



# **CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR**

## **SOCIETY INC.**

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Dear Member,

July 6<sup>th</sup> saw our lawn show held at Mount Larcom, and what a great day it was. We had a total of 24 birds entered and although not a great number there was some real quality birds entered across the three divisions. Scott Eriksen did an excellent job of judging the birds, giving equal time to each bird and a very good explanation of the pro's and con's of each and every bird. It was a great learning experience for all members old and new alike, and was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. The results of this show appear later on in this newsletter.

After an enjoyable afternoon tea we had a great discussion led by Scott about the Variety Matrix. Scott explained how it worked and how to interpret it correctly, and then threw up different mixes of varieties and asked how we thought they would fit into the Matrix. This session was another great learning experience and really got those in attendance involved with working out the various combinations and what classes we should be showing our more obscure variety birds in.

Our AGM was held on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> August and the meeting saw Tom Bartlem re-elected President. Scott Eriksen was once again elected Secretary and Treasurer with Darrel Fisher returned as Vice President. Qing Wu is the new club Ring Register and Services Section Steward, but due to a severe hand injury Scott Eriksen will be handling this role for approximately two months. Russel Ogden continues as Show Secretary and Newsletter Editor and our Catering Co-ordinator is Michele Vidler.

We have a club weekend planned with visits to the aviaries of Errol and Lynn Miller and Henry George for the 30<sup>th</sup> August and the Pine Rivers Auction on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Some great birds will be seen at these venues and hopefully some great breeding stock will find their way to our club members.

We have our upcoming Breeders Show on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> September. I trust everyone has their show team selected and are preparing them in readiness for the day. Please enter your birds and give our judge for the day a good entry. The Schedule for this Show appears in this newsletter. Also included in this newsletter is a very good article on breeding for improved birds for show and stud.

Cheers,  
Russell Ogden  
(Newsletter Editor, CBS Inc.) [ogdenrc@bigpond.com](mailto: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	07 4926 2489
Treasurer:	Scott Eriksen	0419 776 837
Secretary:	Scott Eriksen	0419 776 837

- 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](mailto:ogdenrc@bigpond.com) **Thanks to all those who have forwarded these details previously.**
  
- **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 2018, 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. Scott has 2 left if you want to purchase one, contact Scott Eriksen. Scott will also have a supply of 2019 rings, (60 cents each and sold in lots of 25, postage is extra \$5.00) and show cages if anyone needs some.
  
- Future CBS Variety of the Year are as follows: 2020 :- Australian White Caps 2021:- Lutino and 2022 :- Normal Green. These are judged at the Annual Show each year.

**If the grass looks greener elsewhere, stop looking at it, and water the grass you're standing on.**

# 2019 CBS LAWN SHOW

Judge :- *Scott Eriksen*

## Nestfeather

Cage No	Exhibitor	Variety	Place
185	Steve Scott	Recessive Pied Green	
187	Steve Scott	Normal Dark Green	3rd
189	Steve Scott	Normal Dark Green	2nd
191	Steve Scott	Clearwing Green	
293	Rod & Val Gardiner	Clearwing Grey Green	
295	Rod & Val Gardiner	Normal Sky QNC-19-RVG-021	1st

## Young Bird

Cage No	Exhibitor	Variety	Place
181	Qing Wu	Opaline Cinnamonwing Grey CBS-19-110	1st
183	Qing Wu	Australian White Cap Grey	2nd

## Any Age Bird

Cage No	Exhibitor	Variety	Place
301	Nutley Family	Normal Grey Green QNC-17-Nut-031	1st
303	Nutley Family	Normal Cobalt	
323	Nutley Family	Normal Violet	
324	Nutley Family	Australian Golden Faced Violet	
325	Russell & Cheryl Ogden	Normal Dark Green	
326	Russell & Cheryl Ogden	Normal Grey Green	2nd
327	Russell & Cheryl Ogden	Opaline Cinnamonwing Green	
328	Russell & Cheryl Ogden	Spangle Green	
329	Rod & Michele Vidler	Cinnamonwing Sky	3rd
330	Rod & Michele Vidler	Normal Grey Green	
331	Rod & Michele Vidler	Spangle Sky	
332	Rod & Michele Vidler	Opaline Green	
333	Rod & Michele Vidler	Normal Sky	
334	Rod & Michele Vidler	Dominate Pied Grey Green	
335	Rod & Val Gardiner	Normal Grey Green	
336	Rod & Val Gardiner	Normal Grey	

## A RIB TICKLER

Bob and Joe were government maintenance men that were in animated discussion at the base of a flag pole. A woman walking by, saw them and inquired what they were doing? Bob explained that they had been sent out to measure the height of the flag pole but they couldn't reach the top and would need a ladder.

