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What a wonderful hobby we have! No sooner have we recovered from the trials, tribulations and successes of the show season (and I really hope there were more of the latter and fewer of the former) when we start again with the next breeding season with our new year's rings. Hopefully it started off better with you than it did with me, however, now that the rain has come to the old Transvaal, I am seeing better results and I trust others up here are experiencing the same. My best wishes to the other provinces as well, might everything support a wonderful season for you as well.

Congratulations to all those who had any form of success during the show season, including our SA Champion Bird bred by Pat and Gerald de Beer, as well as to our Champion of Champions, Molkentin Stud, Champion of Intermediates, Nagel Aviaries, and Champion of Novices, Lesley, Shirley. Congratulations also to all those members who have been promoted after this show season – may you quickly adjust to the requirements of your new ranking.

Have I imagined it or has the reduction in sections really brought about better competition? Statistics tell us that the classes were fuller, but it seemed to me that the birds were also better. May this trend continue!!

You may have seen in the minutes that we are considering the future format of the bulletin. Partly due to the current cost and the difficulty in producing it (not taking into account our special problems that we had this year with our Editor being busy with courses and studies). Please play your part by forwarding any positive contributions to our Editor or to the Administrator so that these can also be put into the melting pot.

Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee, may I wish all of you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

PS Remember the AGM on 5 February 2005 in the same venue as last year.

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South African Champion 2004, Best Bird on Show
National Championship Show – de Beer Partnership

2004 Gauteng Championship Picture Report

By John Nel



Above Left: H Artus Best Bird on Show. (Cinnamon Green Series Cock)

Above Middle: Thistle Aviaries Best Opposite Sex on Show (Grey Green Hen)

Above Right: D Dawood Best Novice on Show (Dominant Pied Cock)

Below Left: Nagel Aviaries Best Intermediate on Show (Opaline Green Series)

Below Right: H Artus winner of the Best Bird and Best Opposite Sex on Show and assistant.



2004 Additional Gauteng Championship Picture Report *By John Nel*



Above Left: Thistle Aviaries Best Bird on Show. (Cobolt Cock)

Above Right: Thistle Aviaries Best Opposite Sex on Show (Grey Green Hen)

Below: Willie Steward (Thistle Aviaries) receives his awards from BSSA President, Japie Smit.



Attacked Chicks *By Bill and Christine Heale*

As a matter of routine, when chicks are being raised, a small table or cover should be placed in the corner of the breeding cage, so if a chick is threatened by either parent, or has emerged from the nest box too early, a place to retreat and security can be found. When chicks are ready to leave the nest box at between four to five weeks old, keep a watch to see if any individual causes irritation to its parents. The usual sign of this is when you find a chick scampering and flapping about the cage. Try to separate it from the rest as the parents will eventually attack and kill it. They will feel threatened, as their maternal instincts will have waned and their concentration will be firmly on the next round of eggs. If attacks continue, and more chicks are threatened, remove the parent responsible from the cage, and take down the nest box thus allowing the remaining parent to complete the rearing. ♦

Show Dates 2005

<i>Show</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Secretary Contact</i>
Add Gauteng Championship Show	26 February	012 542 3533
Rare Variety & Spangle Show	26 March	TBA
Gauteng Area Championship Show	21-22 May	TBA
KwaZulu Natal Championship Show	27-28 May	TBA
Western Cape Championship Show	4 June	TBA
Free State Championship Show	10-11 June	TBA
Eastern Cape Championship Show	17-18 June	TBA
National Championship Show	30-31 July	TBA

If you have not received your catalogue and entry forms in good time and you wish to exhibit please contact the show secretary on the number listed above.

