

SPECIALIST AND RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2016

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The *28th Specialist and Rare Variety Open Show* was another success with a great, relaxed atmosphere among exhibitors and visitors and an increased entry of 9%. The total entry was 587 from 45 exhibitors of which 518 birds were benched. There were fewer birds in the sales classes which made both entry and benched birds in the competitive classes higher than last year.

The show had its usual international flavour with our friend Carlos Ramôa from Portugal attending the show as he always does, and of course the Italian judge Dino Pocecco and his friend Marco Barni, secretary of the Italian Budgerigar Society. It was also pleasing to see a Chinese student who is interested in budgerigars accompanying Jerry Donovan.

As always, the show committee extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to the following sponsors; Rosettes of Quality (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 David and Linda Rafis for their financial sponsorship. Warren Wilson and BRASEA donated major rosettes for all the BOC winners. Jim Mitchell donated a show cage for the raffle. The show also received sponsorship in the form of bags of seed and products from Norman and June Cox, Johnston and Jeff Ltd, Country Wide Seed. Donated birds for the raffle came from Alan and Gina Adams, Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser, John Cosby, Neville and Jenny East, Gren and Pat Norris and Terry Sadler to whom the show committee extends its sincere thanks.

Our Guests of Honour this year to present the 45 trophies were our hard working show committee members Sue and Rod Clarke, past presidents of the CBC, RV&CBS, SBBA and VBC as well as their area society the MBA.

The show was dominated by three exhibitors who between them won 16 out of the 24 colour awards namely Gren and Pat Norris (6), Malcolm and Pam Freemantle

(5) and Jerry Donovan (5). On a sad note this was the last show that Jerry Donovan exhibited at as he is giving up the birds due to health problems.

LUTINO TOP REDEYE AGAIN

Steve Cox judged the 54 Lutinos which was an increase from last year and awarded the Best Lutino and Best Redeye in show for the 5th consecutive year to Gren and Pat Norris with an outstanding adult cock, a good solid bird through face and shoulder staged in good condition. They were also second with another excellent hen but not in the same condition as the winner. John Wesson from

the beginner section was third with a good lutino cock staged in good condition but not the quality of the winners.

Gren and Pat Norris won the young bird and best Redeye young bird in show with another quality young cock that showed itself well and was in good condition. Their hen was second best and showed in good condition. John Wesson was third again with a typey cock.

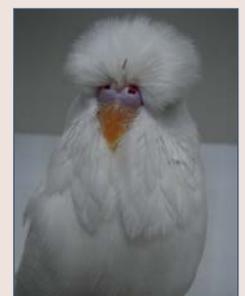
Dave Critchlow, chairman of LABS, judged the 37 Albinos and gave the Best Albino in Show to Alan Kelly, new president of LABS, with a nice long bird of good colour; an adult cock staged in good condition. Bob McCabe was second with a nice long hen which



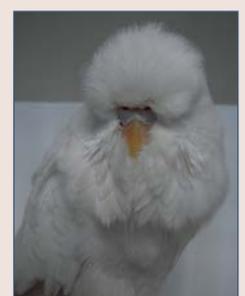
Best Lutino Any Age - G & P Norris



Best Lutino Young Bird - G & P Norris



Best Albino Any Age - A Kelly



Best Albino Young Bird - J Donovan



Sue and Rod Clarke presented the awards

was followed by a cock of the junior Oliver Williams in third position.

Jerry Donovan won the young bird section with a solid hen of good width of shoulders. Alan Kelly was second with a nice all round cock. Mick Lewis from the novice section was third with a cock staged in good condition and of good length.

WHITEWING TOPS CLEARWING AWARD AGAIN

Steve Cox judged the 33 Yellow-wings and once again our long established masters of this variety Malcolm and Pam Freemantle dominated the awards and won the Best Yellow-wing in Show with a light green hen shown in good condition and of very good size and colour contrast. Ray Cozens was second with a light green cock of good variety content. Mick Anzara from the intermediate section had a light green cock in third place.

The Freemantle partnership won the young bird certificate with a good light green cock shown in great condition which was followed in second place by Dave Guppy's light green hen.

