

WHERE TO SEND YOUR CLUB AND SHOW NEWS Email: birds.general@kelsey.co.uk The C&AB office is temporarily closed. If you have an important postal item, please contact us by phone or email and we will supply a special postal address.

Obituaries

GWYN JONES

BERNARD Williams, of Staffordshire British Bird & Mule Club, reports that the late Gwyn Jones was a very good friend of his for more than 40 years, as well as the president of the club. Gwyn Jones passed away on June 5.

He was a founder member of the society and always took a very active part in the club. It was his hard work that kept the club going over the last 32 years as show secretary and treasurer. Gwyn also stood in at Lancashire for quite a few years and the All-British as show secretary and treasurer;

also, as a committee member of the British Bird Council. In fact, men of his calibre are very hard to replace in our hobby and will be sadly missed.

He finished in the hobby through ill health two years ago and will be missed by many clubs, especially his own Staffordshire BB&MC. Gwyn showed softbills successfully for many years along with a few hardbills, mainly greenfinches and redpolls.

JOE GOLDSWORTHY

IT IS with deep sadness that Whitehaven CBS reports the

passing of society chairman and treasurer Joe Goldsworthy. The longest-serving member, Joe has been involved with the society for 50 years. A life member and former secretary, Joe was always the steady influence at meetings regarding club business.

He had not enjoyed good health in recent years but still managed to keep a quality stud of budgerigars. He was always keen to help new starters, especially juniors. Condolences to son Richard, daughter Deborah, son-in-law Steve and granddaughter Grace.



Gwyn Jones at his last show with Bernard Williams



In happier times: the late Gwyn Jones with the Staffordshire British Bird & Mule Club committee

BS withdraws all 2020 patronage

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY

THE Budgerigar Society (BS) General Council (GC) held its second virtual meeting on May 28 via Zoom since the lockdown in March, due to the coronavirus, reports Ghalib Al-Nasser, publicity officer.

The chairman Maurice Roberts welcomed the new councillor Graham Turner from York who will serve the remaining term of the GC following the resignation of Steve Holland. The chairman also recorded his thanks to Steve for his contribution over the past two years of his service on the GC. Among the items discussed during the Zoom meeting were as follows:

BS Club Show 2020

Cancelled (see News, June 17 page 2).

BS Club Shows 2021

The BS GC has also agreed to arrange two Club Shows for 2021. More information to follow in due course.



Online Zoom meetings enable the BS General Council to get together

Patronage 2020

To provide clarity to organisers and attending members at shows planned for 2020, the GC has agreed to withdraw all BS patronage for the entire 2020 show season. This is in line with other livestock organisations.

BS president

As a consequence of the impact that Covid-19 has had on the budgerigar hobby in the UK, the GC has agreed that Ronnie Simpson will remain BS

president until the 2021 AGM at which time Phil Reaney will be inaugurated as president with Chris Snell as president elect.

BS week numbering

All show-promoting societies need to be aware that next year the week numbering calendar jumps forward a week. The BS week number table is published in the 2019 BS Rule Book and also available on the website: www.budgerigarsociety.com under the heading "Showing".

Club roundup

Show reports, dates, club notices

SHOW DATES

DARTFORD KENT BS at the committee meeting on June 10, it was decided with a heavy heart to cancel its summer open show on September 19, 2020, due to Covid-19.

FOREIGN BIRD LEAGUE has decided to cancel this year's show which was due to be held on September 13 at St Neots. The judges that were engaged for this show will be asked to judge next year when the club hopes things will be back to normal.

YORK BS has cancelled its silver open show on August 23 at Wiggington Recreation Hall, Wiggington, York, due to the current virus. For enquiries, please contact Darren Mckeown on 07704 508 141.

CLUB NOTICES

BUDGERIGAR SOCIETY following the revision of rules which were placed before the membership in the March/April 2020 issue of *The Budgerigar*, 269 members cast their vote via the postal ballot. The society thanks those members who took the trouble to vote. The results (noted below) will be ratified at the 2020 AGM, whenever it is held. These results are based on the rule that a two-third majority of those voting is required for a resolution to be successful.

Resolution

1. Photo I/D. For 228; against 30. Passed.
2. Ring issue date. For 196; against 67. Passed.
3. Ring posting date. For 169; against 76.

