

Brian Reynolds – BR1

Brian started in birds as a teenager in the 1950's. Brian had three aviaries with about 200 breeding pair, which he aviary bred. However, when the family sold the house in Kew and moved he had to sell them all, and received the princely sum of 20c each.

Brian next became involved when he purchased a pair of pet budgies for his daughter in 1986. This sparked his interest again, and even though he lived in Box Hill, he joined Mountain Districts Club in partnership with his daughter, until she lost interest.

He had a mentor at Mountain club in John Carroll, they became very close friends and learnt a lot from him, so when John changed clubs in the mid 1990's to Nepean, Brian went with him. Because Brian was living in Box Hill he also joined Eastern Districts as it was local.

In the early part of the 2000's after John died, Brian changed clubs again and went to United, where he felt that he would get more advice and help. Since joining United Brian has been an active member, on the committee for many years, including President for two years, before moving to a position on the BCV management committee.

Brian currently fly's about 140 birds, and rings about 120 chicks from 27 breeding pairs. He breeds Normal Greens, Blues, Dominant Pied and Spangles. In the specialist varieties he has Lacewings, Albino's, Clearwings and Blackeye's. His Favourites are Lacewing & Spangle.



He has won 3 Diploma's. The 1st was at Cranbourne club in 2005 with a Sky blue.

The other 2 with a Lt Green and an Opaline Lt Green. He has won about 6 Shield classes and has had birds in the Victorian National team on 5 occasions.

To quote Brian, "Great satisfaction comes from seeing the results of all the work that goes into pairing up and breeding, especially seeing that "stunner" pop out." He continues to get a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction from going to the shows, where he can socialise with the large group of friends he has made in the fancy. Friendships he values greatly.

The 1st National competition he attended was in Melbourne in 1998 at the St Kilda town hall.

Since then he and his wife Judy have attended about 8 Nationals all over Australia.



At the age of 77 his ambition is to keep involved in the hobby as long as possible, he is striving to win enough points to get back into Champion section, and hopes to win another Diploma or even better, a National class.

In 2008 he was elected on to the management committee of the BCV. Brian has twice been a Victorian Delegate at the ANBC meeting held at the Nationals. He was assistant Secretary for two years before being elected Secretary in 2015 and he currently holds that position again this year.

He believes the newly elected BCV management committee and President will take the hobby in a new direction with much more communication with members, this has started already with the monthly updates, and will hopefully bring new members into the hobby especially a diverse membership with more women and younger people.