



JANUARY 2007

“ A NEW YEAR – NEW POSSIBILITIES ”

We are at the beginning of a new year with the benefit of new opportunities. Be it work related, in our personal life or with our hobby.

We at Management would like to wish every member a prosperous 2007 Budgie Breeding/Exhibition year.

During a visit in 2006 to DBC and PMBBC, DBC came up with the idea of a question and answer session on judging.

I thought this to be a very good idea. I have discussed it with the Judges Committee who are also keen on the idea.

As a trail run we are going to do a question and answer session to this effect at the Gauteng Additional Show on 24 February 2007.

One of our senior judges Tom Lynch has agreed to conduct this session. Any one is welcome to attend.

Please note that the officiating judge will first do the placings, where after questions can be asked. The judge's decision will obviously be final.

This will also be brought under everybody's attention on the day.

The reasoning behind the idea is purely educational. For all to learn and to understand what the judges are looking for, and why certain birds are penalised.

I have no doubt that this can work and if other hosting clubs can see their way clear to have similar sessions at your shows, please confirm such sessions with the Secretary of the Judges Committee, Johan Lucas Cell : 083 334 9945, as we want to encourage any form of 'information sessions' to our members.

Our show dates for 2007 are as follows :

17 February	Free State Rare & Spangle Show
24 February	Gauteng Additional
24 March	Western Cape Rare & Spangle Show
28 April	Eastern Cape Championship
12 May	Free State Championship
26 May	KwaZulu Natal Championship
9 June	Western Cape Championship

23 June

Gauteng Championship

11/12 August

National Championship

Based on statistics over a long period combined with stats from abroad it seems as if the average breeder exhibits between 12 to 15 birds per show.

If we can average 15 entries per exhibitor with only 30% of our members entering (15 x 100 members) we can average 1500 entries.

As you all know an entry of over 1500 the last couple of years in South Africa would be considered a very good entry.

My plea to all members is to try and encourage as many of your members to participate on our shows as you can. I know cost of travelling and accommodation is ever increasing, and I do not want to promote that you only show in your area, but if we can encourage our members to firstly support their local shows it may just be the stimulant that is needed to participate on more shows per year.

News from abroad is that the so-called Brownwing has re-emerged in Australia. Photo of one of these birds are attached.

In discussion with a number of breeders over the last two months, one of the talking points seem to be the number of birds rung so far for 2007.

I for one set myself goals as for quantity and quantity I wish to breed for a year and also for what I try to achieve on the bench. Needless to say we sometimes surprise ourselves and sometimes don't achieve our goals. Based on the above I thought of a calendar "tracking" one's progress.

I have attached what I thought I would call a "Breeding Calendar" to this letter. It is self explanatory. Hope it can be of benefit to you.

Our editor of the Bulletin, John Nel was hospitalised for a period and this contributed to the delay in sending out of the Bulletin. We wish John a speedy recovery, and appreciate the effort he puts into the ever improving publication.

Budgie Greetings

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BREEDING EXPECTANCY CALENDAR

Year : _____

Aim for Year	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	156	168	180	192	204	216	228	240	252	264	276	288	300	312	324	336	348	360	420	##	540	600	660	720	840	960	1080
Per Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	70	80	90

Nov	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	70	80	90
Dec	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	140	160	180
Jan	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66	69	72	75	78	81	84	87	90	105	120	135	150	165	180	210	240	270
Feb	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	280	320	360
March	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	175	200	225	250	275	300	350	400	450
Apr	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102	108	114	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	168	174	180	210	240	270	300	330	360	420	480	540
May	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84	91	98	105	112	119	126	133	140	147	154	161	168	175	182	189	196	203	210	245	280	315	350	385	420	490	560	630
Jun	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	112	120	128	136	144	152	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	280	320	360	400	440	480	560	640	720
Jul	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108	117	126	135	144	153	162	171	180	189	198	207	216	225	234	243	252	261	270	315	360	405	450	495	540	630	720	810
Aug	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	700	800	900
Sep	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132	143	154	165	176	187	198	209	220	231	242	253	264	275	286	297	308	319	330	385	440	495	550	605	660	770	880	990
Oct	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144	156	168	180	192	204	216	228	240	252	264	276	288	300	312	324	336	348	360	420	480	540	600	660	720	840	960	1080

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- * Circle the number of birds you have bred after each month.
- * This will give you an indication of the total number of birds you can expect to breed.
- * It will also give you an indication as to when is your best breeding period.

E.g. If you ended on 120 birds but at on one or more months your numbers bred were to the right of that column, those will be the better breeding months for your stud/set-up.