



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Nepean Budgerigar Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Selection for Young Bird
State Championships
Saturday 8th May.

11am John's Factory
42 Nicholas Drive,
Dandenong South.

Young Bird State
Championships
Sunday 16th May

Nepean AGM Dingley Venue
June 16th 2021 8pm

PRESIDENTS REPORT FROM JOHN FREEMAN

Thanks to all those who came along to our monthly get together in April. This was a training/education night on varieties even though there was not many in attendance those who did come got something out of the night.

The subjects on the agenda were varieties, we covered greens, blues, Australian goldenface, English yellowface, both these in normal, opaline and cinnamon, whitecaps, Opaline and clearbodies. We had birds on display for all these varieties going through such things as breeding, pairing, identifying and showing, this was interesting and a bit of fun was had as well.

The Melton club had their Diploma show last weekend. I believe the birds were of a high standard with the major awards going to Ian Hunter and Mike Huth well done to these 2 gentlemen on

presenting very good birds.

The next Championship Shield Sunday the 16th May is the Young Bird Shield (green rings), our selection will be Saturday 8th May.

John Freeman

President Nepean Budgerigar Society

(Please see John's words of wisdom about moths in this month's article)





2021 Young Bird
Championships

Sunday 16th May, Carwartha College, Noble Park.

Benching of birds in classes:	between 9.00am and 9.30am
Judging:	9.30am to 11.00am
FINAL JUDGING:	11.00am to 11.30pm
<u>Selection of National Team:</u>	N/A – no National (<u>Will not commence until hall is cleared</u>)
Auditorium Session (BCV AGM)	12.00pm to 1.30pm approx. (awaiting info ex BCV Secretary)
Viewing of exhibits:	After the National Team selection until 2.00pm approx.
Presentation of trophies:	2.00pm approximately.
Checking out & cleaning of hall:	Following completion of program

United, Nepean & Melton clubs are rostered for setup the hall before the event. Setup at 7.30-8.30am.

(If our Nepean members could please contact John asap with your availability to help)

Message from the BCV: Please take particular note of the current COVID restrictions.

Key COVID points relating to current restrictions in Victoria as follows (check BCV COVID plan on website and government sites for confirmation);

1. Face masks must be worn indoors or outdoors where 1.5m social distancing is not possible.
2. Maximum number of people indoors is 100.
3. Record keeping must be done for all attendees.
4. Hygiene (sanitizer / disinfectant wipes) must be available for regular use.
5. The 4 square meter rule is in force indoors (for manual record keeping) - please calculate your hall area and ensure maximum numbers are not exceeded.

Remember a couple of extra exciting happenings at the Young Bird State Championship as follows;

1. Extra Exhibitor Points for this State Championship Show only - in lieu of no points for National Show with 15 points for 1st in Class, 10 points for 2nd in Class, 7 points for 3rd in Class and 3 Points for 4th in Class.
2. New Rainbow Exhibition Class with no club points and no exhibitor points but additional prizes for 1st place (Framed Pastel Drawing of winning bird by Paws In Pastel), 2nd place (2x Gold Class Village Cinema vouchers) and 3rd place (\$50 trading stand voucher).

These prizes are in addition to the normal Class winning trophy. Birds can be either rung or no rings plus any age birds.

3. Lunch gift voucher courtesy of the BCV for all members in attendance.

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 **THIS SATURDAY 8th May**. 11am (Tomorrow)
John's Factory , 42 Nicholas Drive, Dandenong South.

This will be our May catchup for the month.

Upcoming Club Diploma Shows

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	Miramboona 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@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 5th 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 5th 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 McQuilter	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

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 Bendigo Club has rescheduled their show to Saturday 12th June. Show details have will be 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.

**Nepean 2021 AGM
Tuesday 16th June**

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 and Treasurer.

Mim as current 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.





This Month's Article

Moths and Birds – By John Freeman

A subject I would like to touch on is Moths yes that's right Moths, these pesky little critters can cause quite a bit of unrest and poor hygiene for birds and breeders as well. These Moths seem to come in waves from the warmer climates and breed very quickly. These often come in the seed we purchase and will then breed in the seed in cages waste trays and anywhere there is food for them including our seed bins or hoppers if they can gain access, they can even get up in the mason jar feeders where they breed. When this happens, they produce Larvae which spin webs these webs can clog up the feeders so even though when we check them visually the birds appear to have plenty of seed but the larvae have a damming effect which robs the birds or the young they are feeding from having seed which can cause starvation.

So how do we tell if have these tiny Moths and larvae?

---you will notice them flying around your bird room or aviary or just sitting on the walls or roof

---tiny silk lines or webs/larvae will start to appear mainly from the roof or corners of cages

---very small brown cocoons can appear in seed and sometimes in nest boxes

---the larvae will foul up the seed

So how do we deal with them ?

--firstly if you have them in your aviary a pair of quails will greatly help keep the numbers down

--use Fossil shell flour (food grade diatomaceous earth) available from Avian Vitality, this is a powder which can be mixed with seed and paced in the nest box this should keep them at bay

--good old fashion moth balls

-- moth paper (sticky paper with attractant which catches the moths) a swatter works well if you can see them

-- most of all keep the room clean remove waste food they eat, if you have them a big clean out with disinfectant and Glen 20 surface spray is needed as well.

Hope this was of help for some!

Monthly Chuckle

"An older lady gets pulled over for speeding"... Older Woman: Is there a problem, officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding. Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please? Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one? Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please. Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not? Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what? Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there e a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner? Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.



Don't Mess With Old Ladies!

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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