

# *The Show Budgie*

For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

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**Rynier Burger**

*Best Bird on Show at Year End Mini Show*

## New Year New Challenges

A new year brings new challenges and in the Show Budgie game this could mean many things....

Blank eggs could mean one or both birds are not in condition. If there are eggs then the hen is doing her part or is she! She may not like the cock bird and therefore the eggs are blank. Blank eggs also means the cock is not covering the hen which could be due to the hen being aggressive and not allowing the cock to cover her or the cock is too young or inexperienced.

Dead in shell means the air is too dry making it difficult for the young chick to exit the egg.

French moult could strike and cause havoc with the best laid plans. Disinfect everything and wait for the virus to burn out.

All eggs full could be an issue we would all love to have as we would have plenty of foster parents and of course our ring tally will sky rocket.

Note that club fees are payable for the following year by end of August. Members however have until 31 December to pay after which they will have to rejoin the club as well as BSSA. To those members who have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible.

The JSBS Club Management Committee would like to wish all club members a Happy New year for 2013. May all members have a very successful breeding and show season. ♦

## JSBS Web Site

*By John Nel*

The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society web site is hosted at [www.jsbs.zymichast.com](http://www.jsbs.zymichast.com) and has been here for a while now.

The original site was at Geocities which became a pay site so the site was moved to 110mb and was quiet successful in the new home until the hosts started neglecting users. This resulted in many months of web masters not being able to gain access to edit their sites. After about a year or more the sites were accessable again and I have now pointed all links on this site to our new site.

### What does the current site offer you may ask?

Well first off you can get contact details of the JSBS Management team who runs the club.

There are membership details for any new member who is looking to join the club.

The club year program is also hosted on the site so there are no excuses for missing any activity.

There are links to member's aviaries. Currently only two but any member can request to be added.

There is a member's for sale sections. Got anything to sell then drop me the editor an email.

The JSBS club champions from year 1 which was 1999 are all on the web site with all the points gained. The yearly Derby results from 1999 with all the winners are also reflected. The JSBS Mini Show results with pictures from 1999 are all on the web site. So go and have a look at the winning birds of 1999. All the South African Show results from 1999 onwards for all Area and National shows are all there with pictures of all the winners and exhibitors. No other site has these results available.

The Show Budgie e-zine can also be downloaded from the site.

If you are a beginner and need to determine what the breeding expectations for the various varieties are then go to the Breeding Expectations link.

On the Club News side of the web site new members can apply online to join the club. If you want to stay in touch join our Twitter link. ♦

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## JSBS Club Show Results

### The 2012 JSBS Club Champion is Rynier Burger



The race for club champion was hotly contested during 2012 although only three shows were held. This was mainly due to the three shows JSBS hosted during 2012 with the South African National Show being one of them.

Rynier finished on 107 points for the year.

#### The final results were as follows:

- Champion of Champions was the Nel Brothers Stud who achieved 64 points
- Champion of Intermediates was Gert Pieters who achieved 66 points
- Champion of Novices was Rynier Burger who achieved 107 points and was crowned the 2012 JSBS Club Champion

#### The results for most points at Championship Shows were as follows:

- Nel Brothers Stud with 36 points for Champion
- Gert Pieters with 54 points for Intermediate
- Rynier Burger with 68 points for Novice

#### The Derby Show results were as follows:

- Best Bird – Nel Brothers Stud
- Best Opposite Sex – Nel Brothers Stud
- Best Champion – Nel Brothers Stud
- Best Champion Opp Sex – Nel Brothers Stud
- Best Novice – Philip Jacobs
- Best Novice Opposite Sex – Rynier Burger

## JSBS Club Year Program

The JSBS year program needs to be compiled and inputs from members regarding what activities they would like to include on the year program is awaited.

#### Championship Shows

Items which will be included are the championship shows which take place in the various regions as well as the South African National Championship Show which will be centralised and take place in Bloemfontein on 27 and 28 July 2013.

#### Club Meetings

The monthly club management meetings will take place on the second Wednesday evening of every month. All members are free to attend. Club issues like finances and shows to be hosted are discussed as well as any BSSA items which arise.

#### Mini Shows

The club hosts anywhere from two to eight Mini Shows a year. This has decreased in the past two year due to the club hosting three shows a year thus decreasing the time available for our mini shows. This year, 2013, the club will be hosting two shows which will allow for more mini shows to be hosted.

#### Derby Show

The club hosts a Derby show during the year end function or just before. This is open to all club members. Birds rung with ring number 1 to 20 of the current year (2013) are eligible and can be entered.

As this is limited to the first 20 birds rung anyone could potentially win the derby show.

#### Your Inputs

All these dates will be incorporated into the proposed year program on which members can comment or suggest alternate dates. Members ideas, once approved by club management, will be incorporated into the year program.

#### Due date for inputs

Members are requested to send all inputs by 7 January 2013 so they can be discussed at the first club meeting for the year.

