



**The Show Budgie**

For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

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### **Editorial**

A new year, a new layout. The Show Budgie will in future be in this format. The new format makes it more user friendly with more pages. The new front cover will in future cover various bird. Any comments regarding any improvements are welcome. Members are requested to forward any articles to the editor for publication.

The breeding season is in full swing although I have received some reports of infertile eggs and dead-in-shell. The heat of the past month could possible have something to do with this. Other breeders have reported excellent breeding results so far. We will have to wait and see what the rest of the season brings.

by John Nel

Front Cover:  
Skyblue Cock  
Best Any Age Gauteng Championship Show 2000  
Bred by Nel Brothers Stud

Rainbows and Goldenface Rainbows by Ken Grey

"Rainbow-coloured" conjures up in most people's minds something very colourful - something that displays all the colours of the spectrum; from red, through orange, yellow, green and blue, to indigo and violet. Can there be a budgerigar variety that displays all those colours?

Well, not quite all of them. No red or pink mutation has yet occurred in budgerigars, nor is it thought likely to, so the red sector of spectrum regrettably cannot be included. Nevertheless there is a group of composite varieties that can display most of the spectrum colours. They have been given the name Rainbows, and certain variants of them given the name Goldenface Rainbows, as they are all very colourful birds.

The specific combination of colours and markings all in one bird was given the name "Rainbow" by the Keston Foreign Bird Farm in Kent, England. The proprietor was not the first person to breed birds answering to the same basic description, but was the first to breed the most colourful versions, and to sell them commercially.

The Budgerigar Society recognises such birds as Yellowface (or Goldenface) Opaline Whitewing Blues. The blue can be Skyblue, Violet Skyblue, Cobalt, Violet Cobalt, visual Violet, Mauve or Violet Mauve. Now, at last, after nearly half a century, the BS has given full recognition to all the Yellowface and Goldenface varieties (not just the one mutation previously recognised) by detailing official s

ously recognised) by detailing official standards for them all in their 1994 Colour Standards Book They have also now published Standards for both Rainbows and Goldenface Rainbow

To be a true Rainbow of the Keston type the Yellowface mutation used should be what is known as Mutant 2; and to be a true Goldenface Rainbow, a similar mutation but with a deeper chrome or golden yellow is necessary. To produce these composite varieties, the bird farm proprietor is reputed to have used birds of the Clearwing (Whitewing) mutation obtained direct from Australia, also birds of the Australian Opaline mutation (not the Scottish or European mutations), plus the Yellowface Blue Mutant 2 which is known to be of English origin. For the Goldenface Rainbow he used the Goldenface Blue from Australia in place of Yellowface Mutant 2. Nowadays, many birds which are exhibited as Rainbows are of the Yellowface Blue Mutant 1 type, as that was for many years the only Yellowface mutation the Budgerigar Society in Great Britain seemed to recognise.

Yellowface Mutant 1 birds have the yellow much more restricted than the other Yellowface and Goldenface mutations, so for exhibiting Yellowface Blue and Grey Normals and Opalines the first mutation is preferred. For Rainbow production, Mutant 1 Yellowface helps to produce birds of more substance and other desirable exhibition points, but such birds are not quite so colourful as the true Rainbows and Goldenface Rainbows.

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## Colours for Beginners by Jim Hutton

### *Dilutes*

Yellows are the Green version, Whites are the Blues. You can get Grey Yellows and Grey Whites. They should not be mixed up with Lutinos and Albinos who have red-eyes with a white iris. Yellows and Whites have black eyes with the white iris, the body colour of the Yellows range from a washed-out yellow to an apple green, the Whites range from a lightly suffused blue to a darker blue, the wings are lightly suffused.

## Tip of the Month

by Delores Noonan

### **Recipe**

This is my own recipes for soft-food and quantities are for 30 breeding cages. Any surplus can be put into the flights each day and quantities can be adjusted for smaller numbers.

3-4 large handfuls of toasted (or dried) breadcrumbs

2 hard-boiled eggs (at least boiled for 20 minutes)

1 dessertspoon of ground eggshells (from the above)

### **A selection from the following:**

Grated carrot, Grated apple, Parsley, Sage, Coriander, Mint, Basil

### **Method:**

Throw the whole lot into a food processor and process counting to 10. Serve fresh daily into individual dishes for each breeding cage. Remove all uneaten food before replenishing and within 24 hours.

