Bob Pitt	John Carter	G & M Chandler	John Carter	Anlezark & Bohringer
29/03/2015	Tamworth	Ray Galbraith	R & A Smith	E & D Wise	Ray Galbraith	No exhibits	Doug Swanton	Warren McKinlay	Roger Smith
3/05/2015	Macarthur	John Carter	A McFarland	A McFarland	Sullivan Family	John Carter	E Cooke	McCauley & O'Regan	A McFarland
31/05/2015	Orana	Wayne Cusack	T Evans	Mark Hawke	No exhibits	B & M Wise	Wayne Cusack	Terry O'Brien	John Barden
28/06/2015	BIS	No exhibits	A & C Merriman	Sullivan Family	Sullivan Family	Geoff Wood	C Sutherland	J Matthews	RJ Bucior
13/09/2015	Northside	John Carter	Spiteri & Kanaan	John Carter	Wilson Family	Ron Roarty	J Matthews	J Matthews	Dennis Beckett
11/10/2015	Shoalhaven YBS	J Matthews	LD & JR Chenhall	T Evans	T Evans	J Matthews	D R Tipping	McCauley & O'Regan	Cameron & Myers
25/10/2015	St George - Illawarra YBS	J Mathews	G Gregoriou	J & E Wallace	S & D Wackwitz	Ron Roarty	Kevin Watson	McCauley & O'Regan	Craig Geering
1/11/2015	Penrith Valley	J Mathews	T & C Hancock	R & A Rogers	Jennifer Bell	J Mathews	J Mathews	J Mathews	D & M Sheather
15/11/2015	Central Coast	Ray Galbraith	J & E Wallace	Ingham & Langdon	R K Pitt	B & M Wise	A J Sketchley	Wally Capper	Michelle Angus
21/11/2015	Midstate	No Overall Varieties Winners were Judged							
TOTAL POINTS >>		5	3	3	3	7	2=	5	3
Variety Winners		Ray Galbraith	A Reid	Mark Hawke	I & K Manton	J Matthews	Jason Tinker	J Matthews	I & K Manton
							Jeff Thomas		

Best of Variety Points by Jim Baker, BSNSW Show Manager

Date	SHOW	AOSV OPALINE	CLEARBODY	LACEWING	FALLOW	SPANGLE	AOSV SPANGLE	DOMINANT PIED	RECESSIVE PIED
1/02/2015	Illawarra	J Matthews	J & E Wallace	J Baker	Evans Family	John Scoble	John Scoble	No exhibits	J Baker
7/02/2015	Northern NSW	Brian Walters	John Richardson	Ian Hanington	Ian Hanington	John Richardson	Brian Walters	Ian Hanington	K & D Burgess
8/02/2015	Shoalhaven	R A Burton	Thorsby Family	Joe Elias	D & M Harrington	John Boss	J Matthews	L Freeman	Mario Capasso
15/02/2015	St George	Jeff Thomas	J & E Wallace	Bendall & Perkiss	S & D Wackwitz	McCauley & O'Regan	C Sutherland	J Painter	J Baker
22/02/2015	Canberra	Bourne & Hand	J Baker	J Baker	Markos Pangalos	Anlezark & Bohringer	T Kilpatrick	Anlezark & Bohringer	J Baker
22/02/2015	Newcastle	Craig Barnett	Jupp & Scheerer	Craig Barnett	T & R Mills	John Boss	G O'Connor	Tony Goodman	T Sketchley
1/03/2015	Hills	J Matthews	A Ozoux	J & H Forster	Mark Hawke	Mark Hawke	Merv Thompson	Ron Roarty	J Baker
8/03/2015	Hunter	Craig Barnett	Jupp & Scheerer	Craig Barnett	T & R Mills	Jeff Thomas	G O'Connor	Ingham & Langdon	Bannister & Chick
8/03/2015	New England	E & D Wise	Bob Cosgrove	Frank Duff	Mark Hawke	K Seagrott	Mark Hawke	Mark Hawke	K Seagrott
21/03/2015	BSNSW (Double Pts)	J Matthews	R & A Rogers	B & N Bradford	B & N Bradford	J Matthews	C Sutherland	A Reid	J Baker
29/03/2015	South Western NSW	Bruce Corcoran	D & M Harrington	Bendall & Perkiss	D & M Harrington	E Cooke	G & M Chandler	No exhibits	Tony Butt
29/03/2015	Tamworth	E & D Wise	E & D Wise	R & A Smith	John Smith	Swift & Wise	E & D Wise	Glen Gardner	Brian Edgecock
3/05/2015	Macarthur	K & D Mitchell	J Baker	K & D Mitchell	John Carter	J Matthews	Paul Anderson	A McFarland	Tony Butt
31/05/2015	Orana	John Barden	Bob Cosgrove	Peter Baker	Mark Hawke	Mark Hawke	B & M Wise	B & M Wise	Anlezark & Bohringer
28/06/2015	BIS	J Matthews	Wayne Doull	No exhibits	Sullivan Family	J Matthews	No exhibits	C Sutherland	Mark Perez
13/09/2015	Northside	J Matthews	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Baker	John Carter	J Matthews	Paul Anderson	Ron Roarty	J Baker
11/10/2015	Shoalhaven YBS	J Matthews	D R Tipping	F & W Galka	T Evans	J Matthews	J Matthews	F & W Galka	T Evans
25/10/2015	St George - Illawarra YBS	J Matthews	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Baker	No exhibit	J Matthews	J Matthews	G Gregoriou	R & A Rodgers
1/11/2015	Penrith Valley	J Matthews	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Radcliffe	No exhibit	J Matthews	Shaw Family	Ron Roarty	Vince Hudson
15/11/2015	Central Coast	Ingham & Langdon	Jupp & Scheerer	Ingham & Langdon	B & N Bradford	Wally Capper	Wally Capper	Ingham & Langdon	J Carter
21/11/2015	Midstate	No Overall Varieties Winners were Judged							
TOTAL POINTS >>		9	3	4	3=	7	3=	3	7
Variety Winners		J Matthews	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Baker	B & N Bradford	J Matthews	C Sutherland	Ron Roarty	J Baker
					Mark Hawke		J Matthews		