Mick Freeborn judged the 38 Whitewings and the Freemantle stud won Best Whitewing Any Age with a cobalt cock of good colour and stance. Their cobalt hen was second, followed by Mick Lewis's cobalt cock in third place.

It was the young violet hen of the Freemantles' that won the Best Clearwing in Show with good size and colour contrast. Malcolm and Pam were second with their cobalt cock which was short in the tail. Mick Lewis' cobalt cock was third best.

CRESTS OF QUALITY

There was a small drop in the crested entry to 29 for Steve Cox to judge. The adult C.C. and Best Crest in Show went to Alan and Gina Adams who benched an outstanding circular yellowface skyblue cock benched in good condition and of good size. The partnership of Mick Widdowson and Brian Wilson was second with a tufted skyblue cock



Best Yellow-wing Any Age - M & P Freemantle



Best Yellow-wing Young Bird - M & P Freemantle



Best Crest Any Age - A & G Adams



Best Crest Young Bird - M Anzara

of good crest and size. The novice partnership of Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe was third best with a circular yellowface skyblue cock of good substance. The Adams had a typey circular grey green hen winning the opposite sex award.

Mick Anzara won the young bird section for the second year running with a circular cinnamon cobalt hen of good size and width of shoulders, staged in good condition. This was followed by the Widdowson and Wilson's tufted dark green cock. Shaun Smith from the beginner section was third with a circular yellowface skyblue cock.

QUALITY SPANGLES

There was a drop in the spangle greens to 26 for Mick Freeborn to judge and the best was the adult quality grey green cock of Neville and Jenny East of good head quality and spangle markings. They were second with another quality good shouldered hen. Andrew Wood from the beginner section was third with a long green hen of good head quality.

Jerry Donovan came on top in the young bird section with a young light green cock staged in good condition but not of the best spangle marking. Arnold Stevens was

second with a bold light green hen. This was followed by Oliver Williams' grey green cock which was also judged as the best junior overall young bird in show.

Andy Thorpe judged the 40 spangle blues and awarded the adult CC and Best Spangle in Show to Gren and Pat Norris with an outstanding cinnamon grey cock of good size and good spangle spots. Arnold Stevens was



Best Spangle Green Any Age - N & J East



Michael Chapman – Best Clearbody



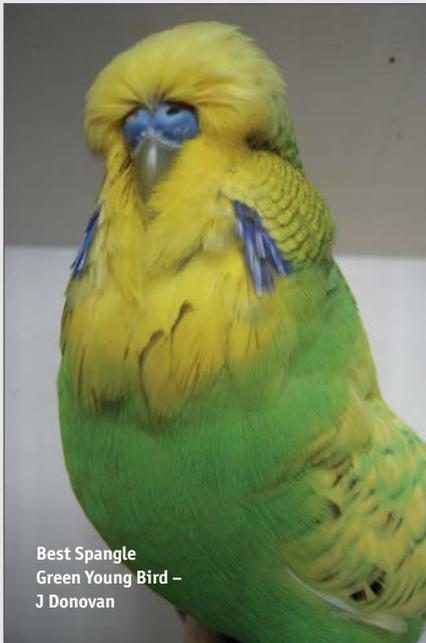
Jerry Donovan – winner of 5 CCs



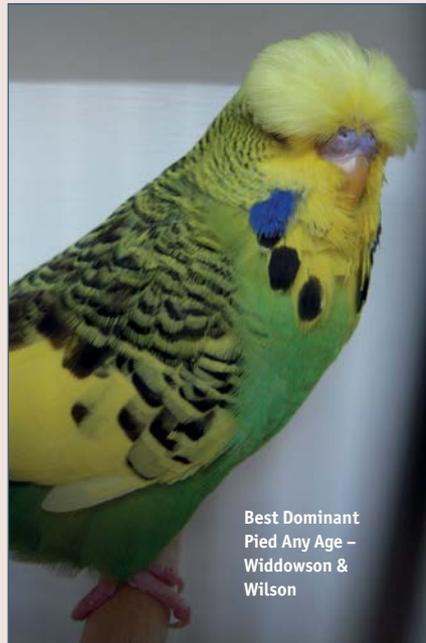
Alan and Gina Adams – Best Crest



Callum Wood – Best Junior



Best Spangle
Green Young Bird –
J Donovan



Best Dominant
Pied Any Age –
Widdowson &
Wilson



Best Recessive
Pied Any Age –
G & P Norris



Best Double Factor
Spangle Any Age –
A Stevens



Best Double Factor
Spangle Young Bird –
C Potter

second with a cobalt hen followed by Andrew Wood in third place with a grey cock.

