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Have you checked out our new website or joined our Facebook group: Join us on Facebook – Brisbane & Northern Suburbs Budgerigar Club Inc

Visit our website – **brisbanenorthbudgieclub.com**

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Tableshow meetings: What a great attendance we had at our February Meeting and weren't we entertained shown what to do and expect when preparing your birds for breeding. Those in attendance will know what I mean by shown, and those not in attendance, well just say you missed a great demonstration. Also, we had 45 birds for our tableshow which is fantastic and we thank Keith Gough for giving a very detailed speech on why he put birds over others. This is how we all learn.

Thursday, March 10 will be another great night to attend as our guest speaker is **Jamie Wright**. Anyone who has attended one of Jamie's talks knows he is a great speaker and a wealth of knowledge. Jamie will be speaking on "Caring and Preparing" so mark it in your diary please. Also let's see if we can hit 50 birds benched for the tableshow. **Table Show birds: Any bird with 2021 or 2022 ring**

Please: a plate of food towards supper will be greatly appreciated and what's more allowed now that the Covid regulations have been scaled down.

The doors will be open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start for our meeting next week so come along. There will be lots to learn from Jamie so take advantage of their knowledge.

Veterinarian Ron Woodhead will be in attendance with all his medicines and wonderful helpful advice and AJ will have his sales table available to assist

AJ has two brands of seed now that he is selling. Golden Cob at \$24.50 for 10 kgs and another one that is \$45 for 20kgs. Contact AJ on 0430 559 008 to arrange for special orders or seed to meetings

Birthday celebrations:

March 6	Garry Jones
March 7	Carol Gough
March 9	Kirralee Nardi
March 12	James Smith
March 13	Errol Willey
March 18,	Alex Calodoukas
March 19	Arjuna Cooray
March 19	Brian Hollingsworth
March 20	Garry Menzies
March 23	Heather Farren-Price

Congratulations to all who are celebrating this month.

Our Annual Show is on February 20 and we thank those who helped set up, during the show and clean up afterwards.

SQBBA Futures Show: I have sent you out a show schedule for this fantastic show so if you have any questions please ask us. This show is only for Novice & Intermediate exhibitors and just for exhibiting you could win one or two great birds kindly donated by the Boal Family. **If you have never shown before, then this is the one. You can borrow cages so there is no excuse not to give it a try.**



Novice pair



Intermediate bird



Raffle Bird: Anyone can purchase tickets in this very strong hen. I have the tickets and they are \$1 each. I will have the tickets at our meeting on Thursday night.

Novice Pair: For every bird benched (from 2 exhibits on) you will receive a free ticket in this great pair of birds. Only Novice exhibitors can win this pair.

Intermediate Bird: Again, for every exhibit benched (after 2 birds) you will receive a free ticket and only Intermediate exhibitors can win this bird.

Wet weather can bring heartache and joy to an aviary. The heartache is the spread of Coccidiosis in the aviary. This dreaded disease can wipe out an entire flock within days, but treatment is very successful. Baycox is generally used or a Sulpha Drug. Please see AJ or Ron Woodhead on Thursday evening and obtain some. These products are a must in every aviary medicine cabinet.

The joy of wet weather is that the birds know there is water around and it helps them come into breeding condition. So, if your birds are ready, put them down and watch the fertility come (fingers crossed).

Cross contamination is of a major concern if you have any illness or problem in your aviary. Breeders check the nest boxes, check eggs for fertility, number the eggs and then go straight onto the next box and do the same. If you have a problem evolving in the first box, you can very easily transfer it to the entire aviary. It is wise to have hand sanitiser or wipes handy and clean your hands between each nest.

Club Magazine will be issued at our meeting so that is another reason to attend. I know a number of you do not like the emailed form of it, so there is a simple solution. Attend our meeting next week and receive a hard copy.

Looking forward to seeing you next Thursday evening and again at the Future Show.

Carol Gough – Hon. Secretary