



# The Show Budgie

1

Published by  
The Nel Brothers Stud  
(012) 542 3533

For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

## The Jorge de Pina Story Part 1 by Barbra Moizer

**It wasn't unlucky thirteen for Jorge de Pina because it was at that age that someone gave him a pigeon as a present. Off went Jorge to the pet shop to buy it a mate and he arrived home with great plans for his entry into the pigeon fancy - but, the best laid plans - Mum said 'no way'.**

They lived in a flat in Brazil, a hot country, and his mother could visualise windows being left open for Jorge's pigeons to come in and out, then being joined by every vagrant pigeon looking for a free meal, and the subsequent mess. Back to the pet shop they both had to go. And that is how Jorge's life changed because he exchanged his two pigeons for a pair of Budgerigars. Two, very small Light Greens with no spots to speak of and heads that would "pass through the eye of a needle".

### Early success

About six months after this, Jorge found out that there was a bird club in Rio de Janeiro and he went along. The club sold rings and books. He could not believe that Budgerigars like those in the books existed, but the desire to own birds like that was born. He joined the club, attended shows and began to breed for the first time. His first 'birdroom' was a couple of cages and a tiny flight, all hanging on the wall of the laundry room in the flat - but the birds bred. He began to acquire outcrosses from 'English bred' birds and within three years he had won his first "best in show" award with a young Pied Dark Green hen, this was 1968, he was still a teenager and had beaten all the 'old timers'. He was over the moon. Several of the regular winners wanted to come to see his birds, some wanted to buy his hen, but she was not for sale. Jorge realised that he could not expand as he would like to while living in a flat and so he went into partnership with a breeder who had space for an aviary. His partner had not been successful in the past but Jorge changed all that and they won many, many specials.

### Innocent abroad

Throughout the seventies, Jorge continued his success and then in 1980, he decided that to proceed any further he must go to England to buy the "birds from the books". He and his partner, who shared about half a dozen words of English, flew across. They had some hair raising adventures, getting lost on stations, catching the wrong trains and meeting a variety of English breeders, some good and helpful, others only too happy to take money from the "foreigners" without giving value in return. Jorge admits that he made many mistakes with the first birds he bought over here but he learned a great deal.

Continued on page 2

## Highlights

On the 9th September the JSBS Annual General Meeting was held. The following management committee was elected:

Chairman - Mike Davies  
Vice Chairman - Neville Greyling  
Treasurer - Pieter van der Linde  
Secretary - John Nel  
Show Secretary - Ian Nel  
Add Member - Kobus Hechter  
Add Member - Corrie van Staden

**JSBS turns 2 years old on 19 October .  
Happy birthday.**

All contributions can be  
forwarded to John Nel  
P.O Box 43594  
Theresa Park x2  
0155

IN  
THIS  
ISSUE

The Jorge de Pina Story	1
Highlights	1
Budgerigar Health	2
Promotions	3
Tip of the Month	3
Colours for Beginners	3
Adverts	4

## Budgerigar Health

~Cancer by DR John R Baker ~

Finally when talking of common diseases of budgerigars, mention must be made of cancer. This is the most frequent cause of death in pet birds and is by no means rare in exhibition stock. Many of these are internal and cause the stomach wall to swell. There is nothing the fancier can do about these but some will be curable by surgery.

Aviary visit to Neville Greyling  
Neville and Kobus discussing the birds.



## JSBS Championship Trophy's

Floating trophy's for JSBS members who have gained the most points at Championship Shows will be issued this



## The Jorge de Pina Story Part 1 continued

During his travels he met a number of fanciers who gave him help in various ways. Gerald Binks was one of the early teachers who tried to instil into him the finer points to look for. Experience and patience helped him to develop what Harry Bryan called "the eye". Jorge feels that he now has the eye and knows almost automatically, which bird to pair with to achieve success. Jorge's partner travelled extensively and found it more and more difficult to look after the birds and so dropped out of the hobby. Eventually, Jorge bought a home of his own and was able to build his own aviary. His present establishment is an impressive building housing a large range of stock cages and flights. The main birdroom is nearly 100 ft long with a smaller room at the front which houses a further 20 breeding cages and flights. A further building of about 80 sq. Ft. is used - purely as quarantine quarters.

### The famous softfood is developed

While learning to speak English, Jorge continued to come across to England each year and soon his stud consisted of 100% English birds. Here read every book he could find on Budgerigars and made a particular study of nutrition. Trill is the basis of his birds' diet but he is sure that there is not sufficient protein for the birds' needs in seeds alone (Brazilian "Trill" is quite different from ours). Partly through his studies of the subject and partly through trial and error, he developed a soft food which is fed to his birds every day of their lives. He finds that they seem to know the right amount for their needs, using increasing amounts during the breeding season. He and his aviary attendants, he has three, watch carefully to see if any soft food is being left, and if it is, the amount being fed is cut down until demand picks up again, as it does at different seasons of the year. (The recipe for his soft food, and remarks, is given at the end of this article). While in England, Jorge began to attend shows and was a regular helper at the B.S. Club Show for many years. He watched the B.S. show procedure until he knew it off by heart. He would like to have introduced new ideas into the Brazilian shows but the big Brazilian federation had strict rules which made it impossible. He felt that some of these regulations were not really fair on the birds for example, any club which wanted to run a show had to run it for a whole week which meant that the birds had to stay in the show cages for a week.

