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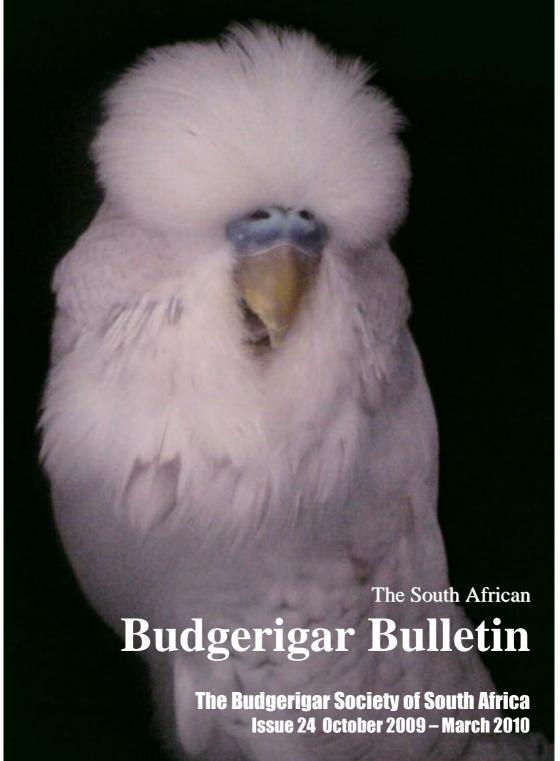
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Message from the Chairman

Dear member

The year is quickly drawing to an end. What a year it was. We had our challenges on Management side but we also had our highs. We saw some very good birds during our 2009 Show season and based on this and what I saw in members aviaries and heard how excited other breeders are about what they have bred I am sure we can only look forward to a very interesting 2010 show season. By the end of November 2009 we will have only 34 weeks (238 days) left before our 2010 National Show.

Numerous members have started using their 2010 rings. There seems to be an increased interest in potential members wanting to buy birds. Some of our members breeding numbers have indicated that they cannot supply the demand for birds. I think this is good to a certain extent but also bad if we cannot help new potential members. A Pick n Pay advertising without sufficient stock levels will not have a good name. As mentioned in a previous "From the Chair" the shortage might be brought

about by members selling big number of budgies to exporters of birds.

Recruiting and retaining of membership will always be high on any organization or society's agenda. Without members no organization can survive. I urge club officials to try their utmost to retain their members as we usually loose a fair percentage starting the New Year. A phone call or a visit to their aviary might just do the trick. With an extra effort from us all we might just pass the 300 membership again.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all BSSA members on behalf of the Management Committee a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. May we all meet again in 2010 at our shows, meetings and other social events.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Budgie Greetings

Deon Davie

THE FIVE STAR SHOW

BY DEON DAVIE *****

This must have been the best show I have ever attended

From the venue to the people to the prize giving, what a show!

he show was destined to be of top quality as it was a well advertised show both amongst members by means of the (1) catalogue, (2) e-mails and (3) sms' but also amongst the general public in the (4) local newspaper, (5) posters at Pet Stores and Vets' rooms as well as by means of numerous (6) banners put up in the main roads of the town four weeks before the show. The show committee even went the extra mile by each member (7) telephoning 5-10 members reminding them of the entry date.

The Catalogue itself created (8) "An excitement to attend" – something exciting was going to happen. A feeling of "I can't miss this show" was created. (9) Full details of the venue and (10) all proceedings were neatly presented in a catalogue of note, (11) a catalogue that in itself will be kept by exhibitors and even non exhibiting members.

As the show was (12) fully sponsored, it carried the name of the sponsors. The advantage of the sponsorship was that (13) exhibitors did not have to pay any entry fees.

Accommodation was provided (14) free of charge at the nearby boarding school, as all the rooms were vacant for the duration of the show. (15) Additional accommodation was made available by fellow exhibitors living in the area.

(16) Reserved parking for exhibitors, (17) with security car guards showing all arriving exhibitors where to park their cars, was an added bonus on arrival at the hall.

The venue was amazing. (18) Set in the centre of the biggest imaginable pet and plant stores. The public (19) who were doing their normal shopping were now also channelled through to the budgie hall.

On arrival all exhibitors were (20) welcomed by one of the senior members of the club, while (21) ample attendees were assisting exhibitors with carrying their birds to the hall. These helpers were (22) clearly identified by means of their clothes.

A great sight to see was the number of members queuing in front of the show office in an effort to get their names added (23) to the selected few show officials. This already proved that there were great expectations of this show, apart from the recognition that all assisting officials received. Some graded shows even award 1 bonus point or some sort of incentive (24) to all show officials, something which always ensure enough helpers at these shows.

SHOW DATES 2010

Date
20 February
6 March
27 March
3 April
1 May
15 May
22 May
29 May
24 &25 July

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Test Your Knowledge of Genetics

When a bird is said to be masking something, what does that mean? Also, give an example.

A - split for another colour or variety

B - preventing the true visual colour or variety to be seen

C - dominant for large spots on a deep mask

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ino, DF spangle or dark eye clear act like a coat and prevent or block your ability

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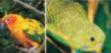
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The show committee organised a bus trip (25) to the nearby shopping centre for those members who could not find a spot to assist with the show proceedings because of number restrictions, as well as for the wives and families of exhibitors.

The now regular (26) "Exhibitor Judging competition" whereby any person can predict the winning birds took place by allowing participants to walk through the hall and pick the winning birds 30 minutes before judging commenced.

As the show organizers made use of the new method of using (27) handheld scanners, birds could be entered and (28) benched on the day of the show, by simply allowing some additional space for an unknown number of birds per class.

These scanners were also used by the (29) senior stewards as all cages were bar coded, which made the (30) collation of the results as easy as the push of a button.

