SPECIALIST AND RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2018

he 30th Specialist and Rare Variety Open Show was another success with an increase in entry and more exhibitors than last year. The total entry was 659 from 49 exhibitors and 501 birds were benched. Part of this increase can be attributed to the two new challenge certificates for the dark factors and lacewings. The show had its usual international flavour with Carlos Ramôa from Portugal, Dino Pocecco and Marco Barni from Italy as well as Jonas Nilsson from Sweden attending, plus our judge from Germany Clemens Keller accompanied by his friend Richard Kuhr.

The show committee extends its sincere thanks to the following sponsors; Rosettes of Quality, Arnold Stevens, Mick Anzara, Ian Brickwood, Geoff Capes, Sue and Rod Clarke, Jan Hill, Grant Findlay and Nick Flavell, Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser, John Cosby, Gren and Pat Norris and David and Linda Rafis for their financial sponsorship. Warren Wilson and BRASEA donated major rosettes for all the BOC winners. Jim Mitchell donated a show cage for the raffle. The show also received sponsorship in the form of bags of seed and products from Johnston and Jeff Ltd and Country Wide Seed. Donated birds came from Mick Anzara, Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser, Geoff Capes, Sue and Rod Clarke, Joe Prothero and Simon and Oliver Williams.

Our Guest of Honour this year who presented the 45 trophies, was David Rafis, past president of the Rare Variety and Colour BS.

LUTINO TOP REDEYE AGAIN

Adrian Richards judged the 44 Lutinos and Geoff Bowley, exhibiting for the first time, won the award for Best Lutino and Best Redeye in show with a stylish well balanced large cock staged in good condition. Colin and Lynne Dailey from the intermediate section were second with a smart steady cock. Mick Fitchett from the beginner section was third with a good coloured hen that stood well.

Roger Hill won the young bird award for a second year running with another steady young cock staged in good condition. This was followed by the junior Tiffany Newson's cock in second place. Mick Fitchett was third with a typey cock.

Dennis Cairns judged the 21 Albinos and gave the Best Albino in Show to Terry Sadler's hen of good length that showed well. Jim Mitchell was second, followed by Fred Pilbeam from the beginner section in third place; both were cocks.

Geoff Bowley headed the young bird section with a good quality cock staged in good condition. Colin and Lynne Dailey's cock was second, followed by another cock from Fred Pilbeam.

WHITEWINGS TOPS CLEARWING AWARD

Adrian Richards judged the 44 Yellow-wings and Bill and Margret Walker won the Best Yellow-wing in Show with a wide faced light green cock that sat well while judging. Oliver and Simon Williams from the beginner section were second with a long green cock followed by Mick Fitchett's good conditioned hen.

Dave Guppy won the young bird certificate with a dark green hen shown in good condition and colour contrast. Dave's light green cock was second which was followed by Mick Fitchett's light green cock.

Ian Clarke judged the 42 Whitewings and Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser won the adult certificate with cobalt cock, last year's winner, with good size and colour contrast. Ray Cozens was second with a stylish cobalt hen followed by Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe from the novice section with a skyblue hen in third place.

Tom Jackson from the intermediate section won the Best Whitewing and Clearwing in Show with a good conditioned large skyblue cock. Dave Guppy occupied second and



Reported by Ghalib Al-Nasser, Show Organiser

third positions with a violet cock and cobalt hen both of good quality and staged in good condition.

CRESTS OF QUALITY

There was a small drop in the crested entry to 25 for Adrian Richards to judge. The adult certificate and Best Crest in Show went to the intermediate partnership of Paul Cheatley and Terry Alcorn who benched a quality circular skyblue cock with a good crest and size. Mick Widdowson and Brian Wilson were second with a quality circular light green followed by the novice Shaun Smith's quality crest.

The Cheatley and Alcorn partnership won the young bird certificate with a full circular light green cock with a good crest and their circular opaline cinnamon blue hen was second. Shaun Smith was third with a long, tufted spangle yellowface blue cock.

QUALITY SPANGLES

There were 24 spangle greens for our overseas judge Clemens Keller to judge and the best was the adult grey green cock of Colin Potter that had good spangle markings and spots. The intermediate partnership of Stuart Forbes and Graham Barrett was second with a cinnamon grey green cock shown in good condition. Arnold Stevens was third with an opaline dark green hen with good colour and spots.

The father and son beginner partnership of Andrew and Callum Wood won the young bird award with a well marked grey green cock. Bob Allen's grey green hen was second followed by Widdowson and Wilson's grey green cock.

Ian Clarke judged the 48 spangle blues and awarded the adult certificate to Ray Cozens' goldenface cobalt cock shown in good condition with good spots and spangle markings. Brian Whitlock was second with a cinnamon yellow hen of good style, followed by Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe's opaline violet cock.

