

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2005

The year 2004/2005 sadly saw the loss of one of our Affiliate Society's, Central Plains – I would like to thank John Fisher and Keith Wing for their contribution as representatives of that Society on the BCSA executive. Bob Deverson, a BSSA representative and the elected Secretary, created a void by resigning. Bob did a great job in this challenging role. I thank all three for their contribution to the fancy within South Australia - their participation was greatly appreciated.

Because of the departure of Central Plains the Council had to make a decision on managing with 2 representatives from the 3 remaining Affiliate Societies or reviewing the structure of the Executive. A decision was made to invite an extra representative from each of the remaining Societies to make up the Executive.

The BCSA Executive Committee now consists of Barbara Fisher and Robert Worrall (BSSA), Lloyd Edwards, John Mulley and Graham Bell (NEBS), Doreece Brunton, Jennie Liebich and I (MtG). Thanks to the Committee for their input over the period that they have participated. The BSSA have the opportunity to add one more representative to complete the make up of the Executive.

I welcome Graham Bell and Jennie Liebich onto the Executive Committee, Graham brings a wealth of knowledge and organisational skills in particular with his involvement in many Logan shields and previous National events. Jennie has been thrown in the deep end and taken on the role of Secretary, she has not been involved in the fancy previously, in many ways this is a positive as Jennie can debate on from a different perspective and with neutrality, this is very refreshing.

As per last year, every meeting has constructive outcomes after healthy discussion, which brings the views of the membership to the table. This way we make sure we take the needs of the fancy into account. I commend those who volunteer their time to enable the BCSA to go forward – we do get criticised at times but a reminder to all, we are all unpaid servants of the fancy and we genuinely do our best.

To Bruce Stafford and his show team thanks again for all of the efforts of the past year. Also for taking on the role of running for the BCSA a budgerigar section at the Canary National show, during this period Marion had a medical procedure and Bruce had a number of family crisis. Bruce apprenticed Shane Cripps this year to run the Logan Shield / State selection show with Marion Stafford – thanks for taking on this role and doing it successfully. Graham Bell and his team excelled again, Graham too apprenticed other folk this year to spread the experience throughout his work group.

To Brian Marshall again a special thanks for auditing the books – an excellent job.

Thank you to the delegates and bird carers that represented the BCSA at the nationals in Melbourne this year with a special thank you to John Mulley for his planning in getting the birds to and from the National event.

Thanks to all those who competed in their Society's selection process for the Logan Shield and made their birds available to represent their State and to those that did get them selected, congratulations.

Kakoschke and Rice stood out this year with 3 Logies – a great effort. Congratulations to this partnership in achieving this wonderful result. Stephen Elliott came very close obtaining a 2nd and 3rd placing and T & L Cripps a 3rd, wonderful efforts – regardless of placing, all are to be congratulated for getting their birds to this level. South Australia was placed 5th overall this year, 23 points shy of Tasmania who came 4th.

This year, at the AGM, we have decided to give all Affiliate and Associate Secretaries a copy of the ANBC, Judges, Colour and Standards minutes plus ancillary information. Another inclusion in the package is a CD of the first three placed birds at the 2005 ANBC National event for all to present to their clubs if they so desire.

One of the major problems we faced this year was complaints re rings. The BCSA took this very seriously and sent rings and photos of rings to the ANBC Secretary of the day. It was our belief that these rings had been forwarded to the ring manufacturer for visual assessment. Just prior to this year's National event, the rings were returned to Jennie. The rings were taken to the ANBC delegates meeting on the Monday and presented to the meeting. Bruce Chapman advised that he had not sighted these rings, which disappointed me greatly. I can assure you he now has the rings as I personally handed them to him at the meeting. If folk look through the ANBC minutes, it will be noticed that a trial is in place re the paint on the rings. More will flow through once we know the results. We have been advised though that the white crusty substance within some of the rings is not toxic to the birds or to humans.

The ANBC have recommended to all States / Zones that the procedure that the BCSA has in place for ring complaints should be followed. Just for repetition asked, if a member of a Society has an issue with faulty rings, that member should return the ring/s that are perceived to be faulty to the Society Ring Steward that the rings were purchased through, from there, if further action is required the ring/s are then to be forwarded to the BCSA Ring Officer, with a written explanation, who in turn will have the ring/s available for the executive to make a decision on. If further action is recommended by the Executive, the ring/s will be dispatched to the ANBC Secretary for on forwarding on to the Ring manufacturer for a response to the issue at hand. This process may sound slow and over the top, but it certainly will ensure that we get an end result.

The ring manufacturer has stated that any ring that is deemed as being faulty will be replaced at no cost. He is also aware of the issue of duplication of ring numbers – it will pay to check each ring to ensure that two birds are not rung with the same number.

It will have been noticed that the Judges Executive have been active in following up complaints against judges this year. The Judges Executive would also like to hear of the positives of all level of judging along with complaints. The Judges Executive is certainly taking all complaints seriously and gives the accused Judge every opportunity to respond to any such complaint to enable a fair and equitable outcome.

Even though we have had some issues this year that have been readily resolved, I do want to thank the Judges for their contribution, I find it an enjoyable part of the fancy. Exhibitors of all levels, this is a wonderful hobby and I encourage you all to keep involved – it would be great to see more of the younger generation putting their hands up to take on roles of responsibility. This will give the opportunity to apprentice to a position with the thought of taking on the role at a later date to ensure the fancy continues to survive.



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A number of folk that I know within the fancy have had challenging years this year re health and other problems, my thought are with you and to those I am not aware of with similar problems, keep positive.

I am looking forward to a positive year with lots of programming going on toward the 2007 National event that we will be hosting.

Nigel Tonkin