

## Harry Eady

The story of Harry Eady starts with Army Service and his marriage to Fran in 1944. He was involved in active service overseas and when demobbed after the war, received training as a carpenter. In Sydney he bred prize-winning bantams. With his wife and 3 young children, Harry moved to Melbourne in 1952 to join his father's business in the manufacture of work uniforms in Bell St, Preston.

The first family home was in Reservoir. It wasn't long before he became interested in Budgerigars, joined the Northcote Club and was Secretary in 1959. Then Northcote and Heidelberg Clubs combined as United, which is still going strong today. Harry held most positions within United including being the first Secretary, as well as serving on BCA/BCV. Harry was a club delegate on BCA for United, Northcote, Lilydale and Kyabram and also served as secretary of BCA following on from Harold Heath in 1969 where he continued for 22 years. He was editor of 'Budgie News' for 9 years and served in other capacities including being involved in the formation of the 'Nationals' in 1981 and was an early judge of the interstate competition prior to the 'Nationals'.

Harry's last judging position with ANBC was in Perth in 1994. He has only missed 2 National shows since they commenced, the last being Adelaide in 2007. In regard to United Diploma shows, Harry has only missed showing birds for his club once, being 2008.

Harry is:

- One of the 1<sup>st</sup> National judges
- Life Member of United
- Life Member of Glenroy
- Honorary Member of Eastern
- Life Member of the BCV
- BCV Secretary for 22 years
- BCV Editor for 9 years
- He was involved with birds at the Royal Melbourne Show and is now a Life Member of Royal Agricultural Society.

Harry's first Diploma was with a Blackeyed Yellow in 1961; in fact he won with a father (Grand Champion) and son (Diploma and Reserve Champion) in Blackeyes at that show. He also has many Shield wins and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with Cinnamons at the Nationals held in Rosebay, Sydney. His specialty these days is the Crest class.



As a mark of respect for Harry's contribution to the fancy, in 2008 the B.C.V. renamed the Adult Bird Shield competition, the  
*"Harry Eady Adult Bird Shield".*