Widdowson and Wilson headed the young bird section and best spangle young bird overall with a quality grey hen of good length and condition. The partnership also benched a good skyblue cock in second place followed by the beginner Tim Williams' opaline grey hen. Tiffany Newson won best overall junior young bird with a spangle blue hen.

Don Rowell judged the 22 double factor spangles and the adult award and best spangle overall in show went to the Widdowson and Wilson partnership white cock of good quality and width of head. Brian Whitlock was second with a yellow hen followed by Andrew and Callum Wood's yellow cock.

The young bird section was headed by Andrew and Callum Wood's yellow cock of good colour. Cy Thorne had a white hen of good colour in second place which was followed Gren and Pat Norris' white cock.

QUALITY IN DOMINANT PIEDS

Don Rowell judged the increased entry in the Dominant Pieds, a total of 45, and awarded the adult certificate and best pied overall to Gren and Pat Norris's yellowface skyblue hen of good size and deportment. The Terheege partnership was in second place with a dark green cock while Ian and Pat Fielding were third with a grey cock. Best clearflight any age was won by Ian and Pat Fielding with a grey green cock.

Tom Jackson headed the young bird section with a suffused yellow cock which was followed by the Terheege partnership with a cobalt hen. Geoff Capes occupied third place with a light green cock.

TOP FOR RECESSIVE PIED

The highest entry in the show once again was the Recessive Pieds with 83 entered for Dennis Cairns to judge and for the sixth consecutive year the Best Recessive Pied was also awarded to Gren and Pat Norris. Their adult winner was a light green cock of good size with large spots and variety markings staged in good condition. Tom Jackson was second with a violet cock of quality followed by Michael Chapman with a violet hen. Best adult and overall Dark Eyed Clear went to Ian and Pat Fielding's white cock.

The Terheege partnership headed the young bird section with a cobalt cock of good size and condition but heavy wing marking. Joe Prothero occupied second spot with a dark green cock of good quality. A quality violet hen benched by Shaun Smith was third. Best Dark Eyed Clear Young Bird was won by Ron Willmore with a yellow cock.

YELLOWFACES UP IN NUMBERS

There was an increase in entry in this section to 29 birds for Ian Clarke to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and best overall yellowface to Michael Chapman with a lovely cinnamon cobalt cock of good length and style. The Terheege partnership was second with a cinnamon cobalt hen with wide shoulders, staged in good condition. Andrew and Callum Wood was third with a grey hen. Tiffany Newson staged the best junior any age overall from this section.

The Terheege partnership won the young bird award with a skyblue cock of good size and condition followed by Shaun Smith's goldenface cobalt cock in second place and Tom Jackson's goldenface cobalt cock in third place.

QUALITY RARES

This section had an increase in entry of 37 for Don Rowell to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and Best Rare Variety in Show to an opaline slate hen benched in good condition by Shaun Smith. Another slate hen benched by Sue and Rod Clarke was second. Ghalib and Janice benched an anthracite cock in third place.

Cy Thorne headed the young bird section with an opaline slate hen followed by Bob Allen's English fallow skyblue cock in second place. Ken Groves, intermediate, was third with a rainbow cock.

Best Anthracite, G and J Al-Nasser; Best English Fallow and Best German Fallow, R. Allen; Best Rainbow, S and R Clarke; Best Saddleback, C, D and J Sharpe; Best Slate, S. Smith.

INCREASE IN CLEARBODY

Don Rowell judged the increased entry of 31 and awarded the adult certificate and Best Clearbody Overall to a Texas opaline dark green cock of John Cosby of good length and large spots. The intermediate partnership of Roger Swain and Sue Ford was second with a Texas grey green cock followed by Gren and Pat's Easley opaline light green cock in third place.

Geoff Bowley headed the young bird section with a Texas opaline grey cock followed Michael Chapman's Easley grey cock in second place. Colin and Lynne Dailey were third with an Easley opaline grey hen.

Best Texas Clearbody, J. Cosby; and Best Easley Clearbody, M. Chapman.

DARK FACTORS

This is the first time that this section was given its own certificate by moving them out of the Any Other Colour section. There were 14 birds entered for Clemens Keller to judge. A beautiful violet cock with vibrant colour won the adult certificate and best overall for Gren and Pat Norris. A mauve cock benched by David and Linda Rafis was second followed by an olive cock benched by John Cosby.

Joe Prothero won the young bird award with an opaline violet cock that stood well followed by the Terheege partnership's mauve cock in second place.

Best olive, J. Cosby; Best mauve, D and L Rafis; best violet, Gren and Pat Norris.

