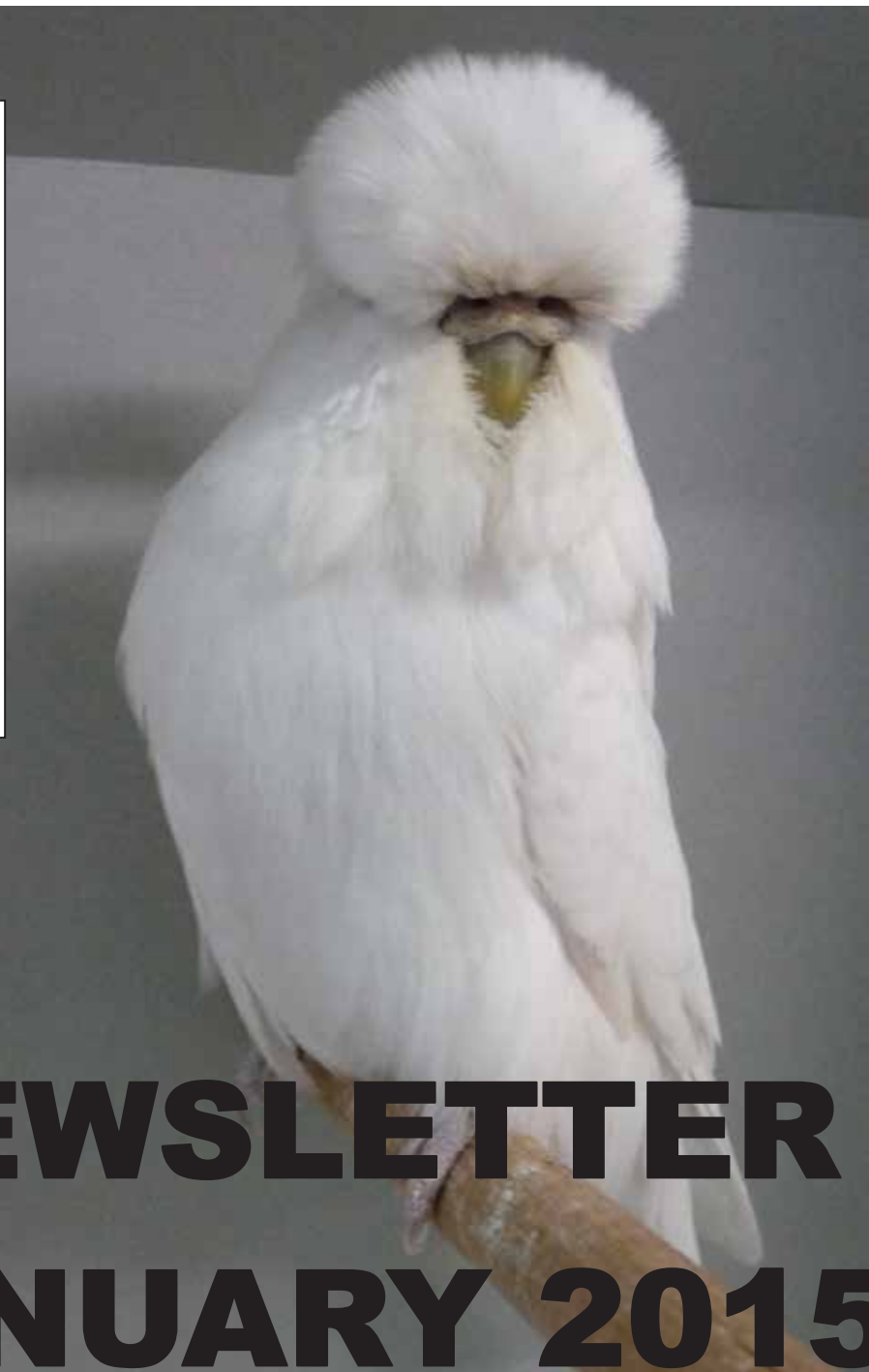




Double Factor
Spangle White
Hen

BSNSW Winner
2013

Owned and bred
by Craig
Buckingham



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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Branch Hills District NSW Budgerigar society newsletter for 2015!