The woman surveyed the scene for a second and asked the men if they had a shifting spanner in their toolbox? Joe replied yes and promptly got the spanner from the toolbox for her. She quickly loosened a few bolts and laid the flag pole down, then got a tape measure from the toolbox and measured the pole declaring it to be 6.8 metres, and promptly strode off.

“Well! if that just isn't like a smarty know it all woman. We want the height and she gives us the length.” Declares Bob.

Bob and Joe are still with the Government but they are Senators these days.

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In 2018 at the Budgerigar Council of Victoria UBC and Adult Shield a panel discussion was held on the standard, breeding, feeding and management of exhibition budgerigars. The panel consisted of Alan Rowe, James Bader and Jamie Wright. In conjunction with this discussion was a presentation by top UK breeder Richard Miller. Richard breeds in partnership with his father Michael as R&M Miller Budgerigars. They come from an agricultural background being some of Britain's leading livestock experts. They have applied the same breeding principles to the budgerigars as they use on their farm. On the following pages is a summary of the presentation given by Richard. This has been copied from a Victorian club newsletter.

# FARMING FOR FEATHERS

Summary of a presentation from  
Richard Miller

How does the farm work?  
There are 10 key features.

**Breeding in Numbers.** They look at every breeding cage as a slot machine. They breed high numbers of birds with high quality of pairing. They believe you never know where the jack pot is going to come from. They do acknowledge that the best ten pairs will increase the quality of the top end but their aim is to improve the overall quality by improving the average. They believe it is a game of percentages. Focus on improving the average and not just the top end.

**Pedigree Production Line.** This is a round by round assessment of quality, moving birds as they get older from one flight to another. In this system, the Miller partnership have Baby Cages (5-8 weeks) Flight 1 (8-12 weeks) Flight 2 (3-4 months) Flight 3 (4-5 months) Flight 4 (6+), by this time they are ready to pair up for the next breeding season and are move to the second aviary.



Richard and Michael Miller  
Pedigree Production Line  
Image courtesy of R&M Miller Budgerigars

The Miller team work on the premise that their birds are only as good as the last round of breeding.

**The Importance of Young Birds.** Once birds are in flight 4 and show signs of maturity, they are paired up. Adult birds are then moved to the second aviary at the end of their first breeding cycle. The Miller team work on the premise that young birds are more virile and represent the future of your stud. Don't focus on the past.

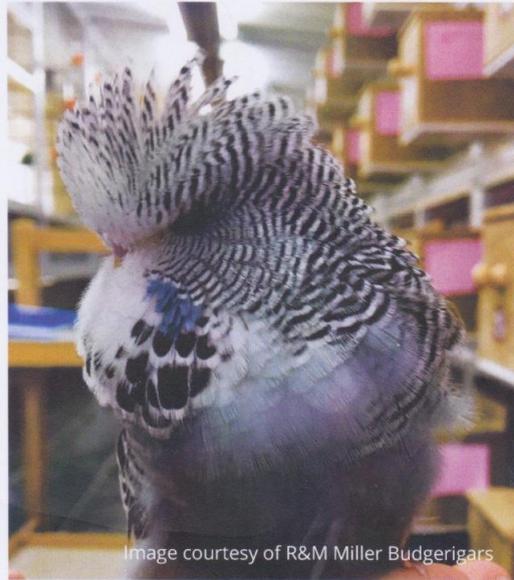


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## FARMING FOR FEATHERS

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**Routine.** The Millers believe that one of the key elements to breeding super birds is to have a routine that the birds can get used to and understand. This will need to fit into your normal day. The Millers check birds twice a day, once in the morning and once in the early evening, they control the light and provide soft food all year round.

**Feeding regime.** The Millers have a specific soft food feeding program that is used all year round. More details can be found on their website and YouTube (details below).

**Keep ahead of the times.** It is important to keep ahead of the times. Feather quality moves on and directional feather is becoming more robust. It is important to keep up with the times, but also to keep ahead of the times. Keep looking forward for new features in budgerigars. Don't be the breeder who is successful on the show bench and in two years becomes totally out of date.

**Pair selection.** Pair selection for the Millers is very important. They recommend pairing opposites. They will never pair an extremely

good cock bird to an extremely good hen. They match features looking for a complementary pairing that considers pedigree: what they have been bred from and the family traits.

**Outcrossing for features.** Their system for bringing in an outcross is twofold. Look for a feature that is lacking and look for a breeder who has that feature in abundance, who is prepared to sell you a bird with this feature. They believe there is a fault in every bird and the job is to work to improve these faults when outcrossing for features.

**Setting goals.** When setting goals, they advise setting realistic ones every season at the following times:

- When pairing up
- When assessing surplus stock
- When sourcing outcrosses

When assessing their stock before pairing, they look for one feature they are wanting to develop/fix and one they want to eradicate/reduce. When selecting breeding pairs, they select as many birds with this feature or with this feature in their pedigree and focus on that for the breeding season.

