



# MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Nepean Budgerigar Society

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting Night  
Tuesday 17/3 8pm

2021 Rings & 2020 Club  
Registration Night  
Tuesday 21/4 8pm

Young Bird Club Selection  
Saturday 9/5 Details TBA

Young Bird State  
Championships Sunday 17/5

Young Bird Nationals 30-31/5

### PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Last weekend the Budgerigar Council of Victoria held the Adult Bird State Championship. Our club Nepean only had a small team consisting of about 20 birds from 2 of our breeders.

There were some lovely birds on display which made the trip worthwhile. I had the privilege of being a steward for the day looking after the Spangle class. The first 2 birds in this class came in Best bird in show and Reserve best bird in show. They were pretty good and this is why it is always a good experience to come have look at these birds on show, or when possible, put some of our own birds on the bench. This is to not only see some really good birds but to see how our own birds stack up against the best birds from Victorian breeders. Also great to chat with breeders from other clubs and pick up pointers which may help us along the way.

How did we go at the State Victorian Championships? Rohan and Mim's birds came 12th in the grey class and 15th in the Violet class (**1st in the intermediate section, their 1st state level medal**) as well as a few minor

placings in other varieties. Rohan & Mim did very well and had a good day.

My birds did a lot better than I thought they would. I achieved a 1st in the Goldenface class (**1st in the intermediate section**), 6th in the Opaline class a (**1st in the intermediate section**), 15th in the Clearbody class and some other minor placings as well. The Goldenface bird came up so good, it still won a shield class with a slightly wet eye, he was a class above the rest of the birds. Luckily, I have quite a few brothers and sisters to him that I look forward to breeding with. That was my first shield class win and it was a day I got a lot of enjoyment out off. (I will load a picture of him onto our Facebook page).

The next shield in May is the Young Bird Shield (black rings) and I hope we can get a good team together for the Nepean club.

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Would like to



You!

## Change of Syllabus

There has been a slight change of syllabus for the months of March and April. Please refer to the new details in this newsletter.

## Registration Night -2020 Club and BCV Membership and 2021 Ring orders

**Please not the date of this has been moved to April.**

To make the registration and ring ordering process a little easier, this year we will be hosting a 'Registration Night' For those wishing to join Nepean Budgerigar Society for 2020, and order 2021 BCV rings, you will need to come along to this night to complete forms and process payment. This year we are also asking for payment to be made via bank transfer to the Nepean account for records purposes. This payment can be made easily on the night with a mobile phone, we will provide bank details. If you don't have access to internet banking, cash will be accepted. Amounts for rings and registration will be made available asap for your reference. Stay for a cuppa, chat & something for those with a sweet tooth!

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020**

**Time: 8pm**

**Where: Dingley Community Centre**



## 2020 National Young Bird Championships

For those wanting to have a look at the best young birds the country has to show, the 2020 National Young Bird Championships are being hosted by the BCV and held in Bendigo over the weekend of 30/31 May, with events running from the Friday to the Monday. Please head to the BCV website for registration to attend the event, and to book your accommodation.

## Upcoming Club Shows

There are plenty of club shows coming up for this year all around Victoria, for adult, young birds and ubc's. These are usually well run, great events to attend. It's a good opportunity to put your birds forward to see how they are going, as well as chance to meet & get to know other bird enthusiasts and have a chat. You never know what tip you just may pick up from an experienced breeder! Even if you have no birds to enter, you are still welcome to go along. There is a schedule of the full years shows in this newsletter.