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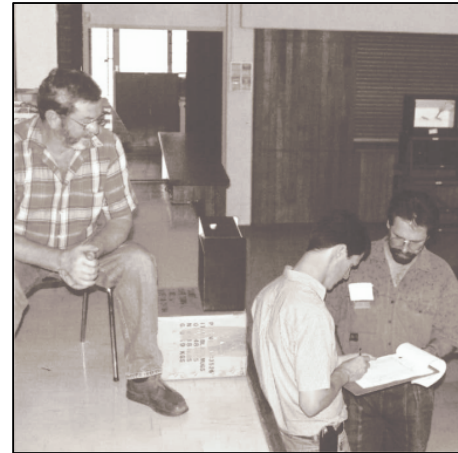
2004 Gauteng Championship Show Results

The 2004 Gauteng Championship show was held on 17 and 18 April. There were 18 Champion, 17 Intermediate, and 14 Novice exhibitors. A total of 759 birds were entered with 651 being benched. There were 244 Champion, 282 Intermediate, and 233 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were George Norval, Lionel Sydenham, John Lucas, and George Sutton. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	H Artus
Best Opp Sex on Show	Thistle Aviaries
Best Any Age on Show	Thistle Aviaries
Best Young Bird on Show	H Artus
Best Champion	H Artus
Best Champion Any Age	Thistle Aviaries
Best Champion Young Bird	H Artus
Best Intermediate	Nagel Aviaries
Best Intermediate Any Age	C van Staden
Best Intermediate Young Bird	Nagel Aviaries
Best Novice	D Dawood
Best Novice Any Age	Wemarc Stud
Best Novice Young Bird	D Dawood

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	PALM Aviaries	Albino	F Gerber
Dark & Olive Green	Molkentin Stud	Lacewing	Molkentin Stud
Grey Green	Thistle Aviaries	Opaline Green	H Artus
Skyblue	M Akoodi	Opaline Grey Green	D Davie
Cobolt & Mauve	Thistle Aviaries	Opaline Blue	Thistle Aviaries
Violet	Smarn Telery	Opaline Grey	PALM Aviaries
Grey	Molkentin Stud	Opaline Cin Green	D Davie
Cinnamon Green	H Artus	Opaline Cin Blue	PALM Aviaries
Cinnamon Blue	Molkentin Stud	Yellowface	Molkentin Stud
Spangle Green	L Shirley	Dominant Pied	D Dawood
Spangle Blue	Thistle Aviaries	Recessive Pied	Molkentin Stud
Double Factor Spangle	Thistle Aviaries	Greywing, CY&W	Molkentin Stud
Lutino	Molkentin Stud	AOV	Molkentin Stud

2004 Additional Gauteng Championship Picture Report *By John Nel*



Top: Reinhard Molkentin looks on while Wim Vrey (right) sells another raffle ticket to Deon Davie.



Right: Members gather for the prize giving.



Top: Lesley Shirley receives her awards.



Right: Karyma Telers receives their awards from Japie Smit

Are you ready for the next challenge? *Continued*

John Temporley FIMgt & Kevin Eatwell BVSc (Hons) CertZooMed MRCVS

There are dozens of different disinfectants on the market made up of differing chemical ingredients and some are more effective than others at killing certain microbes. Few are really broad spectrum (i.e. effective against all bacteria, spores, fungi and viruses).

Some have significant drawbacks in terms of safety to the user, safety to use in the presence of birds, some are corrosive (because they are very acid or alkaline) and some are inactivated when there is organic material contaminating the surfaces. It is therefore important to *clean all surfaces first*, rinse off the detergent **then disinfect them**.

One of the latest disinfectants to hit the market is F10, which is available in the UK in a highly concentrated form under the labels 'F10 Super Concentrate Disinfectant' and 'F10SC Veterinary Disinfectant'. These are identical products but the latter is only available from a veterinary practice where the veterinarian may give specific guidelines on its use as part of a recovery plan.

