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*“ Concentrate on the positive ! “*

In each organisation there are positive and negative aspects. If we all concentrate and focus on the positive we may just have a mindset in the positive direction. By doing this more and more things will become positive. The negative will become less and less. Each member can play a constructive role in making this wonderful hobby of ours more enjoyable for all, thereby making it more attractive for newcomers to join.

This is the second monthly “From the Chair” and I am please to say that the BSSA ball is starting to roll. I would like to thank all the members that made themselves available for our sub-committees. The names of these members were published in the March 2006 BSSA minutes.

In an effort to get to know the members serving on management committee I have attached profiles on five of our committee members. The remainder will be sent out with the next issue of “From the Chair”.

I mentioned in the previous issue of “From the Chair” that communication is the key to success. I spoke to most club chairmen or secretaries during the past month. Some interesting points came up during the discussion, which will be dealt with or put forward as proposals. One concern that came up during more than one conversation was the availability of decent breeding birds especially in the remote areas. Management is looking at the possibility of “Sale points” where breeders can obtain birds. Once finalised we will circulate the details thereof.

I had very positive comments on the more explanatory way we minute management meetings. Please feel free to comment on the way we as management do things. It will not be possible to keep 100% of fanciers happy 100% of the time, but if we can succeed in keeping the majority happy 100% of the time we will be happy.

There seems to be more communication from and to Management by not only club chairmen/secretaries, but also by the ordinary fancier. I receive numerous calls almost on a daily basis from a broad spectrum of fanciers discussing happenings within BSSA. Thank you for your inputs.

Some proposals were put forward during 2006 for your consideration. These usually first go through a sub-committee via management before it is put on the table for your vote. These proposals are and will in future be structured in such a way as to be a benefit to the majority of the fancy and to have a positive effect in the long run.

Clubs/areas hosting shows during 2006 are again reminded that management would be willing to assist with the respective shows as far as possible.

Our website <http://www.geocities.com/budgiesouthafrica/> was updated during the month of April. You will note that the BSSA constitution, details and also results of our shows are also available from the website. Any webpage can become a very handy marketing tool. We will therefore strive to improve even more on the current format.

As mentioned in the previous issue we will act pro actively and some precautionary measures to prevent the spreading of any bird related diseases will be in place at all our shows. Please see these measures in a positive way.

I am also pleased to announce that we have secured the long awaited source code for the Show Manager PC program. This will be tested by members from the IT sub-committee.

I am also busy with discussions with F10 and Essentials for Birds for a possible discount to BSSA. If successful the benefits will be ploughed back into the fancy.

Our SA Bulletin is due for distribution beginning of May. The Breeders Directory will be issued later than expected due to lack of advertisements.

News from abroad is that Gert Bleicher was elected the new Chairman of the World Budgerigar Organisation (WBO). BSSA also extended our best wishes to Gert in his new position. There is currently no indication as to when the ban on in- and export of birds will be uplifted. Good news for some, bad news for others.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate all the winners at the Gauteng Championship Show, and also the Rare and Spangle Show. Best of luck to all participants taking part in the next two upcoming shows namely the Eastern Cape and Free State Championship show.

All members are encouraged to partake in the shows in their area and also the surrounding areas. Travelling together to a show with co-fanciers not only lessens the expenditure but also make the trip and the show a more enjoyable experience.

Yours in feathers

Deon Davie

## **Attachments to “From the Chair” April 2006**

Profiles on some Management Committee members



**DEON DAVIE**

Deon got his first show budgies at the age of 12 and has kept show budgies ever since. He joined BSSA at the age of 18, joining his local club in Potchefstroom. He served on all positions on his club committee from committee member to chairman. He is currently a member of JSBS.

Deon qualified as judge in 1998, and is serving his tenth year on Management during 2006. He is very keen on judging but also enjoys the competitive side of exhibiting.

Deon wants to be an all rounder, being involved in all aspects of the hobby. He will strive towards creating an open door policy for members, towards management. He believes that communication is the secret to success. He would like to see an increase in BSSA membership and to see more and more happy and enthusiastic breeders. Deon is always in the mood for “A budgie talk”.



**CHRIS OBERHOLZER**

Chris joined the Society in 1984 as a member of Wesrand Budgerigar Club. During his membership of WBK he served as club secretary and also as club chairman.

In 1988 Chris joined the Witwatersrand Budgerigar Society which later amalgamated with the Johannesburg Budgerigar Club to form Premier Budgerigar Club.

Chris successfully passed his judges test during 1990 and was placed on the BSSA Judges Panel. During 1993 Chris was elected National Show Secretary. During 1997 he was appointed as the Administrator of the Society.

Chris introduce numerous new forms and systems for the BSSA. Chris was also involved in our current Show Manager software program.



**ALBERT OLIVIER**

Albert started breeding budgies in 1981 and subsequently joined Kroonstad Budgie Club. After several relocations to the Eastern Cape and back to the Free State he started again in 1995.

He served as Chairman of Kroonstad Budgie Club from 1996 to 2000 when he moved to the Western Cape. During this time he served on the Management Committee of the BSSA for 2 years. On the show level he started the Rare show which has helped to develop the interest in these varieties. During this time he served as show manager at the various area shows as well as the Nationals held in Welkom.

Since 2001 Albert has been the chairman of CTBC in the Western Cape and held various show manager tasks.

He would like to see the camaraderie returning into the hobby and to eliminate politics by means of open communication with NO hidden agendas.



**PIERRE SWART**

Pierre stays in a small rural town named Cradock, which is in the heart of the Karoo. He and his wife are in partnership called PALM Aviary. They started to breed Budgerigars seriously in 1993.

He admits that he enjoys the breeding part of the hobby much more than the exhibiting part. Nothing beats the rush one can get from seeing a real good youngster in the nest and showing it to fellow fanciers. The exhibiting side also brought its fare share of excitement. Pierre qualified as a judge in 2001. The cherry on top of the cake for him is judging.

Pierre's election to the Management Committee came as quite a surprise to him. His aim is to strive to be as passionate about this aspect of the hobby as the rest of the hobby. He is of the opinion that management committee must be flexible and in touch with persons in the hobby and also be adjustable and open-minded. The declining membership and retaining of current members should receive priority. If every member can just recruit and retain one new member every three years, we can make a huge difference together.



### **TOMMIE ROODT**

Tommie was exposed to birds from a very young age, due to the fact that his father is a bird man. He got his first budgie at the age of 10. Tommie used to breed budgies and sell them for pocket money.

His first show budgie was a present from his uncle who was also a bird breeder, at the age of 12. Tommie joined BSSA during 1989 as member of Western Transvaal Budgie Society based in Potchefstroom.

Since moving to Johannesburg in 1995 he became more serious in respect of breeding and showing. Tommie was promoted to Champion status in 2004, and is a member of Management since 2000.