



*JULY 2006*

*“THE BIG TALKING POINT - NATIONAL 2006”*

As mentioned in the previous From the Chair our Colour for the Year for 2007 will be recessive Pied. I had some calls relating to the selection, and would like to elaborate on the Colour of the Year. The idea behind the colour of the year is to give that colour additional exposure during the year. During 2006 and 2007 we had colours referred to as rare/lesser colours. The idea is not only to promote the lesser colours, but also the stronger colours. The colours will therefore be rotated meaning that we will have one of the stronger colours as colour of the year during 2008. Hosting clubs are again requested to award something extra for the colour of the year.

I would like to share the following unusual but interesting story with you. A week ago after visiting the Florida Junction Spar on the way from work. My sons requested that they would like to go and have a look at the stationary train locomotive which is a landmark opposite this Spar in Ontdekkers Road Roodepoort.

We looked at the train walking around the palisade fencing, when my youngest son age six (known for investigating and picking up almost everything) stopped and said “Look daddy a budgie ring.” He picked it up from the grass next to the palisade and I was amazed and stunned when I realized it was in fact a BSSA coded ring S97-70-88.

What makes the story more interesting is that this ring code belonged to the Swanepoel Brothers from Kimberley. They are no longer members of BSSA with Hennie the younger of the two brothers being deceased. Koos the other brother is still alive and stays in Kimberley. For those who don't know them, they bred a triple National winner called “Champ”.

How the ring got there or how long it was laying there I would love to know.

The 2006 National is on our doorstep and by the time I send out the next From the Chair we will all know who won the show and the other majors. It is on this point that I would like to encourage all members to attend the National. The two hosting clubs are putting an enormous effort into this show. It can however only be a success if supported by exhibitors.

The Management Committee will also try to add some spice to the National. We intend to have a BSSA stand with items for sale and some handouts. We will also have a sales class with a variety of birds to buy. Another initiative that we hope to finalize before the National will be the printing of Banners for the show and shows thereafter.

We will also be handing out BSSA Certificates to all members that have been members of BSSA for 20 or more years. If you are one of them be sure to attend.

News from abroad.

- The 13<sup>th</sup> WBO meeting took place on 9 June 2006 in England.
- There are two ring manufacturers of high quality plastic rings, making use of laser engraving, one in the UK and one in Germany. Plastics rings in a variety of colours are cheaper to produce than metal rings. The BS has decided to change their current 5 year ring colour sequence to a 6 year cycle as from 2010, and requested the WBO to consider to do the same. The BS took a decision to only invite WBO judges for BS patronage shows. The BSSA also adopted this policy a few years ago.
- The voting on the proposed WBO Ideal was as follow :
  - 4 Societies with 8 votes voted FOR the Ideal
  - 13 Societies with 29 votes voted AGAINST the Ideal
  - 10 Societies with 23 votes did not vote.
- Roy Aplin was asked to produce the next pictorial ideal for the WBO based on the computer generated ideal.
- Denmark reported that they have a new mutation called the Danish Dominant.
- Next WBO meeting will be held in Karlsruhe Germany August 2007. .

Fred Wright is busy writing a book on budgerigars. As soon as it is available we will inform all members.

Hope to see you all at the National in Vereeniging.

Budgie greetings

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