

The Show Budgie

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Best Bird on Show – 2014 Young Bird Show – Nel Brothers Stud

2014 Is Here!!

Well 2014 is well underway and we look forward to a good breeding season and an excellent show season.

Hopefully everyone has set their expectations and goals for the year ahead.

- How many chicks do you want to raise?
- How many section wins do you want to achieve?
- How many challenge certificates are you aiming for?
- Do you have a Best in Section in mind?
- Do you aspire to have any Best on Show winners?
- Which show are you going to target this year?
- How many club mini shows will you attend?
- How many club meetings are you attending?
- How many new members are you going to generate for the club?
- Who will you mentor this year?
- What alterations will you make the year ahead

The list is endless but you have to have targets and goals in order to be successful. You may not achieve them all but at least you would have worked towards something.

Good luck with all you goals for 2014. ♦

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The Probiotic “Health Dividend” (Part 1) by John Vance

The digestive tract of a budgie is home to a number of microorganisms, including various types of protozoa, bacteria, and fungi (includes yeast). The normal relationship between these microorganisms and the host (budgie) is symbiotic, meaning “the living together of dissimilar organisms”. Symbiotic relationships are classified as either commensal, mutualistic, or parasitic. A symbiotic relationship is commensal when one organism derives food or other benefits from another organism without hurting or helping it. A symbiotic relationship is mutualistic when both organisms derive a fitness benefit. Finally, a symbiotic relationship is parasitic when one member of the association benefits while the other is harmed.

Concerning the symbiotic relationship which exist between our budgies and the protozoa, bacteria, and fungi which reside within the birds, the normal relationship is either commensal or mutualistic, and the normal effect of these microorganisms (protozoa, bacteria, and fungi) on the host (the budgie) is to provide important services which enhance the overall health of the bird’s ecology.

When populations of protozoa, bacteria, and fungi are in their proper numbers and relationships, they tend to inhibit and control one another, keeping the mix from becoming lop-sided and “pathological”. If one or another of these populations explodes, it may throw off this balance, resulting in one or more diseases for the host.

If we examine the bacterial populations of a healthy budgie’s digestive tract, we will find that it contains approximately 80% “Friendly Bacteria” (beneficial strains) and 20% of what we often call “Bad Bacteria”. These so called “Bad Bacteria” are not bad when they are controlled, as they contribute in some functional way to the overall health of our birds. Normally, it is only when the populations of good bacteria fall below the 80% level, that the health of our birds begin to suffer from the presence of the so called “Bad Bacteria” strains.

The problem is really more complex than that, if the protections provided to the digestive tract by these colonies of “good bacteria” are diminished, then not only will the so called “Bad Bacteria” strains move to fill this niche, but also yeast, fungi and protozoa (like cocci and canker) will attempt to exploit the reduction of Good Bacteria colonies to further expand their populations, even becoming “pathogenic”.

To be continued ♦

Year end Function

The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society year-end function went off very well. Those in attendance had a wonderful time. Members and their spouses had some time to socialise and catch up.

This year the year-end function was combined with the yearly young bird show. There were a couple of older birds on display which were brought in error but these were included in the show.

The results of the young bird show were as follows:

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



Right
Best Opposite Sex on Show and
Best Novice on Show
Koos du Preez

Below

Members discussing the birds and various other topics at the year-end function
(LtoR) Gert Pieters, Koos du Preez, Ian Nel, Mike Davies and Bill Stanley



Club Trophies

The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society has various trophies which can be won over a year. The trophies are all floating trophies and are categorised into the following areas:

- Mini Shows
- Derby Show
- Championship Shows
- Club Champions

MINI SHOW

If we look at Mini Shows there is a Best Bird and Best Opposite Sex on Show trophy which is floating trophies. Winner's names are engraved on these trophies from time to time.

DERBY SHOW

This is a one off event held towards the end of each year. Only birds with ring numbers 1 to 20 can be entered. All club members automatically are eligible and can enter the show.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

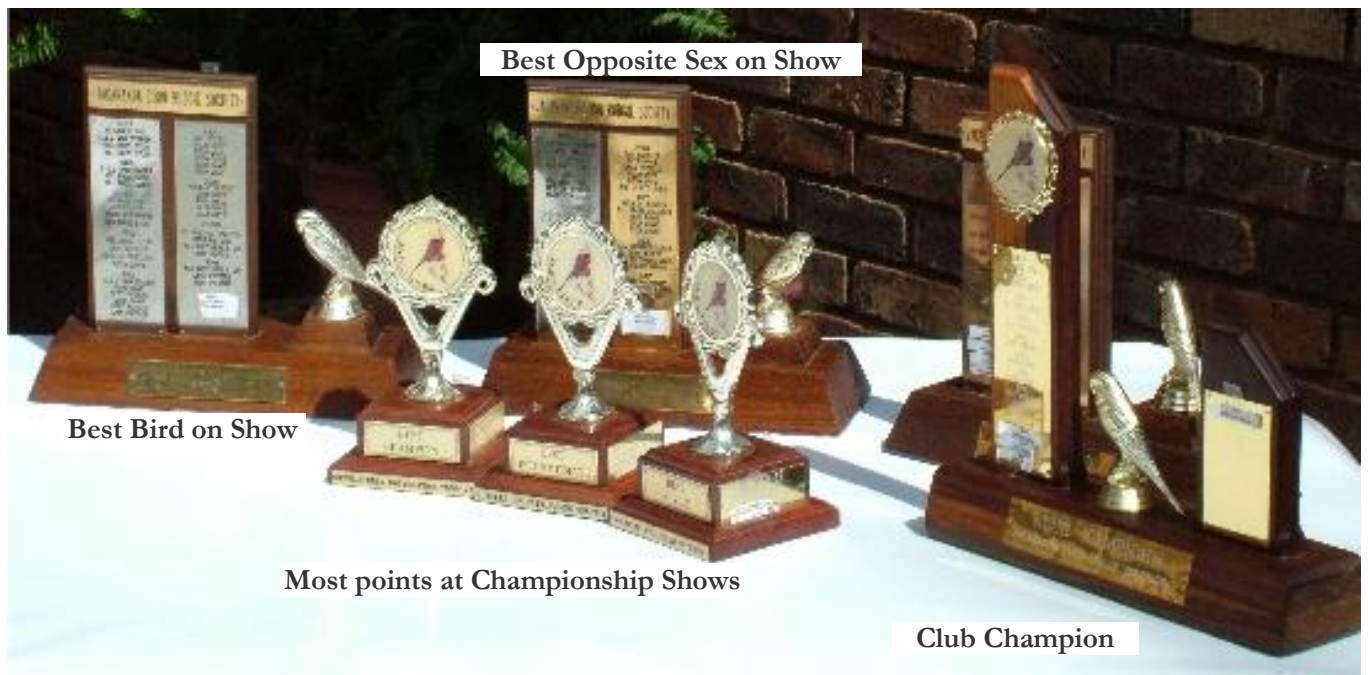
All JSBS members points gained at BSSA Championship Shows are totaled once the Administrators report is received after each South African National Show. The Champion, Intermediate and Novice in the club with the most points are awarded the trophy. The only condition linked to winning the trophy is that the club member had to have shown at at least one Mini Show. Members who did not enter any Mini Show are automatically disqualified from this competition.

CLUB CHAMPION

The club champion is the member who has gained the most points at the Mini Shows in a year.

Originally there used to be up to eight mini shows a year but in the past couple of years members have been reluctant to attend more than three or four.

Below are the trophies which can be won at the club shows.



Birthday Wishes

19th February **Andries van Wyk**

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