Members are asked to please email any suggestions to the club secretary John Nel at [nelja@telkomsa.net](mailto:nelja@telkomsa.net) or contact him on 0125423533.

The proposed 2013 Year Program will be sent to members with the minutes of the first meeting.

#### Club Meeting

The first club meeting of 2013 will take place on 9 January at 19:00 at the Nel Brothers Stud.

# The Wonder of Apple Cider Vinegar

By Dr. Zsolt Talabér (edited by Martin Degrave)



Real apple cider vinegar is a natural substance, but only if from a bio farm. It strengthens the immune system, as it is an excellent source of trace and micro elements. However, this is only true of vinegar derived from apples grown in a natural (e.g. grassy) environment free of fertilisers and insecticides. An apple that is artificially cultivated does not undergo real ripening, and so does not contain the biologically complete stock of micro elements of which it is genetically capable.

Apple cider vinegar is an ideal source of organic acid. Organic acids help digestion and the breaking down of food intake, and thus prevent the development of illnesses caused by undigested food.

It is widely known that acidity prevents the spread of coli bacteria and salmonellas. These pathogens like a gently alkaline environment in which they can really start to proliferate. Apple cider vinegar mixed in water prevents salmonella from spreading in the waterer. Its acidic effect continues to restrict pathogens, even in the pigeon's intestines.

What is less well-known is that apple cider vinegar can be life-saving. Many have found that in hot weather budgies rate of breathing can increase, dramatically if it is very hot, and budgies breathe rapidly with their beaks open. On such occasions the increased exchange of air causes more carbon dioxide to leave the blood than normal. This leads to acid deficiency, and so the blood becomes increasingly alkaline (breathing alkalosis). Initially this process generates bad disposition, dizziness,

then nausea, and, if it becomes more extreme, death. In hot weather we pine for soft drinks with lemon and carbon dioxide in order to compensate for the acid deficiency. If at such times we give our budgies water with apple cider vinegar, we can save their lives.

In prolonged heat we can achieve even more with a little apple cider vinegar than this. For in addition to the changing pH of the blood, potentially fatal processes are taking place in the digestive system.

Heat is a powerful stressor, but is bad for digestion in and of itself, as the vessels in the skin, lungs, etc. expand, while the vessels supplying the digestive system contract. Thus in hot weather consumption of food declines, meaning that good intestinal bacteria do not have adequate nutrition, and so the acid they produce also decreases. Meanwhile, as we have seen, the alkalinity of the blood grows, which is life-threatening. Simply put, the body attempts to compensate for this by taking acid away from the digestive system, further increasing its alkalinity. As the heat stress has already reduced the resistance of the digestive system, all these factors mean that conditions are ideal for the fast proliferation of salmonellas lurking in the intestines.

Thus in hot weather there is every chance that a paratyphoid epidemic will flare up. In most cases, all this can be prevented by a simple acidification of drinking water with apple cider vinegar.

Like anything else, apple cider vinegar can be overdosed. In too great a quantity it can even damage good intestinal bacteria. The high quantity of acid absorbs calcium (lime) and removes it from the system, which results in motor and reproductive problems. So overdoses of apple vinegar should be avoided. The dose for 5% apple cider vinegar is 4-8ml per litre of drinking water, 1-3 times a week. If we administer it more regularly, e.g. in prolonged hot weather, we should choose a lower level of concentration.

In addition, we can use apple cider vinegar for the disinfection of objects, e.g. waterers, or more precisely for the subsequent acidification of a sterilized set of trays. This prevents the spread of salmonellas in the outside world. We should use it for this purpose to wash the floor of the aviary, observing caution, especially in enclosed spaces, because acidic gases in the air can reach dangerous concentrations.

## Want to contribute to the monthly news!

Drop me an email with your contribution and I will look into placing your article in the Show Budgie.

### Heard at the Year End Function

What does a 1 ton Show Budgie  
say?

Koppies Krap NOU!

### *Birthday Wishes*

No Birthdays this month so we will  
wish all those new born chicks luck as  
they grow up to be our show winner

### JSBS 2013 Year Program

All members are requested to submit ideas and suggestions to John Nel on email [nelja@telkomsa.net](mailto:nelja@telkomsa.net) or on 0813173687 for the JSBS 2013 Year Program. Any suggestions welcome.

Please note that from January 2013 all club meetings held in the week will take place on Wednesdays.

### Breeders Directory

The last page of the Show Budgie will be dedicated to subscribers adverts. Currently these are basic adds but these can be enhanced by emailing me detail you would like to include. This means that this will be your area to advertise anything you would like. To do this just contact me and I will update your information. Any additional adverts will be charged as follows:

Contact John Nel at (012) 542 3533 or 081 3173 687 or email me at [NelJA@TelkomSA.net](mailto:NelJA@TelkomSA.net). ♦

## The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society

### Annual Subscription

#### Membership Fees:

Member – R250.00

Spouse – Free

Junior – Free

#### New membership Affiliation Fee (Once off)

Adult – R250.00

Junior – Free

Visit us on the Internet at

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