



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Event

We are holding an **Online Training Night** on Monday, 18th October following lockdown. For details, see page 4.

Mentor

Any members, especially beginners needing help are welcome to contact **Vic Murray** at any time on **0414 344 081**. Vic can help you get birds, advise on genetics & breeding, help pair up, help cull or advise on any aspect of the hobby. And, don't forget you can find a lot of useful info regarding the club, hobby, etc. on the club's website at <https://unitedbudgies.org.au>. Many thanks to Vic who has been keeping the website up-to-date.



Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

Due to Covid restrictions, the club is now holding online auctions of quality birds from members that had birds in other club's auctions and other club members' birds. So far, the club has had five online auctions, and **\$2976.70** has been raised for the Club. A huge congratulation and special thanks to **Steven** and **Bev Bradley** for organising and running very successful online auctions, and to everyone who involved.

We're pleased to say that we had a fantastic participation in bidding for the birds. Birds that received the highest bid at the 5 online auctions respectively were:



Auction#1
Sold for \$590



Auction#2
Sold for \$1120



Auction#3
Sold for \$680



Auction#4
Sold for \$1500

Thank you to all who participated in these auctions. And a special thanks to all the vendors: **Alan Rowe, Alan Baxter, Vic Murray, Bradley family, Ray & German, Bill Schembri, May & White, Alan Chambers, David Spink and Adrian Praeger.**

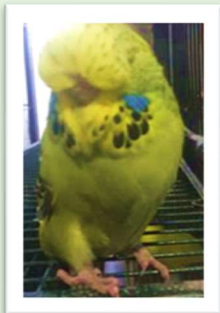
If you have birds available for future auctions, please message or call **Steve** on **0417 300 667** to discuss or email him on steve.bradley29@hotmail.com.



Auction#5
Sold for \$800

Shine Baby Shine

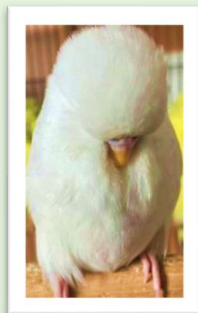
With all the cancellations due to the pandemic, we are now holding each week a 'Share Your Baby UBC Photos' competition for each variety or a group of varieties. This is for all the Unbroken Cap (UBC) babies bred this year 2021. There's no physical prize, but just the glory. Photo with the most 'likes' wins! The competition started off with the Normal variety, followed by Australian Golden Face/Yellow Face, Albino/Lutino/Lacewing and cinnamon. The following were the UBC babies received the most likes and their breeders. Well done & Congratulations!



Normal Grey
Green bred by
**Graham
McCallum**



Australian Golden
Face bred by **Alan
Baxter**



Albino bred by
Michael McMahon



Cinnamon Grey
Green bred by
Vanessa White

A special Thankyou to all who participated. We still have a number of varieties to cover, so keep your UBC baby photos coming! Let your babies shine!

Perpetual Trophy

The club will be having a Perpetual Trophy for **The Best Beginner Member** and **The Best Beginner Exhibitor** this year. The Best Beginner Member will be voted by the Committee. The Best Beginner Exhibitor is who has the most points accumulated at shows.

Club's Events

- We are planning to have our next **Budgie Bash** next year.
- The club is planning to have its **annual Christmas Party** in early December. Stay tuned!
- The **next committee meeting** is tentatively scheduled for Nov 2021.
- Club UBC Championship & Team selection – **Cancelled**

Other Clubs' Events

Due to Covid restrictions, these events have been **cancelled** until further notice.

- Bendigo Auction
- Melbourne's Premier Auction
- Eastern District Diploma Show 2021
- Geelong UBC Show
- BCV State Championships Unbroken Cap Shield

(Details of these events, show schedules & entry details are available on our club website at:

www.unitedbudgies.org.au.

The complete Syllabus for the year can be downloaded from the website.)

How to Photograph Your Birds like a Pro?

