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The NTBS Budgerigar

The Year Program

The NTBS year program for 1998 seems to be full of activities for the Budgerigar fancier. The items for 1998 include lectures, club show, mini shows, provincials and of course the national.

The NTBS activities are as follows :

On the 17th January, Prof. Robin Barnard will talk about 'Show Preparation'.

On the 14th February, the NTBS club show will be held at the Sunny Park shopping centre.

On the 14th March, a Beginner aviary visit will be organized. This will enable the Beginners to ask questions regarding problems they are experiencing.

On the 18th April, a Mini Show will be held at the church hall.

On the 16th May, an aviary visit and lecture will take place at the home of Fred Sherman. He will talk about 'Breeding quality birds, Feather quality and Feeding'.

On the 27th June, a Mini Show will be held at the church hall.

On the 18th July, an aviary visit and lecture will take place at the home of Japie Smit. He will talk about 'Breeding season preparation and Pairing'.

On the 15th August, an aviary visit and lecture will take place at the home of Reinhardt Molkentin. He will talk about 'Rare varieties and Colours'.

The NTBS annual general meeting will be held on the 12th September. This date has been moved forward in the year to allow members to pay their subs and receive ring order forms for 1999.

On the 17th October, a Mini Show will be held at the church hall.

The NTBS year end function will be held on the 14th November.

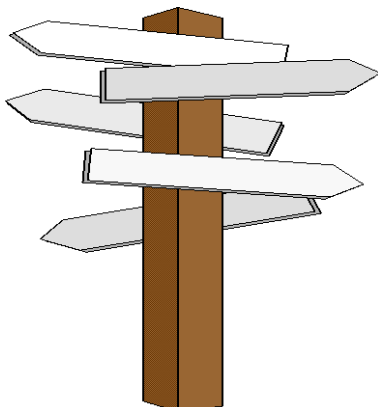
All NTBS Mini Shows will have a 'For Sale' section.

Please note that all Mini Shows will have a 'For Sale' section. You are welcome to bring any birds that you have for sale. A 10% commission must be paid towards the club for any birds sold at the Mini Shows.

The year program with all the NTBS activities, Provincial and National shows will be forwarded to you in the near future.

If you have any queries, contact Mike Davies at telephone number (012) 333 2667 after hours.

I have a demo copy of 'The Budgerigar Program 4.0'. This is a windows based program that



Software

keeps records of all your budgerigars on computer. This program has been written by budgerigar

fanciers for budgerigar fanciers. The demo copy only allows you to store 75 records. I have looked at the program and find it very useful. Version 3.0 of this software was evaluated in 'Budgerigar World' some time ago. The new version is a vast improvement on version 3.0.



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Software

I have contacted Jeff Stone, the creator of the software, and he provides a discount for clubs who order 5, 10 or 15 copies of the software.

The software, without club discount, is about \$55 which comes to roughly R 259.00.

The program provides the following functionality:

- **Bird Details** used to track the characteristics of each bird.
- **Breeding Records** used to create a record of a pairing; evaluate the results of the pairing over time; automatically generated for each new budgie added.
- **Family Groups** used to determine the nearest relative to a given bird; assists in identifying potential breeding partners.
- **Common Ancestors** used to determine which birds a pairing have in common.
- **Pedigrees** used to graphically display the ancestry of a given bird; traverse through the lineage to see the pedigree of other birds in the family.

As you can see it provides all the information you require to manage your birds and will come in handy when you are pairing up your birds. For a copy of this demo software or a demonstration please feel free to contact me. If you are currently using software for record keeping and would like me to review it or advertise it please contact me

John Nel at Telephone (012) 542 3533 (h).

Breeding Expectations

As promised in the last issue I will begin a series on breeding expectations. This will be of special interest to beginners who sometimes do not have access to various books on the subject. In the coming month's one variety will be covered per issue.

The first variety is the Dominant Pied. Picture on page 4.

The Dominant Pied

Pairings	Expectations
Dominant Pied (sf) × Normal	50% Dominant Pied (sf) 50% normal
Dominant Pied (df) × Normal	100% Dominant Pied (sf)
Dominant Pied (sf) × Dominant Pied (sf)	25% normal 50% Dominant Pied (sf) 25% Dominant Pied (df)
Dominant Pied (sf) × Dominant Pied (df)	50% Dominant Pied (sf) 50% Dominant Pied (df)
Dominant Pied (df) × Dominant Pied (df)	100% Dominant Pied (df)

Budgerigar Health

Welcome to the first in a series on budgerigar health. Each sickness or ailment covered will indicate symptoms and cures.

Introducing a preventative program for a healthier stud

At a recent presentation I expressed the view that, unfortunately in my experiences, when one of our Budgerigars are noticeably unwell, then the chances of the bird showing a 100% recovery and being useful in a future breeding program is somewhat less than 50%. Sad though this is, it is undoubtedly true and you can bet that the sick bird that you have noticed is one of the better examples that you own.

There are two reasons why most sick birds are lost. Firstly, when a bird looks ill, it really is ill and very often the approaching symptoms are undetectable. Secondly, diagnosis of the problem from which our bird is suffering is based on guesswork (experience that could be wrong) and hence the treatment is based on opinion also. In addition, many of the medicines that we provide are water soluble and sick birds don't tend to drink. Few fanciers inject medicine directly into the crop where it will do the most good.

