

CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY INC.

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Dear Member,

Here's hoping everyone had an enjoyable festive season and has a productive upcoming breeding and show year.

Our Annual Show is coming up in March so everyone should have their show team picked and if you are using the 12 week regime to prepare your birds you would have started on the 22nd December, or if you prefer the 8 week regime you would have started on the 19th January. For an explanation of the 12 week regime see the April 2018 newsletter. While we are on the subject of preparing our birds for showing we should consider our show team for the Young Bird Show on the 4th May. A 12 week preparation would then need to start 12 weeks back from the Nationals as this is the ultimate goal for most exhibitors. The start of this preparation would then be the 2nd March.

Don't forget the Nationals are in Brisbane this year which is almost on our doorstep, I would therefore urge our members to travel down to this show whether you have a bird qualify or not. This is the best opportunity we will get to attend a Nationals for a fairly inexpensive cost other than when our Zone hosts it. Even if you don't manage to get a bird in it is worth attending just to see the best birds of each variety in the country. This enables us to evaluate how our birds compare and to formulate plans on where and how we need to improve our birds for the future.

As at the first of January the ANBC ruling on banning chrome cage fronts in favour of powder-coated fronts came into effect. So if you haven't already changed over the fronts of your show cages I urge you to do so. **For our upcoming Annual Show the club has decided to allow the use of chrome fronts.** This may change for future shows. The ANBC also had a trail period for the use of 16mm show cage perches, this trail was not successful and the ruling has reverted back to the 12mm perches. All members please be aware of this. I also caution new members if buying second hand show cages to check for these items. A new show cage that is compliant can be purchased for approximately \$40.00.

As the Breeders Show was cancelled the Bird of the Year which was to be held in conjunction with it will now be held in conjunction with the Annual Show. Only birds eligible for the Breeders Show are eligible for the Annual Show. In this newsletter you will find the Annual Show schedule and an article on breeding.

Kev O'Callaghan has some birds for sale to club members only. (See Advertisement) These are birds that normally wouldn't be available, so a great chance to pick up top quality stock.

Cheers,
Russell Ogden
(Newsletter Editor, CBS Inc.) ogdenrc@bigpond.com

MEMBERS INFORMATION PAGE

Committee Members: Confirmed at AGM

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President: Tom Bartlem 0457 255 639
Vice-President: Darryl Fisher 4926 2489
Treasurer: Scott Eriksen 0419 776 837
Secretary: To be Elected (interim Scott Eriksen)

- EMAIL Addresses: To allow for more efficient distribution of newsletters and other Club information, please forward a test email or your email address to <u>ogdenrc@bigpond.com</u> Thanks to all those who have forwarded these details previously.
- SHOW & WIN.!!!!!!! Starting at our 2018 Breeders Show, you will become eligible to win a \$200 Credit at our Annual Auction by showing at the 3 Major Shows (Breeders 2018, Annual 2019, Young Bird Show 2019). You will receive one ticket for showing 1 to 10 birds, 2 tickets for 11 to 20 entries, etc. After the Young Bird Selection Show in 2019, the winner will be drawn. The more you show, the better chance you have to win. It is only open to CBS Inc members. You must show at all 3 shows unless you are judging the show or are genuinely ill or have a family emergency. The aim of this incentive is to encourage members to show consistently at all 3 shows. If you have missed out for this year, you can still be in it next year.
 - Services Section: The new Club Shirt is now being worn by many members. If you want to purchase one, contact John Agnew. John has 3 left, sizes 1 x L, 2 x XL. He will also have a supply of 2019 rings (60 cents each and sold in lots of 25, postage is extra \$5.00)
 - Future CBS Variety of the Year are as follows: 2019 Danish Recessive Pied.
 These are judged at the Annual Show each year.

The 2109 membership renewals are due.

Please remit payment (\$40) to John Agnew.

Announcement

Starting in 2019 a new award has been established for members of CBS Inc.

Exhibitor of the Year

This award is in addition to our Bird of the Year and will be determined over the three shows' that the club conducts throughout the year commencing with the 2019 Annual Show.

Points will be awarded in the following manner.

