



# **CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR**

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Dear Member,

For those members that haven't heard, Terry Huth who is a long-time member of our club, had a very nasty accident which required being flown to Brisbane for emergency surgery. He has had several surgeries to repair damage to his face and arm and still has to have more. Terry is now on the mend and the club wishes him a speedy recovery. Also receiving several surgeries to repair an almost severed finger is Qing Wu one of our newest members and the club wishes him a speedy recovery as well. Building breeding cabinets can be a hazardous endeavour.

The Breeders Show which is our final show for the year was another success story for our club. Although entries were down slightly some extremely good birds were presented for our judge Brian Crosbie of Bundaberg. Brian must be congratulated on an excellent job of judging and his very clear and precise decisions and comments of the birds, which everyone appreciated. Brian also commented on how good our new judging stands were.

Congratulations go to Gary Gleadhill on winning Grand Champion of Show with his Normal Violet Any Age Cock and Opposite Sex of Show with his Normal Grey Green Young Bird Hen. Garry also won several variety awards and became the inaugural winner of the Clubs Exhibitor of the Year award. The point score will appear later on in this newsletter. How lucky were we with the weather? On returning home the following two days we had temperatures of 34 degrees here at Beecher.

The club's annual trip to the Pine Rivers Club's auction and aviary visits was another success story. For the members that went they managed to bring home some very good breeding stock which should bode well for producing future show winners for our members. The aviaries of Errol and Lynn Miller and the Godfather of Budgerigars in Australia, Henry George were visited. The birds in both these aviaries were of excellent quality and both the birds and the aviary set-ups were real eye openers for our members especially the members who had not visited these aviaries before.

Scott Eriksen and myself went on our annual pilgrimage to the Newcastle Auction and aviary visits in mid-August, of which a report will also be included in this newsletter. Along with a very interesting article by Richard Miller of the UK.

Cheers,  
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## MEMBERS INFORMATION PAGE

- **Committee Members:** Confirmed at AGM

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- **SHOW & WIN!!!!!!!** Starting at our 2019 Breeders Show, you will become eligible to win a \$200 Credit at our Annual Auction by showing at the 3 Major Shows (Breeders 2019, Annual 2020, Young Bird Show 2020). 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 Qing Wu 0455 237 367 Qing has 2 left. He will also have a supply of 2019 rings (60 cents each and sold in lots of 25, postage is extra \$5.00) Qing also has a supply of new show cages and also cage fronts for sale.
- Future CBS Variety of the Year are as follows: 2020 :- Australian White Caps, 2021:- Lutino, 2022 :- Normal Green. These are judged at the Annual Show each year.

# Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.

Breeders Show 28/09/2019

Judge :- *Brian Crosbie*

Class	Ring No:	Description	Breeder
<b>Grand Champion of Show</b>	QNC-17-GJG-035	Normal Violet	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Ch Opposite Sex of Show</b>	QNC-19-GJG-014	Normal Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Ch Young Bird of Show</b>	QNC-19-GJG-014	Normal Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Champion Beginner of Show</b>	CBS-18-1425	Normal Blue (Sky)	Alan Wayman
<b>Champion Nestfeather of Show</b>	QNC-19-RPS-015	Cinnamonwing Sky	Peter Stengord
<b>Best Team of 3</b>		Nil Entries	
<b>Open Class</b>			
<b>Champion Any Age Cock</b>	QNC-17-GJG-035	Normal Violet	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Champion Any Age Hen</b>	QNC-18-RCO-086	Cinnamonwing Green	R&C Ogden
<b>Champion Young Cock</b>	CBS-19-840	Cinnamonwing Y/F Blue	Antonio Pisano
<b>Champion Young Hen</b>	QNC-19-GJG-014	Normal Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Champion Nestfeather</b>	QNC-19-GJG-083	Normal Grey	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Reserve Champion A/A Cock</b>	QNC-19-GJG-035	Normal Blue (Sky)	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Reserve Champion A/A Hen</b>	CBS-18-736	Cinnamonwing Blue	Antonio Pisano
<b>Reserve Champion Y/B Cock</b>	QNC-19-GJG-015	Dominate Pied Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Reserve Champion Y/B Hen</b>	QNC-19-GJG-027	Normal Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Reserve Champion Nestfeather</b>	QNC-19-GJG-075	Normal Grey Green	Gary Gleadhill
<b>Beginner Class</b>			
<b>Champion Any Age Cock</b>	CBS-18-1425	Normal Blue (Sky)	Alan Wayman
<b>Champion Any Age Hen</b>	CBS-18-1300	Spangle Grey Green	John Guinane
<b>Champion Young Cock</b>	CBS-19-201	Normal Blue (Sky)	Adam Jennings
<b>Champion Young Hen</b>	QNC-19-JEG-031	Dilute Sky	John Guinane
<b>Champion Nestfeather</b>	QNC-19-RPS-015	Cinnamonwing Sky	Peter