Last year held many successes for our esteemed members and we send our regards and congratulations to all that won or participated in any shows that were held throughout the year.

We hope that the New Year brings along with it further success for all and that you are able to breed and show the birds of your dreams! We look forward to all future friendly competitions and wish everyone and their families (both human and feathered) the best for the year to come!

This issue holds information to close the proceedings of 2014, as well as images of our Christmas party that all enjoyed.

We wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you at future meetings and competitions!

Some helpful tips from our friends at Vetafarm:

First Aid for Birds: The difference between live'uns and dead'uns

The first thing to know about first aid is that birds are masters of deception, hiding illness from their keepers is just nature. In a bird's natural habitat, the sick and the weak will always be the first pick for potential predators. A bird that is outwardly looking sick is no longer strong enough to put on the show and is more likely to be staring death in the eye rather than feeling just a little down.

Steps to be taken when birds show signs of illness

Before we begin to work through the possible causes of sickness, there is something that needs to be done very quickly if these birds that are physically showing signs of illness are to be saved.

Administering First Aid – All sick birds will be dehydrated and lacking in energy, particularly if they have progressed to a point that they have ceased eating or drinking. Supplying fluids and energy to sick birds is absolutely critical. Without the fluid and energy needed to fight back against illness, any kind of treatment for the initial disease is useless. Being confident with a crop needle is an incredibly valuable skill to have in these situations. A bit of quick thinking and the direct administration of some Poly Aid for carbs and Spark Liquid to rehydrate has saved the lives of hundreds, possibly thousands of sick birds. Be sure to have at least a few first aid essentials in the cupboard. In times of crisis they are priceless.

The Hospital Box –The hospital box is an absolute necessity for any serious bird keeper. The box needs some form of heating and a way to measure temperature, too hot and your bird will stress and dehydrate. A temperature between 25-27 degrees is about right for most species. It also needs to be in a quiet, low stress environment with soft, dim light during the day and just a small amount of light at night. Many sick birds will take the opportunity to eat a small amount during the night, if it is pitch black eating becomes difficult. Try not to handle the bird too frequently or disturb unnecessarily.

Recovery – Once we have administered first aid and put the bird into a hospital box, the next step is to identify the cause of illness and begin treatment, you may need to contact your veterinarian for identification and treatment of certain diseases. However, the bird's recovery back to full health will most likely fall to you. For birds that are eating and drinking voluntarily, a high-energy food is best - plain canary seed is a good choice for a recovery diet. For birds that are only eating small amounts or not eating at all, a critical care food will need to be force fed to ensure ongoing energy, fat, protein and fluids are available. Critta Care Avian is a good way to accomplish this with good amounts of the above nutrients in a cooked and easily digested formula. Critta Care Avian is also fortified with Probiotic and Pre-digestives to assist the digestive system in the breakdown of food and the re- establishment of healthy gut flora after stress and antibiotics. Additional doses of pure Probiotic can also be beneficial after antibiotic treatment.

Tips for wild birds

Injured birds are commonly rescued and even more so in breeding season when young birds begin to fledge. Here are a few things to keep in mind when dealing with rescued birds.

They still love me: In many cases, parents will take a baby back and continue caring for them if they have fallen from the nest accidentally. It's best to try this first before taking the bird into your own care.

Turfed for a reason: Some young birds found by rescuers have been purposefully thrown out of the nest by their parents. There is usually a reason for this and while there is no harm in rescuing these birds, you need to be aware if you keep other birds that the risk of spreading infectious diseases is very real.

Catch and release: Take care when catching injured birds and wildlife, for both their and your own safety using a towel or blanket is the best option. Once caught you can keep it in a box in a quiet dark place until you can contact your local wildlife organisation, who will then take the birds on with the aim of rehabilitation and release if possible.

