

# Eastern District Budgerigar Club Newsletter

March 2022



Hello Members

Welcome to our newest member: David Angus

## Results of the 2022 AGM

Thank you to the (few) of you that came to our AGM. After a short meeting and committee election, during which Rod judged our show, Rod gave an excellent presentation about what judges are looking for in a showbird on the bench. Quite a few heads were nodding as (I expect) a few lightbulbs went on and most of us took something away to consider when next looking at our birds.

We have a very small committee to arrange the Auction and Diploma Show this year. Ideally, we would like a couple of extra members to infuse our group with new ideas to help the club grow and better serve its members in the future. All members are invited to attend committee meetings as visitors and we welcome you to join in. The meetings are held via zoom. Please contact Mitch or Brian if you would like the Zoom link. Committee meetings are usually held on the first Thursday evening of the month and are listed on the club program on the website.

The new Committee

<b>President</b>	Mitch Parr	<b>Treasurer</b>	Brian Abbott
<b>Vice President</b>	Neil Hunt	<b>General member</b>	Robb Dagg
<b>Secretary</b>	Penny Gillespie	<b>General member</b>	Rob McLean

## Results of March club meeting competition

### Intermediate

Best bird and best Normal	S&N Hunt	Normal Blue
Reserve bird	S&N Hunt	Spangle Normal
Best UBC	S&N Hunt	Cinnamon

### Beginner

Best Bird and best Normal	R McLean	Normal Blue
Reserve	Penny Gillespie	Spangle normal
Best UBC	Penny Gillespie	Normal Blue

*Where are our Open and Champion members? We would love to see you competing at our club nights! There are cash vouchers for winners in each section.*

## Memberships are due

If you wish to order coded rings for next year, your membership and payment is due by the next club meeting. Please complete the attached membership form and send it to Mitch and preferably pay electronically (remember to put your name on it). We will be taking cash on the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> if you prefer. Later payments will just mean that that your rings will be BCV coded, rather than with your personal code, which is fine.

## United Club Championship

Well done to members who exhibited on the day.  
Everyone got a place.

Neil & Susan Hunt - Best Opposite Sex (Hen)

Tony and Sylvia Appleton - Best Opaline AOSV (no photo)

Mitch - Best Clearwing

Thompson & McVilly - Best Clearbody

Penny - Best Greywing

Next Club Meeting



## Next Club Meeting: 28 April - Club Auction selection night and presentation

All members are welcome to contribute to the selection from beginners to champions. Lloyd and Vince will judge the selection.

The number of birds selected will be determined by the number of birds already volunteered from invited and club champion breeders, and the quality of the birds on the day. The plan is to limit the number of birds in the auction to about 250. The birds are chosen blind, judges do not know who owns each bird.

### *Acceptable ages*

- Cocks: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
- Hens: 2022, 2021, 2020

Please complete the attached record form and bring it with you on the night. Please send an electronic copy of successful birds to Brian after the night.

The club show tonight will focus on: Fallow, Lutino, Albino –young and UBC birds. As usual you are welcome to enter any other birds if you wish.

Penny will lead a discussion of how the club and state points are earned. Please come along and ensure she is correct.

## Coming Up

**15 May: Selection morning** for entries to the young bird State Championship, 10:00 am Forest Hill Hall. Everyone is welcome to contribute and remember that Beginners and Intermediates can enter birds on top of the official club team; but you must be present at the selection.

**22 May: Young Bird State Championships**, Carwatha College, Noble Park. Come along and have a look at the best birds in Victoria, even if you don't have an entry this year.

**28-29 May: National Budgerigar Show**, Adelaide

**Note: No club meeting in May.**

## Club Aggregate points – combined 2021 & 22

Lloyd Richardson	113
Bader & Turnbull	101
S&N Hunt (Int)	73
Jamie Macafee (Int)	69
Mark Brennand	63
Mitch Parr (Int)	45
Michael O'Connell (Beg)	43
Penny Gillespie (Beg)	37

Roger Watson (Int)	36
Vince Carro	12
T&S Appleton	9
Alistair Bennalack (Int)	8
Garry Stagg	8
Brian Abbott (Int)	5
Rob McLean (Beg)	3

Points are awarded for Club night competitions, State Championship awards and awards from our Championship in October. Usually accumulated annually, due to Covid, we have elected a two-year term this year, and the award will be presented at the 2023 AGM.

## Tips for beginners

Taken from <https://www.aviculturehub.com.au>

Winter is on its way but cold temperatures, as long as they're above freezing, generally pose very little threat to most of the birds we keep in captivity. Cold winds and draughts, wind and rain exposure, and fungal/bacterial infections are the true killers.

Make sure the exposed faces of your aviary are positioned away from wind and rain. You should also ensure that your aviary receives direct morning sunlight, so that your birds can sunbathe to recover from the early-morning chill.

If you're not able to position the aviary away from direct wind and rain, the next best option is to cover the aviary. A tarpaulin over the wire portions of the aviary is usually adequate, however clear plastic sheets or cafe blinds provide far better viewing of the birds. Clear plastic has the added advantage of causing a glass-house effect, making the aviary considerably warmer. Not only does this make cold temperatures more tolerable in winter, but the extra warmth allows you to extend the breeding season into late autumn and early spring.



If the floors of your aviary are permitted to become wet for long periods of time, health issues in your flock are inevitable. Bacteria and fungus from bird droppings and discarded food will thrive in the moist conditions and quickly transmit to your birds, especially if they like to forage on the ground for

seeds and insects. If water is getting into your aviary, find out where it's coming from and stop it straight away.

A bird's metabolism produces heat as it breaks down food. To take maximum advantage of this trait, feed your birds extra rich and complex foods when it's cold. Oats, corn and sunflower seeds are all reputed to help birds cope with cold temperatures.



## Attachments

Auction Selection Form

2023 Membership form

### **Committee Executive**

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