What makes F10 unique is that it combines performance with safety, even in the presence of your birds. It is registered in South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. This means that all label claims have been assessed and approved by independent technical assessors employed by the state. Extensive testing has been carried out on the product at independent and internationally recognised laboratories covering efficacy and safety aspects. F10 has a number of actives and due to the formulation design makes resistance build up due to long continued use most unlikely. In the UK it has been used over the last four years by leading avian veterinarians and is now being used by leading veterinarians specialising in exotics of all species, from the west coast of the USA, across Europe, Asia and the East to the East coast of Australia. Some of these veterinarians have spoken and written of their experience with F10, where more often than not it is part of a therapeutic treatment plan either with other drugs or as a stand alone treatment. These experiences have appeared in published articles and in

technical papers presented at international veterinary conferences around the world.

F10 disinfectant is bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal and sporicidal at concentrations which are safe to use around your birds. This is important because not only is it a practical issue, but more importantly because it is still effective. Other products may have reduced efficacy due to weaker concentrations being required when spraying or fogging around livestock (They might otherwise be harmful, toxic or irritating).

F10 disinfectant is a multi-purpose product and in addition to disinfection of surfaces and air spaces can be used to wash seed and millet before giving them to the birds or added in their drinking water to improve water quality which might otherwise deteriorate due to contamination from food. It can be used to wash equipment and feed containers and can even be used as a sterilizing solution. It is very stable, even mixed solutions will remain effective for months after dilution, if the cap is replaced on the container after each use. Independent tests and field experiments carried out confirmed that there was no residual build up in the vital organs of avian species after continuously drinking water treated with F10SC disinfectant at concentrations of up to 1:250 for a five week period and that there was no reduction in the natural gut flora over the same period.

A suggested F10SC disinfectant user guideline for use in your aviary is available on Health and Hygiene's web-page. Go to www.healthandhygiene.net then click on the User Guideline button and select Aviculture Guideline. The microbe *Aspergillus sp.* has been selected as the indicator organism used to decide the concentrations used in this guideline, so a high level of protection is inherent in its application

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John Temperley is Managing Director of Health and Hygiene (Pty) Ltd, South Africa, who are the manufacturers of the F10 product range.

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Rare en Spangle Skou 2004 *By Barend Allers*

Dit was met groot opgewondenheid dat ons, Kroonstad Budgie Klub se lede, uitgesien het na die 2004 se "Rare en Spangle" skou. Die inskrywings het maar eers stadig ingekom en op laaste het die dag aangebreek. Daar was 166 "Rares" en 151 "Spangles" gebank.

Die uitslae was as volg:-

	Rares	Spangles
Best on Show	Palm Aviaries	L Shirley
Best Opp Sex	Palm Aviaries	Thistle Aviaries
Best Any Age on Show	Palm Aviaries	Thistle Aviaries
Best Young Bird on Show	Palm Aviaries	L Shirley
Best Champion	Palm Aviaries	Thistle Aviaries
Best Champion Any Age	Palm Aviaries	Thistle Aviaries
Best Champion Young Bird	Palm Aviaries	Thistle Aviaries
Best Intermediate	Frank Gerber	H Kotzee
Best Intermediate Any Age	Frank Gerber	H Kotzee
Best Intermediate Young Bird	Nagel Aviaries	Nagel Aviaries
Best Novice	Koos Venter	L Shirley
Best Novice Any Age	Andre Scholtz	W Labuschagne
Best Novice Young Bird	Koos Venter	L Shirley

Special Awards:- Rares

Reinhard Molkentin Floating Trophy: Best Novice Rare on Show – Koos Venter
ZG Amthor (Germany) Floating Trophy: Best Recessive Pied – PALM Aviaries

Special Awards:- Spangles

KBK Floating Trophy: Best Spangle on Show – L Shirley
SASBA Floating Trophy: Best Champion Spangle on Show – Thistle Aviaries
SASBA Floating Trophy: Best Intermediate Spangle on Show – H Kotzee
SASBA Floating Trophy: Best Novice Spangle on Show – L Shirley

Kroonstad Budgie Klub wil al die vertoners en persone wat gehelp het om die dag 'n sukses te maak bedank.

