

SPECIALIST AND RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2015

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The 27th Specialist and Rare Variety Open Show was a success with a relaxed atmosphere among exhibitors and visitors. The total entry was 526 from 40 exhibitors of which 444 birds were benched. The added attraction this year was the coloured ceramic beakers for all best of colour winners and the introduction of a class for the Colour Budgerigars of which 21 were entered.

The show committee extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to all sponsors; Brown and Hutt (50% cost of all the open rosettes for the show); Geoff Capes (cost of all the ceramic awards to the judges and Best of Colours). Mick Anzara, Ian Brickwood, Sue and Rod Clarke, Jan Hill, Grant Findlay and Nick Flavell and Dave and Linda Rafis for their financial sponsorship. Warren Wilson and BRASEA donated rosettes for all the BOC winners. Frank and Vanessa Barnes and Swindon BS donated a Team show cage for the raffle. The show also received sponsorship of bags of seed and products from Norman and June Cox, Johnson and Jeff Ltd, Country Wide Seed and Gren and Pat Norris. Donated birds for the raffle came from Alan and Gina Adams, Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser, Geoff Capes, Neville and Jenny East, Arnold Stevens, Trevor and Adrian Terheege.

Guest of Honour this year to present the trophies was Budgerigar Society President, Beverley Hutt.

To prevent a clash with the F1 at Silverstone the show will move to week 25 from next year - **25th / 26th June 2016** at the same venue in Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.

LUTINO TOP REDEYE

Jeff Attwood judged the 34 Lutinos and awarded the Best Lutino and Best Redeye in show for the fourth consecutive year to Gren and Pat Norris with an outstanding adult cock of good head quality and size. Robert Brokenshire benched a large hen in second place followed by a good coloured Lutino cock of Frank Barnes. Oliver Williams won Best Junior Any Age in Show with a Lutino hen.

Jerry Donovan won the young bird and best

Redeye young bird in show with a good coloured cock of good length and width of head. Margaret and Bill Walker occupied second place with a hen of good size and deportment but lacking in colour. The beginner Sean Murray was third with a hen of good colour and size.

Ron Pearce judged the 21 Albinos and gave the Best Albino in Show to Terry Sadler with a good coloured adult cock staged in good condition. Bob McCabe was second with a nice hen followed by a hen from Oliver Williams in third position.

Terry Sadler repeated his success in the young bird section when his Albino cock won the best in section. This was followed by Ray Cozens with a good coloured Albino hen. Fred Pilbeam was third with a nice hen.

WHITEWING TOPS CLEARWING AWARD

Brian Reese judged the 26 Yellow-wings and the long established master of this variety Malcolm and Pam Freemantle won the Best Yellow-wing in Show with a Light Green cock of good size and colour contrast. Margaret and Bill Walker were second with a Dark Green hen.

The Freemantle partnership won the young bird certificate with a good Dark Green hen of good size and shoulder which was followed in second place by their Dark Green cock. Mick Anzara benched a good Light Green hen in third place.

Maurice Roberts judged the 35 Whitewings and the Freemantle stud won Best Whitewing Any Age with a cobalt cock of good balance and head quality. Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser were second with a Cobalt hen followed by Robert Brokenshire's Skyblue cock in third place.

It was Ray Cozens' turn to stop the clean sweep of the Freemantles to win the Best Clearwing in Show with his young Violet cock of good size and colour contrast. His Violet hen was in second place followed by Mick Anzara's Skyblue hen.

CRESTS OF QUALITY

There was a large drop in the crested entry to 31 for Brian Reese to judge. The adult C.C.

and Best Crest in Show went to the new beginner Sean Murray who benched an outstanding Circular Light Green hen sporting a good crest and of good size and condition. Sue and Rod Clarke occupied second place with a quality Half Circular Skyblue cock. The Mick Widdowson and Brian Wilson partnership was third with a Tufted Skyblue cock.

Mick Anzara won the young bird section with a Full Circular Grey cock staged in good condition. This was followed by Sean Murray's Tufted Cinnamon Light Green hen. David and Linda Rafis were third with a Full Circular Opaline Grey Green cock.

QUALITY SPANGLES

The 35 Spangle Greens were judged by Maurice Roberts and the best was the adult quality Grey Green cock of Neville and Jenny East of good spangle spots. They were second with a quality Cinnamon Grey Green hen. Tom Jackson was third with a Grey Green cock.

Jerry Donovan came on top in the young bird section with a good young Dark Green cock staged in good condition winning the Best Spangle Young Bird overall. The Widdowson and Wilson partnership were second with a wide headed Grey Green hen which was followed by Tom Jackson's Grey Green hen.

Wayne Bloxham judged the 36 Spangle Blues and awarded the adult CC and Best Spangle in Show to Adrian and Trevor Terheege with a large Cinnamon Grey cock of good frontal rise with good spangle spots and deep mask. Gren and Pat Norris were second with a Cinnamon Skyblue hen of good quality but lacking in spots. The junior Oliver Williams occupied third place with a Goldenface Skyblue cock of good deportment.

Jerry Donovan headed the young bird section with a quality Cinnamon Skyblue cock of good frontal rise and good spots. John Cosby was second with a Cinnamon Grey hen of good size but slightly ticked. A Goldenface Skyblue cock of Tim Foddy with good spangle markings was third.



The Judges (l to r): Ron Pearce, Sam Wildes (Trainee), Brian Reese, Maurice Roberts, Wayne Bloxham & Jeff Attwood.



Best AOC & YB Lacewing - Sean Murray



Adrian & Emma Terheege



Arnold Stevens



Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser

Ron Pearce judged the 14 Double Factor Spangles and awarded Arnold Steven's Yellow cock as the best in this variety. John Cosby was second with a Yellow hen followed by Oliver Williams' White hen in third place and also winning Best Junior in Show.