As the staging was designed to allow for birds to be placed on (31) both sides of the wheeled and (32) adjustable judging staging was used, the judging went very smoothly.

The show committee opted to make use of more than the (33) normal number of judges, which resulted in the judging finishing much earlier than the norm, allowing for more time to view the birds and for (34) socializing amongst fellow exhibitors.

The (35) manned Society stand stood out amongst the (36) other trade stands as it contained all the info needed by a newcomer to the hobby. Apart from the huge amount of (37) information supplied free of charge to existing and potential members, (38) numerous products were also sold contributing to the societies funds.

Another focus point was the birds sales classes, where members and the public could (39) buy show birds, and also see (40) the actual difference between a show budgie and a normal budgie.

What also contributed to the big entry was the fact that the (41) two trucks organised by the Society came from 2 different directions picking up all the birds of exhibitors from different areas who could not attend themselves, an idea "pinched" from the pigeon breeders.

The entire hall was decorated with plants in full bloom. (42)

The (43) soft music in the show hall contributed further to the relaxed atmosphere.

The (44) judging results were indicated on a big screen in the foyer of the hall. The (45) head cameras and (46) microphones fitted to each judge resulted in visual and sound screened directly to (47) different monitors in the foyer for all not present in the hall to follow the judging step by step.

The (48) MC for the day made regular announcements regarding tea and lunch time. He also (49) announced some of the results from time to time for all to

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hear but (50) all formal results were displayed on the electronic board in the foyer of the hall, an area not accessible to the judges until after judging is completed. It was here where the exhibitors and the public could (51) follow the results as and when it was processed.

Not distracting from the main event the National Derby (52) took place as part of the normal show. All the pre-nominated birds were placed in their sections (53) as prizes are awarded to all sections. The Derby proved to be very popular as any member can win this competition and not only the "Big Boys". Adding to this, some very good prizes were up for grabs (54). The officiating judges started judging with onlookers viewing the judging from the cleverly placed small pavilion (55) in the hall.

Thanks to the help of the (56) available technology, the marked catalogue for the normal and Derby Show was available within 10 minutes after the last bird was judged.

The (57) Society took photos of the winning birds, while the (58) Representative made his notes from which to compile his show report, and also (59) to write the now expected article on the show.

The (60) local newspaper reporter attended the show on invitation, giving the show even more exposure and ensuring that future shows would receive even more attention.

As everything was done electronically,

the (61) show results were e-mailed to all members on the same day after the show and (62) posted on the web with the photos taken by the photographer. The results were also sms'ed (63) to all members and potential members (64), as they might become our future members. The Prize giving was a huge success. The hall (65) created an atmosphere of excitement.

Prizes varied (66) from prize money, to trophies to glass ornaments. A newly introduced (67) bird voucher enabling the winner to buy a bird to the value of the voucher from any of the 3 top breeders in the country proved to be a very popular prize amongst the winning exhibitors.

Special awards were also presented to the various specialist variety winners (68) by the society chairmen (69).

The Master of Ceremonies (70) for the evening was on top form, having some background of our hobby himself. (71) The food presented was from heaven. (72) There were enough access points for all to be served and (73) food to the liking of all that attended the evening. A list (74) of proceedings on all tables ensured that everyone knew when what was going to happen. A surprise raffle (75) took place with everybody attending participating as all chairs had been numbered for this purpose.

The Menus (76) on the tables were collector's items in itself and some members even asked their friends, senior members and the officiating judges to

- Aantal eiers
- Ringnommers van kuikens
- Probleme ondervind (by voer nie)
- 8. Ek is tevrede met my prestasies op skoue. Dit raak egter moeilik om te presteer indien mens nie gereeld beter voëls inkoop nie. Ek het altyd gemiddeld 24 voëls geskou maar weens omstandighede sal dit noodgewonge moet daal to ongeveer 10.

Voorbereiding is om die skouspan gereeld te bespuit en te waak teen oorgewig veral as hulle in n kleiner hokkie voorberei word. Na die skou gaan die voëls terug na wat hulle aan gewoond is, dieselfde hok en kos.

- 9. Ek sorteer voëls uit na eerste verveer of as hulle ongeveer 6 maande oud is. Ek glo dat henne met knypgesigte niks werd is nie.
- 10. Vernootskappe het voor en nadele. Dit kan egter n mens dra wat deur 'n moeilike tyd gaan.
- 11. Ek dink tog mens moet maar minder maar beter voëls aankoop.
- 12. Vir my gaan die stokperdjie oor vriende, vriende en nogmaals vriende en ook so n bietjie budgies. Ek sal nooit vergeet toe wyle Doc Robertson vir my gesê het dat ek op die regte pad is nie.
- 13. My vrou is baie gelukkig met my (ons) stokperdjie en vriendekring. Sy sê gereeld sy verkies my eerder in die hok as in die kroeg.

Groete Frik •



Above: Members at the 2005 BSSA AGM.

BSSA Bulletin Fancier Profile

Volle naam: Frederik Petrus van der Merwe

Ring Nommer: XV5 of FRIK
Status: Kampioen
Geboorte datum: 6 May 1948

Klub: VBK

Vernootskap: Met FP van der Merwe van Ermelo Woonadres: Republiekstraat 43, Vryheid, 3100

Posadres: Dieselfde as woonadres
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- 1. <u>Broeihokke</u>: 80x50x40 draad hokke sonder panne. Alles val deur en slegs die vloer word skoongemaak. Neste is nog die ou tipe met n los vloer wat buite aan die hok hang. Grote: 25x20x20.
- 2. <u>Voermetode</u>: In die oggende voer ek brood geweek in soja-babamelk. Middae volg ek op met uitgeloopte hawer, kanarie, jap en manna. Selfvoerders met witgiers is altyd beskikbaar in elke hok. Pare met kleintjies word meer kos gegee. Ek gee elke dag skoon water.
- 3. Atmosfeer word verbeter met oop draadhokke en voëls wat vladder gee nie so baie stof af soos in houthokke nie, m.a.w. dit verminder hooikoors byvoorbeeld. Die voëls kan ook makliker natgespuit word.