**The Birds.** The final feature are the birds. I will let the birds speak for themselves on the next page.



Image courtesy of R&M Miller Budgerigars

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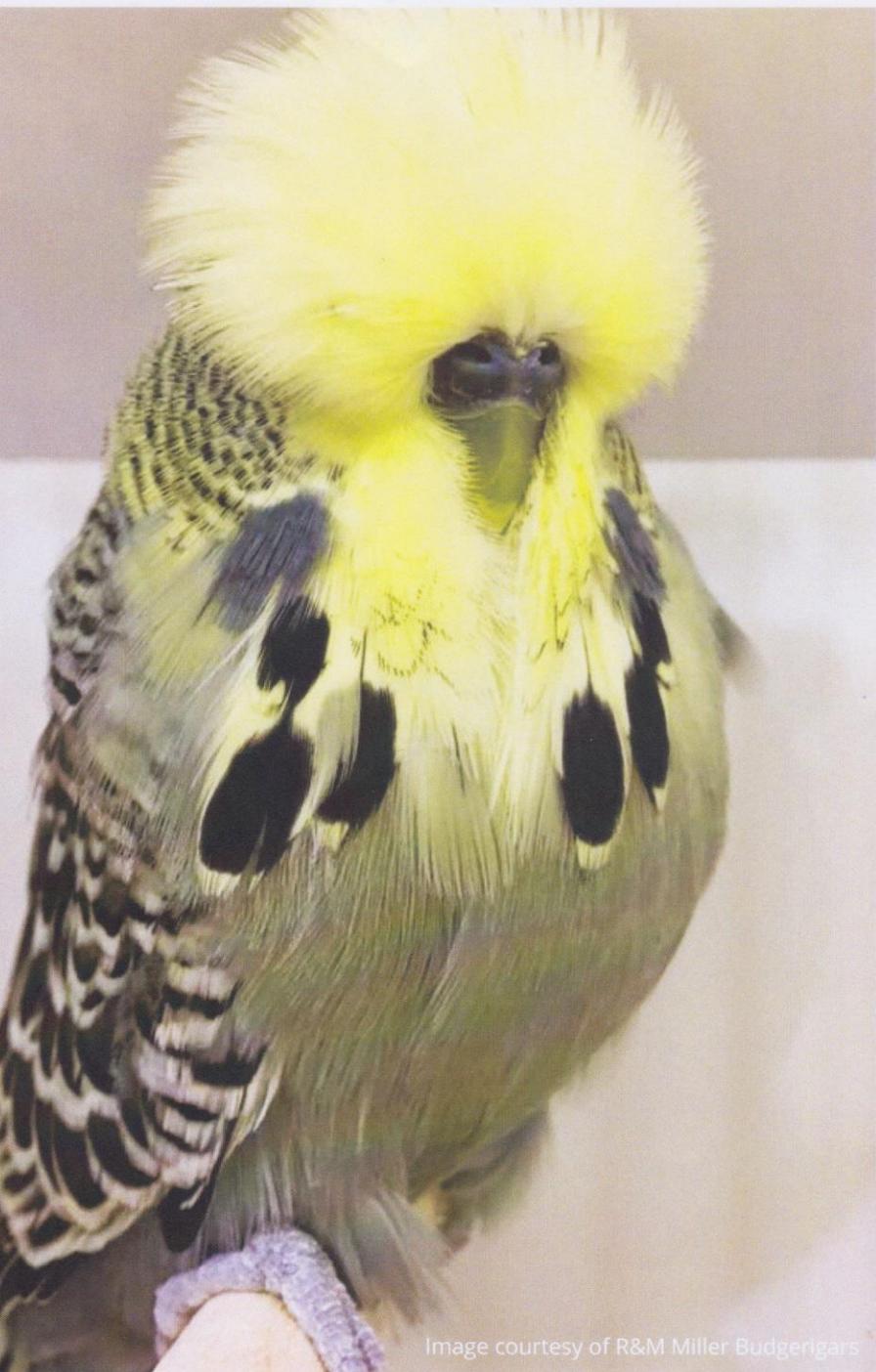


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# THOUGHTS ON FEATHERS

## REFLECTIONS ON RICHARD MILLER'S PRESENTATION AND BCV PANEL DISCUSSION

During the BCV panel discussion following Richard's presentation, Champion breeder and National judge, Alan Rowe (who has just returned from judging in Budapest at the World Budgerigar Show and sits on the World Budgerigar Organisation Panel of Judges), mentioned that he feels we are not too far away in Australia from breeding more of the directional feather we see from international breeders and there may be a need to look at the standard into the future.