Groetenis tot volgende jaar
Kroonstad Budgie Klub

2004 Free State Championship Show Results

The 2004 Free State Championship show was held on 29 May. There were 15 Champion, 15 Intermediate, and 11 Novice exhibitors. A total of 764 birds were entered with 693 being benched. There were 246 Champion, 304 Intermediate, and 214 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were Heino Artus, Ian Bleasdale, Chris Oberholzer and Albert Olivier. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Opp Sex on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Any Age on Show	Nel Brothers Stud
Best Young Bird on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Champion	Molkentin Stud
Best Champion Any Age	Nel Brothers Stud
Best Champion Young Bird	Molkentin Stud
Best Intermediate	P Dryden
Best Intermediate Any Age	Karyma Telers
Best Intermediate Young Bird	P Dryden
Best Novice	Wemarc Stud
Best Novice Any Age	Shirley Lesley
Best Novice Young Bird	Wemarc Stud



Nel Brother Stud, Best Any Age on Show, Spangle Blue

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	Karyma Telers	Albino	F Gerber
Dark & Olive Green	P Dryden	Lacewing	Molkentin Stud
Grey Green	Thistle Aviaries	Opaline Green	Nagel Aviaries
Skyblue	C Aron	Opaline Grey Green	Molkentin Stud
Cobolt & Mauve	Thistle Aviaries	Opaline Blue	C Aron
Violet	C Aron	Opaline Grey	Jooste & Seun
Grey	Molkentin Stud	Opaline Cin Green	Deon Davie
Cinnamon Green	Molkentin Stud	Opaline Cin Blue	PALM Aviaries
Cinnamon Blue	Molkentin Stud	Yellowface	Nel Bros Stud
Spangle Green	Nel Bros Stud	Dominant Pied	F Gerber
Spangle Blue	Nel Bros Stud	Recessive Pied	Molkentin Stud
Double Factor Spangle	Molkentin Stud	Greywing, CY&W	Molkentin Stud
Lutino	Molkentin Stud	AOV	Molkentin Stud

2004 National Championship Show Results

The 2004 National Championship show was held on 6 August. There were 25 Champion, 21 Intermediate, and 22 Novice exhibitors. A total of 1072 birds were entered with 968 being benched. There were 418 Champion, 362 Intermediate, and 292 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were Marcel Bühler, Deon Davie, Bob Hirst, Tom Lynch and Fred Wright. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Opp Sex on Show	Palm Aviary
Best Any Age on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Young Bird on Show	H Sydow



Left: PALM Aviary,
Best Opposite Sex
on Show



De Beer Partnership,
Best Bird on Show

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	HG Artus	Albino	Carstens P/ship
Dark & Olive Green	Fourie & Kotze	Lacewing	Molkentin Stud
Grey Green	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Green	de Beer P/ship
Skyblue	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Grey Green	IM Bleasdale
Cobolt & Mauve	PALM Aviary	Opaline Blue	de Beer P/ship
Violet	Smarny Telery	Opaline Grey	de Beer P/ship
Grey	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Cin Green	Fourie & Kotze
Cinnamon Green	HG Artus	Opaline Cin Blue	AH Olivier
Cinnamon Blue	H Sydow	Yellowface	K C Aviaries
Spangle Green	LA Shirley	Dominant Pied	PALM Aviary
Spangle Blue	de Beer P/ship	Recessive Pied	Molkentin Stud
Double Factor Spangle	Thistle Aviaries	Greywing, CY&W	Molkentin Stud
Lutino	Molkentin Stud	AOV	Molkentin Stud

2004 Eastern Cape Championship Show Results

The 2004 Eastern Cape Championship show was held on 1 May. There were 18 Champion, 12 Intermediate, and 11 Novice exhibitors. A total of 793 birds were entered with 705 being benched. There were 353 Champion, 278 Intermediate, and 162 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were Ian Bleasdale, Bob Hirst and Malcolm Taylor. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Opp Sex on Show	HG Artus
Best Any Age on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Young Bird on Show	HG Artus

