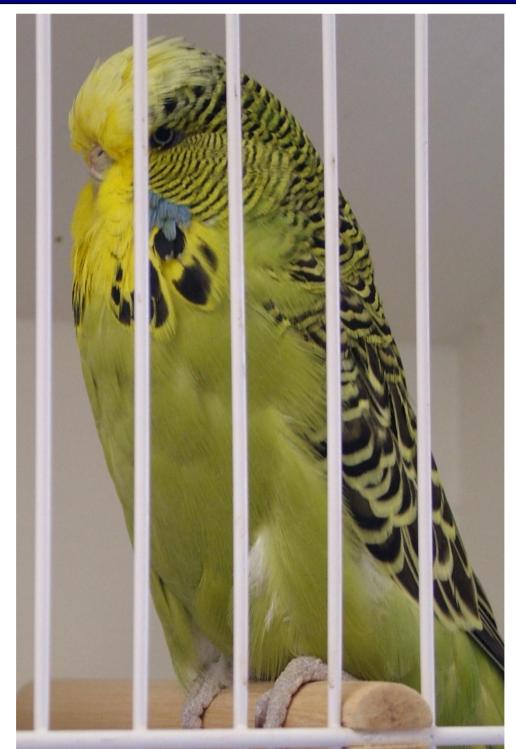
# The Show Budgie

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**Nel Brothers Stud** Best Bird on Show at the JSBS Mini Show

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### **The Show Season Challenges**

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

Birds in excellent condition when you need them to be or birds who go into a moult just when you thought they could go to the show, dropped tails, dropped flights, blood on the head and so the list continues.

This is what makes the show season so interesting and keeps us on our toes. Imagine if everything went 100% and there were no issues. How boring would the hobby become?

So while preparing your birds this show season think about this. How sweet the feeling is after all the hard work has been put in and you have success. This is what makes it worthwhile and enjoyable.

If you have any tricks you use to get your birds in show condition please drop me an email and I will publish in our magazine for club members to try.

If you have any questions regarding getting your birds into condition you are welcome to send it through and I will publish the question as well as answers I will get from the experts in the hobby.

The club management committee wishes all members an excellent show season. We hope to see you at the shows.

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# Mistakes of Non Champions

#### By John Nel

Many champions share the same ideas and fanciers that will never be champions also do. The reason why they will never be champions is not the fact that they make mistakes, (everybody does) but the fact that they are not aware of that and keep on making them.

#### **MISTAKE ONE**

Non-champions take action at the wrong time. They use medicine too early or too late. Medicate against diseases that do not exist will result in weaker birds. On the other hand you are too late when you take action when the birds are on the point of dying.

#### **MISTAKE TWO**

Non-champions have no confidence. They change their methods again and again. There are several good systems and several bad ones. The worst is to change again and again.

#### **MISTAKE THREE**

Non-champions want to find the best stuff to cure their birds from diseases. The champions try to prevent their birds from becoming sick. They pay special attention to the environment, the aviary. In the drinkers of the champions is clear water most of the time, the water in the drinkers of non-champions is often coloured.

#### **MISTAKE FOUR**

Non-champions are too soft hearted with birds that are not healthy. Champions get rid of such; they have iron hands in silk gloves.

#### **MISTAKE FIVE**

Most non-champions are naïve. When mating birds they do not realise how important good luck is. They think that if they mate a Super cock with a Super hen or its sister they will breed Super birds automatically. But it is not that simple.

#### **MISTAKE SIX**

In the aviary of non-champions you will find breeders that are years old that have never given good birds. I wonder what such birds are doing there.

#### **MISTAKE SEVEN**

Modern show budgies are getting bigger. Some think bigger and buffer birds are better birds. They are wrong. It is often those smaller show budgies that breed and produce tomorrow winners.

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## **JSBS Mini Show 1 Results**

#### Mini Show 1 – 23 February

Mike Davies was the judge on the day. There were 13 birds benched on the day. The results were as follows: Best Bird on Show : Nel Brothers Stud

Best Bird on Show	: Nel Brothers Stud
Best Opposite Sex on Show	: Koos du Preez
Best Champion	: Nel Brothers Stud
Best Novice	: Koos du Preez

#### Mini Show 2 – 31 August

Mike Davies was the judge on the day. There were 11 birds benched on the day. The results were as follows:

Best Bird on Show	: Koos du Preez
Best Opposite Sex on Show	: Nel Brothers Stud
Best Champion	: Nel Brothers Stud
Best Novice	: Koos du Preez



