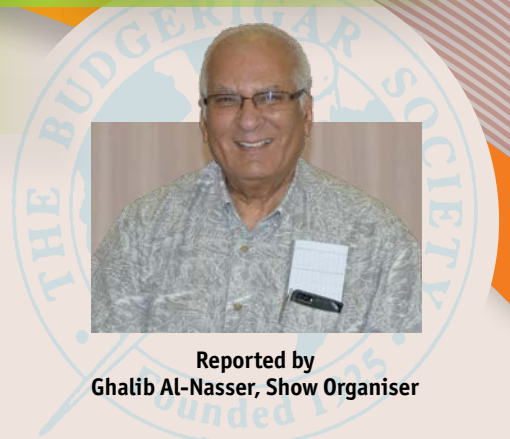


SPECIALIST AND RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2019



Reported by
Ghalib Al-Nasser, Show Organiser

The 31st Specialist and Rare Variety Open Show had a reduction in both entries and exhibitors. The total entry was 507 together with 37 exhibitors - 433 birds were benched. The show had its usual international flavour with Carlos Ramôa from Portugal and Dino Pocecco from Italy attending.

As always, the show committee extends its sincere thanks to their sponsors; Rosettes of Quality, Arnold Stevens, Mick Anzara, Ian Brickwood, Geoff Capes, Sue and Rod Clarke, Jan Hill, Grant Findlay and Nick Flavell, Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser, John Cosby, Gren and Pat Norris and David and Linda Rafis for their financial sponsorship. Warren Wilson and BRASEA donated major rosettes for all the BOC winners. The show also received sponsorship of bags of seed and products from Johnston and Jeff Ltd and Country Wide Seed. We are also grateful to the fanciers who donated birds for the raffle; John Cosby, Gren and Pat Norris, Shaun Smith and Cy Thorne.

Jim Mitchell, one of our regular exhibitors, had a surprise at the show when his friends presented him with a cake to celebrate his 80th Birthday.

Our Guest of Honour was Ronnie Simpson, President of the Budgerigar Society who presented the 48 trophies.

ALBINO TOP REDEYE

Terry Tuxford judged the 30 Lutinos and awarded the best lutino in show to the hot coloured adult cock of Roger Hill. Hugh Clarke from the novice section was second with a bird in good condition. Bob McCabe was third with a hen.

Roger Hill took the double when he won the young bird award for the third consecutive year with a lovely cock that stood well. The Terhegge Partnership was second with a nice hen staged in good condition. Another hen benched by Mark Bannister from the intermediate section was third.

Terry Tuxford also judged the 21 albinos and gave the best albino and best redeye in show to Mark Bannister's lovely albino cock.

This bird has good length and was staged in perfect condition. Arnold Stevens staged a nice hen in second place while Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser were third with a cock.

Mark Bannister also headed the young bird section with a quality hen that could have been in better condition. John Wesson from the novice section was second with another hen. This was followed by a hen from Roger Hill.

WHITEWINGS TOPS CLEARWING AWARD

Terry Tuxford judged the 25 Yellow-wings and Dave Guppy won the best yellow-wing in show with a nicely marked adult light green cock. This was followed by his super hen that had good colour contrast. Steve Magdzinski from the novice section was in third place with a cock.

Dave Guppy also won the young bird certificate with a large green cock that had good variety content and was staged in super condition. Steve Magdzinski was second with a green cock followed by Brian Taylor's green hen.

Graham Barton judged the 26 whitewings and Tom Jackson from the intermediate section won best whitewing that was also best clearwing in show. A skyblue cock with good width of head, nice colour contrast and staged in good condition. This bird was last year's winner as a baby. Dave Guppy was second with a good coloured violet cock. Ray Cozens was third with a large skyblue hen with good clarity.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser won the young bird whitewing classes with a good sized skyblue cock. This was followed by Steve Magdzinski with a cobalt hen while Tom Jackson occupied third place with a cobalt cock.

