



CAPRICORNIA BUDGERIGAR

SOCIETY INC.

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Dear Member,

Our final show of the year has been run and was another successful event with congratulations going to Kev O'Callaghan for winning both Grand Champion and Opposite Sex of Show. His winning Spangle Sky hen would have to be one of the best Spangles you would ever see and his Normal Grey Green cockbird is also right up there with the best. Well, done Kev.

It was also great to see two of our northern neighbors from Mackay, being Peter Drew and Doug Wales supporting our show. Only Peter was able to physically attend but he brought some cracking birds with him.

The club extends it's thanks to Qing for the excellent job he has done over the last few years as club ring registrar and merchandising steward. This position has now been kindly taken on by Shayla Evans, please give her all the support you can. It should be noted that this very important position has been filled by relatively new members in Qing and Shayla and for that, the club is grateful for their club spirit.

Don't forget our upcoming Christmas Break-up on the 21st November please support this great event if you can. More details will follow closer to the date. The results of the Breeders Show appear in this newsletter as does a couple of articles.

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

MEMBERS INFORMATION PAGE

- **Committee Members:** Confirmed at AGM

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- EMAIL Addresses: To allow for more efficient distribution of club information, please forward a test email or your email address to cbudgerigars@gmail.com and for newsletters to ogdenrc@bigpond.com **Thanks to all those who have forwarded these details previously.**

- **SHOW & WIN!!!!!!!** Starting at our 2021 Breeders Show, you will become eligible to win a \$200 Credit at our Annual Auction by showing at the 3 Major Shows (Breeders 2021, Annual 2022, Young Bird Show 2022). 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 2021, 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.

- Services Section: The Club Shirt is now being worn by many members. If you want to purchase one, contact Shayla Evans 0408 731 846 **(Please do not call after 7:00 pm)** Shayla will also have a supply of 2021 rings, (60 cents each and sold in lots of 25, postage is extra \$5.00) and show cages and cage fronts if anyone needs some.

- Future CBS Variety of the Year are as follows: 2022 :- Normal Green. These are judged at the Annual Show each year.



A purpose-built table or a seed bench can be used to protect youngsters.



Marbles reduce chances of squashed chicks.

Breeding problems, simple solutions

THERE are always new people coming into budgies and every time a new fancier enters a breeding season the same problems come up time and time again.

Let's start by apologising to the old hands who have heard it all before, but it's vital that we help our newcomers and get them through the first couple of years successfully — and as we hear time and time again we never stop learning so maybe there is something for everyone here.

Chicks attacked as they leave nest boxes is the most common call from new fanciers when they are in a panic. Fanciers have no idea what to do when they see blood and the chicks almost scalped. It's upsetting and we all know it's a problem.

Its probably caused when the pair are keen to get on with the next round of eggs and the first round chicks are getting in the way. Chicks try to climb back into the nest box and the parents don't want that to happen so they attack to keep the chicks out.

Sometimes it's the cock, sometimes the hen but the sign to watch out for will be the blood about the face of the culprit. Frequently I feel it's the cock attacking because the youngsters are getting too much attention from the hen.

Once it's happened there is little that can be done. It's a great advantage if the fancier spends a lot of time in the bird room because you will hear the cry from the youngsters being attacked.

It's all about prevention and that means offering small boxes in the corner of the cage, maybe a very small table where the babies can get away from the parents. Many fanciers place feeding dishes on a feeding tray and the chicks can climb under the tray to escape.

I always try to get babies away from the parents as soon as I see babies feeding themselves and it's why I offer millet sprays in nest boxes, so the babies know what to do when they leave the boxes — they instantly feed on the sprays.

The problem occurs because the parents are breeding fit and are keen to breed. Unless they are fit you are not going to get fertile eggs so it's in all breeders' interest to get them fit — but if they are fit they are likely to attack chicks.

If you notice that a cock seems to be ready to attack the chicks I would take the cock away and leave the hen to complete the rearing.