Broeikondisie: wyfies roep en mannetjies jaag mekaar indien geslagte gemeng vlieg.

4. My hoof oorweging is voorkoms

- wanneer ek voëls oppaar. Rekords word slegs gebruik om the verhoed dat ek broer en suster paar. Voëls presteer deur hulle voorkoms en nie voorgeslagte nie.
- 5. Ek merk nie meer eiers nie maar hou wel deeglik rekord van aantal eiers gelê en ringnommers van babas. My rekords dateer terug tot 1977. Indien die eiers onbevrug is en die paar steeds in goeie kondisie is sal ek hulle los en n tweede rondte probeer.
- Kuikens word daagliks hanteer en ek maak notas oor die wat belowend lyk wanneer hulle gespeen word. Gespeende kuikens word gehou in n kleiner hok vir ongeveer 3 maande en ontvang meer sagte kos soos hawer byvoorbeeld.
- 7. Soos genoem, my records dateer terug tot 1977. My teelvoëls het elkeen n kaart waarop ek die voldende informasie aanteken:
 - Gepaar met
 - Datum

autograph theirs with the intention of keeping it as a souvenirs of the show.

The Mayor of the town (77) attended the evening as they formed part of the sponsors of the show. The MC also gave all the sponsors of the show the (78) recognition they deserved during the prize giving.

Due to the atmosphere created (79) by various means during the show and prize giving numerous members socialized late into the evening discussing the high level of the show to great lengths. The Committee Show (80) was also presented with small tokens ofappreciation for their effort. comment was made that the standard of the show was so high because they enjoyed doing what they did.

The de-benching could not have gone more smoothly, again due to the usage of the (81) handheld scanners making the job as easy as can be, as well as a (82) sufficient number of de-benching points and (83) members helping with the process. There were again (84) ample helpers assisting in carrying cages to the parking area.

In true tradition each exhibitor received a nice (85) memento from the hosting club as they de-benched.

The club chairman greeted every member (86) as they left the hall, wishing them a safe journey home.

The staging was taken down by hired labour (87) ensuring that there was no additional burden on the organizing committee and club members. The show

committee had a debriefing session (88) soon after all exhibitors left to recap on the show. It was evident that making use of the show checklist (89) months before the show and also during the show, resulted in no item being skipped or overlooked. The exhibitor survey forms completed by the exhibitors (90) were also discussed. This session was very informal and was conducted in a very social and relaxed manner, with all enjoying refreshments during the discussions.

The show sounds like a "PIE IN THE SKY?" – Maybe, maybe not.

If any hosting club can benefit by considering to implement as many of the 90 suggestions in this fictitious show mentioned above, it can just turn your ordinary show into a Five Star Show and all attendees will remember your show for years to come. •

UPCOMING SHOW DATES 2010

Show

Date

Gauteng Additional

20 February

Free State Rare & Spangle 6 March

Don't forget to diarise these dates. These are the early 2010 shows.

DIARRHOEA IN BUDGERIGARS

Dr. John R. Baker B.V.Sc Ph.D-M.I.Biol. F.S.A.Scot M.R.C.V.S

Diarrhoea is one of the most common symptoms seen in ill budgerigars; indeed it may be the only sign of illness. It can be of relative insignificance if transitory but if it lasts for more than a couple of days the consequences can be serious or indeed fatal. Diarrhoea leads to the loss of fluid so the bird may be dehydrated: it can lead to the loss of salts and minerals from the bird which in turn may lead to general weakness or, in extreme cases, fits. If prolonged it may interfere with the digestion of the food, or the bird may be off its food leading to weight loss and eventual starvation. A complication of diarrhoea is that the droppings may become sticky and adhere to the feathers around the vent.

This is not always apparent and indeed appears to be frequently missed by fanciers because it may often only be seen if the bird is examined from underneath. Looking at the sideways mav not show droppings accumulation (frequently of referred to as clag). The significance of this condition is that the accumulation can be so severe that the vent is blocked. Once this happens the bird will die in two or three days due to the accumulation of waste products in its system. Another complication of diarrhoea is that the damage to the intestines occasionally affects the pancreas by blocking its duct to the intestine. The pancreas secretes a lot of digestive enzymes and if these do not get into the bowel digestion is significantly impaired.

Certainly, it can be seen that diarrhoea is not a condition to be taken lightly. Unless the condition self-cures in a day or two action needs to be taken. Diarrhoea has many causes, as can be seen from the tables; these were drawn up a few years ago and some diseases have become commoner and some rarer but they do give a clear indication of the wide range of causes of soft or wet droppings. I am sorry that the tables include technical terms but there are no equivalent terms in common use.

As can be seen from the tables the causes of diarrhoea can be split into two, those, which directly affect the digestive system and those primarily affecting other organs but which produce diarrhoea as a secondary effect.

Taking the digestive system first, the commonest condition is enteritis, which is an inflammation of the intestines. This has several causes chief amongst which are infections. most commonly Escherichia coli (sometimes referred to as E.coli). Occasional cases are due to other bacteria such as Salmonella (which has not so far been seen in the current work) and Clostridia: a text book lists a further 12 different bacterial infections with which can cause diarrhoea. Another relatively unusual cause is overgrowth of the normal bacteria which should be present in the gut but which multiply uncontrollably so that vast numbers are present. If a bacterial cause is suspected or proven by laboratory examination antibiotic therapy is indicated together with the support measures described below. Megabacteriosis (which is actually infection with the fungus Macrorhabdus ornithogaster) probably needs no explanation; in this condition the diarrhoea is usually not severe and is frequently of a light brown colour.