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	HG Artus	Albino	MJ Greenwood
Dark & Olive Green	P Dryden	Lacewing	Willrich Aviaries
Grey Green	de Beer Partnership	Opaline Green	Nagel Aviaries
Skyblue	de Beer Partnership	Opaline Grey Green	A Slight
Cobolt & Mauve	P Visser	Opaline Blue	de Beer Partnership
Violet	PALM Aviary	Opaline Grey	de Beer Partnership
Grey	de Beer Partnership	Opaline Cin Green	Deon Davie
Cinnamon Green	HG Artus	Opaline Cin Blue	de Beer Partnership
Cinnamon Blue	de Beer Partnership	Yellowface	AHM Aviary
Spangle Green	LA Shirley	Dominant Pied	Vermaas Stoet
Spangle Blue	R Lundie	Recessive Pied	AH Olivier
Double Factor Spangle	HEP Kotzee	Greywing, CY&W	Willrich Aviaries
Lutino	GA Sutton	AOV	PALM Aviary



Kwazulu Natal
Championship Show
Judges.

Are you ready for the next challenge?

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Everyone in the Budgerigar fancy is well aware of the viral challenge that struck recently with such disastrous effect. This is a wake-up call to review how adequate your biosecurity measures are to protect your stock.

What is biosecurity? This means how secure your birds are from infectious agents. It is a multi-faceted issue and covers the location, construction design, construction materials, lighting and ventilation of your birdroom. In existing aviaries this can only be modified slightly, but these aspects can be carefully considered for new constructions. Bio-security also covers how food is stored, your source of birds, stocking density and all aspects of preventative medicine: including quarantine, disease screening and disinfection. In this article we are going to concentrate on the disease causing microbes themselves and what actions are required to deal with them on an ongoing basis.

Micropbes are encountered in everyday life and many do not cause disease but instead are beneficial to our birds, such as the micropbes that make up the natural gut flora of our birds. Some micropbes can cause disease if their numbers exceed that of the body's immune system's capacity to cope with them. The severity of the illness, the onset of secondary infections and the time taken for recovery (even with appropriate treatment) will depend on the strength of the bird's immune system. When a bird is under duress, such as a juvenile, breeding female, a bird in a heavy moult or the exhibition team, then they are more susceptible due to 'stress' and a lower immune system. It is therefore important to keep the numbers of these disease causing micropbes as low as it is practical to achieve.

Broadly speaking they fall into four categories, bacteria (including resistant spores), fungi and viruses. There are hundreds of different species within each group and their characteristics vary. Some do not cause disease, others cause disease if conditions are favourable (so called opportunistic infections) and others are downright nasty. Their resistance to chemical disinfectants and drug therapy varies markedly across the species and

individual strains within species. Their methods of transmission vary. Some being passed by droplets in the air, others on clothes, shoes or showcages, others require direct transmission by bird to bird contact and some can even be transmitted from mother to chick via the egg (PBFV the cause of French Mould is such an example).

All of these micropbes are so small that they cannot be seen with the naked eye and it is impossible to identify what germs are present by looking! They have different rates of growth and many bacteria and fungi can grow in the environment at a rapid rate. They need a source of food; this can be stale food or faecal matter and some moisture. Time also enables levels to build up and present a larger challenge to your birds. Here the frequency of cleaning is important. Some bacteria (such as Psittacosis), fungi (such as Megabacteria) and all viruses require living tissue (i.e. your birds) to grow. However they can sit in the environment waiting to infect a bird for a very long time.

Biosecurity measures need to be designed to reduce the environmental challenge from these organisms.

The type and level of environmental challenge will vary depending on the seasonal temperature, stocking density, breeding and the disease history of your birds.

So a lot of attention needs to be given to drawing up the biosecurity programme and the careful selection of an appropriate disinfectant.