## Rainbows and Goldenface Rainbows, continued

As mentioned earlier, the blue body colour can be of the wide range of colour from Skyblue through to Violet Mauve. Grey birds are also part of the Blue series, but are usually excluded as the word "rainbow" presupposes something very colourful. The Slate mutation would also fall into the same category as the Grey. So in a true Rainbow or Goldenface Rainbow we have a bird with a yellow or golden-yellow head and mask; a body colour ranging from Skyblue through to Violet and Mauve, with an area of green of graduating depth of colour where the yellow of the mask blends into the blue of the body feathering; the "V" of the Opaline giving a blue mantle; wings which have an off-white ground, with opalescent blue, green and yellow markings; and off-white or pale grey flight feathers. The long tail feathers are mainly a deep blue, but with lighter areas flushed with yellow. The shorter tail feathers show less of the blue and more of the yellow colour. As would be expected, where the Dark and/or Violet factors are included, most of the colours and markings are correspondingly darker. Yellowface Blue Mutant 2 and Goldenface Blue can give a greater intensity to all the colours. The Goldenface mutation can even turn some of the markings on the wings into an attractive bronze colour, the nearest to red that we can get. This is not to be confused with the Cinnamon mutation, which is definitely to be avoided in breeding Rainbows and Goldenface Rainbows. Buff-feathered birds do not show the true brilliance of colour of the true Rainbow, so the yellow-type texture of feathering is preferred by most Rainbow breeders.

To be continued

## Mini Show Results by John Nel

### JSBS Mini Show

The first mini show of 2001 was held on 27 January 2001. Six exhibitors benched 46 birds. There were four Beginners and two Intermediates who



Deon Davie (left) was the judge and the results were as follows:

Best Bird - Nel Brothers Stud  
Best Opposite Sex - Nel Brothers Stud  
Best Intermediate - Nel Brothers Stud  
Best Beginner - Kobus Hechter

### Stewarding

Deon Davie (bottom) discussed stewarding and went through the paperwork that needs to be completed at shows. Anyone interested can contact John Nel at 082 789 9861 for a copy of the stewarding guidelines.



## Visit by Orlux by John Nel

On 24 January two representative of Orlux from Belgium met breeders. Valentine Mandika spoke on the company history while Johan Buys spoke about the products available from Orlux.

### Orlux History

Orlux has been producing products for 72 years. In the 1970's more companies entered the market. Orlux was mainly supplying products for the pigeon fancy. In the 1980's Orlux expanded into other areas like medicines. Various product mixtures were also made available. Started producing vitamins and accessories. Seven to eight years ago started producing pellets and hand rearing mixtures. Currently product range is exported to 70 countries. A very modern factory is used to produce all products. Special laboratories with 9 staff members and vets are used for research and development.

### Products

Johan has been breeding birds for the past 12 years and has personal experience of using products. There are two kinds namely seeds/softfood and pellets. Pellets are a completely balanced food with minimum wastage. 80 percent of breeders feed seeds which do not contain the required vitamins, proteins, etc. Products now contain VAM which is vitamins, amino acids, and minerals. Information brochure were handed out followed by a braai and discussion. For any further information or details were these products can be purchased please contact me at (012) 542 3533.

## Mini Show Picture Report

by John Nel



Best Beginner on Show - Kobus Hechter



Neville Greyling and Deon Davie having a discussion while Giel Calitz checks the exhibits.



Stewarding being discussed.

## Mini Show Top 20 by John Nel

The top 20 birds at the mini show of 27 January were:

- 1 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 2 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 3 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 4 - Pieter van der Linde
- 5 - Kobus Hechter
- 6 - Pieter van der Linde
- 7 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 8 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 9 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 10 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 11 - Pieter van der Linde
- 12 - Pieter van der Linde
- 13 - Neville Greyling
- 14 - Neville Greyling
- 15 - Pieter van der Linde
- 16 - Gert Pieters
- 17 - Kobus Hechter
- 18 - Pieter van der Linde
- 19 - Pieter van der Linde



Mini Show exhibits

Next Mini Show 21 April

# Additional Gauteng Championship Show

Hosted by the Jacaranda Show Budgie Society

24 February 2001

NG Kerk Meyerspark

Trade stands ~ Boerewors rolls ~ Refreshments

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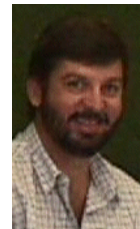
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## January Birthday Wishes

Holger Molquentin on 22 January  
Corrie v Staden on 25 January



Holger



Corrie

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