

SPECIALIST and RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2017

Report by Ghalib Al-Nasser, Show Organiser

With a slight reduction in entries from last year the **29th Specialist and Rare Variety Open Show** was another success. The total entry was 531 from 40 exhibitors and 487 birds benched. The show had international flavour with Carlos Ramôa from Portugal and Dino Pocecco from Italy attending.

The show committee extends its sincere thanks to sponsors who were - Rosettes of Quality (50% cost of all the open rosettes for the show); Arnold Stevens (cost of all the ceramic awards to the judges and Best of Colours); Mick Anzara, Ian Brickwood, Geoff Capes, Sue and Rod Clarke, Jan Hill, Grant Findlay and Nick Flavell 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 Norman and June Cox, Johnston and Jeff Ltd, Country Wide Seed. Donated birds for the raffle came from Alan and Gina Adams, Geoff Capes, Sue and Rod Clarke, John Cosby, Dave Guppy, Jim Mitchell, Gren and Pat Norris, Colin Potter, Joe Prothero, Arnold Stevens and Cy Thorne.

Our Guests of Honour who presented the 45 trophies were our hard working show secretaries June and Norman Cox. The show committee was also very pleased that Budgerigar Society's President Ken Whiting attended on Saturday, just before judging commenced.

Next year's show will be on **23rd and 24th June 2018** (week 25) at the same venue in Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.

LUTINO TOP REDEYE AGAIN

Bob McCabe judged the 31 Lutinos and Gren and Pat Norris seem to have made this their own award as they have won the award for Best Lutino and Best Redeye in show for the 6th consecutive year. IN Mark Bannister from the novice section, staged a large quality hen in second place followed by Colin and Lynne Dailey from the intermediate section in third place.

Roger Hill won the young bird and Best Redeye young bird in show with another quality young cock. This was followed by the junior Tiffany Newson's hen in second place. Mark Bannister was third with a typey cock.

Terry Sadler judged the 19 Albinos and gave the Best Albino in Show to Jim Mitchell's albino cock of good length and condition. Ray Cozens was second with a lovely hen and Colin and Lynne Dailey were third with another quality cock.

Ray Cozens headed the young bird section with a good cock and his hen was third best. Splitting the two was Mark Bannister's large albino cock.

YELLOW-WINGS TOPS CLEARWING AWARD AGAIN

Grant Findlay judged the 31 Yellow-wings and once again our long established masters of this variety, Malcolm and Pam Freemantle, won the Best Yellow-wing in Show and Best Overall Clearwing with a large dark green cock that had really good contrast. They were also third with a light green hen. The junior Oliver Williams was second with a dark green cock that had good variety content.

Dave Guppy, the other master of this variety, won the young bird certificate and Best Clearwing Young Bird with a good dark green hen shown in good condition and colour contrast. Dave's light green cock was second which was followed in third place by Mick Fitchett's light green cock from the beginner section.

Nick Flavell judged the 30 Whitewings and the Al-Nasser's stud won Best Whitewing Any Age and Best Whitewing in Show with a cobalt cock that had good size and colour contrast. The Freemantle's were second with a cobalt hen followed by Mick Lewis's cobalt cock in third place.

The cobalts dominated the section with Dave Guppy's big hen winning the young bird certificate. Mick Lewis was second with a cobalt cock, followed by Ray Cozens cobalt cock in third place.

CRESTS OF QUALITY

There was a small increase in the crested entry to 31 for Grant Findlay to judge. The adult certificate and Best Crest in Show went to Mick Widdowson and Brian Wilson who benched a quality circular light green cock displaying a good crest and size. Mick Anzara occupied the next two placings.

Shaun Smith from the novices won the young bird section with a half circular light green cock with a good crest and lovely spots which should develop well in time. Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser were second with a lovely circular spangle yellowface skyblue hen. Mick Anzara was third.

QUALITY SPANGLES

There were 26 spangle greens for Grant Findlay to judge and the best was the adult grey green cock of Cy Thorne that had good spangle markings and spots. Arnold Stevens was second while Fred Pilbeam from the beginner section was third.

The Widdowson and Wilson partnership won the young bird award with a well marked grey green hen that has good spangle spots and brow. Bob Allen's grey green cock was second followed by Mark Bannister's cinnamon light green hen in third position.

Terry Sadler judged the 35 spangle blues and awarded the adult certificate and Best Spangle in Show to Gren and Pat Norris' cinnamon grey cock of outstanding size and good head quality. This bird also won last year. Their opaline cinnamon cobalt hen was second followed by Oliver Williams' skyblue cock in third place. This bird also captured the Best Junior Any Age award.