Gizzard abnormalities were common but are now rarely seen. In this condition the lining of the gizzard, which is very important in the breaking up of the food degenerates and becomes soft. The cause of this is not known and there is no specific treatment. Other of the less common causes includes villous atrophy and villous fusion. The villi (small finger-like projections from the wall of the

Ter nagedagtenis

H.E.P.(Herman) Kotzee

1939-10-13 - 2009-07-16



by hom gekoop het. Hierna het ons gereeld gekuier. Dog hierdie vriendskap het geblom toe ons hom kon oorreed om ook skoubudjies te teel. Hy het in 1993 by ons klub (Kroonstad Budgerigar Klub) aangesluit en was 'n ware aanwins want hy was altyd bereid om te help waar daar werk was soos byvoorbeeld om steiers op te rig en/of af te breek maar nadat hy heupprobleme opgedoen het kon hy nie meer daarmee volhou nie.

Herman het goeie voëls geteel en ons het verskeie skoue saam bygewoon waar hy dan ook baie goedgedoen het en hy is dan ook in 2004 tot kampioenteler bevoder. Hy het nie altyd met die beoordelaars saam gestem nie, maar het dit gelate aanvaar.

Ek en Herman het baie kilometers saamgery om saad of hawer te gaan aankoop.

Herman was 'n baie spesiale vriend en ek sal altyd mooi herinneringe van hom oorhou.

Ek groet jou "Partner"

Gert Bester

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The hobby also lost Ken Scott from Scott-Scott Aviaries in 2009. Although Ken and Silvia had retired from the hobby due to ill health many members still have fond memories of Ken arriving from Durban with his trailer loaded with birds.

Ken was always happy to you. He was very competitive and I remember showing against him at many shows.

Ken was one of the budgie characters that will be fondly remembered for years to come. Ken Scott



Ter nagedagtenis

BDJJ (Barend) Allers

1971-01-25 - 2009-07-29

n die vroeë tagtigerjare het 'n jong skoolseun een middag by ons aangekom om na ons hoenders (Bantams) te kom kyk. Hy het later die middag ook sy ouers gebring om te kom kyk. Dit was die begin van 'n lang vriendskap. Hierdie seun het ontwikkel in 'n gewilde jongman en met sy mooi persoonlikheid het die meeste mense van hom gehou.



Met die afsterwe van sy vader in 1993 het hy 'n

huis in Somersetstraat, Welkom, gekoop as heenkome vir sy moeder wat die mynhuis waarin hulle gewoon het binne drie maande moes ontruim. Sy het ook by hom ingewoon tot \pm drie maande voor sy dood toe sy asgevolg van 'n ernstige siekte nie meer bedags alleen kon bly nie.

Die skoubudjiegogga het vir Barend gebyt en hy het besluit dat dit net die stokperdjie vir hom is en sy motorhuis was spoedig in 'n broeikamer omskep. In 1993 het hy by ons klub (Kroonstad Budgerigar Klub) aangesluit. Omdat hy 'n oog vir goeie voëls gehad het, het hy ook goeie voëls geteel. Hy het egter 'n groot terugslag belewe toe honde in sy hok gekom het en 'n klomp voëls doodgebyt het. Hierdie terugslag het 'n paar baie swaar jare tot gevolg gehad. Die huidige jaar sou vir hom weer 'n puik jaar gewees het, dog hy kon dit nie beleef nie. Barend was in 2002 tot kampioenteler bevorder waarna hy hom in 2004 as 'n beoordelaar bekwaam het.

Ook in die gemeenskap het Barend sy kant gebring. Hy was vir baie jare 'n diaken, waartydens hy goeie diens aan sy kerk gelewer het. Hy was betrokke by die jeug en ook kategese en hy het die voorsang by eredienste gelei.

Ons het vir Barend baie goed geken en hy was soos 'n kind in ons huis. Ons het baie saam vakansie gehou en hy het baie saam met ons by familie gaan kuier waar hy ook 'n bekende gesig geword het.

Hy was ook 'n gewilde kollega volgens sy onmiddellike hoof, Gert Erasmus.

BAREND ONS SALUEER JOU

Die Besters.

intestine increasing the surface area through which the food is absorbed) are affected in both villous atrophy (in which the villi are shortened or occasionally absent) and villous fusion means that the bird is unable to absorb food efficiently and the poorly digested food material may result in diarrhoea. The bird with flaccid vent had the opening to the intestine permanently partially open so droppings were passed out without spending time in the lower intestine, which is needed for water to be absorbed thus resulting in wet droppings. A bowel infarction occurs when for some reason the blood supply to the gut is cut off and that section of the bowel dies. The other condition in the table are probably self explanatory, the cases of worms were all due to round worms: flukes and tapeworms have also been recorded by other authors.

Of the non-digestive system causes of diarrhoea some appear to act by displacing the intestines and thus interfering with their function; this particularly applies to the cancers listed which are often quite large before causing illness and death; the case of cystic ovary probably acted in the same way. It is debatable whether the cases of kidney malfunction resulted in true diarrhoea as in these the urine contained excessive water: sometimes the faeces and the urine get mixed before or during being passed out resulting in the droppings being wet. The liver is, amongst other things, the organ, which produces substances, which aid in the breakdown of fats in the diet. If the liver is inflamed smaller amounts of these substances are produced and diarrhoea may result. Egg peritonitis results in infection and inflammation in the body cavity and the outside of the intestine will be affected resulting in disturbed function.