			Stengord
<b>Reserve Champion A/A Cock</b>	CBS-17-624	Spangle Grey Green	Adam Jennings
<b>Reserve Champion A/A Hen</b>	CBS-118-1299	Spangle Grey Green	John Guinane
<b>Reserve Champion Y/B Cock</b>	CBS-19208	Spangle Double Factor Yellow	Adam Jennings
<b>Reserve Champion Y/B Hen</b>	QNC-19-JEG-012	Clearbody Sky	John Guinane
<b>Reserve Champion Y/B Hen</b>	QNC-19-JEG-005	Spangle Sky	John Guinane

### **Best of Varieties**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Cage No:</b>	<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Ring No:</b>
<b>Normal Green</b>	104	Darrel Fisher	QNC-18-DGF-027
<b>Normal Grey Green</b>	196	Gary Gleadhill	QNC-19-GJG-014
<b>Normal Blue</b>	111	Gary Gleadhill	QNC-17-GJG-035
<b>Normal Violet</b>	113	Gary Gleadhill	QNC-17-GJG-036
<b>Normal Grey</b>	116	R&C Ogden	QNC-18-RCO-005
<b>Yellow Faced Blue</b>	198	Gary Gleadhill	QNC-19-GJG-011
<b>Australian Golden Faced Blue</b>	158	Nutley Family	QNC-18-NUT-016
<b>Black Eyed Self</b>	117	R&C Ogden	QNC-18-RCO-046
<b>Dilute</b>	013	John Guinane	CBS-16-635
<b>Lutino</b>		Not Awarded	
<b>Albino</b>	119	R&C Ogden	QNC-18-RCO-013
<b>Dark Eyed Clear</b>	201	Darrel Fisher	QNC-18-DGF-030
<b>Clearwing</b>	121	Rod & Val Gardiner	QNC-18-RVG-056
<b>Greywing</b>	163	Darrel Fisher	QNC-18-DGF-097

<b>Cinnamonwing</b>	164	R&C Ogden	QNC-18-RCO-086
<b>Spangle Double Factor</b>	187	Gary Gleadhill	QNC-19-GJG-018
<b>Opaline A.S.C</b>	168	Darrel Fisher	QNC-17-DGF-024
<b>Opaline A.O.S.V</b>	015	Adam Jennings	CBS-17-626
<b>Clearbody</b>	007	John Guinane	CBS-18-1225
<b>Lacewing</b>	135	Darrel Fisher	QNC-18-DGF-007
<b>Fallow</b>		Nil Entries	
<b>Spangle A.S.C</b>	139	John Agnew	CBS-18-343
<b>Spangle A.O.S.V</b>	142	Antonio Pisano	CBS-17-416
<b>Dominate Pied</b>	170	Antonio Pisano	CBS-17-432
<b>Danish Recessive Pied</b>	192	Antonio Pisano	CBS-19-828
<b>Crested</b>	147	Rod & Val Gardiner	QNC-18-RVG-096
<b>Australian White Cap</b>	149	R&C Ogden	QNC-18-RCO-075
<b>AOV / AOSV</b>	151	R&C Ogden	QNC-17-RCO-026

Total Number of Entries :- 159

## 2019 CBS Bird of the Year

Congratulations to Darrel Fisher on winning Bird of the Year and Beginner Bird of the Year with a very nice Greywing Sky Hen.

