

Lizard Canary Association Classic Show Report 2022

A morning of sunshine and showers greeted judges Jeremy Goacher and John Record as they had the task of judging a little under 200 exhibits. I was immediately struck by the high quality of Lizards, with colour fed and non-colour fed on an equal footing.

Two teams benched by David Newton and Tony Horton came to the fore that displayed consistency of spangle and steadiness when judged. David Newtons broken cap silver hen (2nd best in show) shone throughout the morning and displayed superb spangle that caught the eye and only being a little light in ground colour prevented her from pushing for top spot. David Newton continued to have successes with 3rd and 4th overall Best Coloured fed Lizards. Huw Evans completed the champion birds with a worthy 4th best champion colour fed (broken cap gold hen)

There are times when a Lizard catches your eye from the start and such a bird was Ray Anthony's (Novice) clear cap gold hen. Colour, spangle and feather quality all top drawer. A superb example of an exhibition Lizard canary that stayed steady throughout the day and was justifiably awarded Best Novice and Best Lizard in show. Ray was also claimed 3rd best colour fed Novice (non-cap gold cock).

There were other Novice exhibitors that staged Coloured fed birds of note, 2nd best Robert Seddon (non-cap silver hen) and 4th best Jon Martin (broken cap silver hen)

In the champion natural section, a strong team from Bucks exhibitor Tony Horton scooped first and second best with a clear cap gold cock and a broken silver cock. Both birds showed well displaying good colour and spangle. The clear cap gold especially caught the eye and in addition to best Natural was also took the award of 3rd best in show. Completing the natural section was Huw Evans 3rd best (clear cap gold hen) and David Newton 4th best (broken cap gold cock).

In the Novice natural section Robert Seddon took best, second and fourth best in show with young Finlay Martin 3rd best with a Broken cap silver cock.

Results: Best in Show (Founders trophy and Rukin memorial trophy) best novice Ray Anthony, 2nd Best in show, best champion David Newton, and 3rd Best in show best natural Tony Horton (Barnes trophy).

John Record

LCA Panel Judge