Prevention is the key to health management in any aviary. The routine of the health program should take place twice per year and the areas covered should be:

1. Trichomoniasis
2. Fungal Disease
3. Internal Parasites
4. External Parasites

It should be noted that on no account should antibiotics be fed on a routine basis. All this will do is kill the friendly bacteria that are in the flora of our bird's gut and leave them potentially open to infection that can now invade. Also, the routine administering of antibiotics may result in creating harmful organisms that are immune to the antibiotic.

Finally, it should be remembered that medication of any kind is liable to upset the delicate balance of the natural bacterial flora within the bird's gut. To counteract this, the provision of a soluble probiotic for our birds would be a sensible action to take.

Many fanciers believe that treatment of sick birds is futile and consider them as a potential risk to the entire flock and so the bird is immediately dispatched to the "great aviary in the sky". Others attempt treatment, only to be frustrated by the fact that the bird dies anyway. Whatever your views or practices are regarding your actions in association with illness in the aviary, the introduction of a preventative program would seem to me to be a sensible addition to our management system.

Terry A. Tuxford

Miniskou Uitslag

Best Beginner	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Beginner Opp. Sex	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Novice	- Pieter v/d Linde
Best Novice Opp. Sex	- Corrie van Staden
Best Intermediate	- Mike Davies
Best Intermediate Opp. Sex	- Mike Davies
Best Champion	- G + M Taljaard
Best Champion Opp. Sex	- No Entries

Majors

Best Bird on Show	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Opp. Sex on Show	- Nel Brothers Stud
Most Points	- Nel Brothers Stud

Die klubkampioen vir 1997 ontvang 'n spesiale 40 jaar gedenk diploma by die A.J.V vir meeste punte by die miniskoue gedurende 1997. Die persoon se naam bly geheim tot by die A.J.V.

Baie dankie aan almal wat die drie miniskoue gedurende die jaar ondersteun het. Graag verneem ons van die ander lede, wat ons moet doen om hulle ook by die miniskoue te ontvang.

Deur Pieter v/d Linde

NTBV Lede

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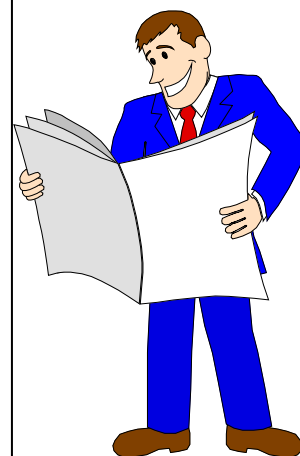
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- 12 pensioenarise
- 43 lede.

Die NTBV het in totaal nou 62 lede.

Deur Pieter v/d Linde



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Articles

Any members who have articles that they have written for other magazines are requested to forward them for inclusion in this newsletter.

Any members who would like to do an article for the newsletter are requested to contact me so that we can discuss it.

Enige lede wat artikels het wat ons kan insluit word versoek om so gou as moontlik met my in verbinding te tree. Enige lede wat 'n artikel will skryf vir ons nuusbrieff kan my ook kontak.

John Nel at Telephone
(012) 542 3533

Welkom aan nuwe lede

Die NTBV verwelkom die volgende nuwe lede.

J.L Erasmus	E14
A.M.D Sheppard	S74
I.S.W Smit	S75
H. van Schalkwyk	V64
M.P.J Prinsloo	XP2 (P41)
H.H Steyn	XP2 (S82)

Deur Pieter v/d Linde

Budgerigar Jokes

I would like to include budgerigar jokes on a regular basis and therefor need your assistance. Please contact me or write to me with your budgerigar joke. I will get the ball rolling this issue and await your responses.

A burglar is robbing a home when he hears a small voice say, "Jesus sees you". Startled, he turns and looks around, but finding no one he decides it was his imagination and goes back to stuffing loot into his sack. Once again he hears, "Jesus sees you." This time, he sees that it was a budgerigar. Laughing, he says to the budgerigar, "Oh, I see. I guess you are Jesus." "My name is Paco," the budgerigar replies. "Jesus is the rottweiler standing behind you."

The BSSA Price List 1997

Show Cage perches	- R 1.50 per set.
Show Cage drinkers	- R 1.50 each.
Cuttlefish holders	- R 1.50 each.
Ties	- R 35.00 each.
The 'All About' series	- R 60.00 each.



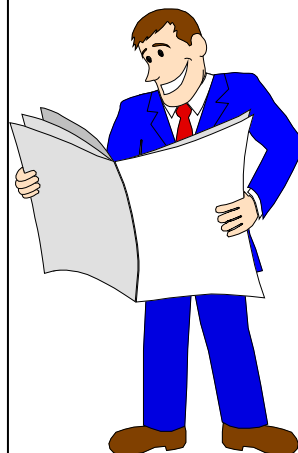
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* Women	- R 50.00
* Juniors	- R 40.00

New membership Entry :-R 30.00 (Once
off)

**Contact Pieter v/d Linde for more
information at Tel : (012) 335 6950**



Dominant Pied

The Internet

As you know by now
the Internet contains
large amounts of
research material. This
includes about 50 plus
sites with articles on
Budgerigars. Anyone
who would like to find
out more can contact the
editor.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are printed in good faith and the Editor cannot
be held responsible for opinions expressed by writers in
any letter published.

Request

The editor is pleased to receive
contributions in the form of letters and
photographs. Items accepted will only be
returned if they are accompanied by a
stamped, self addressed envelope, otherwise
they will be filed for possible future use.

All letters or articles must be forwarded to
John Nel, P.O Box 43594, Theresa Park x2,
0155. I can be contacted at telephone (012)
542 3533.

The Editor

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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