# **JSBS Mini Show 2 Picture Report**



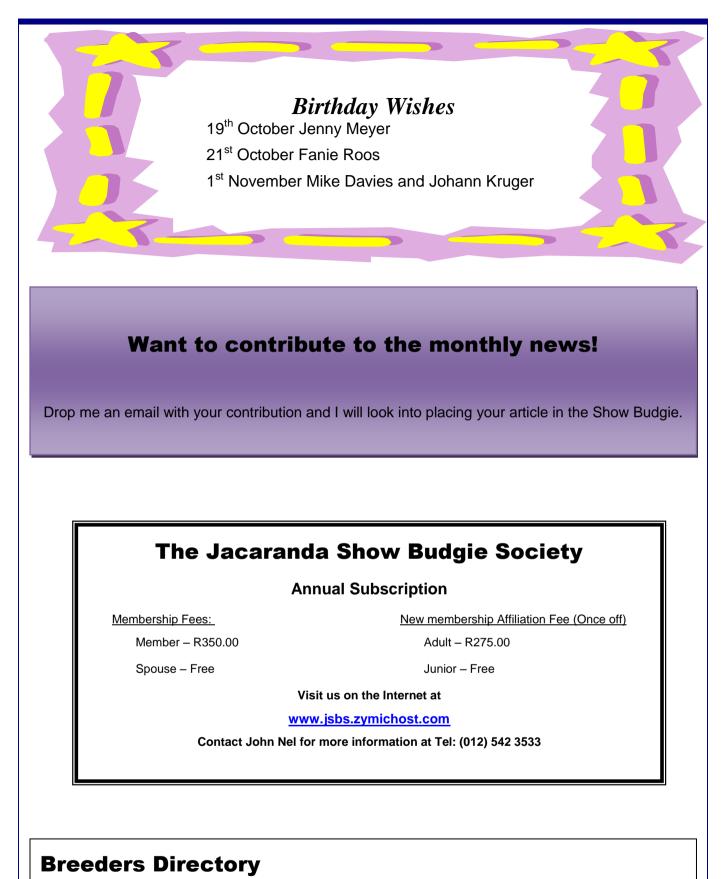
Best Bird on Show – Koos du Preez



Best Opposite Sex on Show - Nel Brothers Stud



Members discussing the birds on show. Hannes van Rensburg and Fanie Roos with Anne-Lize at the back

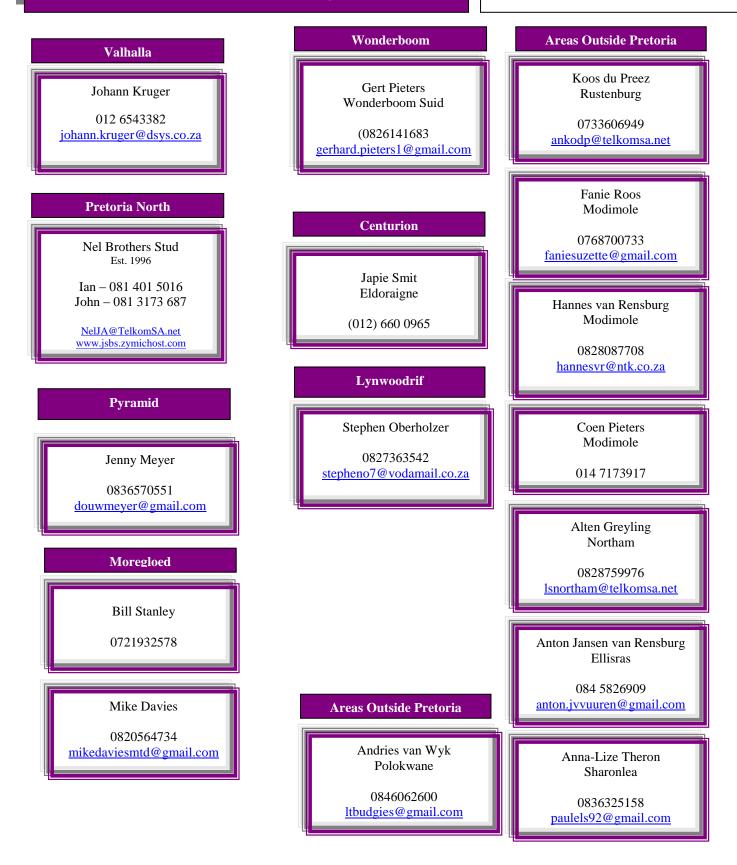


The last page of the Show Budgie will be dedicated to subscribers adverts. Currently these are basic adds but these can be enhanced by emailing me detail you would like to include. This means that this will be your area to advertise anything you would like. To do this just contact me and I will update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

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