



The Show Budgie

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For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

The Jorge de Pina Story Part 2 by Barbra Moizer

Show cages supplied

Trill donated all the necessary show cages, free of charge. Brazil is so big that exhibitors have to travel thousands of miles by plane with their exhibits and the show promoters must supply the show cages when they arrive. As the show has grown, Jorge now has 2,000 show cages stacked in his attic - mostly paid for by Trill! Varig, the Brazilian national airline, was persuaded to give a draw prize of a free return ticket to London and has done so every year since. The printing of schedules and catalogues costs nothing - another firm sponsors those. Posting copies of the schedule to addresses worldwide each year is another expense which is paid for by a sponsor. Jorge asked Coca-Cola if they would supply a couple of dozen cans of Coke free - they sent a couple of dozen cases of cans the first year, but when they saw how much publicity Jorge's show could attract, the amount donated each year is now incredible. The show hall is free, it is donated by a bank, the Entremares Hotel, hosts the judges, and the list is mind boggling. Jorge is convinced that the way ahead for all clubs must be with sponsorship. He agrees that it is hard work, especially at the beginning, but he is sure that all the big national clubs are going to have to appoint someone with ideas that will pursue this route to successful shows. Jorge is tireless in trying to attract publicity for his sponsors. Every time he is photographed for the press or for T.V he wears a tee shirt carrying the message of one or other of his sponsors. The show hall is lined with posters and banners advertising their wares or services. He never fails to mention their names in any interview. He allows other charities to put up stands at the show to attract funds - but it also attracts publicity to the show. He has even had firms approach him offering sponsorship which, reluctantly, he has had to turn down because the product in question would have clashed with that of one of the present major sponsors.

Super Champion

Jorge would love to live in England where he could take part in the English show season, with many shows at which he could compete. In Brazil, his birds are so far ahead of any other breeder, even those who have come to England to buy birds, that he really has no competition at all. At the first five "Budgerigar World" of Brazil shows, he won every one of the top specials, then some of the other breeders complained to him that they could never hope to win any specials. Jorge thought for a while and then came up with the idea of a new grade, a sort of super champion - he was the only member of this grade. This gave the other breeders the opportunity of winning the top places in the ordinary champion section and they were happier.

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Highlights

On the 28th October the last JSBS mini show for the 2000 year was held. Mike Davies was the judge and the results were as follows:

Best Bird - Molkentin Stud
Best Opposite Sex - Nel Brothers Stud
Best Champion - Molkentin Stud
Best Intermediate - Nel Brothers Stud
Best Novice - No Novices in the Club
Best Beginner - Kobus Hechter

The next show will be for those club members who entered the Derby Show. This will be held on 18 November.

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The Jorge de Pina Story Part 2 continued

However, when it came to best in show, best young bird and best opposite sex, the champion birds stood no chance, Jorge won them all. Last year, he came up with the new idea of not showing at all to give others a chance, and so for the first time, there was another name on the best in show special. He decided not to show again this year, to give the others another chance.

Jorge works very hard throughout the period of his show. He stores all 2,000 cages, which have to be in perfect condition ready for the birds, which arrive. He takes all the entries, and is working on his computer until the early hours of the morning of the show. He produces the paperwork for the catalogue and results sheets and manages the show. At the same time, he has to accept the responsibility for entertaining the judges from all over the world, most of whom don't speak a word of Portuguese and have to be escorted everywhere. When the show is finished, all the cages have to be transported back home, cleaned and stored away again. Now the media descends and he has to find time to give interviews to all and sundry.

Judging world-wide.

Jorge has judged all over the world, Holland, Switzerland, Africa, America, and England so many times he can't remember them all. He first judged in England in 1987 at the Budgerigar World show at Blackpool and has judged here every year since, many times at area society shows. Last year he judged at L.E.A. and at Northdowns, this year at the Southern Classic and Dudley as well as Texas and Canada. He has had tentative requests from several countries for next year.