Best of Variety Points by Jim Baker, BSNSW Show Manager

Date	SHOW	DARKWING	SADDLEBACK	DARK EYED CLEAR	CREST	NSV	Best of Variety Awards
1/02/2015	Illawarra	No exhibits	No exhibits	Ken Denmeade	R & A Rogers	J Matthews	<p>In 2015 the Best Young Bird ran off against the Best Any Age bird to provide the Best of Variety in show.</p> <p>Each winner earned one point.</p> <p>For the BSNSW Annual Show two points were awarded.</p> <p>The winners were determined by adding the points together for each Variety.</p> <p>There were 19 exhibitors who won their Variety outright and there were and 11 joint winners.</p> <p>We will be awarding a certificate of achievement to all winners including the joint winners.</p> <p>For the 2016 season we will be making more changes to these awards to attract more entries in the shows.</p> <p>The Show Committee will announce the changes to Best of Variety Awards at the January Management Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jim Baker BSNSW Show Manager</p>
7/02/2015	Northern NSW	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Ian Hanington	No exhibits	
8/02/2015	Shoalhaven	No exhibits	No exhibits	Joe Elias	R & A Rogers	J Matthews	
15/02/2015	St George	J Painter	No exhibits	Joe Elias	R & A Rogers	J Matthews	
22/02/2015	Canberra	Ken Denmeade	No exhibits	Bob Cowburn	Foster & Corbett	No exhibits	
22/02/2015	Newcastle	Carlo Arfi	Ken Yorke	R & A Williams	Gary Job	G Gazzard	
1/03/2015	Hills	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Paul Brett	J Matthews	
8/03/2015	Hunter	No exhibits	R & S Condon	No exhibits	T & S Corliss	No exhibits	
8/03/2015	New England	No exhibits	No exhibits	K Seagrott	K Seagrott	No exhibits	
21/03/2015	BSNSW (Double Pts)	R & S Condon	No exhibits	Ken Denmeade	R & A Rogers	J Matthews	
29/03/2015	South Western NSW	No exhibits	No exhibits	J Smith	Foster & Corbett	John Carter	
29/03/2015	Tamworth	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	
3/05/2015	Macarthur	No exhibits	Brian Spencer	Bob Pitt	Matt Holyoak	J Matthews	
31/05/2015	Orana	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Bob Cosgrove	Mark Hawke	
28/06/2015	BIS	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Mark Perez	No exhibits	
13/09/2015	Northside	R & S Condon	P & V Giles	Joe Elias	Spiteri & Kanaan	No exhibits	
11/10/2015	Shoalhaven YBS	No exhibits	No exhibits	No exhibits	Foster & Corbett	M & J Troy	
25/10/2015	St George - Illawarra YBS	No exhibits	Craig Geering	No exhibits	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Baker	
1/11/2015	Penrith Valley	No exhibits	No exhibits	Vince Hudson	Spiteri & Kanaan	J Baker	
15/11/2015	Central Coast	R & S Condon	P & V Giles	R & A Williams	C Geering	No exhibits	
21/11/2015	Midstate	No Overall Varieties Winners were Judged					
TOTAL POINTS -->>		4	2	3		6	
Variety Winners		R & S Condon	P & V Giles	Joe Elias	R & A Rogers	J Matthews	

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Membership Form

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM

NOTES: Members join either through a Branch (where some funds go to the Branch), or as a non-Branch member. Clubs or Societies join as Associates. If you want to be a Branch Member send this form to the Branch Secretary.

Branch Secretaries: this form is to be forwarded to the Membership Registrar as soon as possible after having taken a copy for your records. Non-Branch members and Associates 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 2015 – 30th June 2016

General (Senior) Membership	**	\$40.00
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OR PAY BY DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BSNSW ACCOUNT: BSB: 082133 Account Number: 507903428

(Please reference the payment with MEMB + Surname)

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(Names of all members of a Family must be given to vote at General Meetings)		
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