CRESTS OF QUALITY

There were just 13 birds for Terry Tuxford to judge. The adult certificate and best crest in show went to Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser's quality circular light green cock. This large bird has a good crest and was staged in perfect condition. Shaun Smith from the

novice section occupied the next two places with a circular cinnamon light green cock and a tufted skyblue cock.

David and Linda Rafis won the young bird certificate with a circular dominant pied opaline cinnamon light green cock. A good crest but lacked spots. Shaun Smith occupied second place with a tufted dark green cock staged in good condition. Syed Rizvi from the novice section was third with a circular double factor spangle white cock.

QUALITY SPANGLES

There were 18 spangle greens for the BS President, Ronnie Simpson to judge and the best overall was the quality adult light green cock from novice John Fordham, staged in good condition. Gren and Pat Norris were second with a good grey green cock. The intermediate partnership of Stuart Forbes and Graham Barrett were third with a grey green cock.

Cy Thorne won the young bird award with a well marked grey green cock and Arnold Stevens' opaline grey green hen was in second place.

Graham Barton judged the 29 spangle blues and awarded the adult certificate and best spangle overall in show to Gren and Pat Norris' grey cock shown in superb condition with a good wide face and plenty of blow. The father and son novice partnership of Andrew and Callum Wood were second with a bird with good spangle spots. The Terhegge Partnership was in third place with a good hen that was very wide across the eyes.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser headed the young bird section with a large well marked grey cock and this bird was best spangle

young bird opposite sex overall. Novice, John Wesson benched an opaline cinnamon cobalt hen in second place followed by the Terheege Partnership.

John Cooke judged the 18 double factor spangles and the adult award and best double factor spangle overall went to Andrew and Callum Wood's yellow cock, a well-balanced bird with good directional feathering. Mick Widdowson was second with a yellow cock that had some suffusion followed by Cy Thorne's white hen.

The young bird section was headed by Arnold Stevens' stylish yellow hen with good colour and nice directional feathering. This bird was awarded the best spangle young bird overall. The Terheege Partnership had a good coloured white cock in second place which was followed by novice Ron Willmore's white cock.

QUALITY IN DOMINANT PIEDS

John Cooke judged the 39 dominant pieds and awarded the adult certificate and best dominant pied in show to the well marked Terheege Partnership's cobalt cock with good back skull and length of feather. Geoff Capes was in second place with a well-balanced grey green cock with good head blow. Gren and Pat Norris were third with a well-marked yellowface skyblue hen. Best clearflight any age was won by Sue and Rod Clarke with a grey green cock.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser headed the young bird section with a large, well-marked yellowface cobalt cock, which was followed by the intermediate Ray Marston with a skyblue cock. Tom Jackson occupied third place with a cinnamon grey hen.

TOP FOR RECESSIVE PIEDS

As usual, the highest entry in the show was the recessive pieds with 55 being entered for Ronnie Simpson to judge. For the seventh consecutive year the best recessive pied was awarded to Gren and Pat Norris. Their adult winner was a large dark green cock with large spots and good variety markings. This bird was staged in good condition and was awarded the best pied overall. The Terheege Partnership was second with a quality cobalt cock followed by Michael Chapman with a cobalt hen. Best adult and best overall dark eyed clear went to Ian and Pat Fielding's white cock.

The Terheege Partnership headed the young bird section with a large cobalt cock. They were also second with a cinnamon grey

hen. Tom Jackson was third with goldenface cobalt. Best dark eyed clear young bird was won by Ron Willmore with a yellow hen.

YELLOWFACES UP IN NUMBERS

There was a small increase in entry in this section with 31 birds for Graham Barton to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and best overall yellowface to Mick Widdowson with a large grey cock with a nice face. Mick's wide, well spotted grey hen was second. Forbes and Barrett were third with a well-proportioned yellowface skyblue cock.

Shaun Smith won the young bird award with a large goldenface skyblue cock in good condition followed by the Terheege Partnership's goldenface cobalt cock. Tom Jackson's goldenface skyblue hen was in third place.

