



CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR

SOCIETY INC.

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December 2018

Dear Member,

As another year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club executive and myself to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, as well as a successful upcoming breeding season.

The club Christmas party was another well attended event held at Mount Larcom this year, which was considered to be more convenient to most members being half way between our two most member intensive areas of Rockhampton and Gladstone. The day kicked off with a most enjoyable lunch at the Royal Hotel and we then adjourned to the showgrounds for sweets and the final meeting for the year.

After much deliberation by the club executive a decision was made to cancel our 2018 Breeders Show on the grounds of the welfare of our birds due to the predicted high weather temperatures. With the North Rockhampton High School Hall booked due to us not being able to use our usual venue which had a prior booking by another organization, it was decided the iron clad hall without air conditioning would be too hot for the birds and the exhibitors. As it transpired it was an excellent decision as the temperatures on the day were well above accepted levels. The Judge for this show has now agreed to Judge our 2019 Annual Show in March, so we will all still get to observe and learn from his decisions. This show in 2019 will be held earlier on in the year (see attached calendar) to avoid the extreme temperatures we almost always get towards the end of the year.

A decision to also cancel our Lawn Show, which is normally held in conjunction with our Christmas Party was made and again is for the welfare of the birds. This show will now be held midyear, again see the attached calendar for the date. The cancellation was another great decision as the day was very hot. We got home at 4pm to find it was 36 degrees C in my aviary which I think is a very cool aviary. I can only imagine what it would have been without the 2 extractor fans running as well as 2 pedestal fans blowing in air.

Our secretary John Guinane has unfortunately had to suddenly resign from his position effective immediately due to personal reasons. Please have a think about nominating for this position either yourself or another member you may consider capable of doing the job. Ideally it would be someone with a bit of computer knowledge (but not essential) and the time to put into the position. We would be looking at fulfilling this position at our February meeting. In the meantime Scott Eriksen who is the assistant secretary will be the contact for this position.

Included within this newsletter is a couple of articles that I hope prove of value and interest. Also JJ'S Pet Supplies have supported our club auction the last couple of years and have expressed a desire to continue supporting our club. Please reciprocate and support them where ever possible, they stock all the goodies we need for our hobby.

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 ogdenrc@bigpond.com **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.

REMINDER

**The 2109 membership renewals are due by
December 31st**

Please remit payment (\$40) to John Agnew by the above date.

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

By Dean Harding :- UK Breeder

Just wanted to make a point about a feature I'm keen to get throughout the shed eventually. It's the removal of that long "skirt" which drops below the feet and prevents you from being able to see the shape of the birds body. I think it's a messy and ugly feature. I know some people see it as long feather and a desirable trait and it is when on the head. On most birds the length of feather on the head is also on the body.