QUALITY LACEWINGS

Lacewing was another section that had its own certificate for the first time and there were 21 entered for Clemens Keller to judge. The best overall was Terry Sadler's opaline yellow hen of good size and colour. Bob Allen was second with a yellow cock followed by Andrew and Callum Wood with a white cock.

The Terheege partnership won the young bird award with an opaline yellow hen of good body colour. Cy Thorne occupied second place with a yellow cock.

INCREASE IN A.O.C.

As expected and due to moving the dark factors and lacewings out of this section, there was a drop in entries to 18 for Dennis Cairns to judge. He awarded the adult certificate and best overall to a white blue cock benched by Tom Jackson that had



The Judges - Dennis Cairns, Andy Edden, Don Rowell, Clemens Keller, Ian Clarke and Adrian Richards



Terry Sadler - Best Albino Any Age



Paul Cheatley (Cheatley & Alcorn) -Best Crest



Gren & Pat Norris – multiple wins



John Cosby - Best Clearbody

good facial features. Tom also occupied second place with a greywing skyblue cock benched in good condition. Malcolm and Pam Freemantle were third with a suffused yellow cock of good size.

Dave Guppy headed the young bird certificate with a stylish white blue hen in good condition. Tom Jackson was second with a suffused yellow cock and another suffused yellow cock benched by the Terheege partnership was third.

Best Greywing, Yellow and White, T. Jackson; Best AOV Clearwing etc, C, D and J Sharpe.



Bill & Margret Walker - Best Yellow-wing



Colin Potter - Best Spangle Green



Adrian & Emma of the Terheege Partnership



Tiffaney Newson - Best Junior

PAIRS

Ian Clarke judged the 5 pairs and Simon and Oliver Williams won the class with yellow-wing light greens followed by Ray Cozens' violets. Joe Prothero was third with recessive pied violets.

TEAMS

There were 5 teams entered for Adrian Richards to judge and he placed a team of 6 recessive pied violet cocks from John Cosby as the best, followed by a team of 3 pairs of recessive pied light greens from Forbes and Barrett in second place. A team of 2 pairs of lutinos from Cy Thorne were in third place.



Geoff Bowley - Best Redeye in Show



Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser -Best Whitewing Any Age



Ray Cozens - Best Spangle Blue Any Age



Michael Chapman - Best Yellowface in Show



Cy Thorne Rare Variety Young Bird



Roger Hill - Best Lutino Young Bird



Tom Jackson - Best Clearwing in Show



Mick Widdowson (Widdowson & Wilson) -Best Spangle in Show



Shaun Smith - Best Rare Variety Any Age



Dave Guppy - Best AOC Young Bird

COLOUR BUDGERIGAR

There was a good increase in entries of 26 birds from 6 exhibitors for Dennis Cairns to judge. This is because that the variety had its own challenge certificate with points for the first time. Ghalib and Janice headed the class with a yellowface albino hen. Simon and Oliver Williams occupied second place with a Texas clearbody cobalt hen while Fred Pilbeam was third with a mauve hen.

Next year's show will be on 22nd/23rd June 2019 (week 25) at Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.



Lutino Any Age & BOC -G Bowley



Albino Any Age & BOC -T Sadler



Yellow-wing Any Age & BOC -M & D Walker



Whitewing Any Age -G & J Al-Nasser



Crest Any Age & BOC -Cheatley & Alcorn



Spangle Green Any Age & BOC -C Potter



Spangle Blue Any Age -R Cozens



DF Spangle Any Age & BOC -Widdowson & Wilson



Dominant Pied Any Age & BOC -G & P Norris



Recessive Pied Any Age & BOC -G & P Norris



Yellowface Any Age & BOC -M Chapman



Rare Any Age & BOC -S Smith



Clearbody Any Age & BOC -J Cosby



Olive, Mauve or Violet Any Age & BOC - G & P Norris



Lacewing Any Age & BOC -T Sadler



AOC Any Age -T Jackson



Junior Any Age -Miss T Newson



Lutino Young Bird – R Hill



Albino Young Bird – G Bowley



Yellow-wing Young Bird – D Guppy



Whitewing Young Bird & BOC – T Jackson



Crest Young Bird – Cheatley & Alcorn



Spangle Green Young Bird – A & C Woods



Spangle Blue Young Bird & BOC – Widdowson & Wilson



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Dominant Pied Young Bird – T Jackson



Recessive Pied Young Bird – Terheege Partnership



Yellowface Young Bird -Terheege Partnership



Rare Young Bird – C Thorne



Clearbody Young Bird – G Bowley



Olive, Mauve or Violet Young Bird -J Prothero



Lacewing Young Bird -Terheege Partnership



AOC Young Bird – D Guppy



Junior Young Bird -Miss T Newson





Best Pair – 0 & S Williams

Best Team – J Cosby

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