



JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Nepean Budgerigar Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nepean AGM Dingley Venue
June 16th 2021 8pm

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Happy Chilly Winter to all.

In May the BCV held the young bird shield. It was disappointing that the Nepean club had only 2 of our members enter birds being Chris and Debra. Lets hope next year we can get a few more of our members to put birds up for showing.



There was some really great birds to see from all the varieties available, some of the cinnamon's, spangles and normal's were of a very high standard. I had the pleasure stewarding with judge Heath Chasemore with the Dark eye clears of which I knew little about prior. By the end of the judging not only was I a bit more knowledgeable about the variety but found I really enjoyed watching and learning from Heath. I would recommend to any of our members to attend these shows as i find its one of the best ways to learn and further more to steward if given the opportunity as the experienced gained can be invaluable. Attending the shows is one of the best ways to learn so hopefully with the worst of Covid behind us more shows will go ahead thus giving more of us a chance to get along and see the birds.

The next Championship shield is Sunday the 12th September is the UBC Shield (purple rings).

At this months meeting Tuesday 16th June we will have training session on on how to prepare for the upcoming UBC show in September.

Also at this month's meeting we will be having our Annual General Meeting at which time all our committee positions are vacated and existing or new members are voted in so if you are interested in any of the following positions please feel free to nominate or contact myself prior with any questions you may have---

****President, *Secretary, *Treasurer,***

****Website, Newsletter Editor, public relations, *Show manager***

It is imperative that we have members who can help to run the club so if you are able take on a position please feel free to inquire to myself, it is at this time that i ask all members to attend the Annual General Meeting as a matter of importance.

Also any members who wish to bring birds along to our meeting please feel free to do so.

John Freeman, President Nepean Budgerigar Society

Nepean 2021 AGM
Tuesday 16th June

(The AGM is now subject to the current restrictions lifting. We will keep you updated)

After a year full of restrictions for 2020, Nepean unfortunately was not able to hold it's annual AGM. So after 2 years, we will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 16th June, 8pm at our usual Dingley venue. As always, all positions are stood down and available for re-election.

Executive positions available are

- *President,**
- *Secretary,**
- *Treasurer,**
- *Website & Newsletter Editor,**
- *Public relations/Social media secretary,**
- *Show manager**



Mim as current Secretary, website and newsletter editor & public relations social/media secretary and Rohan as current Treasurer will not be seeking re-election, so we will be looking for these positions to be filled by other members. If you would like to ask any questions about these positions, please feel free to give Mim a call on 0421 085 974. Please consider putting your hand up, our club can only run and operate on the support and help of its members



Upcoming Club Diploma Shows

Unfortunately, with the current restrictions, many club events are being cancelled. Including the upcoming Bendigo Diploma Show. Please check for updates if you are planning on attending any club events

2021 Show & Auction Calendar for The Budgerigar Council Of Victoria						
Date	Event	Club	Venue	Contact	Phone	
FEBRUARY						
13 Sat	Club Champ	Melton	Melton Catholic Regional College 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930	
14 Sun	Club Champ	Geelong	T.B.A	John Ennis	0401 914 784	
MARCH						
7 Sun	Adult S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178	
13 Sat	Club Champ	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067	
14 Sun	Club Champ	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	0438 095 995	
20 Sat	Club Champ	Ballarat	Brown Hill Hall, Humphrey St, Ballarat	Simon Meagher	5335 5454	
21 Sun	Club Champ	Border	Mirambeena Hall North Albury	Darrin Roulston	0415 642 348	
27 Sat	Club Champ	United	T.B.A	Vic Murray	0414 344 081	
28 Sun	Auction	Geelong	T.B.A	John Ennis	0401 914 784	
MAY						
16 Sun	Y.B. S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178	
22 Sat	ANBC	ANBC	Bendigo, VIC	James Smith	budgeman77@	
23 Sun	ANBC	ANBC	Bendigo, VIC	James Smith	hotmail.com	
29 Sun	Auction	Dandenong	KK Auction, Dingley Community Centre	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070	
JUNE						
5 Sat	Auction	Eastern	Bedford Pk Yth Hall, Rosewarne Ln, East Ringwood	Robert Dagg	0409 652 962	
12 Sat	Club Champ	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442	
13 Sun	Auction	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Werribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848	
27 Sun	Auction	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	0438 095 995	
JULY						
10 Sat	Auction	Melton	Melton Catholic Regional College 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930	
18 Sun	Auction	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442	
AUGUST						
7 Sat	Auction	Clyde	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775	
22 Sun	Auction	United	T.B.A	Vic Murray	0414 344 081	
SEPTEMBER						
12 Sun	UBC S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Turnbull	0400 354 178	
19 Sun	UBC Show	Geelong	T.B.A	John Ennis	0401 914 784	
OCTOBER						
9 Sat	UBC Show	United	Scout Hall, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe	Vic Murray	0414 344 081	
16 Sat	Club Champ	Dandenong	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070	
17 Sun	Club Champ	Nepean	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Mim McQualter	0428 857 897	
24 Sun	Club Champ	Eastern	Bedford Pk Yth Hall, Rosewarne Ln, East Ringwood	Robert Dagg	0409 652 962	
NOVEMBER						
7 Sun	Club Champ	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Werribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848	
14 Sun	Club Champ	Clyde	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775	
27 Sat	UBC Show	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067	
28 Sun	Club Champ	Baw Baw	Exhibition Hall, 15 Howitt St, Warragul	Darren Macfarlane	0418 507 379	



