



APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Nepean Budgerigar Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 20th April
Class Education Night
8pm Dingley

Club Selection for Young Bird
State Championships
Saturday 8th May.
Time and Venue TBA asap.

Young Bird State
Championships
Sunday 16th May

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Happy Easter to all.

Thanks to all those who came along to our meeting in June and made our membership night a great success. A big thankyou goes out to Mim for a job well done in organizing.

The United club had their show last week and a few of our members either entered birds or just went for a look. I believe the birds were of a high standard.

Club shows are still going ahead and even if you don't show birds at these shows it is still worthwhile going along to view the birds on show, go for a look or have a chat with other breeders.

Our meeting this month will be a training/education night so be sure to be there as it will be well worth it, the subjects on the agenda are secret so

come and find out, there will be birds on display as well as equipment, if anyone would like to bring birds along to show or ask a question about please do so

The next Championship shield Sunday the 16th May is the Young Bird Shield (green rings).

John Freeman

President Nepean Budgerigar Society



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Would like to



You!

2020/21 New Nepean Members

A big welcome to our newest Nepean members, Jeff and Di. We look forward to sharing your budgie journey with you!

Class Education Night

Tuesday 20th April, 8pm, at our usual Dingley venue

At our April catchup, Nepean will be hosting a 'Classing Education Night'.

A great opportunity for our new members to get an insight into what constitutes each class. For others, an opportunity to get revisit the basics, and have a look at some other members birds. Please feel free to bring along any birds you would like to be classed, or to share your breeding results with other members.

As always, a cuppa and chat as well.

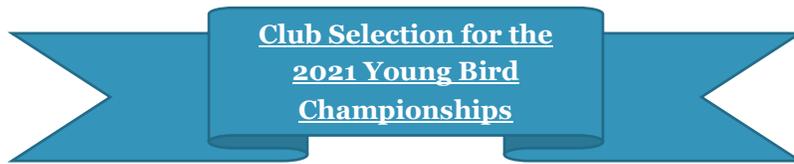


**2021 Young Bird
Championships**

Young Bird State Championships

Sunday 16th May, Carwartha College, Noble Park.

More details for the day to come.



Club Selection for the
2021 Young Bird
Championships

We can confirm the day of our Nepean Club team selection for the Young Bird State Championships will be held on SATURDAY 8th May. *This will be our May catchup for the month.*

The venue and time will be confirmed with you all asap.

Please note due The ANBC have cancelled their Young Bird National Show, which was to be in Bendigo the week after the Vic state show. This is largely due to concerns over sudden state border closers, and the fact that a large percentage of participants sit in the high risk Covid category.

Upcoming Club Diploma 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 really 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 years shows in this newsletter. **BUT** please note that **all** shows are still subject to confirmation due to Covid restrictions, and other factors. This could be due the possibility of unexpected tighter restrictions being put in place, or because a club may not have the extra manpower to ensure the Covid safe plan can be adhered too. (Don't forget there are a large portion of our budgie community in the high-risk category)

We can confirm that the Melton Club has rescheduled their show to Saturday 1st May. Show details have been emailed to everyone, and show entry sheets have been sent this year too. If any of our new members need a hand to fill these out, please shout out to one of the exec committee.

There are also 2 club budgie sale days coming up, Eastern Club on Saturday 17/4, and United's the next day in Sunday 18/4. Details emailed. Always a great way to pick up some very handy quality birds at reasonable prices.

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 Rouleston	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@hotmail.com
23 Sun	ANBC	ANBC	Bendigo, VIC	James Smith	
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

Show Preparation – from an Anonymous Champion National Show Breeder

For the nationals I start this process 3 weeks in advance. For a table show it may only be a couple days prior. Last show was the day before the show as I was away with work before that

First step: Pin feather removal.

There are many different ways of breaking pin feather coverings. I rub the feather sheath between my fingernail and thumb to break the sheath and the gently rub between my fingers to remove the feather sheath completely. Stay clear of blood quills. You might need to do this several times over a few days if the bird has a few blood quills. If you break a blood quill, wait until the bleeding stops completely and then wash (or rewash as the case may be) the birds head.

Second step: Bucket washing.

Requires 2 buckets, boiling water and cold water, shaving brush, baby shampoo, clean dry towels, clean show cages or holding cages in warm area away from draughts.

Boil water and pour a portion into both buckets, add cold water until water temp is good baby's bottle temperature - not too hot and not too cold. Add baby shampoo to one, keep other for rinsing. Dunk budgie quickly into water and use shaving brush to wash feathers and head as required, make sure you don't drown the bird by holding it underwater long, a quick dunk or two and then use the brush. Rinse in clean water bucket in the same manner and then quickly dry off in clean towel and put budgie into draught free cage to dry.

Step three: Despotting

This is tricky if you have not had any practice. Take a good pair of flat tweezers and carefully pluck out extra spots and shadow spots. You need to make sure you know which the main spots are and be careful not to pull these out (obvious I know). I do this after washing as despotting aggravates the skin around the spot feathers sometimes loosening the remaining feathers and the extra weight of the water can make the drop out too, losing some main spots. If there is anything I can advise here is that you practice on non-show birds in your aviary to get the technique that works for you. I often gentle blow on the spot feathers to separate them other feathers so I can be surer of which feather I have gripped in the tweezers.

Step four: Spraying

When prepping for the nationals I use boiling water in a spray bottle with some apple cider vinegar and a tiny amount of glycerine (only a couple mls of each to 500mls boiling water), then on very fine spray so the water cools before getting to the bird, I spray until the water runs off. I try to do this daily but due to work commitments it varies. As the bird feather condition improves (due to the washing and extra preening it promotes), the water tends to slick off more than make the feathers wet. This is a sign that the bird is in prime feather condition. I don't worry about this step for table shows.

I do NOT pull tails or flights anymore. Had bad experiences with them not growing back so it's all up to fate these days if the tails are in or not at the time. BUT I do move my budgies to try and promote a full moult well prior to when they need to be growing new tails etc. This seems to work well for me so far.

Just to show you the difference that bucket washing alone can make I present these photos. Notice the extra volume that the washing gives to frontal feathers - nice! Ignore the slightly dodgy despotting effort too (at least I managed to NOT pull out any main spots for a change...) (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN OLDER ARTICLE, SO THE FLECKING NOT AN ISSUE AT THE TIME)



Monthly Chuckle

A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls. The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day.

Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the parkas on such a hot day.

The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: "For best results, put on two coats."



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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