

PROFILE: LLOYD RICHARDSON



I started into budgies in 1956, when a couple of mates talked me into joining a club called South Suburban in Glen Eira Rd Caulfield, I was as keen as and would jump on a tram with my 2 show cages and go to diploma shows and take a day off school to enter my birds in the Royal Show, however after about 4 years I was persuaded to take up cycling by my cousin a professional rider and reluctantly decided to give the birds to the club secretary among them some outstanding Lutino's that had done some winning.

Once you have had budgies it is always in your blood so I made a comeback in about 1985, with the weak excuse that my kids needed a hobby, my eldest boy stuck at it the longest as he enjoyed taking entries, usually 100 birds at Eastern District Club meetings and around 300 members you had to be early or standing room only.

My son and I did entries for a few years then I became show manager for about 10 years, I did the last 3 shows at the Box Hill Town Hall, we would have around 1200 birds with 350 cage birds, down stairs at the Town Hall we had a number of displays from pet shops, fancy pigeon club, seed merchants and a sale class of budgies and Harry Cooper giving a talk we had cover on TV news, radio and lots of public who paid to enter, but Box Hill Council increases the hire fee so committee decided to ditch cage birds and move on, very sad. I have also had a stint at club secretary, Vice President and President over about 30 years



I did the judges test in 1993, about 13 sat the test and I had the highest average, with much appreciation to Bernie O'Connell for his tuition, then sat National test 1999 and Judged Melbourne National. My best experiences were judging numerous country shows with the late Rob Davis and Ross Loats we had a lot of laughs. I was elected on the BCV Judges and Standards Committee and was secretary for ten years and helped look after the National team and learned a lot working with Alan Rowe and Ross Loats.



The import birds from England arrived in 1990, I received 15 birds nothing to write home about but they bred well and produced a couple of National winners, unfortunately when I moved house I lost a number to mega bacteria as was on tight schedule building new home and birds were in survival mode.

I have won our club diploma 4 times, best bird at the State Championship 4 times, been placed 4th at the National Show many times, won about 30 State Championship Classes and a National win in Greens and Blues

I have met a lot of lovely people and it has been a great journey hope there is more to come!



Early result for Victoria – 1st and 2nd in the Greens

A delighted Lloyd Richardson – Best Green in Australia!