Jerry Donovan headed the young bird section and best spangle young bird overall with a quality skyblue cock. Ray Cozens was second with a cobalt hen followed by the beginner Paul Price in third place with a skyblue cock.

Dino Pocerco from Italy judged the 35 double factor spangles which was an increase from last year and awarded Arnold Steven's yellow cock as the best in this variety which was of good colour and head quality. Andrew Wood was second with a good yellow cock but with slight green suffusion. The Widdowson and Wilson partnership were third with a yellow hen of good quality.

The young bird section was headed by Colin Potter's typey white cock of good size. Arnold Stevens was second with a yellow hen of good deportment. Paul Price was third with a white cock with suffusion.

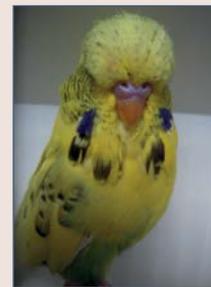
QUALITY IN DOMINANT PIEDS

Dino Pocerco judged the increased entry in the Dominant Pies, a total of 31, and awarded the Best Dominant Pied in Show and Best Pied Overall to the Widdowson and Wilson partnership's dark green cock of good size and head quality. Sue and Rod Clarke were second with a typey cobalt cock. Junior Oliver Williams was third with a skyblue cock. Neville and Jenny East won the opposite sex award with a light green hen.

Jerry Donovan headed the young bird section with a typey skyblue cock of good head quality. The novice partnership of Colin and Lynne Dailey were second with a grey green cock of good size and variety marking. Gren and Pat Norris were third with a light green cock. The best hen was a cinnamon grey benched by The Dailey's partnership. The best Clearflight in show went to Ian and Pat Fielding's young opaline grey green hen.

TOP FOR RECESSIVE PIED

The highest entry in the show once again was the Recessive Pies with a further increase from last year to 75 entered for Dave Critchlow to judge and for the fourth consecutive year the Best Recessive Pied was also awarded to Gren and Pat Norris. This partnership won both awards in the any age and young bird but it was the young bird that scored the best of the variety. Their adult winner was a skyblue cock of good variety markings staged in good condition. Michael



Best Recessive Pied Young
Bird – G & P Norris

Chapman was second with a dark green cock followed by Shaun Smith's cobalt cock in third place. Best adult Dark Eyed Clear went to Ian and Pat Fielding's white cock.

Gren and Pat

headed the young bird section with a dark green cock of good size and condition and their cobalt cock was third best. Shaun Smith was second with a cobalt cock staged in good condition. The best hen in this section was a smart cobalt benched by Michael Chapman. Best Dark Eyed Clear Young Bird and best overall was won by the Fielding partnership with a yellow cock.

YELLOWFACES UP IN NUMBERS

Mick Freeborn judged the increased entry of Yellowfaces of 26 and awarded the adult certificate and best overall to Gren and Pat Norris with a good bold well spotted skyblue cock. A stylish cinnamon skyblue hen benched in good condition from the Al-Nasser's stud was second. The junior Callum Wood staged a grey cock of good balance and spots to be placed third best and to win the Best Overall Junior in Show.

Jerry Donovan headed the young bird section with a good quality skyblue hen



Jim Mitchell – Best AOC



Gren and Pat Norris – winners of 6 CCs



Alan Kelly – Best Albino Any Age



Best Yellowface
Young Bird –
J Donovan



Best Clearbody
Any Age –
M Chapman



Best Colour
Budgerigar –
G & J Al-Nasser



Best Junior –
Callum Wood

followed by his skyblue cock in second place. Mick Fitchett was third with a cobalt hen.

LESS RARES

There was a drop in entry by one to 23 for Dave Critchlow to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and Best Rare Variety in Show to an opaline slate hen benched in good condition by Sue and Rod Clarke. The partnership of Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe benched a slate hen in second place followed by David and Linda Rafis' anthracite cock in third place.

