

# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BUDGERIGAR COUNCIL INC.

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## *Council Chatter - January 2004*

### **1. Standard**

We have asked a leading member of the ANBC Judges Panel, Jean Painter, to prepare a review of the Standard. When she completes it we hope that it will be a good starting point for discussion by fanciers and judges.

### **2. 2004 Show.**

**2.1** The brochure has been distributed. An excellent, full program has been prepared. I for one will be staying for the full week. I fancy my luck at the races.

**2.2** Arrangements for freight of the birds on Virgin Blue have been circulated. Team handlers should contact the organisers early if they have any problems.

**2.3** Congratulations to the judges who have been selected to officiate at the Show. They

are:

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| Peter Dodd   | NSW       |
| Henry George | SQBBA     |
| Alan Baxter  | Victoria  |
| Jim Fletcher | Tasmania. |

### **3. Judges**

**3.1** I still have no volunteer for the position of Judges Coordinator. Russell Keene is helping with the judges' examination, but it would be good if someone would take up the organisation of the workshops and meeting.

**3.2 Examination.** Nominations for the judges' examination should be forwarded to me as soon as possible so that the Judges' Coordinator can make the necessary arrangements for the test. In fairness to any candidates, the earlier they are nominated the earlier they can start to prepare. Nominations close at the end of February, but earlier advice would be appreciated.

### **4. Agreement with Golden Cob.**

**4.1** I now have the documented offer from Golden Cob which was negotiated by our representatives after the Cairns meeting. The basic level of sponsorship is \$2500 in 2004 increasing by \$250 each year for six years. In addition uniforms and seed will be provided.

**4.2** Each member body should conduct its own negotiation concerning additional levels of sponsorship that may be appropriate in their own setting. For example, it may be possible to obtain support for a preselection show or special support in States where Golden Cob can see some additional benefit. Naming rights have not been conceded to Golden Cob, but that is a matter that could be negotiated further.

**4.3** We are committed to providing a report to Golden Cob in June of each year that includes a list of all affiliated clubs and the names and addresses of their secretaries. Please ensure that your delegates bring this information to the meeting in Coff's Harbour or send it to me beforehand.

## **5. Annual Meeting of Council**

**5.1 Council Agenda.** Agenda items should be to me as early as possible next year. Closing date for items is March 31, but I would like to be able to circulate matters that have been raised earlier to give members maximum chance to give them consideration.

**5.2** Information on the work of a researcher, Debra McDonald, on bird nutrition will be presented to the meeting in Coff's Harbour. It appears her work may be of very great relevance to budgerigar breeders. If we receive material from her it will be posted on our web site for all member bodies' information and use.

## **6. WBO**

I have received the following advice from the Secretary of the WBO:

*I would like to **confirm to all** that there will be a ballot to elect the **WBO Chairman**. I shall be sending out in **February** the **Ballot Forms** to the delegates (**one form per society**) together with the **Notes from the candidates** as well as **an addressed envelope** to where the forms should be sent to. Closing Date for return of forms will be **late March** giving more than 5 weeks to put an **X** across the name of the candidate of your choice and a stamp on the envelope and post.*

I assume we will receive statements from the candidates as part of the electoral process. When I receive this I will forward it to you and seek your advice.

## **7. Future Standards matters**

The standing practice of the Council is to refer Standards matters to the Standards Committee and Judges' matters to the Judges committee before making any decision in full council. A draft protocol for the handling of Standards matters will be presented to Council in Coff's Harbour by the Standards Coordinator. The new Standard is in loose leaf format to allow for change, but it is important to avoid creating confusion by making numerous small changes. The protocol will propose a process by which amendments are carried out in an orderly systematic manner.

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