



The Show Budgie

For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

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Editorial

The last JSBS mini show of the year has passed and all winners are to be crowned at the JSBS Year-End function. Who will be crowned the JSBS club champions - The Nel Brothers Stud. This will be the 3rd year in a row that they will be crowned the JSBS Club Champions.

The new rings will be delivered shortly with some exhibitors anxiously awaiting the arrival and others deciding to first use the 2000 rings they still have. Hopefully you will have a great start to the breeding season.

by John Nel

Front Cover:
Dark Green - Best in Show - 27 October Mini Show
Nel Brothers Stud

Success and How to Improve Your Chances

by Gordon and Sylvia Hallam

If you are one of the many who want to succeed in the hobby, there are several actions you can take to improve your chances. Before purchasing any birds, visit as many shows as possible - the bigger the shows, the better. Try to understand why one bird comes first and another second. It might well be that what you see does not seem to make sense, but do not worry. Different people see budgerigars in different ways, and only time will tell who is making the best decisions. Learn to think for yourself and do not be browbeaten by other fanciers. You are bound to make mistakes but make sure that are your mistakes and not someone else's. Listen to what experienced fanciers have to say; think it through and then make up your own mind. Study the Society's Ideal and see how the birds at the shows compare. The fact is that you will find that very few budgerigar winners or losers come anywhere near the Ideal. Keep an eye on exhibitors who are always there when the prizes are being awarded. They may not be taking the top prizes, but placings that demonstrate that the exhibitor is maintaining a good level of quality are good enough. When you find such an exhibitor, whose birds appeal to you, arrange to visit the stud. Most breeders are prepared to show you around and offer advice. During the visit, look in every cage, study the overall quality of birds you see, check how many birds there are, ask question, study management methods, listen to what is said and then go away and think.

We believe that it is important to buy budgerigars from a stud that has quality in

depth. In the long term, blood will win out, so it is better to buy the worst bird from a good stud, than the best bird from a mediocre stud. Even then, you can only reasonably expect to breed budgerigars equal to the average quality of the stud from which you buy. As a complete Beginner, it would be better if you buy young budgerigars. Such birds can be given time to settle down and still be young enough to figure in your breeding plans for several years. They will probably mature and, in all probability, develop into much better birds than they were when you bought them. Now, it is decision time! You should know what you want and who has it. A final check list:

Does the breeder have the type of bird you like?

Is the overall quality of this stud high?

Is the stud healthy?

Finally, do you feel you can trust the fancier?

Now for the crunch - **how much to pay?**

Our advice is to set yourself a limit on how much you can afford or are prepared to spend, and then buy as many birds as you can for that amount. Don't expect to go to a top stud and buy budgerigars for pet prices. The owner has almost certainly spent an enormous amount of time and money building up the stud to the standard that you admire so much. Show quality birds from such a stud are sought by fanciers the world over, and command very high prices. These days, many breeders are able to provide pedigrees for the birds they supply and you should set out to acquire birds that carry the same genes and are closely related to the best birds in the stud.

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Tip of the Month

Pick me up for Birds

A quick pick me up for a bird that is off colour is cold black tea added to the drinking water, 1 teaspoon per 100ml of water.

Left: Best Beginner Opposite Sex - Gert Pieters



Top: The exhibits.

Success and How to Improve Your Chances, continued

Finally, **never put all your eggs in one basket**. Don't be tempted to spend all of your money on one super pair. Budgerigars are gregarious and enjoy plenty of company, so the super pair may not breed without other budgerigars in close proximity. It may well be that your initial purchases are nowhere near the elusive Ideal, but at this stage it does not matter.

Fanciers often expect too much of their birds. When disappointment follows, as it inevitably will, they feel that their birds have let them down. For many years we have advocated following the much more realistic "half rule" of expectation which goes like this:

If half of the fertile eggs produce chicks on the perches, then things are going well.

After keeping records during the years that we have observed this rule, we now think we should add a new "half rule".

If half of your budgerigars breed in any particular season, then things are going well.

Just because a budgerigar breeds well one year, it does not mean that it will breed the following year. Likewise, just because a bird does not breed one year, it does not mean that it will fail the next.

Final JSBS Mini Show

points

by John Nel

With the last mini show a thing of the past the points are as follows:

Champions

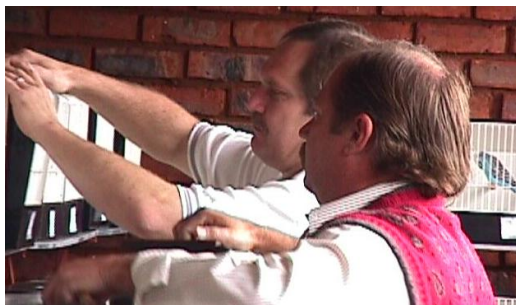
Mike Davies.....	6
Molkentin Stud.....	6
Sam Rosslee.....	7

Intermediate

Nel Brothers Stud.....	44
Corrie van Staden.....	17
Pieter van der Linde.....	12

Beginners

Kobus Hechter.....	22
Jacobs & Uys.....	15
Kevin Weinmann.....	13
Gert Pieters.....	7
Neville Greyling.....	2
Giel Calitz.....	3



Top The Judges at the 27 October JSBS Mini Show were Tom Lynch (front) and George Sutton.

JSBS Mini Show Results

- 1 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 2 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 3 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 4 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 5 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 6 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 7 - Jacobs&Uys
- 8 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 9 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 10 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 11 - Gert Pieters
- 12 - Kevin Weinmann
- 13 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 14 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 15 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 16 - Kevin Weinmann
- 17 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 18 - Jacobs&Uys
- 19 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 20 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 21 - Pieter van der Linde
- 22 - Gert Pieters
- 23 - Sam Rosslee
- 24 - Kevin Weinmann
- 25 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 26 - Corrie van Staden
- 27 - Pieter van der Linde
- 28 - Pieter van der Linde
- 29 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 30 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 31 - Nel Brothers Stud
- 32 - Giel Calitz
- 33 - Giel Calitz
- 34 - Gert Pieters
- 35 - Kevin Weinmann
- 36 - Pieter van der Linde
- 37 - Pieter van der Linde
- 38 - Kevin Weinmann
- 39 - Kobus Hechter
- 40 - Pieter van der Linde

Congratulations to the winners.

JSBS Mini Show Picture Report by John Nel



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



Best Champion on Show
Sam Rosslee



Best Beginner on Show
Jacobs & Uys



The judges and stewards at the mini show.
(L to R) Tom Lynch, George Sutton, Ian
Nel, Kobus Hechter



Billy and Marriette, Best Beginner on
Show, in full JSBS wear.

Pieter vd Linde can be contacted for any
of the following:

- Jackets
- T-shirts
- Caps

JSBS Mini Show Picture Report by John Nel



Left: Pieter vd Linde wearing the JSBS Cap and shirt.

Top (L to R): Japie Smit, Corrie van Staden, Sam Rosslee, and Neville Greyling.



Left: The layout at Lood and Leon's place.

Right: The first and second placed birds bred by the Nel Brothers Stud. Both Dark Green cocks. 100 Birds were benched on the day.



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