It might be necessary to re-introduce the cock every day to mate with the hen but don't leave him in the cage or he is likely to attack chicks.

If he does not instantly mate take him away and try again an hour or so later.

CLEAR EGGS IN FIRST NEST, WHAT DO WE DO?

I would instantly look at the pair. Check that both birds are breeding fit and they look as if they are keen to breed. If feathers around the vent have not been cut or removed I would do it.

Lots of budgies are now thick feathered and sperm from the cock might not be getting through to the hen. I would trim cock and hen but it's probably more important to do the cock because his tail drops when they mate and that will compact the feathers and the hen's tail is raised.

If the hen has laid a full clutch it should be six or more eggs, if its

fewer than five I would suggest the hen is not fit and I would separate the pair and try again in a few weeks.

We should look at the age of the birds. Hens of eight months or more are old enough to breed if they look fit. Younger hens will breed but I fear it spoils them for a second season.

Breeding with a young cock does not damage the cock but sometimes cocks that are too young, and by that I mean six or seven months, might be too young to produce sperm.

I am not sure what's happening in Australia but in Europe many experienced breeders are milking a cock when

they select cocks for breeding and check he is producing sperm. If he is not producing sperm there is little point in pairing him up. It's not a difficult technique and is well worth perfecting for successful breeding.

When I pair up I try to pair an experienced breeding bird with one that has not bred before and I try not to use two young birds that have never bred before.

If my first round eggs were all clear I would check for any obvious reason and if there is nothing to suggest why that happened I would take the eggs away, stop entry to the box for up to a week and hope the second round of eggs at least produces some fertile eggs.

If they are clear I would break the pair and try again later.

YOUNG HENS NOT FEEDING THEIR FIRST-TO-HATCH BABIES: This is a

common problem. We might think that hens will feed their babies but it does not happen every time.

Far too frequently the first chick to hatch is not fed and we find it dead and squashed in the nest. It seems to me that some hens don't seem to know how it's done and we might have to teach them how to feed.

It's worth repeating the advice I have given many times — I place a large marble in the nest box at the time the first egg is laid. I do that as a matter of routine and the advantage comes when the first chick hatches by reducing the chance of that chick being squashed rather than not being fed. We are never sure

Sometimes the second chick to hatch gets fed so it ceases to become a problem. However once two chicks have not been fed we have to be proactive and do something about it.

I place an older chick into the nest — it needs to be old enough to call and demand food from the hen. A chicks that's about six or seven days old does the job well.

That teaches the hen to feed and once she is feeding she will almost certainly feed the next chick that hatches. When you are sure the hen is feeding the newly-hatched chick the older chick can be removed and placed back in its original box.

My experience is that once the hen feeds she will continue to feed and usually feeds well.

NOTE: When things go wrong new breeders become anxious and frustrated.

They might feel they should know how to deal with the problem but they don't have the experience.

There are clubs, experienced fanciers and plenty of help about to offer support.

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Misfits and mongrels are definite beauties

Photos: Don Burke

EVERYONE breeds mistakes from time to time.

You know the ones — budgies that simply don't fit into classes at exhibitions so you can't show them in any of the classes that matter.

You can only exhibit your bird in "Any other colour or variety" classes which are not eligible for major awards at shows.

These are the garbage classes for rubbish birds.

For the record, no budgie has ever won the Melbourne Cup.

No budgie has ever pulled a baker's wagon.

There are no recipes for budgerigar pie.

You can't ride them or use them to do hard labour nor can you eat the little creatures.

We breed them to look pretty!

Why then are the prettiest budgies unwelcome at shows?

What has happened to our budgie clubs that they have utterly lost the plot?

Rainbow budgies are the world's most popular budgerigar variety yet they live in a twilight world unwelcome at almost every budgie show.

Australia, the originator of the rainbow, has never even developed a Standard of Perfection so that we could exhibit them here.

Vast numbers of rainbows are bred and kept in Thailand, India, Pakistan and right through Asia and the Middle East and northern Africa. But not in their HOME country.