Champion bird of show 5 points
Opposite sex of show 4 points
Variety awards 3 points

QLD North and Central Zone national birds 3 points

Champion Any Age Cock, Champion Any Age Hen, Champion Young Cock, Champion Young Hen, Champion Nestfeather 2 points

Reserve Champion Any Age Cock, Reserve Champion Any Age Hen, Reserve Champion Young Cock, Reserve Champion Young Hen, Reserve Champion Nestfeather 1 point

Paddy goes into work one Monday morning and says to his workmates: "My best friend Mick dropped dead on Saturday, he was only 37, in perfect health, never smoked or drank, worked out every day, strong as a Mallee bull, he just dropped dead." His workmates asked: "Flaming hell, Paddy, what happened?" Paddy replied: "His parachute didn't open!"

Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.

51st Annual Show Schedule - 2019.









SATURDAY 16 MARCH

Venue: North Rockhampton High HALL, Berserker Street, North

Rockhampton

<u>Judge:</u> Mr Jamie Wright (SQBBA Judge)

Chief Steward: TBA

Show Secretary: Russell Ogden

Entries: All entries must be on CBS approved entry forms (provided)

Entries need exhibitors to use the class numbers as per the

schedule in this newsletter.

Entry Fee: 50 cents per bird.

Entries Close: Day of Show, at 8-30 am. Late entries will not be accepted.

Benching: by 9-15 am

Judging: 9-30 am

Show cage floor covering shall be a standard seed mix.

All persons responsible for winning exhibits must be present for checking of rings on completion of judging or exhibits will be disqualified.

<u>Presentation of Trophies</u>: Approximately 30 minutes after completion of judging.

Release of birds to follow presentation. The Chief Steward will advise time.

Please Note:

- Club show rules must be strictly adhered to.
- Proof of ownership must be produced for all winning exhibits, CBS rings excluded.
- Drinkers must be in show cages.
- Cage stickers to be adhered on the RIGHT hand side of cage.
- It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure all of their birds are nominated in the correct classes and mark cages accordingly.
- All birds entered must be Owner-bred.

2018 ANNUAL SHOW AWARD LIST

A special 50 year Medallion presented to all awardees

Grand Champion of Show.GOURLEY Family Trophy plus

\$25.00 Trophy

<u>Ch. Opposite Sex of Show</u> O'Callaghan Family Trophy

<u>Ch. Young Bird of Show rung 2018</u>

Jack Mitton Memorial Y B Trophy

Ch. Beginner Bird of Show. Stam Family Trophy

<u>Ch. Intermediate bird of show</u> Trophy

<u>Ch. Derby Bird</u>. Noel Shanahan Memorial Trophy.

<u>Ch. Derby Bird - Beginner</u> Special Award donated by John Stam

<u>Derby Cock and Hen</u>

Share the Derby Rings prize money pool.

CBS Variety Bird Special Award donated by John Stam

(Dark Eye Clear, 2017)

Best Team of 3, must be all same Sex. \$10.00 cash prize.

Champion of EACH VARIETY: \$15.00 cash prize per

variety

OPEN CLASS.

Ch. Any Age Cock \$15.00 cash prize

Ch. Any Age Hen \$15.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Cock \$15.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Hen \$15.00 cash prize

Ch. Nestfeather \$15.00 cash prize

Ch. Any Age Cock (Reserve) \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Any Age Hen (Reserve) \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Cock (Reserve) \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Hen (Reserve) \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Nestfeather (Reserve) \$10.00 cash prize

INTERMEDIATE and BEGINNER CLASS.

Ch. Any Age Cock \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Any Age Hen \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Cock \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Hen \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Nestfeather \$10.00 cash prize

Ch. Any Age Cock (Reserve) \$5.00 cash prize.

Ch. Any Age Hen (Reserve) \$5.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Cock (Reserve) \$5.00 cash prize

Ch. Young Hen (Reserve \$5.00 cash prize

Ch. Nestfeather (Reserve) \$5.00 cash prize

2018 Bird of the Year will be judged at this show. Only birds eligible as of the 2018 Breeders Show are eligible to be judged at this show.

Chrome cage fronts will be accepted at this show

There will be a selling section on the same day. 10% of proceeds to CBS Inc.. Members are requested to bring a plate for Morning Tea.