Taking photos of a calm bird is challenging enough, let alone an unsettled one. Here are some great tips on how to take better photos of your birds.

1. Let the birds settle in the cage before trying to photograph them.
2. Get the bird used to the camera close to the cage.
3. Let the bird relax.
4. Try to position the bird to the back of the cage.
5. Try not to get the cage bars in the photo.
6. Take lots of photos. They are easily deleted.
7. If the photo is for the club auction, take a 20 second video showing all the bird.
8. Most important thing to remember is **DON'T GET FRUSTRATED.**

TAKE YOUR TIME.

Happy photo taking!



Agony Aunt's Column



Question: I've been breeding lutino's with my lacewings, which has helped the size and feathers of my lacewings. But now the problem is that the lutinos produced from these pairings have the yellow that is washed out. My question is, in my new pairing with these washed out lutinos, how do I bring back the buttercup yellow into my lutinos? This is just so that they will be more true to the lutino variety. I've been advised to pair them with a green, but I've heard some conflicting suggestions. For examples, it must go with a normal, not a cinnamon, and dark, not light green. What do you think? Agony Aunt, please help!



Lutino with washed-out body colour



Lutino with Buttercup yellow body colour

Answer: This is Agony Uncle Rowie. Auntie Agony hand balled the lutino question to me to answer. The lutinos in question are most likely carrying the cinnamon factor, therefore diluting the body colour. Dark or olive green normals, opalines, dominant pieds or spangles are the best option to improve the colour, not cinnamon. They could also be used to breed albino's by pairing them to a grey this would produce lutino's split for albino with the grey factor helping to eliminate the undesirable blue sheen in the albino's.

Another option is to use them for clearbody breeding. This helps in breeding clear body's with the desired body colour and less suffusion. The lutinos bred from the clearbody pairings would be down in body colour giving you some wastage

The winning lutino at the Young Bird Shield was bred from a lutino to a lacewing hen and had good body colour so it is possible to breed good coloured lutino's that way.

I guess it all depends on what is in the background of the birds.

Hope I have helped answer your question. However, there are no rules in breeding budgies - only guidelines. All the best in the breeding endeavours.

Regards,

Agony uncle Rowie

This column was created for members who have a question or two regarding any breeding issues they may be facing. How it works? Well, members email their question(s) to info@unitedbudgies.org.au where the email subject/title will be marked "Agony Aunt".

This will ensure the question(s) will go to the right people who will review and pass them onto the relevant Champion Breeders to answer.

However, only the best Question & Answer is selected and appears in the newsletters. All members and champion breeders may choose to remain anonymous



New Show Cages (compliance to BCV specification requirements) for sale. \$50 each. To make a purchase, please contact **Carmel** on **0400 966 738**.

Mario (the Cage Man) is no longer selling cages but he is always looking to buy large quantity of Pet Shop culls. He is now offering **\$8** per bird. If you have any birds to rehome, please contact Mario directly on **0416 929 344**.



Online Training Night

You are invited to join our Online Training Night!

“Benefits and Pitfalls: Real Life vs Online Auctions”

with **Steven Bradley**, United's Online Auction expert

The aim is to help people make better informed decisions regarding buying birds online.
Don't miss your chance to ask questions afterwards.

Date: Monday, 18th October 2021

Time: 8pm to 9pm

Place: Online (via Zoom)

- For members, a link will be sent via email.
- For non-members, a link will be provided upon registration. You can register by sending us an email to info@unitedbudgies.org.au. Please include “Online Training Night” as the email's subject line.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Hope to see you there! 😊

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Remember, when you go and buy anything from them, tell them you are a member of the club to get the **CLUB DISCOUNT**.

Contact Us

All correspondence to the club, e.g., ring orders, membership renewals, copies of bank deposit is, nomination forms, etc. should be sent electronically to info@unitedbudgies.org.au. As the club **no longer** has a Post Office Box, this will ensure the committee receive and respond to any correspondence. Thanks!

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