There were 9 birds entered. These being; Cage 006 - Opaline -Adam Jennings; Cage 007 - Clearbody Sky - John Guinane; Cage 135 - Lacewing Yellow - Darrel Fisher; Cage 137 - Spangle Grey Green - R&C Ogden; Cage 153 - Normal Grey Green - R&C Ogden; Cage 158- Australian Golden Faced Blue - Nutley Family; Cage 163 - Greywing Sky - Darrel Fisher; Cage 195 - Australian White Cap - Darrel Fisher; Cage 210 - Australian White Cap - Darrel Fisher

## Exhibitor of the Year

Exhibitor Name	Annual Show	Young Bird Show	QNCZ Show	Breeders Show	Total Points
John Agnew	0	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
T&M Benbow	6	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Scott Eriksen	13	0	0	0	<b>13</b>
Darrel Fisher	15	9	21	15	<b>60</b>
R&V Gardiner	0	6	9	6	<b>21</b>
Gary Gleadhill	24	6	9	34	<b>73</b>
John Guinane	8	6	12	13	<b>39</b>
Emily Huth	0	0	3	0	<b>3</b>
T&K Huth	0	9	27	0	<b>36</b>
Adam Jennings	11	3	0	7	<b>21</b>
Nutley Family	19	3	6	3	<b>31</b>
O'Callaghan Family	0	14	9	0	<b>23</b>
R&C Ogden	19	12	21	17	<b>69</b>
Antonio Pisano	0	3	3	21	<b>27</b>
Ian Schneider	0	19	18	0	<b>37</b>
John Stam	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Peter Stengord	0	0	0	4	<b>4</b>
Arthur Turnbull	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Alan Wayman	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
Qing Wu	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

As a kid I used to watch the Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain.  
Then I got Facebook!

## Newcastle Trip

At 5:30 am on the Wednesday Scott and myself set off on our annual pilgrimage to Newcastle. First stop being at Ken Seagrott's aviary in Gilgai. Ken is a real icon of our hobby, having won several National Logies. It was a pleasure to see his birds and for anyone wishing to improve their birds, they should do themselves a favour and consider using his bloodlines. Many of the leading studs in Australia have Ken's birds in their background. My own National Grey winner was sired by one of Ken's birds and this year's National Grey Green Winner was out of one of Ken's hens. We both came away with several of Ken's birds to put into our own lines. We then drove the two hours to Tamworth, where we overnighed.

Early Thursday morning saw us at Ernie Wise's for a quick visit. Ernie is a long-time friend and supporter of our club and although he no longer has birds it was great to be able to catch-up for a chat. On leaving Ernie's we then found ourselves at another icon of our hobby in the person of Robert Manvell. After sampling some of his very good Antilles coffee we entered his aviary and was immediately struck by the fantastic quality of his birds. His stud is based on birds which were imported from Joe Mannes of Germany. His birds excel in long dense, soft feather and broad heads with great feather direction. We came away from Rob's with a wealth of new found knowledge about breeding practices and the inheritance of feather qualities.

On leaving Rob's we found ourselves at the establishment of Smith and Fox. Justin was away working and Terry kindly showed us through this fantastic new venture. What an eye opener, from the fully air-conditioned bird room with large extraction fan on a timer to the large mobile flight cages and the overhead shower heads for washing the birds and cage cleaning all in one operation. Oh! and did I mention here was another plethora of quality birds across a wide number of varieties. This establishment will only get better as they are already making plans for improvements. Again, we came away with a wealth of new found knowledge.