And what about classes for ultraviolet coloured budgies?

Imagine if we initiated special classes at shows for budgies with the most attractive UV colours.

Every hall that I have attended during a budgie exhibition has a room that could be blacked out and used for UV classes.

Imagine a room full of glowing budgies. How good would that be?

It would attract many new members and lots of kids.

Yet budgie clubs just do not do these sorts of things —they don't innovate.

See UV light photos on the next page.



Technically this bird is rubbish, a mongrel. It matters not that it is beautiful. It is a White Cap Seafoam Cinnamonwing Rainbow and a nice one at that. But it belongs nowhere because an invisible committee of old men decided that and budgie club members have no say in it. A simple club for breeders of pretty little budgies is weighed down in undemocratic bureaucracy. But there are other pretty little budgies on the outer.



This is a mongrel too. Budgie exhibitions the world over will reject this pinkish-lavender mongrel, another rubbish bird. It is a Red Violet Clearwing Fallow but clearwing fallows have no respectable place at budgie exhibitions. Why? Well it is another undemocratic decision from a committee of grumpy old men. How could this happen? How could members lose control of their pretty budgie clubs?



And what about Opaline Fallows, above. Surely someone would love to breed them, with their pink eyes?



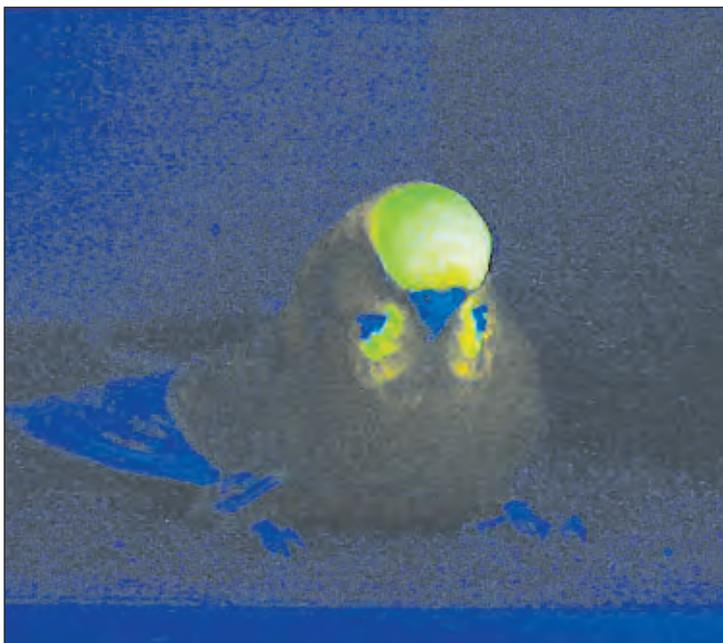
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Above is a budgie in a very dark room lit by black UV lighting. These colours are invisible to humans, but they glow under UV black lights.



Above is a lutino hen under normal light. Below, under black UV lights in a darkened room, she looks entirely different.

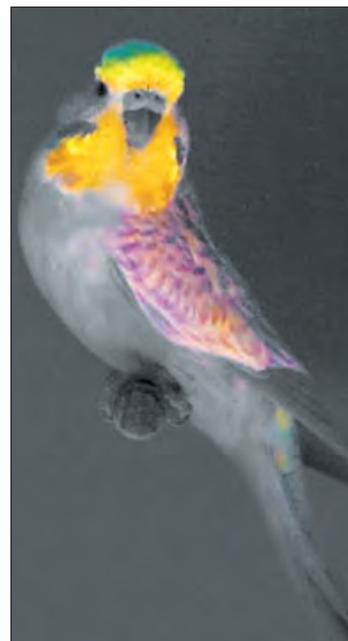


And you, dear reader, wouldn't you like a Violet-Sky White Cap Rainbow? Just look at those colours. Well you can't exhibit one if you breed or buy it other than in a class for mongrels: AOV or AOC.