### Budgerigar World' Show Brazil is born

In 1989, while staying with Gerald Binks, Jorge asked if it would be possible for him to run a show using the name "The Budgerigar World Show of Brazil", which would then be independent of the Brazilian Federation. Gerald agreed, and when Jorge got home, he began to organise the first independent Brazilian Budgerigar show. Craig Binks and Roy Aplin were the first two judges invited. The first show was not very big, only 450 birds. Six years later, the entry has risen to 1,700. Right from the start, Jorge realised that he could not hope to cover all the expenses himself just through entry fees and looked around for sponsors. Persuading business people to part with money to support a Budgerigar show was not easy, but Jorge had some novel ideas. First, he gave all the door entry fees of the show to charity. The one he chose was a charity for paraplegics. This meant much needed publicity. Because it always supports charities, his show always features on prime time T.V. and in the press. Members of the charity collect all the show entry money at the door and naturally display their logos, posters, etc. publicity, with Jorge's persistent tenacity, helped to persuade firms to give the show their support.

## Promotions by John Nel

The following JSBS promotion come into effect on 1 October 2000.

JGC Smit - Red Ribbon to Blue Ribbon Champion

Nel Brothers Stud - Novice to Intermediate

Scott-Scott Aviaries, Show Budgie subscribers, are also promoted from Novice to Intermediate.

Congratulations to you all.

## Champions of Sections by John Nel

### Champion of Champions

1 - Molkentin Stud	- JSBS	- 355 points
2 - Fred Sherman	- PBC	- 115 points
3 - Fourie & Kotze	- GRBC	- 115 points
12 - JGC Smit	- JSBS	- 42 points

### Champion of Intermediates

1 - Palm Aviary	- KABV	- 343 points
2 - AH Olivier	- KBK	- 235 points
3 - CM Kenton	- DBC	- 164 points
12 - PJ vd Linde	- JSBS	- 47 points
17 - CSJ v Staden	- JSBS	- 19 points

### Champion of Novices

1 - Vermaas Stoet	- KBK	- 183 points
2 - Scott-Scott Aviaries	- DBC	- 158 points
3 - CT Coombes	- CTBC	- 156 points
6 - Nel Brothers Stud	- JSBS	- 109 points

### Champion of Beginners

1 - AJ Vermaas	- KBK	- 125 points
2 - HJ Lotz	- KABV	- 111 points
3 - AH Meyer	- KABV	- 105 points

Congratulations to all members.

## Colour for Beginners by Jim Hutton

### Varieties

It doesn't matter whether you take Greens or Blues, there are a series of different varieties.

### Cinnamons

Cinnamons have half the depth of body colour of the Normals. However, their wing markings are a light cinnamon-brown in lieu of black as in the normal colours. They are in all the normal colours.

Next month we will continue looking at Varieties.

## Tip of the Month

To save seed when using jam jar feeders, place them in a flower pot holder. This enables you to put the husks and spilled seed left in the holder through the winnower later on. If you don't have a winnower, then blow it off.

## Aviary visit to Kobus Hechter

Pieter, Corrie, and Neville in front of the aviary.



## **NEL BROTHERS STUD**

**XN2**

**EST. 1996**

**Most colours bred**

### **1998**

Best Beginner - Berario and Area 5  
Best Novice - NTBS Club Show  
Yellow Face CC's x 2  
NTBS Club Champions

### **1999**

Best Novice Any Age - Berario  
Yellow Face and Dark & Olive  
Green CC's  
JSBS Derby and Club Champions  
Yellow Face Grey Champion Bird

### **2000**

Best Opp. Sex on Show - JSBS  
Millennium Show  
Best Novice - JSBS Millennium  
Show  
Best Bird on Show - Inter-Club  
Show  
Best Novice Any Age on Show -  
Gauteng  
Violet and Dark & Olive Green CC's

**Telephone John or Ian at  
(012) 542 3533**

Visitors welcome. Please call first

## **Scott-Scott Aviaries SSA**

**~Sylvia & Ken~**

1997 Best Beginner on Show Durban  
1998 Best Beginner Young Bird Area 5  
Albino CC  
D.B.C Club Champion  
**B.S.S A Champion Beginner**  
1999 Cinnamon Green CC  
Cobolt CC x 2  
Double Factor Spangle CC  
A.O.C/V CC  
Best Novice Young Bird Area 5

We welcome fellow enthusiasts, to phone, or visit,  
have tea, stay the night, but please come.

**Do give us a call.  
(031) 4651004 or 083 358 7125**

## ***The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society***

### **Annual Subscriptions**

#### **Membership Fees:**

Member - R 120.00  
Spouse - 50% of Member  
Pensioner - 70% of Member  
Juniors - 40% of Member

New membership Entry : - R 100.00 (Once  
off)

Visit us on the Internet at  
<http://www.geocities.com/petsburgh/5240>

**or**

**Contact Pieter v/d Linde for more  
information at**

**Tel : (012) 335 6950**

## **October Birthday Wishes**

Russel Dixon on 10 October  
Neville Greyling on 10 October  
Martiens Prinsloo on 10 October  
JSBS on 19 October