Richard Miller spoke about having vision and he used an example of a Daniel Lutolf bird and the aspiring standard on the international show bench. He used two diagrams to illustrate this vision and credited Lutolf with designing the images below.

If you look at the triangle shapes in figure 1, Richard believes they depict the original key hole exhibition budgerigar with the mask coming up to the middle of the face under the beak and going out from the beak to the top of the head.

Figure 1



In figure 2, there is much more width in the middle of the head across the brow and the thickness coming out on top of the head. This is where the vision of the exhibition budgerigar appears to be heading.

Figure 2



### Comparison of figures 1 & 2

Figure 1



Figure 2



Richard believes the future of the budgerigar is the complete face. If you drew a line from the top edge in figure 2 to the bottom edge and fill in that gap with feather, that is the complete face.

Is this what we need to keep in mind as we pair up for future breeding season?

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 <sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>NO JUNE MEETING</b>				
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	<b><u>Lawn Show</u></b> A/A & Y/B & NF  <b><u>FEATURE:</u></b> <b><u>Matrix discussion, led by the judges</u></b>
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	<b>BREEDERS SHOW</b>  <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)  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 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Capricornia Budgerigar Society Inc.

## 51th Breeders Show.

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



Venue: NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL Performing Arts Centre Simpson Street, North R'ton.

Judge: Brian Crosbie

Chief Steward: John Guinane

Show Secretary: Mr 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: **Monday, 23 September 9:00pm.** Late entries will not be accepted.  
E-mail to [ogdenrc@bigpond.com](mailto:ogdenrc@bigpond.com) preferred or phone 0437 025 793

Benching: by 8-45 am

Judging: 9-00 am

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

Presentation of Trophies : 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 ANBC Standard show cages, with a Standard Seed Mix
- 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.
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## **CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY INC. BREEDERS SHOW AWARDS LIST**

<b><u>Grand Champion of Show.</u></b>	Jack Martin Trophy, plus \$25.00 Cash Prize.
<b><u>Ch. Opposite Sex of Show.</u></b>	O'Callaghan Family Trophy.
<b>Ch. Young Bird of Show</b>	Mitton Family Trophy.
<b><u>Ch. Beginner Bird of Show.</u></b>	CBS Trophy.
<b><u>Ch. Nestfeather of Show.</u></b>	CBS Trophy
<b><u>Best Team of 3, must be all same Sex.</u></b>	\$10.00 cash prize.

### **BIRD OF YEAR: Winning Birds from Shows in past 12 months.**

#### **OPEN CLASS.**

Ch. Any Age Cock	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Any Age Hen	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Cock	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Hen	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Nestfeather	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Any Age Cock (Reserve )	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Any Age Hen (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Cock (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Hen (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Nestfeather (Reserve )	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>

#### **BEGINNER CLASS.**

Ch. Any Age Cock	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Any Age Hen	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Cock	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Hen	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Nestfeather	<b>\$15.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Any Age Cock (Reserve )	<b>\$10.00 cash prize.</b>
Ch. Any Age Hen (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Cock (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Young Hen (Reserve)	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>
Ch. Nestfeather (Reserve )	<b>\$10.00 cash prize</b>

**Champion of each of 25 ANBC Variety and AOSV Class: \$15 cash prize per variety.**

## BUDGERIGAR SCHEDULE for CBS Inc. SHOWS

VARIETY	ANY AGE COCK	ANY AGE HEN	YOUNG BIRD COCK	YOUNG BIRD HEN	NEST FEATHER
NORMAL GREEN	1	101	201	301	401
NORMAL GREY GREEN	2	102	202	302	402
NORMAL BLUE	3	103	203	303	403
NORMAL VIOLET	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 A.O.S.V. (Includes Blackeye, Clearwing, Greywing, Cinnamonwing)	18	118	218	318	418
CLEARBODY (includes Opaline)	19	119	219	319	419
LACEWING (includes Opaline)	20	120	220	320	420
Fallow	21	121	221	321	421
SPANGLE (Normal Only, not class 23 combination)	22	122	222	322	422
SPANGLE A.O.S.V. (includes Greywing, Cinnamonwing, Opaline, Fallow)	23	123	223	323	423
DOMINATE PIED (includes Greywing, Cinnamonwing, Opaline, Fallow, Spangle)	24	124	224	324	424
DANISH RECECCIVE PIED (includes Greywing, Cinnamon, Opaline, Fallow, Spangle)	25	125	225	325	425
CRESTED	26	126	226	326	426
AUSTRALIAN WHITE CAP	27	127	227	327	427
A.O.V. / A.O.S.V. (includes Darkwing, Saddleback)	28	128	228	328	428

Please Note :- only combinations of sections 8 to 15 is Yellow Faced Blue. See ANBC matrix at

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for combinations of other sections 16-25



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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..... [SEP]

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

Date.....

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

Membership Rates for 2019: [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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