The Australian Heritage Budgerigar Association is committed to supporting beautiful budgies and is deeply committed to supporting new varieties and colours that our members want.



And this beautiful cock bred by AHBA member Hilton Smith. It is probably an opaline spangle greywinging violet, but who cares? Describing each budgie by its genetic parts is often irrelevant. If it is attractive there should be a class for it at shows if enough people like it. This surely is the fundamental bedrock of a Democratic club? Club officers believing that they know what is best for the members are acting improperly. That must change.



The great news is that different mutations of budgies have more and more UV pigment. By accident, breeders have selected new mutations that have UV pigment spread in much larger areas than wild budgies have. On the upper left is an English yellowfaced dilute. Below is the same hen under black UV light. Her entire face and her wings are awash in UV pigment. If you look at the Lutino hen in the photos on the right hand side of this page you will see her much smaller areas of UV pigment — forehead and the stripes next to her cheek patches. That is the pattern that all wild budgies have. White Cap budgies have even more UV pigment again. There is so much fun ahead for us if we select for ever-more UV colouring on our budgies. Budgie clubs are rapidly shrinking, maybe Ultraviolet classes might get us new members and help budgerigar clubs to survive.

A Bit of a Giggle

The mother-in-law came around for dinner the other night. We had just about finished the meal and she asks me why the dog keeps staring at her. I replied “Because you’re using his plate”

A new comer to a small outback town, goes into the town’s only pub to get to know the locals and says to the publican “A beer for me, a beer for you and a beer for everyone in the bar”. After drinking his beer he decides to leave and the publican says “Hey what about paying for these beers”. “Can’t, I’ve got no money”. The newcomer replies. So, the publican beats the living daylight out of him.

The next night the newcomer comes into the pub again and fronts up to the bar and again says to the publican “A beer for me, a beer for you and a beer for everyone in the bar”. The publican is a bit wary, but decides the newcomer wouldn’t try the same thing again, so pours the beers. After drinking his beer the newcomer starts to leave and the publican again asks him about paying for the beers to which the newcomer replies “Can’t, I’ve got no money”. So the publican beats the living daylight out of him.

The following night the newcomer again fronts up to the bar and says “A beer for me and a beer for everyone in the bar”. The publican replies “What no beer for me”. “Nah! You get violent when you drink”.

A young blonde lady who lost her job due to the pandemic decides to start up a handyman business to earn money. She goes to the affluent part of the city to canvass the neighbourhood. The first house she calls at an older gentleman answers the door and she gives him her spiel. He replies “I suppose that the porch needs repainting, how much”. She gives him a price of \$50, and he tells her to go ahead and she will find the paint, brushes and everything she needs to do the job in the shed.

The gentleman goes inside and tells his wife about the job and the price, to which she is sceptical. “That seems awfully cheap, does she realise the size of the porch?”

About four hours later the lady knocks on the door to announce she has completed the job and to get paid. “I had plenty of paint so, I gave it two coats. By the way it isn’t a Porsche it’s an Audi”.