Budgerigar Schedule for CBS Inc. ANNUAL SHOW 2019

Variety	Any Age	Any Age	Young Bird	Young Bird	Nest Feather
	Cock	Hen	Cock	Hen	
Normal Green	1	101	201	301	401
Normal Grey Green	2	102	202	302	402
Normal Blue	3	103	203	303	403
Normal Violet Violet Cobalt only	4	104	204	304	404
Normal Grey	5	105	205	305	405
Yellow Faced Blue (Normal only)	6	106	206	306	406
Australian Golden Faced Blue (Normal only)	7	107	207	307	407
Black Eyed Self .	8	108	208	308	408
Dilute	9	109	209	309	409
Lutino	10	110	210	310	410
Albino	11	111	211	311	411
Dark Eyed Clear	12	112	212	312	412
Clearwing	13	113	213	313	413
Greywing	14	114	214	314	414
Cinnamonwing	15	115	215	315	415
Spangle Double Factor	16	116	216	316	416
Opaline	17	117	217	317	417
Opaline (AOSV) includes Blackeye, Dilute, Clearwing, Greywing, Cinnamon	18	118	218	318	418
Clearbody	19	119	219	319	419
Lacewing	20	120	220	320	420
Fallow	21	121	221	321	421
Spangle Normal only, not class 22 combination	22	122	222	322	422
Spangle A.O.S.V (Includes Greywing, Cinnamon, Opaline, Fallow).	23	123	223	323	423
Dominant Pied Includes Greywing, Cinnamon, Opaline, Fallow, Yellow Face, Spangle)	24	124	224	324	424
Danish Recessive Pied	25	125	225	325	425
Crested	26	126	226	326	426
AOV/AOSV Includes Aust White Caps, Saddlebacks, Dark Eye Clear	27	127	227	327	427

ENTRY FORM acceptable for CBS Inc Shows

<u>Name:</u>	Open	or Beginner	_(tick one)
Entry Fee: \$			

Class #	Cage #	<u>Description</u>	Ring Number

Breeding for Survival By Jennifer Bell

Fertility, or the lack of it, in budgerigars today is an issue which engages the minds of many budgerigar breeders. In selecting for the characteristics which will put birds up on the winners bench we often compromise by sacrificing important things like fertility, stamina or longevity. Many years ago I read a book on breeding ducks and it suggested that in order to keep a stud which produced the optimum number of chicks it was not desirable to breed with birds which produced the best, under optimum conditions, but to breed those who could reproduce well under sub-standard conditions. I haven't consciously applied it to breeding budgerigars, but perhaps some readers may see merit in testing the theory.

The implications for budgerigar breeders are that we have to pay a lot more attention to those less visible factors, because without fertility, stamina and longevity both we and the birds are at severe disadvantage. How do we apply the principle? I think we need to look at the birds in our keeping, and the records kept, and note the birds which perform well under pressure. For example:

- Old cocks and hens which remain fertile and raise young successfully
- Maiden hens and cocks which fertilise eggs and raise chicks first off with no problems
- Birds which are able to raise larger than normal clutches successfully
- Birds which foster chicks of various ages and colours without adverse reaction
- Birds which tolerate disturbance and handling
- Birds which have survived trauma or disadvantage and go on to reproduce well
- Birds which do not develop vices throughout their careers

I believe initially all you can do is keep track of such birds and their off-spring so that you might identify the breeding lines, which will not be so obvious to track as, say, colour, but that are still traceable. Once you have identified your 'survivors' you can start working on perpetuating those traits.

Aren't we already doing this? I'm quite happy to have people disagree with me, but I sincerely believe that most breeders discard survivors more readily than they keep them. The bird that survives mutilation or other trauma gets its neck wrung or ends up in the pet shop. It is drummed into us repeatedly "dispose of birds with problems so that those problems will not be perpetuated". We all do this as a basic step in keeping our collections and studs "clean". I'm suggesting that we need to reconsider this if we want those less obvious advantages I've mentioned above.

Imagine a stud of budgerigars with high fertility, whose chicks exhibit superior survival characteristics and who are capable of breeding for more seasons than we accept as our lot at the moment. For line-breeding purposes a bird which can breed for six seasons is more valuable than one which can give you only two. That's obvious.

Many breeders pride themselves on the care they take of their birds. The birds are fed the optimum feed and vitainins, given optimum housing conditions, optimum health maintenance. The factors which exist in nature to cull out the weakest do not exist in such an ideal setting. Both our strongest birds (survivors) and our weakest perform as well as each other because the stressors which would normally dispose naturally of your flock's weaker members do not exist. The result of this is that you are keeping and breeding with some birds which do not have the survival factor. All goes well until, for whatever reason, optimum conditions are waived. Why are my birds falling dead off the perches? Why am I getting complaints from other breeders that the birds I sell them don't live long or that they fail to breed?

