



*JANUARY 2008*

## ***“ NEW EXPECTATIONS ”***

The Festive season is something of the past and it is, “Back to Work” for most of us. A new year always brings new expectations. I have had discussions with numerous breeders and also visited some breeders, all with their own expectations for the coming show season.

The majority of breeders seem to be having a better breeding season thus far compared to the previous year.

Please note that MC is in favour of joint venture shows with other bird clubs/societies provided that there is an overall Bio security programme in place, that our show rules and schedules apply and BSSA Panel Judges officiate.

I will forward the SANCBA (South African National Cage Bird Association) Show dates for 2008 shortly. Due to the large number of bird lovers attending SANCBA shows we can gain some additional members and exposure.

An interesting fact on the number of members per province as per appendix in the January 2008 BSSA minutes are as follow :

Gauteng 79 members, Western Cape 76 members, Free State 51 members, Eastern Cape 48 members and KZN 27 members.

A decision was taken to add the standard entry form for shows to all minutes. The entry form as well as other information is also available on the BSSA website for downloading purposes. This arose after Kroonstad Budgie Club made a suggestion of also adding full details of all shows in the Bulletin. Management Committee are in favour of informing all BSSA members of our shows by as many avenues as possible, but also feel that sending each member a personal catalogue, is the way to attract exhibitors. Newcomers to the hobby will feel special and not just a forgotten member. Full details of all shows might not be available when distributing the bulletin. Hosting clubs can include their catalogues when the Bulletin is sent out.

All show dates are tabled in all minutes with contact details. Making use of the contact details and the attached entry form, members can enter for any show.

This said, we must take into consideration that only about 40% of our members have supplied us with e-mail addresses. Club Secretaries are requested to inform the Administrator of any new e mail addresses or any changes thereof, please.

**Our Show dates for 2008 are as follow :**

Gauteng Additional Show	Pretoria	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Free State Rare & Spangle Show	Welkom	15 <sup>th</sup> March
Western Cape Rare & Spangle Show	Belville	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Eastern Cape Championship Show	Cradock	5 <sup>th</sup> April
Free State Championship Show	Vanderbijl Park	10 <sup>th</sup> May
KwaZulu-Natal Championship Show	Pietermaritzburg	17 <sup>th</sup> May
Western Cape Championship Show	Belville	7 <sup>th</sup> June
Gauteng Championship Show	Pretoria	21 <sup>st</sup> June
National Championship Show	Randburg	26/27 <sup>th</sup> July

As mentioned in the previous From the Chair, the first screening of the recording on Show budgies took place on 26 December 2007 on YO TV on SABC 1. We gained some valuable public exposure.

MC has approved the buying of 2 more banners for our shows. The idea is to let hosting clubs have easier access to the banners. Another initiative is the printing of Full colour A3 posters for marketing purposes. These will be distributed at shows to any interested member free of charge to put up at Pet Shops, Vets, Libraries, Seed suppliers or any notice board.

Members are reminder of the BSSA **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **2 February 2008** in Boksburg. The AGM is open to **all members**. However, only club delegates have a casting vote on formal issues.

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