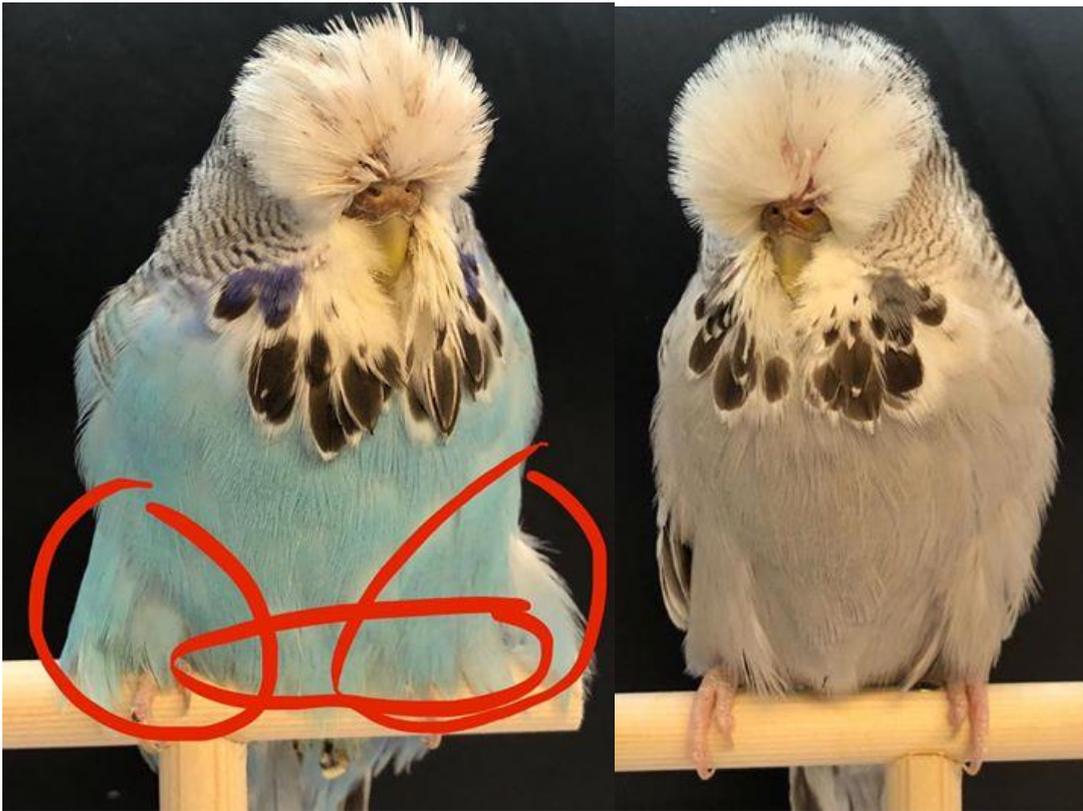
What's difficult is to isolate different lengths of feather on the head and on the body for a more streamlined and attractive appearance.

Genetically you can do it through correct pairing to get the right length in the right places. Or try to. Ideally you need one with the right balance to start off with but occasionally you can breed one randomly as well.

As an example I've posted pictures here of two young hens of mine – one (the cin Sky) has more or less the same feather length all over. The cin Grey has it longer on the head and tighter/shorter in the body. It gives a more stylish look I think.

I've noticed that Daniel Luetolf, Maarten Heylen and also Harrie Aardeama have all recognised this and are working on it to varying degrees. Those breeders have all moved away from extreme birds and looking for a more stylish balance, although they will use some extreme birds in the breeding programme. If you look through the recent BS magazine showing club show winners, you can see which birds display this feature and which don't. Also, start to take note when people post Facebook pictures. It's interesting to see.

Thought I would post this just as a point for thought. At the end of the day it just comes down to personal taste and your own choice. It's a hobby and you can breed whatever makes you happy 😊



BLOOD AND BONE CHANGES IN A BREEDING HEN By Dr.T.G.Taylor.

