

NEWSLETTER

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Perpetual Trophy

The club will be naming the **Best Beginner Member** and **Best Beginner Exhibitor** of Year 2021 at United's Xmas Budgie Breakout Party on 10/12/2021. See Page 5 for details.

Welcome Our New Member

The committee would like to welcome **Peter Bury** to United Budgerigar Society Inc. Peter decided to join United after attending our recent online training night event. Thank you for choosing our club. We hope that you find the club welcoming and that you enjoy being part of our club.

Any members, especially beginners needing help are welcome to contact **Vic Murray** at any time on **0414 344 081**. And, don't forget you can find a lot of useful info regarding the club, hobby, etc. on the club's website at <https://www.unitedbudgies.org.au/>. ☺

It's All About Bidding

The club has so far had seven online auctions. At the recent Auction#6 and Auction#7, both raised \$724 and \$583 respectively. To date, a total of approx. \$4274 commissions to the club has been raised. A massive congratulation and special thanks to **Steven** and **Bev Bradley** for organising and running very successful online auctions again, and to everyone who involved, especially the bidders.

Once again, we had a great participation. It's all about bidding! Birds that received the highest bid at the two recent auctions respectively were:



Auction#6
Sold for \$820



Auction#7
Sold for \$510

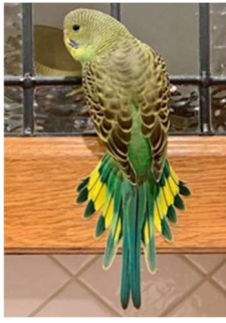
A special thank you to all the vendors:

Alan Rowe, Alan Baxter, Vic Murray, Bradley Family, Jim Meale, May & White, Adrian Praeger, Lloyd Richardson and Neil Hunt

The Club is planning to have one more online auction before the year ends. If you have birds available for auction, please message or call **Steven** on **0417 300 667** to discuss or email him on steve.bradley29@hotmail.com.

Shine Baby Shine

Before the release of our last newsletter, we were already half way through our '**Share Your Baby UBC Photos**' competition on our club's Facebook page. The competition finished with the two beautiful varieties, i.e. Bush Budgie and Rainbow. The following were some of the UBC babies that received the most 'likes' and their breeders.



*Bush Budgie bred by **Yiwen Yao***



*Rainbow bred by **Jen Jewel Brown***



*Dominant Pied bred by **Rob Mclean***



*Spangle bred by **Roger Watson***



*Opaline bred by **Allan Chalmers***

Congratulations to all the winners. A BIG thank **you to all** who contributed to our weekly UBC photo competition on Facebook and joined in on the fun. And an Extra Huge thank you to **Vanessa White** who organised and ran this fun successful event – one that was really needed and kept people interested in the hobby during the long lockdown.

Visit our club's Facebook group via this link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.budgiesunited.asn.au>.



*Dilute bred by **Derrin Ray***

Online Training Night Video

The Club would like to say a big thank you to all of you who attended our Online Training Night held on Monday 18th October 2021. Also, a huge thank you to **Vanessa White** who organised and coordinated the event, and to **Steven Bradley** for sharing his experience and knowledge of buying birds at auction, and to **Adrian Praeger** for hosting the event.

We had **23** people attended which was a great turn out. We hope you all had an informative evening. If you missed out, you can now watch the video of the training night where our secretary **Vanessa White** & Vice President **Steven Bradley** discuss the ins & outs, pros & cons of buying birds at Auction.

You can click on either of the links below to watch the Training Night video.

- YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu5gnqHr4W4>
- Or via our club's website
<https://www.unitedbudgies.org.au/>



Providing Medication – Crop Needle

by **Terry A. Tuxford** (*Budgie World* 1993)

Being successful, **Graeme Cunningham** knows that the value of his stock is great and that the loss of any key birds could result in a considerable delay in progress. Because of this he takes the necessary actions to ensure that his birds maintain their health and if any do become sick, they are treated accordingly.

One equipment that he uses to inject medication directly into the crop of the sick bird is a Sproul's "CROP" needle. I should mention that this is via the beak. Crop needle are available in various lengths for different applications and consists of a hollow needle made from stainless steel hypodermic tube, that has a small bulbous end to stop the needle penetrating the skin.

The syringe should be charged with the appropriate medication and:

A) The bird should be gently restrained in an upright position.

B) The needle should be entered in the side of the beak, which will avoid injecting the medicine into the airway and lungs of the patient.

C & D) The needle should be passed into the bird allowing it to swallow as it goes until it is into the crop. When the needle is in the correct position it can be felt through the skin that it is in the crop. On no account should any liquid be injected until you are certain that the needle is correctly located as the bird could suffocate if it is in the air passage.