The programme should take account of what actions need to be taken and how often. This really boils down to minimising the build up of faecal matter, stale food and dust, by frequent cleaning and using a disinfectant that has activity against the micropbes of concern. Choosing an appropriate disinfectant is not an easy matter in the UK because they are unregulated; this means that a product can be put onto the market with performance claims that are unsubstantiated by independent assessment.

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2004 Kwazulu Natal Championship Show Results

The 2004 Kwazulu Natal Championship show was held on 12 June. There were 20 Champion, 5 Intermediate, and 9 Novice exhibitors. A total of 596 birds were entered with 491 being benched. There were 364 Champion, 96 Intermediate, and 136 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were Tom Lynch, Pierre Swart and Albert Olivier. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Opp Sex on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Any Age on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Young Bird on Show	Molkentin Stud
Best Champion	Molkentin Stud
Best Champion Any Age	Molkentin Stud
Best Champion Young Bird	Molkentin Stud
Best Intermediate	Paul Dreyden
Best Intermediate Any Age	Paul Dreyden
Best Intermediate Young Bird	Paul Dreyden
Best Novice	Lesley Shirley
Best Novice Any Age	L&D Aviaries
Best Novice Young Bird	Lesley Shirley

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	Heino Artus	Albino	A&B Aviaries
Dark & Olive Green	Thistle Aviaries	Lacewing	Heino Artus
Grey Green	Molkentin Stud	Opaline Green	Heino Artus
Skyblue	Scott-Scott Aviarie	Opaline Grey Green	Ian Bleasdale
Cobolt & Mauve	Thistle Aviaries	Opaline Blue	Brad Kirkbride
Violet	Brad Kirkbride	Opaline Grey	Larkwood Aviaries
Grey	Molkentin Stud	Opaline Cin Green	Dion Davie
Cinnamon Green	Steele Aviaries	Opaline Cin Blue	Molkentin Stud
Cinnamon Blue	Molkentin Stud	Yellowface	Larkwood Aviaries
Spangle Green	Lesley Shirley	Dominant Pied	KC Aviaries
Spangle Blue	Molkentin Stud	Recessive Pied	Larkwood Aviaries
Double Factor Spangle	Molkentin Stud	Greywing, CY&W	Molkentin Stud
Lutino	Steele Aviaries	AOV	Molkentin Stud

2004 Western Cape Championship Show Results

The 2004 Western Cape Championship show was held on 15 May. There were 9 Champion, 11 Intermediate, and 7 Novice exhibitors. A total of 580 birds were entered with 514 being benched. There were 196 Champion, 298 Intermediate, and 86 Novice birds entered for the show. The judges on the day were Ian Bleasdale, Pierre Swart and Albert Olivier. The results were as follows:

Result	Exhibitor
Best Bird on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Opp Sex on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Any Age on Show	de Beer Partnership
Best Young Bird on Show	de Beer Partnership

Colour	Exhibitor	Colour	Exhibitor
Light Green	PR Dreyer	Albino	DA Hayman
Dark & Olive Green	Carstens P/ship	Lacewing	CT Coombes
Grey Green	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Green	GA Sutton
Skyblue	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Grey Green	CA McCarthy
Cobolt & Mauve	CA McCarthy	Opaline Blue	de Beer P/ship
Violet	N Carelse	Opaline Grey	de Beer P/ship
Grey	de Beer P/ship	Opaline Cin Green	CA McCarthy
Cinnamon Green	H Sydow	Opaline Cin Blue	de Beer P/ship
Cinnamon Blue	de Beer P/ship	Yellowface	N Carelse
Spangle Green	CC Smit	Dominant Pied	CT Coombes
Spangle Blue	CC Smit	Recessive Pied	J Dunlop
Double Factor Spangle	CC Smit	Greywing, CY&W	DA Hayman
Lutino	GA Sutton	AOV	JG Booyesen

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