



# The NTBS Show Budgie

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## The Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting was a great success and was well attended. The main issue that was discussed was the name change of the club. This was not passed and the club name will therefore remain as is. This month the main article will be skipped and a photo report on the AGM will take its place.



The new committee from left to right:  
John Nel (Secretary), Andre Erasmus, Gideon Taljaard (Committee member), Ian Nel (Show Secretary), Neville Greyling (Committee member), Pieter van der Linde (Treasurer), Mike Davies (Chairman). Insert: Corrie van Staden (Vice Chairman)



The Chairman, Mike Davies, gives his report.



The Treasurer, Pieter van der Linde, gives his financial report.



The Show Secretary, Ian Nel, announces the club champions.



Mike Davies hands over the trophy to the club champions, the Nel Brothers Stud.



Voting on the club name change.

## The Club Champions

The Nel Brothers Stud, John and Ian, were crowned the NTBS mini show champions for 1998.



The Nel Brothers started in September 1996. Initial stock was four pairs purchased from the Molkentin Stud and two pairs purchased from Arthur Windell. They were also crowned the Beginner Mini Show champions for 1998.

The Editor



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## **Budgerigar Health**

### **~French Molt~ Part 2**

People who fear inbreeding point to the fact that new Budgie blood has not been imported for some time, so that all captive birds have become more or less related. This, they say, has caused a weakening, which can lead to French molt under certain circumstances. Therefore, people should keep "freshening up" the blood of their Budgies by buying or otherwise acquiring unrelated birds. The theory holds that there are many outwardly normal birds who carry the tendency toward French molt. When these birds are mated, the tendency is intensified and outward signs of problems appear. More technically, French molt is triggered by a recessive gene that must be received from both parents. Another theory holds that the illness is caused by weak parents. In other words, it would be nothing more than a weakness inherited by the young, manifested by the symptoms of French molt. Dr. Mannaerts, a breeder from Bladel in the Netherlands, believes firmly that you can avoid the problem altogether by not breeding with any birds that have small grey or black cross-stripes in the pin feathers. You can easily note these stripes ---- especially on the light coloured pin feathers by spreading the tail and wings. The stripes, supposedly, indicate carriers of the problem. In a recent interview, Mannaerts pointed to his record of complete freedom from French molt in his aviaries. Mannaerts has been breeding Budgies for years and has a reputation among breeders for the high-quality birds he produces. In a way, Mannaer's theory also includes the notion that inbreeding promotes the development of French molt even if it isn't a direct result of this practice. The late Mr. H. Van Dijk of Eindhoven in the Netherlands believes that French molt is caused by parasites specifically the larvae of a type of moth.

Continued next month

## **Promotions**

The following NTBS members have been promoted and will take up their new status on 1 October 1998.

The **Molkentin Stud** has been promoted from Blue ribbon champions to Bronze medal champion.

**Corrie van Staden** has been promoted from Novice to Intermediate.

The **Nel Brothers Stud** has been promoted from Beginner to Novice.

Congratulations to these members.



Yellowface Skyblue  
Nel Brother Stud

## **New Members**

Lewis NP

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Please refer any queries to Pieter van der Linde or John Nel.

## **~Tip of the Month~ Cracked Eggs**

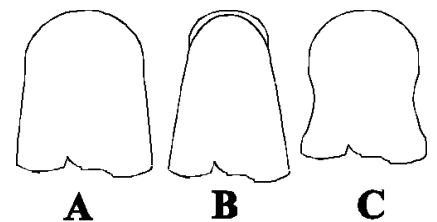
If you find that the eggs in your nest boxes have dried out inside this is usually due to a small crack in the egg. Eggs can be cracked if the nails of the hen or cock are too long. If they need clipping, use a good pair of nail clippers and be careful not to cut through the vein in the upper part of the nail. If the cock has a habit of rushing into the nest box when you come close, it may be wise to only use this cock with chicks, as he will most likely damage eggs. If an egg is cracked or punctured, it can be fixed with the egg white of a poultry egg or some commercial nail polish (non toxic). Paint on a small amount across the crack and incubation should continue. When the egg is due to hatch then make sure the cover does not interfere with the chick's hatching out.

## **Assessing Budgerigars**

### **Shape of head viewed from the Back**

- A: Correct
- B: Too Narrow
- C: The neck is visible

by Niels-Erik-Hansen



## The Annual General Meeting, continued

I would like to congratulate the new committee and wish them a prosperous 1999. Members are encouraged to assist and support the management committee in the coming year.



The Show Secretary, Ian Nel, explains the new mini show guidelines for 1999.

Chris Barrows and Corrie van Staden listen to the explanation.

Beryl Davies and Hannetjie van der Linde prepare the refreshments.



Pieter van der Linde collects subs from members.

Gideon Taljaard, Neville Greyling and Mike Davies have a discussion after the meeting.



## NTBS Club Show

17 October 1998

Contact John or Ian at (012) 542 3533 for more information.



## Colours from a different angle

by Deon Davie

Not knowing the colour that can be expected from a pair, or explaining the occurrence of the colours of their offspring, must be like participating in a game without knowing the rules. One can argue that most of us do not breed budgies for their colours, but for improving their quality.

This is true but what if the so-called "It can't be" chick turns up in a nest.

I would like to take an actual breeding experience of 1998 as an example.

### Example

A normal Light Green hen, bred from a Dark Green cock and a Cobolt hen was paired to a bought Opaline Grey Green Spangle cock. The pair raised two chicks; a Normal Cobolt and a Opaline Cinnamon Grey Green

### What do we know about:

#### 1. The Normal Cobolt offspring

# Must be a cock as he is a Normal bred from a Normal mother to an Opaline father.

# He will be split for Opaline.

# He might be split for Cinnamon as the other offspring is a Cinnamon.

#### 2. The Cinnamon Opaline Grey Green offspring

# Must be a hen as the cock is Opaline.

# Might be split for blue as her brother is a Cobolt.

#### 3. The Opaline Grey Green Spangle

# He is split for blue and is the parent carrying a dark factor, as his son is a Cobolt.

# He is split for Cinnamon as his daughter is a Cinnamon.

#### 4. The Light Green Normal hen

# She is split for blue as her son is a Cobolt and it takes two blue factors (one of which is a dark factor) to produce a Cobolt

# Even though she was bred from two birds each carrying one dark factor she does not carry a dark factor for she would then have been a Dark Green herself.



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**Chris Oberholzer**  
**Tel : (011) 693 1790**

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### ***The Next Issue***

The next issue will contain the following  
items :

- (1) Continuation of Breeding expectations.
- (2) Continuation of Budgerigar health.
- (3) Your items.

Please contact me if you have any  
inputs. You must remember that your  
inputs are vital.

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