Mick Anzara headed the first two places in the young bird section with a good rainbow cock staged in good condition followed by his English fallow cock of good marking. Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe were third with a Rainbow hen.

Best Anthracite, D and L Rafis; Best English Fallow, Best German Fallow, Best Rainbow, M. Anzara; Best Slate, S and R Clarke; Best Saddleback, C, D and S Sharpe.

CLEARBODY

Dino Pocerco judged the increased entry of 19 in this section and awarded the adult certificate and Best Clearbody Overall to a Texas grey cock of Michael Chapman of good type and feather. Cy Thorne was second with a Texas grey hen of good width followed by a nice Easley sky cock from Sue and Rod Clarke lacking in condition.

Michael Chapman again came out on top in

the young bird section with an Easley cobalt cock of good substance. Cy Thorne occupied the next two spots with a Texas cock and hen.

Best Texas and Easley Clearbody, Michael Chapman.

INCREASE IN A.O.C.

There was an increase in entry by 20 to 57 for Andy Thorpe to judge. He awarded the adult certificate to a lacewing opaline yellow hen of good length and colour from Jim Mitchell. Roger Hill was second with a grey white cock of good size. Tom Jackson from the novice section was third with a greywing grey cock of good colour.

The Freemantles headed the young bird CC and Best Overall with a quality, well presented, big white cobalt hen. Tom Jackson was second with greywing skyblue cock which was followed by Alan and Gina Adams partnership with a lacewing opaline yellow cock.

Best Violet, R. Cozens; Best Lacewing, J. Mitchell; Best Greywing, T. Jackson; Best Yellow, M and D Walker; Best White, M and P Freemantle; Best AOV Clearwing etc, C, D and S Sharpe.

PAIRS

Dave Critchlow judged the 3 pairs and Adrian and Trevor Terheege won the class with yellowface greys followed by Arnold Stevens' spangle opaline light greens and John Cosby's double factor spangle whites in third place.

TEAMS

There were only 2 teams entered for Mick Freeborn to judge and he placed a team of 4 recessive pied cobalt cocks of John Cosby as the best followed by a team of 3 pairs of albinos from the Al-Nasser stud in second place.

COLOUR BUDGERIGAR

There was a good entry of 17 birds from 4 exhibitors for Andy Thorpe to judge. The Al-Nassers occupied the first two places with a dominant pied opaline light green cock followed by their yellowface opaline white blue cock in second place. Simon Williams was third with a goldenface spangle opaline cinnamon grey cock.

2017 Show

To move away from the threat of clashing with the F1 Silverstone Race Championship the show has moved to week 25 and next year's show will be on **24th and 25th June** at the same venue in Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.

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BEST OF COLOUR AWARDS

Colour	Cage No	Any Age	Cage No	Young Bird
LUTINO	1-5	G. & P. Norris*	101-9	G. & P. Norris
ALBINO	3-4	A. Kelly*	104-2	J. Donovan
YELLOW WING	6-2	M. & P. Freemantle*	105-2	M. & P. Freemantle
WHITE WING	7-5	M. & P. Freemantle	108-2	M. & P. Freemantle*
CREST	11-4	A. & G. Adams*	312-2	M. Anzara
SPANGLE GREEN	13-1	N. & J. East*	113-2	J. Donovan
SPANGLE BLUE	15-7	G. & P. Norris*	115-5	J. Donovan
D.F. SPANGLE	17-7	A. Stevens*	117-1	C. Potter
DOMINANT PIED	19-3	Widdowson & Wilson*	120-2	J. Donovan
RECESSIVE PIED	24-7	G. & P. Norris	123-3	G. & P. Norris*
YELLOW FACE	27-3	G. & P. Norris*	128-1	J. Donovan
RARE VARIETY	33-3	S. & R. Clarke*	332-1	M. Anzara
CLEARBODY	35-2	M. Chapman*	137-3	M. Chapman
A.O.C	42-3	J. Mitchell	145-1	M. & P. Freemantle*
JUNIOR	827-1	C. Wood*	913-1	O. Williams
PAIRS	947-3	R & T.R. Terheege		
TEAMS	948-1	J. Cosby		
COLOUR BUDGERIGAR	949-6	G. & J. Al-Nasser		

* Best of Variety Overall