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Editorial

I read with interest the invitation to take part in the research project being launched regarding feather problems experienced by budgerigars in South Africa. This is due to launch during June 2002. I will be taking part and hope that everyone in the fancy will put there full support behind this project. It is only with the support of the fancy that any real progress can be made. As I read the project details it became clear to me that it is not only feather problem that will be addressed but various other issues. I suggest we all get involved. For further details contact R Bragg at 0514012676 or via mail at BraggRR@sci.uovs.ac.za.

by John Nel

Front Cover:
Members at the JSBS mini show.
(L to R) Con Jacobs, Kobus Hechter, Mike Davies, Giel Calitz, Corrie v Staden, Deon Davie
Mini show - 11 May 2002

Mini Show Report

by John Nel

The second JSBS mini show for 2002 was held on 11 May 2002. 13 exhibitors exhibited 83 birds. There were 32 champion, 11 Intermediate, 10 Novice, and 30 Beginner exhibits. A very enjoyable time was had by all. The judges on the day was Hino Artus.

The results were as follows:

Best Bird in Show - Molkentin Stud
Best Opposite Sex in Show - Sam Rosslee
Best Champion in Show - Molkentin Stud
Best Champion Opposite Sex - Sam Rosslee
Best Intermediate in Show - Nel Brothers Stud
Best Intermediate Opposite Sex in Show - Corrie van Staden
Best Novice in Show - Jacobs&Uys
Best Novice Opposite Sex in Show - Jacobs&Uys
Best Beginner in Show - Kobus Hechter
Best Beginner Opposite Sex in Show - Giel Calitz



Above - Molkentin Stud - Best Bird
and Best Champion in Show



Above - Nel Brothers Stud - Best
Intermediate in Show.

Mini Show Points

~Champion~

Deon Davie - 30
Sam Rosslee - 22
Molkentin Stud - 13
Mike Davies - 2

~Intermediate~

Nel Brothers Stud - 46
Corrie van Staden - 17
Pieter vd Linde - 8

~Novice~

Jacobs & Uys - 67

~Beginner~

Giel Calitz - 40
Gert Pieters - 34
Kobus Hechter - 10



Top: Deon Davie and Sam Rosslee



Right: Hino Artus the judge on the day.

Tip of the Month

Traveling Tips

When you take your birds away from home base, make sure you take a supply of seed and water with you. When you take your birds out of your vehicle, be aware that you are taking them from a darkened quiet environment into bright sunlight, which will frighten the bird. Take your birds out very slowly and adjust the light with a towel or cover over the cage. All red eye birds are very intolerant of this sudden light change. Take care.

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by Deon Davie

On Request



Breeder "A" wants to breed quality split lacewings, in order to produce quality lacewings the following season. He pairs a Grey Green cock to a white Lacewing hen. This pair produces the following offspring:

1. Grey Green cock
2. Lutino cock
3. Lutino hen

Let's look at the offspring:

1. Grey Green cock

He will be split for Lacewing and will also be split for blue.

If this Grey Green is mated to the following hens, his offspring will be as follows:

Grey/Blue hen

- 12,5% white and 12,5% yellow Lacewing hens
- 12,5 % green and 12,5% blue hens
- 25% green and 25% blue cocks (12,5% split Lacewings)

Green hen (Not split blue)

- 25% yellow and 25% green Lacewing hens (12,5% split blue)
- 50% green cocks (25% split Lacewing)

White Lacewing hen

- 12,5% yellow and 12,5% white Lacewing/blue hens
- 12,5% green and 12,5% Grey/blue hens
- 12,5% yellow Lacewing/blue cocks
- 12,5% white Lacewing cocks
- 12,5% green split Lacewing cocks
- 12,5% Grey/blue split Lacewing cocks

2. Lutino cock

The fact that the original Grey Green produced a Lutino cock indicates that this Grey Green father is split for ino. Lutino cock will be split for Lacewing, and for blue. (Lacewing factor of mother is diluted by ino factor). Can be used to produce Lacewings in the same way as Grey Green offspring.

Can be used to produce Lutino's and Albino's, but this is not recommended as he is split for Lacewing.

3. Lutino hen

To produce a Lutino hen, in the mentioned mating, the father of this Lutino hen must be split for ino.

Lutino hen will be split blue, as her mother is a white Lacewing. Lutino hen will not carry any Lacewing. If mated to a Albino cock or Lutino split blue, she can produce Albino's.

It is not recommended to use Lacewing or Cinnamon with Lutino's or Albino's, as the brown wing markings will appear on the Lutino offspring in future generations.

Derby Show Numbers Drawn

At the management meeting held on 21 May the numbers for the Derby Show were drawn. The numbers drawn were:

3 **5** **8** **13** **23**

36 **37** **44** **55** **65**

Mini Show Picture Report



Top : Sam Rosslee (R) announcing the winners. Jacobs&Uys on the left.

Left: The hastily constructed staging.

Perfect Breeding Condition

Compiled by G Nicholson

Even though I advocate early breeding, it is absolutely essential that the birds be in perfect breeding condition. They must be alert and full of activity. The cocks tapping on the perches with their beaks, and the hens chewing the woodwork. Breeding condition does not mean exhibition condition. There can be feathers missing, tails missing, and even quills on heads, but as long as the birds are in perfect health, they should be ready to go to nest. All your pairs will not be in breeding condition simultaneously, so you only use the pairs that are ready. I have room for ten breeding pairs, but and I may only start with five pairs. I will put the remainder to nest as they come into condition.

What are the minimum ages at which birds should be allowed to breed? Different breeders certainly vary in their opinions. I have known breeders who have successfully bred with birds at seven months old, but perhaps I am old fashioned. I never allow my hens to breed until they are at least eleven months old and my cocks ten months. A lot depends on the actual development of the birds. Some birds mature more rapidly than others and it is then up to the experience of the breeders to decide if they are mature enough for breeding.



People sometimes ask me, what is the maximum age for breeding? This is a difficult question to answer as there are so many variations in the fitness of the birds. I generally answer, "that cocks can be used much longer than hens". I put the age for cocks at approximately five years, and hens at approximately three years.

I never advise pairing two old budgerigars together, unless they have been very good breeders in the past. Always try, if possible, to have one mate older than the other.

Best Opposite Sex in Show
11 May - Sam Rosslee

Birthday Wishes

go to

Deon Davie
28 June

Pieter vd Linde

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