Another example: If for instance you customarily supplement the diet of your breeding birds with a product like Calcium Sandoz Syrup let's assume this assists laying birds to produce eggs with healthy shells. You may however have a bird who has a genetic predisposition to produce eggs without shells. The additive may prevent this and because you mask the predisposition by always supplementing with calcium, a contrasurvival trait you don't even know about is being impressed into your stock. Birds you sell to other breeders may carry this predisposition which their own birds do not have. When the supplementary calcium is no longer provided by the new owner you could find yourself with a reputation for selling birds which lay eggs without shells.

You react with indignation saying, "It never happens in my breeding room!" and immediately blame the conditions in the premises to which the birds have gone. But whose fault is it really? Could it be yours? The

problem may not be soft-shelled eggs, but any one or a combination of the problems which pursue budgerigars and their breeders.

How do you start assessing your livestock for survival traits? First step is to pay attention to the birds you already know are survivors. And the rest of the stock? It's a bit hard to suggest you be deliberately neglectful of your precious birds but you could start off by evaluating just a portion of your stock. Withdraw vitamin supplements, provide them with a less exciting or exotic seed mix, put them down to breed at "bad" or unconventional times, allow them to raise large clutches, expose them to harsher weather conditions, etc., etc. You may have a season with that family of birds where you produce birds which you regard perhaps as sub-standard, but understand that this is the result of environment, not heredity. The birds have the same inherent potential as before, but the results may be disappointing. On the other hand, if your family of birds produce the same quantity and quality of youngster when they are disadvantaged you really are onto a superior strain. The results of such an experiment, whether the yield is superior or inferior, may show you whether this family of birds are survivors. It may be a strain on the birds but if they can still reproduce well in spite of it then you are doing the right thing by your stock by strengthening it.

The reason your stock is strengthened is because you will think twice about persevering with birds who failed the test. Nature doesn't even think about it, any organism which does not have the traits necessary for survival dies and the rest of the flock or herd is healthier for it.

I am not suggesting you subject your birds to any form of cruelty or neglect, I'm suggesting you carefully increase the testing stress factors to which they are subjected. Stress exists abundantly in the wild and acts as a means of natural culling of the less able. You may wish to only work on one stress area at a time, such as letting a group of birds raise large clutches, leaving all other conditions unchanged. Another time or with another group you could withhold all supplements. Another time or another group you may decide to keep in a flight which is not as sheltered as is the ideal. Naturally, it's wise to have any birds being tested separated from the rest of your stock. It could be that just as with humans, susceptible birds, when subjected to even a low level stress could be more likely to succumb to bacterial and other infections. If that happens you have still learned something and you are protecting your main stock by removing it from birds which have the susceptibility.

If you do decide to follow up these suggestions, do it scientifically - keep accurate records and preferably have a control group of similar birds which receive normal treatment so that you can compare results. As well as culling birds based on their good looks and breeding performance, you can also cull based on their hardiness, their capacity for survival.

The O'Callaghan Family Budgerigar Sale

The O'Callaghan Family have completed a cull and have a range of quality birds available for sale to club members only.

Most Normal varieties, including Blue series, Cinnamons and Opaline Cinnamons, Spangles, Pieds, and Australian Whitecaps.

Please e-mail Kev (kevocall@optusnet.com.au) or phone 49261635 for an appointment.

CBS Inc.---Calendar of Events---2019

Note that some Friday Night meetings have been changed to follow a Show or Club event.

		T		
Date to be confirmed	ABS Inc Auction	Eagleby, Brisbane		
Saturday Jan 19	Committee Meeting	Venue to be confirmed	2.00 pm	
Friday Feb 01	General Meeting Judges Meeting to follow.	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE: Darryl Fisher: "Breeding Lesser Varieties Birds required to be brought along: - Clearwings, Black Eyes, Greywings, Dilutes, Fallows, Clearbodies
Saturday Feb 16	Committee Meeting	D. Fisher's re	sidence	2.00pm
Friday March 1	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS) 7.15pm		Table Show A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE: Yellowface and Goldenface discussion, members to brings birds for the discussion.
Saturday March 16	Annual Show	Day of Show entries close at 8:30 am.	Benching by 9.15am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:30am
Sunday March 31	Henry George Auction			
Friday April 05	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F FEATURE: Stockbird features Members to bring birds along for the discussion
Saturday April 6 CBS Inc. ANNUAL AUCTION ENTRIES DUE TODAY!!!!!!!!				
Easter - 19 th April to 22 nd April				
Saturday April 20	Committee Meeting Committee meeting to discuss Zone & ANBC Agenda Items.	D. Fisher's residence	2.00pm	