The young bird section was headed by Colin Potter's White cock which was followed by the Terheege partnership with a White hen in second place. Frank Barnes was third with a White hen.

QUALITY IN DOMINANT PIEDS

Brian Reese judged the 27 Dominant Pieds and awarded the Best Dominant Pied in Show to Neville and Jenny East's Opaline Cinnamon Grey Green hen staged in perfect condition. Their Light Green cock, a nice variety marked bird, was in second place. Malcolm and Pam Freemantle were third with a Cobalt cock.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser headed the young bird section with a stylish Goldenface Grey hen. Oliver Williams was second with an Opaline Light Green hen which was also Best Junior Young Bird in Show. A Clearflight Opaline Dark Green hen was third and Best Clearflight in Show for Ian and Pat Fielding.

TOP FOR RECESSIVE PIED

The highest entry in the show was the Recessive Pieds with 70 entered for Ron Pearce to judge and for the third consecutive year the Best Recessive Pied was also awarded the overall Best Pied in Show. This went to Gren and Pat Norris with their well marked large Dark Green cock last year's winner shown in excellent condition. Michael and Margaret Chapman were second with another quality Cobalt cock followed by John Cosby's Cinnamon Grey Green hen in third place. Best Dark Eyed Clear in Show went to Ian and Pat Fielding's adult White hen.

Mick Lewis headed the young bird section with a Cobalt cock and his Cobalt hen was third best. The Norris partnership was second with a Cobalt cock. Best Dark Eyed Clear Young Bird was won by the Fielding partnership with a White hen.

YELLOWFACES DOWN IN NUMBERS

Wayne Bloxham judged the 20 Yellowfaces and awarded the adult certificate to Adrian and Trevor Terheege's Cobalt hen of good head quality with large spots and good colour contrast. A stylish Goldenface Skyblue cock benched in good condition from the Al-Nasser's stud was second. An Opaline Skyblue

cock from Robert Brokenshire was third.

A large Grey cock from Gren and Pat Norris' stud with good head quality won the young bird certificate and overall Best Yellowface in Show. The Al-Nasser's were second with a nice faced Cinnamon Skyblue hen.

LESS RARES

There was a drop in entry to 24 for Maurice Roberts to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and Best Rare Variety in Show to a Slate cock benched by Mick Anzara. A Slate hen from Rod and Sue Clarke was second followed by a Rainbow cock from Mick Anzara in third place.

Terry Sadler headed the young bird section with a good sized Opaline Slate hen. Mick Anzara was second with a Rainbow cock followed by another good coloured Rainbow from Grant Findlay and Nick Flavell in third place.

Best Anthracite, D and L Rafis; Best English Fallow, Best German Fallow, Best Rainbow, Best Slate, M. Anzara; Best Saddleback, G and J Al-Nasser.

CLEARBODY

Wayne Bloxham judged the 16 entries in this section and awarded the adult certificate to an Easley Skyblue cock of Gren and Pat Norris

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Jerry Donovan



Malcolm & Pam Freemantle



Neville & Jen East



Sean Murray - Best Crest

with good head quality and size. A Texas Yellowface Skyblue cock was second for Michael and Margaret Chapman followed by a nice faced Texas Clearbody Cobalt hen from the Findlay and Flavell partnership.

Michael and Margaret Chapman again came out on top in the young bird section with a Texas cock of good deportment with nice

spots and depth of mask to win the overall Best Clearbody in Show. Their Easley cock of good deportment was third best. Cy Thorne and Belinda Finlayson were second with a Texas hen of good substance.

DROP IN A.O.C.

There was a further drop in entry to 37 for Jeff Attwood to judge. He awarded the adult certificate to a Suffused Yellow cock of good length and deportment shown in good condition from Tom Jackson. The Al-Nassers were second with a Lacewing White cock of good size and head quality. Rob Brokenshire was third with an Opaline Lacewing White hen of good size and head quality.

Sean Murray headed the young bird CC and Best Overall with a quality big Opaline Lacewing White hen presented well from the beginner section. Tom Jackson was second with an Opaline White Cobalt hen followed by the Terheege partnership with an Opaline

Suffused Yellow hen.

Best Olive, T. Foddy; Best Violet, R. Cozens; Best Lacewing, S. Murray; Best Greywing, R. Brokenshire; Best Yellow, T. Jackson; Best White, T. Jackson; Best AOV Clearwing etc, B. Taylor.

TEAMS

There were 7 teams entered and the best was a team of 6 Lutino cocks benched by R. McCabe. This was followed by John Cosby's team of 6 Recessive Pied Grey Green cocks who also had a team of 3 pairs of Whitewing Skyblues in third place.

COLOUR BUDGERIGAR

There was a good entry of 21 birds in this class, which was provided for the first time, and heading this large class which was judged by Maurice Roberts was S. Williams, followed by R. Brokenshire in second and third place.

A CATCH UP FROM ICELAND

BY DAVID RANDALL

Readers of the Budgerigar magazine may recall me writing a short piece about budgie fancier Unnur Huld Hagalin who lives in Iceland. Following her discovery of The Exhibition Budgerigar Forum online she decided that she would join the BS (Unnur is the only BS member in Iceland!), and that show quality birds were the thing for her.

Unnur and her husband came over to this

country last year to pick up several pairs of mixed coloured young birds from Derbyshire breeder Maurice Dean. The birds took a while to settle but they are now beginning to produce the goods.

I was delighted to receive some photographs of a current nest and they seem to be looking very useful! These are directly out of the birds Unnur acquired late last year. Both Maurice and I hope that they are the first of many.