When I was asked to write about budgerigar biochemistry or anatomy I thought I would combine both subjects in a single article by discussing the chemical changes which occur in the blood of hen budgerigars in the ten days or so which elapse between putting in the nest boxes and the laying of the first egg, and the anatomical changes in the skeleton which accompany the blood changes. Both blood and bone changes are closely related to the egg laying process. A good sized hen weighs about 50 grams (nearly 2 ounces) and during the week before laying her first egg she gains approximately 10 grams; that is, her weight is increased by 20%. This additional weight is due to several factors; an increase in size of the ovary and oviduct, an increase in blood volume, increased deposition of fat and to new bone formation. Associated with an increase in size of the ovary, itself stimulated by the gonadotrophic hormones of the anterior pituitary gland, is the secretion into the blood of female sex hormone, (oestrogen), and the other changes listed above are largely due to oestrogen. Egg yolk consists of approximately half water and half solids, and of the latter, half is protein and half fatty substances. Yolk fats and proteins are manufactured in the liver and they are transported to the ovary in the blood. The ova remove the yolk solids from the blood, thereby growing larger and larger, and when fully grown they are shed into the body cavity and engulfed by the funnel of the oviduct. The ova ripen in succession and are shed at intervals of 48 hours. It is not to be wondered at that the amounts the fat and protein in the blood increase at this time; and the levels remain at a high level throughout the period of laying. After the last egg is laid the amounts of fat and protein fall gradually until the non-breeding levels are reached. Fat and protein are not the only blood components that increase during the pre-laying and laying periods; the calcium, phosphorus, vitamin A and riboflavin concentrations in the blood also increase, and it may well be that other vitamin levels are also augmented. It is in this way that adequate amounts of vitamins and minerals in the egg are ensured, though the increases in the blood vitamin levels mentioned above are dependent on there being adequate tissue reserves in the body of the bird and adequate supplies in the food. It is interesting to note in passing that in spite of the fact that the blood calcium level more than doubles during the laying period and that the egg yolk is relatively rich in calcium, there is still not enough calcium inside the egg to provide sufficient calcium for the calcification of the skeleton of the chick, and approximately 80% of the calcium found in the bones of the chick at hatching is drawn from the shell during the incubation period. The changes which occur in the skeleton during the pre-laying period are related to the provision of calcium for the calcification of the egg shell (the shell is composed almost entirely of calcium carbonate). During this period a whole new system of secondary bone is laid down in the marrow cavities of most of the bones of the skeleton and by the time the first egg is due to be calcified, this new bone almost fills the marrow cavity in some cases. When a femur from a non-laying bird is shown side by side with that of a laying bird the extent of this medullary bone, as it is called, is clearly shown. The medullary bone takes the form of fine interlacing spicules which grow out from the inner surface of the marrow cavity. The spaces between the spicules are occupied by the blood vessels and red marrow tissue. Characteristic changes occur in medullary bone during the process of egg shell calcification. Shortly after an egg enters the shell gland, rapid bone destruction sets in and it persists throughout the period of shell formation (approximately 24 hours). After the egg is laid, the bone forming phase gives rise to one of bone formation and the calcium required for calcification of this bone is derived from food calcium absorbed from the intestines, provided the birds are supplied with ample cuttlefish bone or other sources of calcium. During the bone destroying phase, calcium and phosphorus are released into the blood; the calcium is deposited on the shell and the phosphorus is largely excreted in the urine and voided in the droppings. These cyclic changes of bone destruction followed by bone formation continues until the marrow cavity returns to the resting condition. The formation of medullary bone is under the influence of oestrogen, but the male sex hormones are probably involved as well. The stimulus responsible for the initiation of the bone destroying phase is not known for certain, but it may well be the parathyroid gland. The breeder has little or no control over these hormonal effects. All he/she can do is to make sure that the birds are really fit before mating, to feed the birds a complete diet and leave the rest to nature

Some Rib Ticklers

Two elderly ladies were having a chat over a cuppa at the senior citizens centre when one turned and said “You know Mavis, I’m starting to have trouble remembering things, but I’ve found a way to help me remember. Take my password for example, I’ve changed it to “incorrect” now when I type in the wrong password my computer tells me **“your password is incorrect”**”

Gertrude was excited as it was Tuesday the day she met up with her friends at the bowls club for a friendly game followed by a nice lunch. As she was driving along she came upon some road works where she was held up for a considerable time. When she was finally allowed to pass she decided to speed up as she was now running late.

A police constable saw this and recorded Gertrude travelling at 120 kph in a 60 zone. He pulled her over and asked to see her licence, to which she replied “Oh I don’t have one, it got revoked a couple of years ago for drunk driving”

“Well can I see your registration papers please” Gertrude replied “This isn’t my car, I stole it and killed the owner and put him in the boot”

The constable tells her “Stay in the car don’t move I’m calling for back-up” He talks into his radio and within a few minutes the local police force turns up. The sergeant in charge walks up to Gertrude’s car and asks to see her licence. “Certainly Sir” and reaches into her purse and hands over her licence to the sergeant, who examines it and declares “That’s all good, now can I see your registration papers please”

“Certainly Sir” and she reaches over and takes them out of the glove box for him. Again the sergeant declares them to be in order and asks her to pop the boot so he can look in. Empty!