Uses of this technique is particularly beneficial for medicating with antibiotics and for treating trichomoniasis. Just like de-spotting a bird, the first is always the worst but with this method mastered the effort, will be well rewarded.



Agony Aunt's Column



Question:

Hi there, I have a young hen which has killed all her newly hatched chicks. And also, she has broken and eaten up all the remaining unhatched eggs. I spotted traces of blood stain on her mask. It was just devastating. I thought everything was going well with the hen in the nest box.

So, my questions are 1) Why did the hen do that? 2) And what could I do to prevent this from happening again? Thank you in advance!

Answer:

Here we have a serious problem with a hen killing chicks and disposing of the other eggs in the nest. Thankfully this is not a common occurrence, in fact I believe a very rare problem.

I suggest if you are hard pressed on continuing with this mating you consider moving the eggs as they have been laid, under another pair or pairs. Make sure you leave one egg or preferably a dummy egg in the nest box from the beginning of the laying cycle.

If you don't have the option of moving eggs and are keen to persevere with this mating, I suggest you remove the cock bird from the breeding cage just before the first egg is due to hatch. The cock bird may be the problem annoying the hen and making her cranky. Hoping these suggestions may be helpful.

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

Club's Events

- **United's Xmas Budgie Breakout Party** on 10/12/2021. Put it in your diary. See Page 5 for details.
- **Live Training Night** on 8/02/2022. Stay tuned for details.
- **United Adult Birds Shield Team** - end of February 2022, and **BCV State Adults Birds Championship Shield** – start of March 2022. Dates to be confirmed by BCV.
- **Club's AGM** – end of February 2022 – Date to be confirmed.
- **United Young Birds Diploma Show** on 26/03/2022.
- Next **Budgie Bash** in April 2022. Date to be confirmed.

Other Clubs' Events

- **The 45th Australian National Budgerigar Championship Show** will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hindley Street, Adelaide CBD, Friday May 27th – Sunday May 29th.

(Please visit on our club's website at <https://www.unitedbudgies.org.au> for details and updates of these events.)

Other News

A special thanks to **Steven Bradley** for sharing his secrets to photographing our birds in the Aug/Sep 2021 newsletter as well as at the online training night.

Vanessa white is now a member of Budgerigar Council of Victoria Committee and is in charge of BCV Facebook Group. She will be a great asset to the Council. You are welcome to join their Facebook group via this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/646085116378292/>

UNITED'S XMAS BUDGIE BREAKOUT PARTY!

DATE: FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2021

TIME: 6:00PM TILL 9:30PM

VENUE: 1ST EAGLEMONT SCOUT HALL, 18 IRVINE ROAD, IVANHOE
(MELWAYS REF 31 61 0)

UNITED WILL SUPPLY THE PIZZA'S! IT'S ON US
BYO DRINKS

AS PART OF THE FESTIVITIES THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HAVING A
MINI JUST FOR FUN BUDGIE SHOW FEATURING YOUNG & UNBROKEN CAP BIRDS (2021)
NOT OFFICIAL - NO POINTS AWARDED. JUST FOR FUN COMPETITION.

ALL BIRDS JUDGED ANONYMOUSLY

1. BEST IN SHOW

1. BEST BEGINNER

1 PRIZE ONLY - A MYSTERY ENCOURAGEMENT PRIZE AWARDED TO THE BEGINNER.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION:

- A) EACH EXHIBITOR CAN HAVE UP TO 4 SHOW CAGES TO EXHIBIT AND UP TO 2 BIRDS PER CAGE.
- B) BIRDS MUST BE OF YOUNG BIRDS/UNBROKEN BRED BY YOU
- C) ON THE BACK OF YOUR SHOW CAGE(S), PUT A LABEL WITH YOUR NAME OR INITIALS ON THEM.
- D) BIRDS ON BENCH FROM 6PM AND JUDGING STARTS 7PM.

ALSO 2 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE NIGHT!

NEW PERPETUAL AWARD FOR THE BEST UNITED BEGINNER WITH MOST POINTS OF THE YEAR AND UNITED BEGINNER CLUB PERSON.

THE TROPHY WILL BE KEPT PRIDE OF PLACE ON THE CLUB ROOM WALL
& ALSO A SECTRET PRESENTATION TO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS! WHO IS IT?

THIS IS GOING TO BE A FUN EVENING. SO, BRING ALONG YOUR BIRDS THAT YOU WOULD A COULDA
SHOULD A SHOWN THIS YEAR! HAD YOU BEEN ABLE TO.

PLEASE COME ALONG! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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!



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 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**.



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