Other conditions, which can give rise to diarrhoea are listed by other authors but have not been seen by me. Others include the overuse of antibiotics which can lead to the killing off of the 'good' bacteria and their replacement by disease-causing ones or a lack of intestinal bacteria, which are

important in the proper digestion of the food. Sudden changes in the diet can result in diarrhoea again probably resulting in effects on the 'good' bacteria numbers. Stress and disturbances of the feeding regime such as when birds are moved from one premises to another or when taken to shows can have similar effect. There are a number of viral causes of diarrhoea: indeed one author lists 18; these are often difficult and very expensive to diagnose so that it is rarely undertaken except in the cases of serious outbreaks. A number of protozoa, minute parasites, are another cause. The commonest of these is said to be Giardia but this condition is very difficult to diagnose, I have seen no proven cases in budgerigars but have seen it in a few of the larger parrots.

Of the diseases listed in the table only enteritis, megabacteriosis, fungal infections of the gizzard and worms have specific remedies using antibiotics and antifungal agents. In order for these to work well the birds need nursing support, as do those with conditions without specific remedies. For a non-specific treatment cold sweet black tea works well in a number of cases, the tannin in the tea acts as a coating for the intestine, the sugar acts as an energy source and the fluid will replace any water lost. In more serious cases more active treatment is called for. The affected bird should be kept warm as seriously affected birds probably die of hypothermia as they lack sufficient energy reserves to keep themselves warm and in those that do warmth will conserve their energy supplies. It is important to supply water and if the bird is not drinking this should be given by crop tube. Up to 4ml of water should be given a day in divided doses, the addition of two teaspoons of sugar and a pinch of salt will help. Obviously the energy supplies need to be maintained. There are a number of proprietary easily digested foods some specifically designed for birds. The bird should be tempted with a variety of foods to try and get them to eat; soaked millet sprays will often be taken when other foods are refused.

DIARRHOEA IN BUDGERIGARS, continued from page 9

Probiotics and prebiotics have a role to play. I tend to use these as a follow-up to other treatments in order to try to re-establish the normal gut bacteria and they are also useful in cases of non-specific diarrhoea such as when the bird is moved or shown when the gut bacterial populations can be altered. It is probably of little use if given with antibiotics as the bacteria probiotics contain can be killed off. On a few occasions I have treated birds emulsifying droppings from a healthy bird in water and giving it by crop tube; this again is an attempt to replace the lost gut flora.

Table 1

Disease of the alimentary tract leading to diarrhoea

Disease % of birds with	diarrhoea
Enteritis	24%#
Megabacteriosis	17%
Gizzard abnormality	12%*
Villous atrophy	7%+
Fungal infection (gizzard)	5%
Intestinal cancer	3%
Worms	3%
Flaccid vent (paralysed?)	1%
Villous fusion	1%+
Inflamed proventriculus	1%
Bowel infarction	1%

- # These were shown to be almost all due to infection with Escherichia coli (E.coli).
- * This condition used to be quite common but in the last year or so the number of cases has markedly decreased
- + These cases depend on a microscopic examination of very fresh intestinal samples, birds more than a couple of hours after death can not be used due to decomposition so the number of cases recorded may be an under estimate.

Disease outside the digestive system leading to diarrhoea

Disease	
Kidney malfunction	8%
Inflamed liver	7%
Kidney cancer	4%
Cancer of oviduct	3%
Egg peritonitis	3%
Cystic ovary	1%
Bile duct cancer	1%

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all went by the board when he felt that he liked and could trust you. Trust and honesty were two values that he regarded highly. He valued his family and they were always his prime priority, so when you were invited into that circle you knew that Mike regarded you as a trusted friend.

Mike was a very good budgie fancier. He was blessed with an eye for a bird and was an astute judge. He had firm views and was prepared to defend them openly. Also he would not compromise his own standards of integrity so when he found himself at odds with the philosophy of disqualification, rather than penalization, he resigned from the Judges panel.

partnership Our was simply extension of our friendship and came into existence when Mike and Lorraine We had an had returned to the UK informal understanding to supply each other with "outcrosses" to introduce hybrid vigour into our studs which were based on the same bloodlines as Rov and Mike were my source of birds when I entered the fancy. Mike would introduce quality birds in the UK and I would bring in what I needed from Reinhard Molkentin and Pat de Beer (if available).

This arrangement was formalised when Mike visited here early in 2001 when KC Aviaries came into existence. We continued this partnership upon the Coopers' return to SA and had the good fortune to win the National in partnership in 2005.

Mike was diagnosed with cancer in July/August 2008 and fought a brave battle to overcome his illness. In February 2009, he was given a clean bill of health only to relapse within a couple of weeks. He endured all that followed stoicly and continued to give of his very best to his family and worked up until two weeks before his death. He expected that of himself and remained true to himself.

I have very fond memories of the budgie trip that Mike and I, Ian Bleasdale Kirkbride and Brad undertook to the "Club Show" in the UK in 2007 and the budgie marathon around the UK. Switzerland and Germany to visit some of the best breeders in those parts. I found myself dancing with Mrs Mannes to an old rock number on Joe's private Juke Box, while Mike and the others had trouble controlling their bladders. We tried very hard on that trip to introduce Ian to logic and to differentiate that from emotion. Unfortunately, we appear to have failed!