Gertrude then says to the sergeant “And I suppose that liar also told you that I was speeding”

Old Fred had been a car enthusiast all his life and was totally infatuated with the Ferrari's. As his 90th birthday was approaching and he knew he would not be able to drive for much longer. He decided he would buy himself one for his birthday, and then give it to his beautiful granddaughter when he could no longer drive.

He goes to the local dealer and asks to purchase the red one with the beige leather upholstery. The salesman tells him it is \$380,000. Fred doesn't have that amount of money and tells the salesman he will give him \$200,000 cash for it. The salesman just laughs and tells Fred to stop wasting his time, as there is no way he will drop the price. Fred heads home and his granddaughter asks why he is so dejected. Fred explains his plans and the response from the rude salesman. The granddaughter tells him she will get the price down for him, and gets dressed to go down to the car dealers.

The Granddaughter sweeps in through the doors of the car dealers with her waist long luxurious blond hair flowing out behind her dressed in a very short skin tight dress with a plunging neckline that showed off her long shapely legs and ample bosoms to maximum effect. The salesman noticed her entrance immediately and rushed over to assist her. After climbing in and out of every car in the show room she came to the red Ferrari and stated that was the one she wanted and asked the price. In between batting her eyelids at the salesman she explained she was buying it for her grandfather's birthday but only had \$200,000 to spend but could pay in cash. The Salesman immediately states that was the discount he was thinking of and could draw up the sale papers immediately. The granddaughter gets on her phone and tells Fred to come down and collect his car. When Fred walks into the showroom the granddaughter says to Fred "See grandad I told you I could get this idiot to drop the price"



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

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

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	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF <u>FEATURE: Darryl Fisher: "Breeding Lesser Varieties"</u> <u>Birds required to be brought along: -</u> <u>Clearwings, Black Eyes, Greywings, Dilutes, Fallows, Clearbodies</u>
Saturday Feb 16	Committee Meeting	D. Fisher's residence		2.00pm
Friday March 1	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS) 7.15pm	Table Show A/A & Y/B & NF <u>FEATURE:</u> Yellowface and Goldenface discussion, members to bring 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	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F <u>FEATURE:</u> <u>Stockbird features</u> <u>Members to bring birds along for the discussion</u>
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 Wynnum Auction				
May General Meeting	May General Meeting to follow Young Bird 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	See ANBC Website for information and details, e.g., Venue, times, etc.	
Monday May 27	ANBC Delegates Meeting	Brisbane		
NO JUNE MEETING				
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 venue to be advised SQBBA Auction				
Saturday July 06	General Meeting Committee Meeting to follow GM	Mount Larcom Showgrounds	1.00pm	<u>Lawn Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF <u>FEATURE:</u> <u>Matrix discussion, led by the judges</u>
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	

Friday Sept 06	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> 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 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) Judge: TBA October General Meeting to follow this Show.	North R'ton High Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Simpson Street. Entries close at 9:00 pm Monday 23 rd September	Benching by 8.45am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:00am
Friday Nov 01	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F <u>FEATURE:</u> Bird Nutrition
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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Surname: _____

Christian Name: _____ (all if partnership)

Address: _____

Email: _____ ****This is vital to allow prompt delivery of information to all members.**

Phone Number: _____ Mobile: _____

I agree to keep my birds in a suitable environment and use appropriate husbandry practices.

My current exhibition status is (Open, Novice, Beginner, etc.)

Applicant's Signature..... [L] [SEP]

Proposer's Name..... Proposer's Signature.....

Date.....

Please make cheques payable to: " Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc."

Membership Rates for 2019: [L] [SEP]

Senior : \$40.00

Partnership : \$40.00

Family: \$40.00

Memberships due by January 01 each year. Membership after June 30 will be \$20 for remainder of current year.

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