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Breeders Show 25/09/2021

Judge :- *Scott Eriksen*

Class	Ring No:	Description	Breeder
Grand Champion of Show	QNC-19-OC-209	Spangle Sky Hen	O'Callaghan Family
Ch Opposite Sex of Show	QNC-21-OC-697	Spangle Grey Green Cock	O'Callaghan Family
Best in Show 1-5	Cage 133 O'Callaghan Family - Cage 151 O'Callaghan Family - Cage 032 Peter Drew – Cage 059 Qing Wu – Cage 179 O'Callaghan Family		
Ch Young Bird of Show	QNC-21-OC-697	Spangle Grey Green	O'Callaghan Family
Champion Beginner of Show	MK-19-PD-037	Spangle Grey Green	Peter Drew
Champion Nestfeather of Show	CBS-21-047	Opaline Cinnamon Grey Green	Qing Wu
Best Team of 3		Clearbody Blues	R & C Ogden
Open Class			
Champion Any Age Cock	QNC-18-OC-094	Australian White Cap Sky	O'Callaghan Family
Champion Any Age Hen	QNC-19-OC-209	Spangle Sky	O'Callaghan Family
Champion Young Cock	QNC-21-OC-697	Spangle Grey Green	O'Callaghan Family
Champion Young Hen	QNC-21-OC-715	Australian White Cap Sky	O'Callaghan Family
Champion Nestfeather	QNC-21-OC-083	Lacewing Yellow	O'Callaghan Family
Reserve Champion A/A Cock	QNC-19-OC-375	Cinnamomwing Grey Green	O'Callaghan Family
Reserve Champion A/A Hen	QNC-20-RCO-022	Opaline Green	R & C Ogden
Reserve Champion Y/B Cock	QNC-21-OC-619	Cinnamomwing Grey Green	O'Callaghan Family
Reserve Champion Y/B Hen	QNC-19-RMV-917	Normal Green	R & M Vidler
Reserve Champion Nestfeather	QNC-21-RMV-095	Spangle Gey	R & M Vidler
Beginner Class			
Champion Any Age Cock	MK-19-PD-037	Spangle Grey Green	Peter Drew
Champion Any Age Hen	CBS-20-605	Normal Grey Green	Qing Wu
Champion Young Cock	CBS-21-606	Dominate Pied TCB Opaline	M & S Evans
Champion Young Hen	CBS-21-004	Normal Grey Green	Qing Wu
Champion Nestfeather	CBS-21-047	Opaline Cinnamon Grey Green	Qing Wu
Reserve Champion A/A Cock	MK-20-PD-047	Normal Grey Green	Peter Drew

Reserve Champion A/A Hen	CBS-20-913	Opaline Cinnamon Grey	M & S Evans
Reserve Champion Y/B Cock	CBS-21-661	Spangle Double Factor White	M & S Evans
Reserve Champion Y/B Hen	CBS-21-006	Opaline Cinnamon Grey Green	Qing Wu
Reserve Champion Nestfeather	CBS-21-1203	Normal Blue Sky	Qing Wu

Best of Varieties

Class	Cage No:	Breeder	Ring No:
Normal Green	159	R & M Vidler	QNC-19-RMV-917
Normal Grey Green	059	Qing Wu	CBS-21-004
Normal Blue	107	R & C Ogden	QNC-20-RCO-024
Normal Violet	139	O'Callaghan Family	QNC-21-OC-626
Normal Grey	111	R & M Vidler	QNC-20-RMV-071
Yellow Faced Blue	141	O'Callaghan Family	QNC-21-OC-642
Australian Golden Faced Blue	114	Nutley Family	QNC-20-NUT-008
Black Eyed Self	142	R & C Ogden	QNC-21-RCO-017
Dilute		NIL Entries	
Lutino	061	Renz Key	CBS-21-168
Albino	043	Renz Key	CBS-20-524
Dark Eyed Clear		NIL Entries	
Clearwing	143	Doug Wales	MK-21-DE-040
Greywing	017	Peter Drew	MK-19-PD-054
Cinnamonwing	145	O'Callaghan Family	QNC-21-OC-619
Spangle Double Factor	116	O'Callaghan Family	CBS-18-1538
Opaline A.S.C	131	R & C Ogden	QNC-21-RCO-022
Opaline A.O.S.V	064	Qing Wu	CBS-21-006
Clearbody	132	R & C Ogden	QNC-19-RCO-058
Lacewing	027	Renz Key	CBS-20-503
Fallow	174	R & C Ogden	QNC-21-RCO-022
Spangle A.S.C	133	O'Callaghan Family	QNC-19-OC-209
Spangle A.O.S.V	032	Peter Drew	MK-19-PD-037
Dominate Pied	122	R & M Vidler	QNC-19-RMV-081
Danish Recessive Pied	034	Peter Stengord	QNC-20-RPS-009
Crested	155	Doug Wales	MK-21-DE-049
Australian White Cap	179	O'Callaghan Family	QNC-21-OC-715
AOV / AOSV		NIL Entries	