QUALITY RARES

This section had an entry of 31 for John Cooke to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and best rare variety in show to a large slate cock benched in good condition by Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser. Bob Allen was second with a large German fallow skyblue cock shown in good condition. David and Linda Rafis benched an anthracite cock in third place.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser headed the young bird section with a stylish slate hen, and they were third with an anthracite cock. Bob Allen's German well balanced fallow light green cock was in second place.

Best Anthracite, D and L Rafis; Best English Fallow, Best German Fallow and Best Saddleback, R. Allen; Best Rainbow, K. Groves; Best Slate, G and J Al-Nasser.

DECREASE IN CLEARBODY

John Cooke judged the entry of 22 and awarded the adult certificate to the long Texas opaline skyblue cock of Cy Thorne, staged in good condition. Gren and Pat were second with an Easley light green hen followed by Cy Thorne's Texas yellowface opaline skyblue hen.

Sue and Rod Clarke headed the young bird section and best clearbody overall with an Easley grey cock; a well-balanced bird staged in good condition. Michael Chapman's Texas grey green cock with nice variety content and in good condition was in second place. The Terheege Partnership was third with a Texas opaline grey green hen.

Best Texas clearbody, C. Thorne; best Easley clearbody, S and R Clarke.

DARK FACTORS

This section had only 8 birds for Ronnie Simpson to judge and he awarded the best overall to a beautiful violet cock with vibrant colour benched by Gren and Pat Norris. A mauve cock benched by David and Linda Rafis was second, followed by an olive cock benched by John Cosby.

Sue and Rod won the young bird certificate with an opaline cinnamon mauve hen, followed by John Cosby's violet cock.

Best olive, J. Cosby; Best mauve, D and L Rafis; best violet, Gren and Pat Norris.

QUALITY LACEWINGS

Ronnie Simpson judged the 14 birds in this section and awarded the best overall and best adult to the Terheege Partnership's yellow cock that had good size and colour. Syed Rizvi was second with a white cock, followed by Mark Bannister with a yellow hen.

The Terheege Partnership won the young bird award with a yellow hen and was third with a yellow cock. Mark Bannister occupied second place with a yellow hen.

INCREASE IN A.O.C.

This section had a small increase to 19 for Graham Barton to judge. He awarded the adult certificate to a good coloured grey yellow cock benched by the Terheege Partnership. Tom Jackson occupied the second and third placings with a grey white cock and a grey yellow cock.

Dave Guppy headed the young bird certificate and best overall with a stylish suffused yellow hen that had good width across the shoulders. The novice partnership of Oliver and Simon Williams were second with a suffused yellow cock, and a suffused white hen benched by Tom Jackson was third.

Best greywing and white, T. Jackson; best yellow, D. Guppy; best AOV clearwing etc, T. Jackson

PAIRS

Graham Barton judged the 7 pairs and Ray Cozens' violets won the class. Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser's albinos followed in second place while Cy Thorne's lutinos were third.

TEAMS

There were 2 teams entered for Terry Tuxford to judge and he placed a team of two pairs of lutinos from Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser as the best followed by a team of six albino cocks from Forbes and Barrett.

INCREASE IN COLOUR BUDGERIGAR

There was a good upturn in entry of 32 birds from 4 exhibitors helped by the increase in popularity and the variety had a second challenge certificate for the young bird section. Terry Tuxford judged the adult certificate and awarded the best of colour and best overall to a light green cock from Trevor and Maria Barfoot. Oliver and Simon Williams won the second class with a Texas clearbody mauve cock.

Ronnie Simpson judged the young bird section and the certificate winner was John Cosby with a mauve cock. The Williams partnership was second with a Texas clearbody light green hen.

COLOUR BUDGERIGAR PAIRS

This is a new section and Graham Barton judged the 2 pairs entered. Oliver and Simon Williams won the certificate with cobalts while Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser were second with albinos.

COLOUR BUDGERIGAR TEAMS

Oliver and Simon Williams won the certificate with 4 grey green hens and were second with 4 light green cocks.

See page 15 in the July / August 2019 edition of The Budgerigar for the Colour Awards table.

Next year's show will be on **20th and 21st June 2020** (week 25) at the same venue in Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.