DIY FIRST AID PACK

If you own a bird you will find these might come in handy, if or when they fall ill:

Critta Care Avian - This should be used whenever any bird is not eating voluntarily, it's a powdered emergency food used to aid in the recovery of sick or injured birds.

Probiotic - This maintains a balance in the digestive system and boosts immune defence.

Spark Liquid - Add this to drinking water in times of heat stress, dehydration, illness or transportation.

Poly Aid Plus - A first aid supplement for sick and/or injured birds and animals.

Crop Feeding Tubes - These are stainless steel needles with a rounded ball tip for use in administering fluids and food to animals.

Feeding Syringes - Allows measured feeds and medication to be administered. This should be used for hand raising or emergency feeding/medication of birds and reptiles.

Broken Wing First Aid: The Wrap

- 1) Gently restrain the bird holding the wing against the body. Start your bandage wrapping around the base of the tail feathers. *Hint: a non adhesive bandage is*

preferable to save feather damage on removal.

2) Continue to wrap bandage firmly around the body and wing of the bird to secure the wing and prevent further damage to the break. Be sure not to apply too much pressure with the bandage.

3) First Aid complete – take the bird to the Vet for follow up treatment!

Remember this is first aid, not a solution, you must see a Vet for proper treatment.

Not all birds that are discovered as being ill successfully recover, there is always going to be the odd bird that we can't save. However, having a good knowledge of the steps to take in an emergency, and the right tools at hand will make a huge difference to the number of birds you will get recoveries from.

Watch our YouTube video "Treating Sick Birds" or contact Vetafarm for more information www.vetafarm.com.au



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TABLE SHOW RESULTS



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HILLS BRANCH - B.S.N.S.W. (Inc.)

Meeting held at Dural Country Club, Dural on Tuesday 13th January 2015.

MEETING OPENED: 8.06pm

Harry Charalambous presided.

PRESENT: Harry Charalambous, Ian Manton, Kathy Manton, Graeme Gordon, Santo Calabrese, Craig Buckingham, Peter Dodd, Andre Ozoux, Richard Abraham and Ray Galbraith.

APOLOGIES: Angelo Ariston, Cliff Spare and Jeff Mansfield

Moved that the apologies be accepted

Moved: P. Dodd

Seconded: A. Ozoux

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in Hills Newsletter are a true and accurate record.

Moved: P. Dodd

Seconded: S. Calabrese

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

All accounts approved at previous meeting have been paid.

Income from last meeting:

- Raffle \$81.00
- Gel Sales \$90.00
- Bank Interest \$27.97

Accounts paid since last meeting:

- Hotel Pennant Hills \$1,259.50 (Christmas Party)
- BSNSW Inc \$68.00 (memberships)
- Westpac \$44.00 (merchant fees)
- Westpac \$55.00 (Handyway fee)
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Accounts received for payment: Budgerigar Council of Tasmania \$50.00 (auction advert)

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be paid

Moved: C. Buckingham

Seconded: G. Gordon

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Email from James Matthews, Show Manager requesting the use of Hills Staging for the BSNSW Annual
- Email from James Matthew seeking sponsorship for the BSNSW Annual
- Email from Andrew Gauci (via website) looking to purchase hens of specific varieties
- Hills Shire Council re hall hire dates, etc

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Email to James Letter to BSNSW Show Manager sponsoring 2 x BOV awards
- Email to members re Andrew Gauci looking to buy hens
- Email to Committee re James Matthews request for use of Hills staging at the BSNSW Annual
- Email to James advising that Ray Galbraith had kindly offered to tow Hills staging to the BSNSW Annual
- Hills Shire Council re hall hire dates, etc

Moved that the Correspondence be accepted

Moved: C. Buckingham

Seconded: A. Ozoux

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Ray Galbraith generously offered to take Hills staging to BSNSW Annual
- St George trivia night on Friday night
- Hills website is very out of date. We should possibly get Cliff and Danny to liaise with one another, otherwise we could speak to Bilgrami.
- Some members email addresses are recorded incorrectly