This Month's Article

COPING WITH SEASONAL SETBACKS by Terry A. Tuxford

There are times during the breeding season when hens can be the most unpredictable of creatures. We all hope that following pairing up, she will go about her preparations for egg laying, the eggs will be laid on alternate days, all will be fertile, incubation will be trouble-free and chicks will hatch and be fed diligently. However, seldom does this plan come to fruition and we are always faced with problems of one kind or another. Most of these difficulties can be met with common sense but this has to be gained with experience and yet again we are faced with several options of action to take, each recommended by a leading fancier.

A rare occurrence is the hen who decides to eject her eggs from the nest box. Occasionally this can be an inherited problem and nothing can be done to cure the habit, however, more often than not the reason is due to the hen not being in full breeding condition. She instinctively knows her condition is not at its optimum for rearing chicks and so the eggs are ejected as they are laid. The best course of action is to re-flight the hen and allow her to readjust and then to try her later on. One of the problems that I experienced a few years ago is the hens that lay their eggs in the breeding cage, rather than in the nest box. Usually these are young hens that perhaps have not yet learnt the difference between an egg that requires laying and the need to excrete. If wood shavings are used on the cage floor or there is a build up of seed husk it is quite usual for the egg to fall from the hen on the perch to the floor quite intact. As incubation will not have commenced, even if the egg is stone cold but assuming it is fertile, development will start quite normally if the egg is placed under a sitting hen. Before the egg is put with a hen it should be gently warmed and if you own one, an incubator is ideal for this operation. Alternatively, the warmth from your hands will also do the trick.

As for the hen, if nature has brought about the correct changes she will be broody and will often accept the egg herself, with it being placed in the nest box. Personally, I prefer to use a known clear egg to try her out and foster her own egg to another hen.

Often this proves to be successful and the remainder of the clutch is laid in the nest box. On some rare occasions the hen will lay the entire clutch of eggs off the perch and in one particular instance all I did was to up pick up the eggs from the cage floor as they were dropped, incubation was quite normal and a nest of healthy chicks were reared.

No matter how carefully you pair your birds, ensuring that they all appear to be in breeding condition, you will always have a number of totally clear nests, indicating that the pair has not successfully mated. When this occurs you then have to decide when these infertile eggs are discarded and the pair started off again. I must admit that in my experience, a first clear round is often followed by one that is also clear, especially when the pair are experienced. Returning to the decision of when to discard the clear eggs, the most logical time is on the day when the first chick would have hatched had the eggs been full. This should have the least effect in throwing the hen out of breeding cycle.

An alternative to this is to use the pair with the clear eggs as foster parents for another bird's chicks. The action of feeding and rearing often ensures that the subsequent round is more successful but there is no guarantee.

Now and then you will have a hen who is apparently too successful and proceeds to lay 8 or 9 or even more eggs, all of which are fertile. It is always tempting to foster a number of the eggs to other hens but in my experience the greatest success rate is achieved by allowing the hen to brood the entire clutch. As the chicks hatch and are rung it is these that I would move and place with foster parents until there are four chicks left, these can be reared by their true parents.

Alternatively, you may be unfortunate, due to timing, and have nowhere to foster the chicks to, so there is no other course but to allow the hen to continue with both the full compliment of chicks and eggs. Seldom can a hen cover more than five developing chicks and eggs, and so when the fifth egg has hatched the remaining eggs will have to be fostered as you have little other choice. In my view it is better to have some doubts over the pedigree of a chick than to have no chick at all.

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A gorilla dies of old age at a zoo right before the zoo opens. It is the only gorilla at the zoo since they are not very profitable.

However, the gorilla is their most popular attraction by far, and they cannot afford to go a day without it. So the zoo owner asks one of his workers to wear a gorilla suit they have in storage for an extra \$100 a day if he will go in the gorilla cage and pretend to be the gorilla until the zoo can afford a new one.

Quickly, the new "gorilla" becomes the most popular craze at the zoo. People from all over are coming to see the "Human-like" gorilla.

About a month in, the craze has started to wear off. So, to get peoples' attention back, he decides to climb over his enclosure and hang from the net ceiling above the lions den next to him. A large crowd of people gather watching the spectacle in awe and terror. Suddenly the man loses his grip and falls to the floor of the lion's den. The man starts screaming "HELP!! HELP!!!" Suddenly a lion pounces him from behind and whispers in his ear, "Shut up right now or you're going to get us both fired."

Nepean Market Place



Nothing to advertise in this months market place.

Do you have anything bird related for sale you would like to advertise in our newsletter? Or are you looking for something? Please email Mim on info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org with a short description, and an image if you have one.

Also please feel free to email through any news, information or tips you think may be of interest in our newsletter.

Would you like to join a family friendly budgerigar club?

Please call or email one of our club contacts. We would love to hear from you!

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