After leaving Tamworth we proceeded to Taree and the aviary of Chris Rodgers. Chris is one of Australia's leading variety breeders. Chris has only recently moved to Taree from further south and is still in the process of building his aviary and bird room, which is already quite impressive. Again, the birds were of very good quality and he will have some great youngsters next year, as he has only just started to breed again after the move. It was then onto Guy Denning's to see his small but very impressive set-up. Guy was very forthcoming with tips and advice on a wide range of bird subjects, and his knowledge highlighted why his birds are so good. Scott managed to come away with some great quality stock birds. We thank Guy's lovely wife for the very enjoyable afternoon tea that she provided.

After a night in Taree, Thursday saw us bright and early at Greg Parker's aviary in Forster. Two hours of chatting about all things budgerigar and drooling over the

abundance of fantastic birds in his small but very high quality aviary. (which he is going to demolish and rebuild bigger and better) Saw us on the road again to the aviary of the great Allan Druery at Newcastle. Again, only small but what great birds have come from this establishment over the years, and still they come. Always a pleasure to chat to Allan. Scott again came away with a couple of very good birds. Next port of call was the little master, Garry Gazzard. There are just not enough superlatives to describe Garry's birds and his immaculate aviary. After a couple of hours drooling and getting a preview of the interstate birds for the auction, we decided that it was time to find our motel and rest up before the Newcastle Club function at the East Maitland Bowls Club. A most enjoyable night mixing and chatting with most of the top breeders from around Australia over a superb \$26 all you can eat buffet. Great steaks, an array of roasts, various Asian dishes and some of the best sea food you will find, veggies and salads and various desserts to finish off.

Saturday was the big day, the Auction. Numbers are limited but what quality. One great bird followed by another great bird, all from top breeders. I felt like a kid in a candy store. Most were way outside my limit, but I did manage to pick up a very nice bird. This auction would now go close to being the premier auction in Australia. The quality of birds entered in this auction is eye watering. After the Auction we paid a quick visit to Darren Peters. Darren is a very nice bloke and is the club president and always makes us feel welcome, both to his bird room and to the auction. Saturday night saw a gathering of some of club members and visitors from various States gather at Linderman's Winery restaurant for a most enjoyable meal and get together.

Sunday morning saw us at the aviary of Craig Barnett at Singleton. Craig has very good birds and is one of the most successful exhibitors in Australia at the moment. Again, it was great to catch up with Craig and look at his lovely birds. Then it was a case of "Home James and don't spare the Horses" Arriving back here at 11pm Sunday night, a big few days but so good and educational to boot. I urge more of our members to participate in this adventure and it is not expensive and the more we get together the cheaper it becomes. Consider this trip as other than the Nationals you won't get to see so many great birds and chat to so many great breeders.

Today I saw a dwarf climbing down a prison wall. I thought to myself, that's a little condescending!



## The Old Wives tales of Budgerigars: Always Pair Best to Best

The majority of budgerigar breeders know exactly what they want to achieve – that's the easy part. The difficult part is how do we achieve what we want? In my experience, there are various theories that are supported by fanciers and passed on from one generation to the next. One of those theories, which has been advocated by breeders that I have come across is “always pair best to best”. From my experience, this concept is flawed on a number of levels.

If breeding budgerigars was all about pairing best to best, it would be one of the easiest hobbies in the world. All you would have to do is get your cheque book out and buy a super cock bird and then a super hen bird, pair them up and bingo – I wish! My mentor in the early days of my time in the hobby, Peter Corkhill, supported this theory. He was so adamant that he was correct that he would not buy in an outcross unless it was a better visual bird than something he had at home.

The first time I saw this concept being challenged was when my father and I visited Frank Silva's aviary in 1999. Frank had best in show winning cock birds paired to totally inferior hens – not pet hens but certainly not in the same league as the cocks. The situation was reversed with the best hens in his shed. When I asked Frank why he paired his top birds in this way, he explained “just look at the chicks outside the nest box”. If ever there was a killer argument in a debating competition, that was it! The youngsters feathering up in the nest box and those under the shelter were out of this world and were consistent across all of the best to worst pairings that I had the opportunity to view. When I pressed Frank further on this point, he explained to me that each of the inferior birds were bred from super birds and had nest mates, which were in the same league as the superior cocks and hens that were being used.

