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1. National 2006 Update: Attached is a copy of the updated programme for 2006. Hard copy of the Brochure and Registration forms will be forwarded by S.Q.B.B.A. early in January 2006.
2. Rings: In early December, I visited Chapman rings and was invited to examine the 2006 rings which were prepared for dispatch. The quality of the rings appeared to me to be satisfactory and the lettering including the paint was clear and easy to read. Would appreciate comment once the rings have been received, are in use and the durability of the paint in the lettering has been tested.
3. National Trophy: Have received the National Trophy order from the supplier and will dispatch the 2006 trophies to SQBBA shortly. The order included trophies for the next six years.
4. National Judges Certificate: Not all States/Zones provided comment on the proposed new certificate for National Judges. Would appreciate comment, from those who have not replied, before 31 Jan 2006.
5. National Judges' Accreditation Examination: Nominations of candidates to sit the National Judges' examination in May 2006 are required to me from States/Zones as soon as is possible but no later than 1 March 2006. In fairness to the candidates the sooner they are nominated and advised to the Judges' Coordinator, Russell Keane the sooner arrangement can be made and they can start to prepare.
6. National Meetings 2006: Early reminder that Agenda items for the Council Meeting, Colour and Standards Committee and National Judges' Meetings are required no later than 31 March 2006. The position of ANBC Secretary must be decided annually. I therefore call for nominations for this position and advise that I would be willing to accept nomination for 2006/2007 if member bodies see fit.

7. **Bird Flu:** Several States have now issued guidelines in relation to Bio security measures in relation to Avian Influenza. Bird Flu concerns have resulted in the Federal Government announcing tougher quarantine measures (on 26 October 2005) for Countries exporting birds to Australia in an attempt to reduce the chance of Bird Flu spreading to our shores. As advised in October it is recommended that you contact your State Department of Primary Industry (or equivalent) to ascertain any Bio-security measures planned or issued as guidelines in your State.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Bob Bourke

Attachment:

1. Updated Programme – National 2006

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