

Dear fancier,

This is the second newsletter to keep fanciers informed with the happenings of your committee.

As a reminder, the website www.bcsa.com.au should be the main area to source the latest information in relation to the BCSA along with your own Society magazines.

As per our last Newsletter, we encourage each Society to print this newsletter plus to promote the BCSA website in their respective magazines, this will give fanciers that are not able to access the website up to date information as well.

A message from Bob Bourke, ANBC Secretary after hearing of the death of Stan Watson:

It is with sadness that we have been advised that Stan Watson, OAM passed away last Sunday evening. Stan was part of the Steering Committee to set the ground rules for the ANBC and as such was listed among our founding fathers.

Our deep and sincere sympathy is extended to Stan's family and to the fancy in SA and in particular the B.C.S.A. and the Budgerigar Society of South Australia on their sad loss. Stan will be remembered dearly by the ANBC National family and sadly missed.

The BCSA committee extend their sympathy to the family of Stan via the BSSA President, Chris Murphy. May Stan rest in peace.

Bruce Stafford has resigned from the BCSA committee for personal reasons. Bruce has been show manager almost since year dot and will be sorely missed in this and many other areas of the management side of the fancy. The good news is that Bruce and John Mulley have formed a partnership and we wish them both well in this new venture.

The BCSA Committee is always looking for feedback from the fancy, negative and positive but in particular constructive and as a result of a request from Mike Rafferty at the AGM a ***recommendation of the BCSA committee is that the BCSA is willing to forgo 50% of the Membership fee in the initial year of membership (once only and for new members) subject to any required constitutional change. A letter has been issued to clubs seeking their willingness to participate in a similar fashion in an endeavour to entice new members into the fancy.***

As a clarification point, at ALL BCSA Affiliate, Half Affiliate or Associate Young Stock or Annual shows, ONLY birds with the ANBC symbol are permitted to be shown in Young bird classes. Any other issued rings without this symbol are to be shown as adult birds only.

The BCSA is chasing pricing for a 'Logie' for the State Selection Show. Hopefully from this year, the winning bird will receive a 'Logie' and the first three placed birds a rosette.

The water mark of the Hen and Cock bust is included as a reminder of the sexual difference between the cock and hen for showing purposes.

Rings for 2009 should be issued in mid December – Doreece will be actioning the issue within a day or two of receiving of them.

The BCSA Ring Policy is now uploaded on the BCSA website – please take time to read it.

A trial using 16mm perches is about to take place. Please contact your Club secretary for further information on this topic and if asked to partake in the trial, please do not hesitate.

The Committee wishes all members of the BCSA a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Regards

The BCSA Committee