## 2020 Show & Auction Calendar for The Budgerigar Council Of Victoria

Date	Event	Club	Venue	Contact	Phone
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
1 Sat	Club Champ	Dandenong	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070
9 Sun	Club Champ	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
15 Sat	Club Champ	Melton	Melton Catholic Regional College 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930
<b>MARCH</b>					
1 Sun	Adult S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Tumbull	0400 354 178
7 Sat	Club Champ	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067
14 Sat	Club Champ	Ballarat	Brown Hill Hall, Humphrey St, Ballarat	Simon Meagher	5335 5454
15 Sun	Club Champ	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	0438 095 995
21 Sat	Club Champ	United	Scout Hall, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe	David Spink	0427 177 988
22 Sun	Club Champ	Border	Mirambeena Hall North Albury	Damen Roulston	0415 642 348
29 Sun	Auction	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
<b>MAY</b>					
17 Sun	Y.B. S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Tumbull	0400 354 178
23 Sat	ANBC	ANBC	Bendigo, VIC	James Smith	budgerman77@hotmail.com
24 Sun	ANBC	ANBC	Bendigo, VIC	James Smith	hotmail.com
30 Sat	Auction	Dandenong	KK Auction, Dingley Community Centre	Mrs Judy Wilson	9702 8070
<b>JUNE</b>					
6 Sat	Auction	Eastern	Bedford Pk Yth Hall, Rosewame Ln, East Ringwood	Robert Dagg	0409 652 962
13 Sat	Club Champ	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442
14 Sun	Auction	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Weribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848
21 Sun	Auction	Riverina	Barooga Community Hall, Barooga	Robert Randall	0438 095 995
<b>JULY</b>					
12 Sun	Auction	Melton	Melton Catholic Regional College 109-141 Bulmans Rd, Melton West	Amanda Fonti	0414 011 930
19 Sun	Auction	Bendigo	Lockwood Sth Comm. Hall, Lockwood South	Brett Ricardo	0409 572 442
<b>AUGUST</b>					
1 Sat	Auction	Clyde	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775
16 Sun	Auction	United	T.B.A.	David Spink	0427 177 988
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
13 Sun	UBC S/Champ.	BCV	Carwatha College, Noble Park	Rod Tumbull	0400 354 178
20 Sun	UBC Show	Geelong	Lifestyle Pavilion Geelong S/Grounds	John Ennis	0401 914 784
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
10 Sat	UBC Show	United	Scout Hall, Irvine Road, Ivanhoe	David Spink	0427 177 988
11 Sun	Club Champ	Eastern	Bedford Pk Yth Hall, Rosewame Ln, East Ringwood	Robert Dagg	0409 652 962
18 Sun	Club Champ	Nepean	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Mim McQualter	0428 857 897
24 Sat	Club Champ	Clyde	Dingley Community Centre, Marcus Rd, Dingley	Con Herouvim	0417 277 775
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
15 Sun	Club Champ	Western Sub.	Masonic Hall, Weribee	Wayne Cachia	0412 969 848
21 Sat	UBC Show	Colac	Colac Youth Hall, Hearn Street, Colac	Ray Slade	0429 540 067
22 Sun	Club Champ	Baw Baw	Exhibition Hall, 15 Howitt St, Warragul	Damen Macfarlane	0418 507 379

*Good luck and happy showing!*

## *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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### Total Bird Supplies – Rob Ponsioen

Please contact Rob for your bird products supplies! This includes seed, supplements, toys etc. He is based in Langwarrin, and will look after our Nepean members as best he can. So please, support our members, and hopefully save yourself some money at the same time. Give him a call and have a chat to see what he can do for you! Rob can be contacted on: Mobile 0418 533 322 or email [robertponsioen@hotmail.com](mailto:robertponsioen@hotmail.com)



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Or are you looking for something?

Please email Mim on [info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org](mailto:info@nepeanbudgerigarsociety.org) with a short description, and a 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.

### Monthly Chuckle...

One day a man went to a bird auction. While there, he bid on an exotic parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid. The price was high but the fine bird was finally his!

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the Auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!"



"Don't worry," said the Auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

# 2020 Nepean Syllabus March to June

March 17th, Tuesday 8pm. Meeting night

April 21st, Tuesday 8pm. Dingley, 2020 Nepean and BCV registration & ring order evening

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Time and venue tba. Day event. Club selection for the State Young Bird Show.

June 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8pm. Dingley, Nepean AGM

\*venues, dates and times subject to change.

**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!**

## Club Contacts

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