Passed. *

4. Associated societies. For 225; against 14. Passed.
5. Associated societies. For 172; against 61. Passed.
6. Trustees. For 238; against 13. Passed.
7. Rule suspension. For 225; against 26. Passed.
8. Society administrator. For 237; against 21. Passed.
9. GC board. For 231; against 22. Passed.
10. GC election. For 202; against 49. Passed.
11. Misconduct. For 230; against 15. Passed.
12. Misconduct. For 235; against 18. Passed.
13. Misconduct. For 238; against 15. Passed.
14. Misconduct. For 208; against 47. Passed.
15. Disciplinary procedure. For 234; against 20. Passed.
16. Disciplinary procedure. For 232; against 25. Passed.
17. Disciplinary procedure. For 214; against 31. Passed.
18. Disciplinary procedure. For 171; against 72. Passed.
19. Disciplinary Procedure. For 239; against 18. Passed.
20. Judges' exhibiting guidelines. For 153; against 104. FAIL.
21. Judges hospitality. For 236; against 23. Passed.
22. Show rules: relationship with judge. For 237; against 22. Passed.
23. Show rules: novice super league. For 192; against 47. Passed.
24. Show rules: inter super league. For 191; against 47. Passed.
25. Show rules: longtail directive. For 247;

against 13. Passed.

* *This resolution is superseded by Resolution 2.*

BS subscriptions and ring prices 2021 In recognition of the impact that coronavirus is having on the hobby, the General Council (GC) has agreed that subscriptions and ring prices will remain unchanged for 2021. Base costs from ring manufacturer Avian ID are remaining the same for 2021. The BS will continue to review ring prices on an annual basis to reflect any changes to the cost of production.

BS roles

The roles of BS administrator and promotions administrator has been largely unchanged over the past seven years. In preparation for the recruitment of the new BS administrator, the BS GC will take this opportunity to review the scope of work undertaken within these roles to ensure that it is correctly allocated. They will also consider future requirements of the society in both areas to ensure they are fit for purpose. The review will include the output from the BS development workshop held in September 2018.

GRANTHAM CBS due to coronavirus the club has taken the decision not to hold bird shows or meetings in 2020. Sorry for any inconvenience, the club hopes to see you in 2021. Enquires, tel: 07734 923 477 or email: brian_ruby@me.com

LIZARD CANARY ASSOCIATION like many other clubs and associations, the normal LCA business was disrupted by the coronavirus

pandemic. Due to the government restrictions in place, the face-to-face LCA council meeting, scheduled for May 17, wasn't held as usual. Instead the "meeting" was conducted by emails and a number of telephone conversations.

Although fanciers now know that the National Exhibition at Stafford on October 4 has been cancelled, the LCA is continuing to work on the assumption that the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic will be such that the 2020 LCA Classic at Roade is able to proceed. This is assuming that the LCA is able to meet all of the requirements placed on such events.

The show officials have been engaged and they include Joe Coakley as the judge, Chris Jordan as show manager and Ian Adcock as show secretary. The entry fee is £1 per bird. Classes for the 2020 Classic will be the same as 2019, i.e. colour fed – 14 champion and 14 novice classes; naturals – seven champion and seven novice classes. The LCA will be adopting the same approach for best-in-show awards as it did in 2019. There will be awards for both best colour-fed and best natural Lizards.

Tubular drinkers on show cages has been raised as a welfare issue for the birds. Therefore, for the 2020 LCA Classic, the council has approved the use of a 10ml tubular (medicine) drinker with a black base and clear top. The usual black "D" cup drinker is still the preferred option and the use of the small tubular drinker is optional. Additional updates will be available on the LCA's website: www.lizardcanaryassociation.com

IMPORTANT:

- Our office is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic
- Please DON'T send post to Peterborough ● If you have an important postal delivery, FIRST email: birds.general@kelsey.co.uk or phone 01959 543 549 to arrange. Thank you

WELSH BS it is with regret that due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the Welsh BS has voted in favour to cancel all events for the remainder of 2020. For more information about the club, visit: www.welsh-bs.co.uk

AVICULTURAL SOCIETY the *Avicultural Magazine* vol. 126 No.1 (below) has been posted to all paid-up members.

The society apologises for the late publication of this issue, but members can expect to receive No.2 in July.