Total Number of Entries :- 177

CBS Inc.---Calendar of Events---2021

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

Sunday Jan 10	ABS Inc Auction	Eagleby, Brisbane		
Saturday Jan 16	Committee Meeting	North Rockhampton State High School	2.00 pm	
Friday Feb 05	General Meeting Judges Meeting to follow.	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS)	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF <u>FEATURE:</u> Faults in birds and culling Open discussion
Saturday Feb 20	Social Event	Calliope	12pm	TBC
Friday March 5	General Meeting	North Rockhampton High School (NRHS) 7.15pm		<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF
Monday March 15	Entries close for Annual show			
Saturday March 20	Annual Show and General Meeting		Benching by 9.15am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:30am
		No meeting in April as after Annual Show		
Easter - 2 nd April to 5 th April				
Friday				
April 9	CBS Inc. ANNUAL AUCTION ENTRIES DUE TODAY!!!!!! And Wynnum Auction			

Saturday April 17	Committee Meeting Committee meeting to discuss Zone & ANBC Agenda Items.	North Rockhampton High School	2.00pm	
May General Meeting	May General Meeting to follow Young Bird Show			
Monday April 26	Entries for Young Bird Show closes 9pm with Show Secretary			
Saturday May 01	CBS INC YOUNG BIRD SELECTION SHOW. May General Meeting to follow this SHOW Draw of CLUB REWARDS for credit of \$200 at CBS Auction	Bird Pavilion Mount Larcom Showgrounds	Benching by 8.45am	Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:00am CBS Members Raffle drawn.
Saturday May 22	N & C Q Zone: 1. Judges Panel & 2. Delegates Meeting.	Townsville		3:00 pm Judges Meeting TBC 3:30 pm Zone Delegates Meeting TBC
Sunday May 23	N & C Q ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.	Townsville		Benching by 8am Judging starts after
Friday May 28 Saturday 29 Sunday 30	ANBC C'SHIP SHOW	Bendigo	See ANBC Website for information and details, e.g., Venue, times, etc.	
Monday May 31	ANBC Delegates Meeting	Bendigo		
NO JUNE MEETING				
Saturday June 12	Pre-Auction Dinner	Red Lion Hotel	6.30 for 7.00pm	Performing Arts Hall opened from 2-4pm for setup & birds to be
Sunday June 13	ANNUAL WINTER AUCTION	Nth R'ton High School Performing Arts Hall.	Bench by 7.45am	View 8.00am Starts at 9:00am
Saturday July 03	General Meeting Committee Meeting to follow GM	Mount Larcom Showgrounds	1.00pm	<u>Lawn Show</u> A/A & Y/B & NF FEATURE:
July BRASEA Auction, STRATHPINE, Brisbane.				
Saturday July 24	Social Event	Raglan or Mount Larcom	12pm	TBC

Friday Aug 6	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 Newcastle Auction				
August 28th	Visit to ??? Aviary To Be Confirmed Attend Pine Rivers Annual Auction	CLUB ANNUAL EVENT	Depart early Saturday morning	
Friday Sept 03	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F <u>FEATURE:</u> Red Eyes
Friday Sept 03	Committee Meeting	North Rockhampton High School		After general meeting
Monday Sept 20	Entries for Young Bird Show closes 9pm with Show Secretary			
Saturday Sept 25	BREEDERS SHOW BIRD OF YEAR 2020 (Winners from All Shows from November Breeder's Show 2019 to October 2020 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.	Benching by 8.45am	A/A & Y/B & NF Judging commences 9:00am
Friday Nov 05	General Meeting	NRHS	7.15pm	<u>Table Show</u> A/A & Y/B & N/F <u>FEATURE:</u> What is a Normal and Greygreens
Sunday Nov 21	CHRISTMAS CLUB BREAKUP, including final meeting of the year. (December General Meeting).	TBA –	12pm	Lu nc h

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North ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4701

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 2021: [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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