

## PRESIDENTS REPORT 2004

Another positive year has passed for the fancy in this state, with just the occasional challenge. The Committee, consisting of Barbara Fisher and Bob Deverson (BSSA), John Fisher and Keith Wing (Central Plains), Lloyd Edwards and John Mulley (NEBS), Doreece Brunton and myself (MtG), have put in another year meeting to discuss agenda items and issues as they have arisen. Thank you to the Committee for your input. Not all meetings were easy nor debate free, but we got through unscathed. I acknowledge that we all have the good of the fancy at heart and commend those who volunteer their time to enable the BCSA to progress.

If my memory serves me correctly, the full committee attended every meeting this past election year, which is no mean feat. Congratulations to all for your commitment and dedication.

One of the decisions the Committee made was to lessen the workload for the BCSA when we host the 2007 Nationals. Planning for the 2007 Nationals is going well. The venue is booked (deposit paid), the holding cages are purchased and are in storage, and the show cages are being manufactured. I believe it is important for continuity and the success of the 2007 Nationals that this group, in the main, remains in the positions they now hold until the 2007 Nationals are over. That is of course, the choice of the membership.

The BCSA is static financially thus we will have to consider how to increase revenue to fund any shortfall that arises for the 2007 Nationals - a membership increase may be worth consideration.

To Bruce Stafford and his show team (they know who they are), you make the Logan Shield / State Selection Show look so easy to run. Graham Bell and his efficient team have also excelled once again. We all know that the appearance of smoothness of operation requires the efficiency of a "well oiled" machine behind the scenes.

The above group have taken on the challenge of running the budgerigar section on behalf of the BCSA at the 2005 Canary Nationals being held in Adelaide and we see this as a practice run for the 2007 Nationals.

Again the North East Budgerigar Society has been the backbone of all things to do with the State Selection show, with a sprinkling of others joining in. It was terrific to see the numbers available to set up the staging this year AND we tried a new system whereby once all the birds were claimed at the end of the show, all those present were asked to de-stage and take the staging to the waiting trailer before the birds could leave. It worked very well and it was pleasing to see that MOST helped.

To Brian Marshall, a special thanks for auditing the books once again - much appreciated.

Thankyou to the delegates and bird carers that represented the BCSA at the nationals in Coffs Harbour this year with a special thankyou to John Mulley for his planning in getting the birds to and from the National event and housing the birds in Adelaide. Thankyou to all those who made their birds available for selection and to those that did get them selected, congratulations.



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I want to thank the Judges for their contribution and dedication the fancy. I also extend my appreciation to the exhibitors from Junior through to Open for participating in this wonderful hobby and encourage you all to keep involved.

The process for the BCSA Judges promotion exam was introduced this year.

Membership and ring issues are still on the decline. The following is a table of the past three years to illustrate this.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rings issued</b>	<b>Membership</b>
2002	16595	165
2003	14990	167
2004(to date)	14400	158

I am not sure how to arrest this, but would welcome ideas.

Congratulations to Stan Watson and George Duffield for being recognised as part of the founding fathers of the ANBC concept at this years nationals and to Kelwyn Kakoschke for being inducted into the initial 'Hall of Fame' for exceeding 6 wins at the national level from 1983, Kelwyn has 11.

Further congratulations to Stan for his Order of Australia Merit (OAM).

To members who have lost love ones or have had illnesses, be it personal or within their family, my thoughts are with you and I can only trust that life moves forward for you.

Finally, I once again thank you for having the faith in me holding this position for another term.

Nigel Tonkin