HILLS ANNUAL SHOW

- Craig will confirm the judges. Ian to finalise the schedule and send to the Hills Graphic Arts Dept for touching up and printing.
- Craig will contact Avian Vitality, Kathy to contact Avigrain and Vetafarm
- Santo to do 10 plates.
- Need 6 show cages for prize awards
- Schedule to note "BSNSW Champion Variety Competition"
- Judges will be commenting on winning birds
- Bird Sales by Hills members
- Investigate a change of venue for the social night –possibly the Pennant Hills Hotel
- Graeme to organize the Ray Welshman Grey Green award trophy

AUCTION

- Auction invitees finalised
- Pete to ask James Matthews to be the auctioneer

MEETING CLOSED: 10.15 PM.

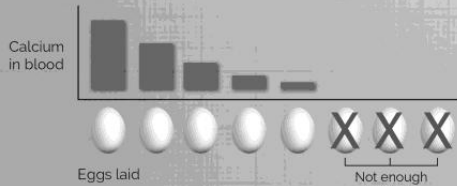
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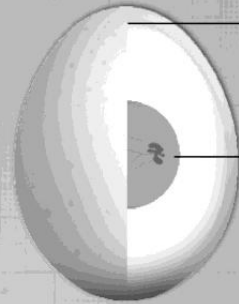
A zebra finch will deplete its body's calcium stores after just 5 eggs!



Seeds do contain small amounts of nutrients essential for breeding – however they are quickly depleted as birds begin to lay. For the best chance of healthy hens and fertile eggs, your bird's NEED quality nutritional support.



THE HEALTH OF A FERTILE EGG



Membrane and Embryo:

Healthy membranes in a fertilised egg are essential if the embryo is to develop into a healthy chick. For membrane development, your breeding birds need access to essential fatty acids.

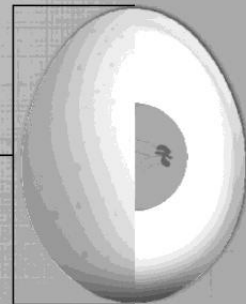
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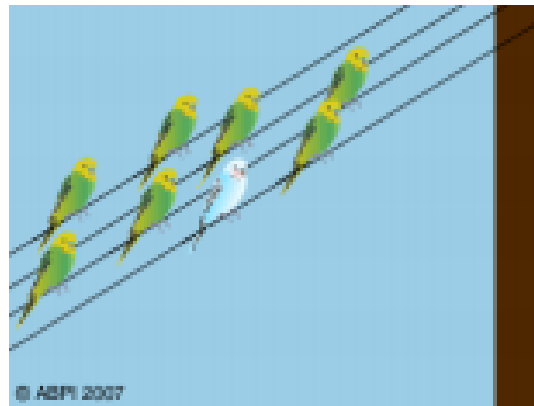


The Societies Christmas party was a successful event enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such an enjoyable success. We hope that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





AN AFTERNOON ABOUT BUDGERIGARS



HILLS BRANCH MEMBER RICHARD ABRAHAM AND HIS WIFE LEILA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MEMBERS OF HILLS BRANCH TO AN AFTERNOON INVOLVING BUDGERIGARS, FOOD AND SOCIAL DISCOURSE.

A BARBEQUE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH SOFT DRINKS.

PEOPLE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING ANY BIRDS, EQUIPMENT ETC. TO BUY SWAP AND SELL AMONGST THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS.

START TIME IS 1.00 PM TILL IT FINISHES.

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND MINGLE WITH FELLOW BRANCH MEMBERS WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF MEETING NIGHT FORMALITIES.

**WHEN: SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH 2015
1.00 PM KICKOFF**

WHERE: 3 EDWARDS RD MIDDLE DURAL.

PLEASE PHONE OR TEXT RICHARD ON 0409 227 877 ASAP