I shall miss our friendship, our discussions and the sharing of success and failure. Most of all I shall miss **Mike Cooper**, the man. ◆

OBTTUARY

Michael James Cooper

or many years I was privileged to count Mike and Lorraine Cooper among my very good friends, and when Mike died on the 24th May this year (2009), I mourned his death as I would a member of my immediate family, so strong had that friendship grown. Not only was he my friend, but my budgie partner and it was our mutual interest in the birds which acted as the catalyst in fusing

we had attended a number of shows together which enabled us to get into serious discussions about our chosen hobby, and more importantly, to get to know each other.

Mike was a quiet man who took some time to get to know, as he worked on "a need to know basis". Of course, that

Mike and Roy Paterson were partners in P & C Aviaries when I first met them. They had enjoyed together considerable some success on the show bench, having won National the together shortly after forming their partnership. I was new to the fancy although I had kept budgies of the show variety as youngster. Roy new my family through racing pigeons and he had taken me under his wing. was extremely fortunate in that regard and it was obviously through Roy that I met Mike.

our friendship.

During the period prior to Roy's death,



Western Cape Show Results

he Western Cape Championship Show took place on 23 May 2009. There were 19 exhibitors who entered 442 birds. Of these, 431 were benched which was very good. The 19 exhibitors were spread as follows; 6 Champion, 5 Intermediate and 8 Novice exhibitors who benched 162, 76 and 193 birds respectively.

The birds were judged by Reinhard Molkentin and Albert Olivier.

Major Awards were allocated as follows:

Best Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Opposite Sex on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Any Age on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Young Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Champion on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Intermediate on Show
Maree Aviaries
Best Novice on Show
Van Niekerk Broers

Challenge Certificate Winners were allocated as follows:

Best Light Green Windell Partnership Best Dark and Olive Green van Niekerk Broers Best Grey Green Pierre & Maja Best Skyblue van Niekerk Broers Best Cobalt and Mauve Maiiet Aviaries Best Violet Windell Partnership Pierre & Maja Best Grev Best Cinnamon Green Series H Sydow Best Cinnamon Blue Series Pierre & Maja Best Spangle Green Series Pierre & Maja Best Spangle Blue Series Pierre & Maja Best Double Factor Spangle Pierre & Maja Best Lutino Windell Partnership

Best Albino Pierre & Maja Best Lacewing Carstens Partnership Best Opaline Green Series Windell Partnership Best Opaline Grey Green Carstens Partnership Best Opaline Blue Series Pierre & Maja Best Opaline Grey Maree Aviaries Best Opaline Cinnamon Green Series van Niekerk Broers Best Opaline Cinnamon Blue Series Maree Aviaries Best Yellowface Pierre & Maia Best Dominant Pied PJ MacNair

Best Recessive Pied Windell Partnership
Best Greywing, Clearwing, Yellow & White
Best Any other Colour or Variety Pierre & Maja

See pictures on pages 15 and 18.

KwaZulu-Natal Show Results

he Kwa-Zulu Natal Championship Show took place on 13 June 2009. There were 25 exhibitors who entered 349 birds. Of these 328 were benched. The 25 exhibitors were spread as follows; 13 Champion, 4 Intermediate and 8 Novice exhibitors who benched 197, 48 and 83 birds respectively.

The birds were judged by Heino Artus and Malcolm Taylor.

Major Awards were allocated as follows:

Best Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Opposite Sex on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Any Age on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Young Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Champion on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Intermediate on Show
Maree Aviaries
Best Novice on Show
Montrose Aviaries

Challenge Certificate Winners were allocated as follows:

Best Light Green Brad Kirkbride

Best Dark and Olive Green Sydenham Partnership

Best Grey Green Ian Bleasdale
Best Skyblue Brad Kirkbride

Best Cobalt and Mauve Montrose Aviaries
Best Violet Larkwood Aviaries
Best Grey Brad Kirkbride
Best Cinnamon Green Series Maree Aviaries
Best Cinnamon Blue Series Pierre & Maia

Best Cinnamon Green Series Maree Aviaries
Best Cinnamon Blue Series Pierre & Maja
Best Spangle Green Series Pierre & Maja
Best Spangle Blue Series Pierre & Maja
Best Double Factor Spangle Jan O'Kelly
Best Lutino Brad Kirkbride

Best Albino K C Aviaries
Best Lacewing Pierre & Maja
Best Opaline Green Series Glen Furniss
Best Opaline Grey Green Montrose Aviaries
Best Opaline Blue Series Pierre & Maja

Best Opaline Grey Maree Aviaries
Best Opaline Cinnamon Green Series Sydenham Partnership

Best Opaline Cinnamon Blue Series

Best Opaline Cinnamon Blue Series

Best Yellowface

Best Dominant Pied

Best Recessive Pied

Best Recessive Pied

Best Granwing Cleanwing Valley & White

Best Greywing, Clearwing, Yellow & White Deon Davie
Best Any other Colour or Variety Maree Aviaries

See pictures on pages 15 and 18.

My planne vir die volgende jaar, noudat ek bevorder is tot Intermediêr, is dat ek in familieverband wil probeer om die kwaliteit van my voëls te verbeter sodat ek my man kan staan op die skoubanke. My doel vir die volgende vyf jaar is om meer telers beter te leer ken, om kompeterend aan skoue deel te neem maar veral om meer mense betrokke te kry by die stokperdjie.

Advies wat ek met ander wil deel is:

- Moenie jaarliks jou doelwitte verander nie. Besluit waarna jy mik en hou daarby. So kan mens bemeester wat jy het en vir jouself beter bekwaam.
- Aanvaar dat daar ander telers is wat meer as jy weet en wees bereid om by hulle te leer.
- Neem deel aan skoue en besoek ander telers. Sodoende sien jy jou eie tekortkominge, verbreed jy jou kennis en groei jou selfvertroue. Handige wenke word so bekom.
- Wees altyd positief oor die stokperdjie al is daar soms dinge wat pla. Gebruik ook elke geleentheid om nuwe telers te werf sodat daar altyd gesonde kompetisie kan wees.
- Wanneer finansies in hierdie moeilike tye knyp, verminder die hoeveelheid budjies wat jy aanhou en verbeter sodoende die algehele kwaliteit, moet asseblief net nie 'n blonde oomblik kry en al jou voëls verkoop nie.