Ghalib and Janice headed the young bird section and best spangle young bird overall with a quality grey cock with good spots and depth of mask. The new partnership of Adrian and Trevor Terheege and Emma Roby benched a good grey hen in second place followed by Tiffany Newson's cobalt cock in third place.

Nick Flavell judged the 27 double factor spangles and the adult award went to the Norris stud with a steady good sized white hen. Arnold Stevens was second with a yellow. Mark Bannister followed with a white cock.

The young bird section was headed by Terheege and Roby's big white hen that had good colour and excellent head quality. Colin Potter had a yellow cock in second place. Tiffany Newson benched a white hen in third position.

DOMINANT PIEDS ENTRY UP

Bob McCabe judged the increased entry in the Dominant Pieds; a total of 37, and awarded the adult certificate to Ghalib and Janice's goldenface grey cock. This bird had good size but lacked in the full complement of spots. Tiffany Newson did well by having her dark green cock in second place. The new intermediate partnership of Forbes and Barrett was third with a cinnamon light green cock. The best Clearflight in show went to Ian and Pat Fielding's opaline grey green hen.

Geoff Capes headed the young bird section and Best Dominant Pied in Show with a light green hen of good variety content and condition. Geoff also occupied second place with a dark green cock. Tom Jackson was third with a cinnamon grey green cock. Tiffany Newson benched a green cock to win the overall best junior young bird in show.

TOP FOR RECESSIVE PIED

The highest entry in the show was the Recessive Pieds, with a further increase to 82 for Grant Findlay to judge. For the fifth consecutive year the Best Recessive Pied was awarded to Gren and Pat Norris. Their adult winner was a dark green cock with good size, large spots and variety markings staged in good condition. Their violet cock of good size and wing marking was second. Michael Chapman was third with a cobalt hen of good depth of mask and good marking. Best adult and overall Dark Eyed Clear went to Ian and Pat Fielding's white cock.

Joe Prothero headed the young bird section with a dark green hen of good size and condition but heavy wing marking. Joe also occupied second spot with a good quality dark green cock. A violet cock benched by Michael Chapman was third. Best Dark Eyed Clear Young Bird was won by the Fielding partnership with a yellow cock.

YELLOWFACES DOWN IN NUMBERS

There was a drop in entry in this section to only 12 birds for Terry Sadler to judge. He awarded the adult certificate and best overall to Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser for their lovely goldenface grey cock that had good depth of mask and spots. Roger Hill's goldenface grey hen was second. Tiffany Newson was third with a yellowface grey cock.

Ghalib and Janice Al-Nasser also won the young bird certificate with a goldenface grey hen while, Michael Chapman was second with a yellowface cinnamon skyblue cock. Tom Jackson was third with a goldenface cinnamon skyblue cock with good spots and depth of mask.

LESS RARES

This section had 22 birds for Nick Flavell to judge and he awarded the adult certificate and Best Rare Variety in Show to a quality opaline cobalt slate hen from Sue and Rod Clarke. Ghalib and Janice benched an anthracite cock in second place followed by Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe's rainbow cock in third.

The Clarke's headed the young bird section with a slate cock staged in good condition and stood well. Shaun Smith was second with a slate followed by Mick Anzara's rainbow cock.

Other Rare winners were - Best Anthracite, G and J Al-Nasser; Best English Fallow, M. Anzara; Best German Fallow, Best Rainbow, Best Saddleback, C, D and S Sharpe; Best Slate, S and R Clarke.

CLEARBODY

Terry Sadler judged the 14 entries and awarded the adult certificate and Best Clearbody overall to a Texas opaline skyblue cock from Michael Chapman. This bird had good length and large spots. Sue and Rod Clarke was second with an Easley grey hen while, Cyril, David and Jini Sharpe were third with a Texas grey green cock.

John Cosby headed the young bird section with a Texas opaline skyblue cock but unfortunately under the old rules, the certificate was not awarded.

Best Texas Clearbody, Michael Chapman; and Best Easley Clearbody, Sue and Rod Clarke.

Any Other Colour

There were 41 exhibits for Bob McCabe to judge. He awarded the adult certificate to a grey yellow cock benched by Tom Jackson that showed well and had good length and colour. Another quality yellow cock benched by Margaret and Bill Walker was second. Terheege and Roby were third with a white blue cock.

