

# The NTBS Budgerigar

## The National

**T**he 55<sup>th</sup> SA National Championship Show was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Oppenheimer Indoor Sports Complex in Vaal Reefs, in the heart of the North West Province, between Klerksdorp and Orkney. This show was presented by the Western Transvaal Budgerigar Society. The show was well supported with 1791 entries being received.

### The 1997 South African Champion

Jenny Huber.

### The Major Awards

Best Bird on Show - Jenny Huber with a Sky Blue cock.

Best Opp. Sex on Show - Molkenntin Stud with a Cinn. Blue Series Hen.

### The Champion Section

There were 417 exhibits from 21 exhibitors.

Best Champion on Show - Fred Sherman with a Grey Cock.

Best Champion Opp. Sex - Molkenntin Stud with a Cinn. Blue Series Hen.

### The Intermediate Section

There were 362 exhibits from 20 exhibitors.

Best Intermediate on Show - Jochandi Aviaries with a Sky Blue cock.

Best Intermediate Opp. Sex - J.A Nel with a Opaline Cinn. Green Series Hen.

### The Novice Section

There were 543 exhibits from 30 exhibitors.

Best Novice on Show - J.L Huber with a Sky Blue Cock.

Best Novice Opp. Sex - J.L Huber with a Light Green Hen.

### The Beginner Section

There were 469 exhibits from 36 exhibitors.

Best Beginner on Show - C.M Kenton with a Sky Blue Cock.

Best Beginner Opp. Sex - C.M Kenton with a Opaline Cinn. Blue Series Hen.



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**T**his is the first of hopefully many newsletters, which I envisage will be issued monthly to all members of the Northern Transvaal Budgerigar Society.

As you would have noticed this issue has been given the name, The NTBS Budgerigar. If you would like to recommend another name, you are welcome.

As this is a newsletter for our club I would like anyone to contact me with any items that can be published in this newsletter. Anyone with any ideas of improving the newsletter can also contact me. It must be noted that Afrikaans items will also be included in future.

If you have any equipment or birds for sale let me know and I will advertise the items in the newsletter for you.

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## The 1998 Shows

**T**he 1998 show scene looks busy with May, June, July and August being occupied with shows around the country.

The shows are as follows :

- (1) Young Bird Show, Borario on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.
- (2) Free State Provincial, Vereeniging on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- (3) Eastern Cape Provincial, East London on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- (4) Transvaal Provincial, Kempton Park on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- (5) Western Cape Provincial, on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June.
- (6) Kwazulu-Natal Provincial, Durban on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- (7) National, Kathu on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## 1998 Rings

**T**he 1998 rings will be available on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. The final ring order date for these rings was the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1997.

The ring colours for the coming years will be :

- 1998 will be Dark Blue.
- 1999 will be Gold.
- 2000 will be Dark Green.
- 2001 will be Dark Red.
- 2002 will be Black.

For a once off fee of R 50.00 you can now have your personal 3 letter code printed on your rings. Contact Chris Oberholzer at (011) 693 1790 if you would like to inquire about this.

## 1998 Fees

**S**ome of the fees for 1998 have been adjusted. If you receive any queries with regard to joining the club, the fees that are applicable are as follows :

- (1) Entry is R 30.00. (once off payment)
- (2) Affiliation is R 25.00 (included in member fees)
- (3) Members fees are as follows :
  - (a) Normal fee is R 80.00 per year.
  - (b) Pensioners fee is R 30.00 per year.
  - (c) Women's fee is R 50.00 per year.
  - (d) Juniors fee is R 40.00 per year.
- (4) Rings are R 1.40 each.

Ring order forms as well as forms for new members can be obtained by contacting Pieter van der Linde at (012) 335 6950.

## NTBS Members

**T**he Northern Transvaal Budgerigar Society has a total of 57 members. We are one of the largest clubs in South Africa. The 57 members are made up of 7 honorary, 10 pensioners and 40 members.

The NTBS has 29 Beginners, 6 Novices, 9 Intermediates and 13 Champions.

It can therefore be seen that the competition in the Beginner class is quite tough with everyone aspiring to become Novices.

## Mentor

**T**he NTBS Beginners who have any questions about the hobby, breeding, training, showing or culling of budgerigars can contact Corrie van Staden at the following number, (012) 803 8621. He was appointed in 1997 as mentor for all Beginners.

## On Sale

**C**hris Oberholzer has many items on sale and can be contacted at (011) 693 1790.

The items that are available are :

- (1) New type perches for Show cages at R 1.50 per set.
- (2) The "All about Greens, Pies etc." books at R 60.00 each.
- (3) Drinkers for Show cages at R 1.50 each.
- (4) Cuttlefish holders at R 1.50 each.
- (5) Ties at R 35.00 each.

## The next issue

**I** hope that before the next issue is due, some of you have contacted me with items to place in the NTBS Budgerigar. You must remember that your inputs are vital.

The next issue will contain the following items :

- (1) The NTBS proposed year program.
- (2) Breeding expectations.
- (3) Budgerigar sicknesses.
- (4) Your items.