Kontaknommer 0422933077 en 0833564565.



Above: 'n Opaline Grys Groen van die stoet.



'n Spangle Violet van die stoet

PIET & HESTER VAN DER BERG, V48

JEFFREYSBAAI

Die vraag wat mens kan vra is hoekom betrokke raak by skoubudjies? Nadat ek ophou boer het en Jeffreysbaai toe getrek het was die lus nog daar om by teling betrokke te wees. Voëls het my omstandighede die beste gepas en omdat die skoubudjie hom tot voortdurende verbetering verleen en dit nie net 'n vermeerdering van getalle is nie, het ek daarop besluit.

In my onkunde aan die begin is enige "skoubudjie" aangekoop. Tans koop ek hoofsaaklik voëls by Pierre & Maja. gebruik tans 22 broeihokke om mee te teel. In die gebruik ek neste 'n semel skaafselmengsel. My suksessyfer per rondte is moeilik om te bepaal maar baie min pare produseer nie kuikens nie. Pare wie se eerste rondte onsuksesvol was, word as "foster Die tweede rondte is parents" gebruik. gewoonlik suksesvol. Vir die jaar 2009 sal ek ongeveer 300 kuikens teël. My gunsteling variteit is die "Spangle". Die hane moet manlikheid en lewenslus hê vir opparing en die hen moet broeigereed wees en sy moet die Ek het al 'n hele paar haan aanvul. nagmerries ondervind met broeipare maar dit bly maar 'n groot teleurtelling as 'n goeie paar nie "click" nie en minderwaardige kuikens teël.

My saadmengsel bestaan uit wit giers, jap giers en kanariesaad waarby 'n bietjie sonneblomsaad en gemengde budjiesaad gemeng word. Ek voer daagliks sagtekos wat bestaan uit geweekte hawer wat ek soggens gee. In die middae kry die voëls gekerfde groente wat insluit sweetcorn, wortels, beet, spinasie, broccoli, seldery, pietersielie en kruisement. Vitamiene en minerale word



hierby gevoeg. In die water word gereeld multivitamiene gevoeg.

Ons maak gewoonlik tussen 25 en 60 voëls gereed vir 'n skou. Die voëls word ongeveer 30 dae voor 'n skou in voorbereidingshokke geplaas en daagliks nat gespuit. Ongeveer 'n week voor die skou word die voëls goed deurgekyk vir foute, gesigte word gewas en die kolle word gepluk. Die kopvere word gekam en dooie veerskaggies word verwyder. My eerste wen was met 'n Double Factor Spangle haan op die Vrystaad Rare & Spangle skou en ek het die Beste

As ek 'n siek budjie teëkom, word dit in 'n aparte verhitte hok gesit en behandel met terramysen poeier in water. As 'n baie jong voël siek is word "hand rearing" kos aangemaak waarby 'n bietjie terramysen poeier gemeng word en word dan daarmee gevoer. Vir ooginfeksie gebruik ek Terracotril.

Jong Voël op skou gewen.

National Show Results

he National Championship Show took place on 31 July 2009. There were 38 exhibitors who entered 701 birds. Of these, 646 were benched. The 38 exhibitors were spread as follows; 18 Champion, 8 Intermediate and 12 Novice exhibitors who benched 345, 127 and 174 birds respectively.

The birds were judged by Fred Wright, Ian Bleasdale, Johan Lucas and Ron Pearce.

Major Awards were allocated as follows:

Best Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Opposite Sex on Show
Molkentin Stud
Best Any Age on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Young Bird on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Champion on Show
Pierre & Maja
Best Intermediate on Show
JJ Fouche
Best Novice on Show
Montrose Aviaries

Challenge Certificate Winners were allocated as follows:

Best Light Green Molkentin Stud Best Dark and Olive Green H Sydow Best Grey Green Molkentin Stud Best Skyblue Fourie & Kotze Best Cobalt and Mauve Pierre & Maia Best Violet PRC Aviaries Best Grey Molkentin Stud Best Cinnamon Green Series Molkentin Stud Best Cinnamon Blue Series Molkentin Stud Best Spangle Green Series Molkentin Stud Best Spangle Blue Series Pierre & Maja Best Double Factor Spangle Pierre & Maja Best Lutino Molkentin Stud Best Albino Carstens Partnership Best Lacewing Hennie Lotz

Best Opaline Green Series George Sutton Best Opaline Grey Green PJ van den Berg Best Opaline Blue Series Tommie Roodt Best Opaline Grey George Sutton Best Opaline Cinnamon Green Series Heino Artus Best Opaline Cinnamon Blue Series Heino Artus Best Yellowface Pierre & Maja Best Dominant Pied Tommie Roodt Best Recessive Pied John Dunlop Best Greywing, Clearwing, Yellow & White Molkentin Stud Best Any other Colour or Variety PJ van den Berg

See pictures on pages 15 and 18.

A Visit to Lutolf and Mannes

by Deon Davie







Daniel Lutolf , Deon Davie , Joe Mannes

During September/October 2009 I had the privilege to visit Switzerland and Germany. This was my first visit to two very beautiful countries.

While I was there, I was fortunate enough to visit some of their top breeders of these two countries, including the two breeders regarded by most as the number one (Joe Mannes) and two (Daniel Lutolf) in the world. Believe me, I was blown away with quality of birds I saw. It was a real eye opener. When I got home to my own aviary, and felt like opening the doors and let my birds take to the world outside.