Arnold Stevens, Best Double Factor Spangle Young Bird winner



The Terhegge Family, winners of 5 CCs



Dave Guppy took both Yellow-wing awards plus Young Bird AOC



Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser winners of 5 CCs



Gren & Pat Norris, Spangle Blue and Dark Factor any age CC winners



Cy Thorne, Best Clearbody Any Age winner



John Cosby best Young Bird Colour Budgerigar



John Fordham took Best overall Spangle Green



Jim Mitchell celebrating his 80th birthday at the show



Mark Bannister - Best Albinos in Any age and Young Bird



Mick Widdowson took Best Yellowface overall



Ray Cozens had Best Any Age Pair in Show



Roger Hill had great success taking both Lutino CCs



Shaun Smith took the Best Yellowface Young Bird award



Sue & Rod Clarke winners of Best Clearbody and Dark Factor Young Bird



Trevor & Maria Barfoot Best Any Age Colour Budgerigar winners



Tom Jackson was awarded Best Clearwing in Show for his Any Age Whitewing



The judges Graham Barton, John Cooke, Laura O'Reilly (subsidiary judge), Ronnie Simpson and Terry Tuxford



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Best Any Age Lutino
R Hill *



Best Any Age Yellow-wing
D Guppy *



Best Any Age Crest
G & J Al-Nasser *



Best Any Age Spangle Blue
G & P Norris **



Best Any Age Dominant Pied
Terhegge Partnership *



Best Any Age Recessive Pied
G & P Norris **



Best Any Age Yellowface
M Widdowson *



Best Any Age Rare Variety (Slate)
G & J Al-Nasser *



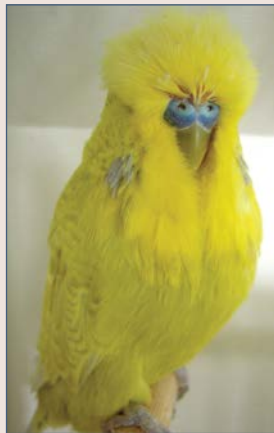
Best Any Age Clearbody (Texas)
C Thorne



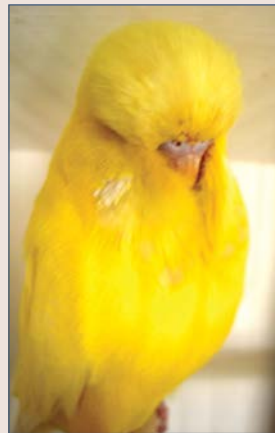
Best Any Age Dark Factor (Violet)
G & P Norris *



Best Any Age Lacewing
Terhegge Partnership *



Best Any Age AOC (Suffused
Yellow) Terhegge Partnership



Best Young Bird Lutino
R Hill



Best Young Bird Yellow-wing
D Guppy



Best Young Bird Whitewing
G & J Al-Nasser



Best Young Bird Crest
D & L Rafis



Best Young Bird Spangle Green
C Thorne



Best Young Bird Spangle Blue
G & J Al-Nasser



Best Young Bird Double Factor
Spangle A Stevens



Best Young Bird Dominant Pied
G & J Al-Nasser



Best Young Bird Recessive Pied
Terheege Partnership



Best Young Bird Rare Variety (Slate)
G & J Al-Nasser



Best Young Bird Cleabody (Texas)
S & R Clarke *



Best Young Bird Dark Factor (Opaline
Cinnamon Mauve) S & R Clarke



Best Young Bird Lacewing
Terheege Partnership



Best Young Bird AOC
(Suffused Yellow) D Guppy *



Best Any Age Albino
M Bannister **



Best Any Age Whitewing
T Jackson **



Best Young Bird Albino
M Bannister



Best Any Age Spangle Green
J Fordham *



Best Any Age Double Factor Spangle
A & C Wood *



Best Young Bird Yellowface S Smith



Best Pair R Cozens



Best Team G & J Al-Nasser



Best Any Age Colour Budgerigar
T & M Barfoot *



Best Young Bird Colour Budgerigar
J Cosby



Best Pair Colour Budgerigars O & S Williams



Best Team Colour Budgerigars O & S Williams

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