I have had the opportunity to test the theory of pairing best to best and best to worst on a number of occasions. Firstly, upon returning from the Budgerigar Society Club Show in 2005 with the Best Opposite Sex Young Bird in Show violet hen, the decision needed to be made what to pair this super bird to. Looking at the hen, it had everything except perhaps a greater spot size and a little bit more style. By coincidence, the other best bird that we had bred that year was an Opaline grey cock which had fantastic spots and bags of style. The two birds were also related. Therefore, it was an obvious pairing – “give best to best one more go” I said to myself. The pictures below show the two birds in question and the bird to the right was the best of a very very bad bunch of youngsters!!!



As you can see, the results were disappointing to say the least.

In 2006, the violet hen returned to the aviary as the winner of best in show at the Budgerigar Society Club Show – a very rare honour. However, when asked the question; “what are you going to pair the hen to this year”, the answer was easy – “I’m going to pair it to the worst sky blue cock in our aviary!”. This idea may have seemed bonkers but I had learned my lesson by now and having witnessed the results of this proposition in Frank’s breeding program, I knew I was on to a winner. The sky blue cock in question is shown below and the lovely cobalt hen on the right is probably the worst specimen of a very very pleasing clutch of youngsters!





In reality, the sky blue cock was the runt of the best nest of youngsters my father and I ever produced, as shown below:





Therefore, the theory that I advocate is pair best to worst (worst of the best that is!). This was again proved to be right when my father and I produced our best family of violets. In 2006, we had a superior sky blue cock (a brother to the bird shown above) and we selected a totally inferior olive cinnamon hen as his mate. She had no spot, was pinched in the head and was very small in size. However, she was the full sister to the best olive cock we have ever bred. The results speak for themselves:





The theory relates to the common method of breeding of pairing opposites. Pairing a very buff bird to another buff bird can eventually lead to problems such as over buff birds, reduced breeding numbers and feather problems. Therefore, common sense dictates that a buff feathered bird should be paired to something with finer feather. It's the same as pairing a bird with flecking to one that is as clean as a whistle. The only counter argument is when a breeder seeks to fix a feature into his pedigree line. In these circumstances, pairing birds of similar qualities can be adopted but I view this as more of a temporary breeding method to produce a desired result rather than something one should adopt year after year.

I appreciate that this theory may appear to be controversial and I am sure there are breeders who could provide evidence to show that best to best has worked for them. However, in my experience, with our birds, it certainly does not. There is an argument that when you breed a really super bird, it is a specimen that has reached the peak of its pedigree. Therefore, there is only one way for that bird to produce and that is beneath itself. From our breeding program with the violet hen, we never produced anything like the violet hen again from the same family. However, the birds produced from the hen paired to less substantial cock have fitted into other family lines and enhanced the desired features. In conclusion, do whatever works for your birds and do not be governed by an old wives tale which may work for someone else but will never work for you and your birds.

***By :- Richard Miller.***



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	<p><b>BREEDERS SHOW</b></p> <p><b>BIRD OF YEAR 2019</b> (Winners from All Shows from November Breeder's Show 2018 to October 2019 Table Show are eligible and will be judged at this Show)</p> <p>Judge: TBA</p> <p>October General Meeting to follow this Show.</p>	<p>North R'ton High Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Simpson Street.</p> <p>Entries close at 9:00 pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</p>	Benching by 8.45am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:00am
Friday Nov 01	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<p><u>Table Show</u> A/A &amp; Y/B &amp; N/F</p> <p><u>FEATURE:</u></p> <p>Bird Nutrition</p>
Sunday Nov 24	CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND 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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