JORGE De Pina's reason for becoming a Professional Budgerigar breeder is a fascinating story. He is an economist by profession and worked for a large Brazilian company as a financial adviser. He had risen through the ranks to top management level, but he had been fed up with the life for some time. He hated the business suit, office environment and the interminable business meetings. He accepts that he is addicted to Budgerigars, he can stand all day long just looking at them. About nine years ago the company told him he was to be transferred to another state to work. It would have meant uprooting his precious birds, it would have meant even more hours away from them. He thought carefully, he knew he was taking a chance, but he decided to hand in his resignation, stay in Rio and set up his own account as a financial adviser and at the same time begin to import birds not just for himself, but to sell to other Brazilians. All went well until the beginning of 1990 when disaster struck. Inflation in Brazil had gone wild. It was standing at 100% per MONTH. The position called for desperate measures and a desperate measure was exactly what the then president of Brazil took. The banks were closed for a few days and when they reopened, practically all the money had been removed from private accounts, a balance of only around £500 per person remained. One day a man, could be a millionaire and the next day almost poverty stricken. Jorge lost on two counts. First all his money had been confiscated and second, his business disappeared - who would want a financial adviser when none had any money? Jorge had gone to bed a financially sound man and awoken a poor one - but still with a successful man's responsibilities. He had a large house to maintain, a family and servants to keep, school fees for the children, and so forth. Now there was no choice. He had often told himself that he would be happy working all day, every day with his Budgies, now he had to prove it. He worked hard that year and by the end of it he was exporting birds all over South America and further afield. No business suits now, jeans became his uniform, but he succeeded and he was happy at his job. By the end of the year which had started so bleakly, he realised that far from being a catastrophe, the enforced change of occupation had been a blessing in disguise. Since then the confiscated money has been returned to its owners and inflation in Brazil appears to have been conquered. [To be continued]

Budgerigar Health

~Air Sack Mite by Dr Colin Davis~

The air sac mite that severely affects the Gouldian Finch and other species causes respiratory distress and death.

The mite lives and reproduces on the surface of the respiratory tract with the complete life cycle of the mite being 14 to 21 days.

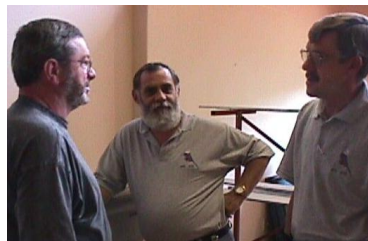
Transmission of the mite occurs through direct contact via the oral route commonly when infested adult birds feed regurgitated food to young nestlings. Another method of transmission occurs during courtship behaviour when males feed females. Transmission can also occur through contaminated water. Clinical signs are mouth breathing with a characteristic clicking sound. Also loss of voice, coughing, nasal discharge, tail bobbing with weakness and weight loss. Treatment is with Vetafarm SCATT by placing a drop of SCATT on the back of the neck of the bird.

Mini Show photo report by John Nel

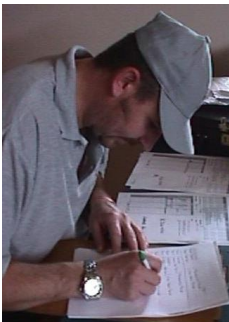
The last 2000 mini show was held on 28 October.



Best Opposite sex - Nel Brothers Stud and Best Bird - Molkentin Stud



Mike judging (left) and Reinhard, Mike, and Pieter in discussion (right)



Ian Nel, Show Secretary, adding the scores (left) and benching with Reinhard (top).



Best Champion and Best on Show - Molkentin Stud



Best Intermediate and Best Opposite Sex on Show - Nel Brothers Stud



Best Beginner on Show - Kobus Hechter

Colour for Beginners by Jim Hutton

Varieties

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

Opaline Cinnamons

Opaline Cinnamons are a mixture of Opaline and Cinnamon, having half the body-depth of the Normal. However, the wings are similar to the Opaline, they however, have cinnamon markings in lieu of black, but they have the body colour instead of yellow or white, and also they have the clear V with body colour in lieu of markings.

Next month we will continue looking at Varieties.

Tip of the Month

While chlorine bleach is a fine disinfectant for perches, cages, toys, nest boxes, etc., one must be very careful to rinse all the bleach off before putting the equipment back into use.

Chlorine bleach is toxic to birds. How can one be sure all the bleach is gone? And what does one do when the bleach smell won't go away?

In the aquarium section of pet shops, one can buy dechlorinators, products that take the chlorine out of water to make the water safe for fish. Dechlorinator, when used to rinse bleached items, will remove the chlorine smell and excess chlorine left over from the bleach. When you add dechlorinator to your rinse water, be sure to add more than is recommended on the bottle: you want enough to dechlorinate the rinse water plus some dechlorinator left over to work on the bleached equipment. I'd recommend tripling the dosage.

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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

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Visitors welcome. Please call first

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~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.
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November Birthday Wishes

Mike Davies on 1 November
Juan Rossouw on 18 November
Sam Rosslee on 24 November

The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society

Annual Subscriptions

Membership Fees:

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Juniors - 40% of Member

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