Apart from the quality, it was delightful to notice the cleanliness of all the aviaries I visited - clean breeding cages, clean flights, clean dishes, clean selection of seed, clean everything.

Joe Mannes' setup is larger more sophisticated than that of Daniel Lutolf. Daniel is breeding in the basement of his house and makes use of an outside flight.

Daniel keeps approximately 400 birds

and while making use of 60 breeding cages he breeds 250 chicks per annum whereas Joe keeps between 800 – 1000 birds making use of 100 breeding cages. Both these breeders know their birds inside-out including knowing their ring numbers by heart as well as being able to point out the birds' parents and other relatives. They can even tell which nest boxes they were bred in. They are both aware of the quality of their birds and they know where they want to go when planning the next step to improve their respective studs even further.

Apart from having visited their websites and seeing pictures of their birds, this was my first visit to these two breeders. This may come as a bold statement and maybe I am the first one to be of this opinion, but if they are the top two breeders in the world and I have to pick, I would pick Lutolf as number one and Mannes as number two.

It will be difficult to express the true quality of their birds and the photos on pages 16 and 17 do not really give readers a true picture of the exceptional quality of these two breeders' birds. What a great experience it was to see these birds in real life.

UNIONDALE SKOU NIE 'N SPOOKSKOU NIE

Ja, die Uniondale spookmeisie loop so af en toe, maar nie toe die eerste Uniondale punte skou op 3 Oktober 2009 aangebied was nie.

Kampioene-, Intermediêere- en "Novice" vertoners het ingeskryf. Vrydagmiddag het die eerste voëls aangekom. Daar was 'n baie heerlike atmosfeer en die musiek en stalletjies van die landbouskou het sommer lekker daartoe bygedra. Jeanette Fouche het al die deelnemers al die Vrydagaand lekker getrakteer op n heerlike ete.

Saterdag oggend was dit vroeg al aan die gang. Net 9 van die 253 inskrywings was nie gebank nie. Pierre Swart het van meet af gesweet. Dit was duidelik dat alhoewel dit n klein skoutjie is, die kwaliteirt nie vir een oomblik terug hoef te staan vir enige groter skou nie. Teetyd het Jeanette weer uitgehang met heerlike eetgoed saam met die tee. Piet van der Berg van Jeffreysbaai het sy eerste "Beste op Skou" gewen met n uitstaande violet hen. Hennie Lotz van Despatch het die "Beste Teenoorgetselde Geslag" gewen met n grys haan van baie goeie gehalte, maar wat net nie in die goeie kondisie was van die Violet hen van Piet van der Berg nie. Jeanette Fouche van Avontuur het ook glad nie sleg gevaar nie en wen toe die "Beste Volwasse Voël op Skou" met n kobalt haan. Chris Roodt van Cradock het "Beste Novice Voël" met n grys haan en Steyn Redelinghuys "Beste Novice Volwasse Voël" gewen.

Die ink was nog nie eers behoorlik droog op die skou kassies nie of Maja, wat skou sekretaris was begin katalogusse uitdeel wat nie terugstaan vir enige skou nie. Na die beoordeling het die landbouskou komitee al die vertoners op 'n ete met nagereg uit die boonste rakke getrakteer.

Almal wat daar was is dit eens dat die Uniondaleskou 'n reuse sukses was. Moet dit nie volgende jaar misloop nie.







Heel Links:

 Beste op Skou Violet Hen – Piet van der Berg

Middle

Beste
 Teenoorgestelde
 Geslag op Skou Grys
 Haan – Hennie Lotz

Links

 Beste Novice Greys Haan – Chris Roodt

2009 Show Winners

Above: Kwa-Zulu Natal Best Bird on Show – Yellow Face Spangle – Pierre & Maja

Picture Report



Above:
Gauteng Additional Best Bird
on Show – Double Factor
Spangle Hen – Gert Pieters



Above:
Gauteng Additional Best
Opposite Sex on Show –
Dominant Pied –Jan O'Kelly



Above: Free State Spangle Show Best Bird on Show –Light Green Spangle –Andre Scholtz



Above: Free State Rare Show Best Bird on Show – Maree Aviaries



Above:
Gauteng Additional Best
Any Age on Show –
Cinnamon Skyblue – Bob
Hirst

2009 Show Winners

Above: National Best Bird on Show – Spangle Cinnamon Grey – Pierre & Maja



Above: National Best Any Age – Yellow Face Spangle – Pierre & Maja



Picture Report

Above: National Best Opposite Sex on Show –Grey – Molkentin Stud



Above: National Best Opposite Sex Any Age on Show – Light Green – Molkentin Stud



Above: Eastern Cape, Free State and KwaZulu Natal Best Opposite Sex on Show – Lacewing – Pierre & Maja



Above: Western Cape Best Bird on Show – Yellow Face Skyblue – Pierre & Maja

Above: Joe Mannes – Grey Green

The Swiss and

by Deon Davie



Above: Joe Mannes – Light Green Hen



Above: Joe Mannes – Dark Green



Above: Daniel Lutolf – Grey

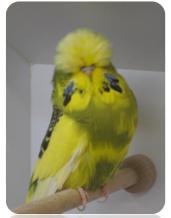


Daniel Lutolf – Grey



Above:
Daniel Lutolf – Baby
Cinnamon Grey Green Hen

German Birds 2009



Above: Daniel Lutolf – Domanant Pied



Above:
Daniel Lutolf –Yellow Face



Above: Kurt Vogt - Cinnamon Grey Hen



Above: Bruno Steffen - Lutino



Above: Armit Giger - Grey



Above: Armit Giger – Light Green