	Date to	be advised Wynn	um Auction	
May General Meeting	May General Meeti	ng to follow Young Bird	d Show	
Monday April 29	Entries for Young Bird Show closes 9pm with Show Secretary			
Saturday May 04	CBS INC YOUNG BIRD SELECTION SHOW. May General Meeting to follow this SHOW Draw of CLUB REWARDS for credit of \$200 at CBS Auction	North R'ton High Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Simpson Street. Entries close at 9:00 pm. Monday 29 th April	Benching by 8.45am	Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:00am CBS Members Raffle drawn.
Saturday 18 May	N & C Q Zone: 1. Judges Panel & 2. Delegates Meeting.	Mackay		3:00 pm Judges Meeting TBC 3:30 pm Zone Delegates Meeting TBC
Sunday 19 May	N & C Q ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.	Mackay		Benching by 8am Judging starts after benching
Friday May 24 Saturday 25 Sunday 26	ANBC C'SHIP SHOW	Brisbane		Vebsite for information and details, e.g., Venue, times, etc.
Monday May 27	ANBC Delegates Meeting	Brisbane		
		NO JUNE MEETIN	NG	
Saturday June 08	Pre-Auction Dinner	Red Lion Hotel	6.30 for 7.00pm	Performing Arts Hall opened from 2-4pm for setup & birds to be dropped off.
Sunday June 09	ANNUAL WINTER AUCTION	Nth R'ton High School Performing Arts Hall.	Bench by 7.45am	View 8.00am Starts at 9:00am
	Date and ve	nue to be advised S	QBBA Auction	
Saturday July 06	General Meeting Committee Meeting to follow GM	Mount Larcom Showgrounds	1.00pm	Lawn Show A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE: Matrix discussion, led by the judges
Date to be confirmed BRASEA Auction, STRATHPINE, Brisbane.				
Friday August 02	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING General & Judges Meetings to follow	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	No <u>Table Show</u> or <u>FEATURE</u>
Saturday Aug 10 Newcastle Auction				
August Date to be confirmed	Visit to ??? Aviary To Be Confirmed Attend Pine Rivers Annual Auction	CLUB ANNUAL EVENT	Depart early Saturday morning	

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Friday Sept 06	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F
				<u>FEATURE:</u>
				Whitecaps Members to bring birds for the discussion
Saturday Sept 21	Committee Meeting	D. Fisher's Residence	2pm	
Monday Sept 23	Entries for Young Bird Show closes 9pm with Show Secretary			
Saturday Sept 28	BREEDERS SHOW	North R'ton High Performing Arts	Benching by	A/A & Y/B & NF
	BIRD OF YEAR 2019 (Winners from All Shows from November Breeder's Show 2018 to October 2019 Table Show are eligible and will be judged at this Show)	Centre (PAC) Simpson Street. Entries close at 9:00 pm Monday 23 rd September	8.45am	Judging commences 9:00am
	Judge: TBA			
	October General Meeting to follow this Show.			
Friday Nov 01	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & N/F
				<u>FEATURE</u> :
				Bird Nutrition
Sunday Nov 24	CHRISTMAS LUNCHAND CLUB BREAKUP, including final meeting of the year. (December General Meeting).	TBA –	1.00pm 2.00pm By 2.00pm 3.00pm	BBQ. Meeting. Benching. Judging.



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Forward to:

The Secretary - CBS Inc

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Christian Name:		(all if partnership)
Address:		
Email:		_**This is vital to allow
prompt delivery of info	ormation to all members.	
Phone Number:	Mobile	:
l agree to keep my bird husbandry practices.	ds in a suitable environment	t and use appropriate
My current exhibition etc.)	status is	(Open, Novice, Beginner,
Applicant's Signature.		[]]
Proposer's Name	Proposer's Sig	nature
Date		
Please make cheques	payable to: " Capricornia Bu	udgerigar Society Inc."
Membership Rates for	2019: SEP	
Senior : \$40.00	Partnership: \$40.00	Family: \$40.00
Memberships due by Janu remainder of current year.	ıary 01 each year. Membership af	ter June 30 will be \$20 for

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