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NOTE : the final date for submission of articles for publication in the February 2006 edition of the Variegated Post is *15th January 2006*

Anything received after this date may not be able to be included in that issue.

The Colour Cover Drawing was provided by Eric Peake from an original drawing which was donated to the VBC in 2000.

NOTE

Subscriptions are due 1st January, This year we will be in attendance at the Club Show on both days, please visit the stand to renew your subscriptions.

Or send them to The Subscription Secretary, Mr Eric Simister,
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VBC Club Show

**To be held in Conjunction with the
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19th /20th November 2005

at

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Many VBC Specials on Offer.

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**Including
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Best Dominant Pied A/A & Y/B in Show
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these in a clean condition on the day of the show.**

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**1.00am
Sunday 20th November 2005**

**At
The Budgerigar Society
World Champion Show
The Dome – Doncaster.**

**All members urged to attend
To ensure the future of the Society.**

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Presidents Message

Dear Members

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who exhibited at the Specialist & Rare Variety Open Show at Coventry in June. This was a great show and as it was my first function in my role as President of the VBC it was great to be able to meet many of the winners and members. I hope this show continues to grow and look forward to seeing more birds in 2006.

I would like to take this opportunity to make an appeal to all VBC members to attend and exhibit the BS/VBC Club Show and support our beloved varieties which will be able to help us make a good case to ask for CC's for green and blue series. So please support this cause, and also you will be able to meet other Pied breeders yet again.

Finally again I would like to thank members for the great honour bestowed on me as President, this was following what I thought might be the highest possible when I received Member of the Year in 2002. I was most pleased to present the Member of the Year Award to Les Martin in June at the SRVOS, as he deserved this honor for the work he has done for the Pied Fancy as well as the rest of the varieties.

Best Wishes to you all

Make'm Breed
Brian Sweeting

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OBITUARY **BILL CLEMENTS**

It is with sadness that I report the death of Bill Clements on 18th August 2005 at the age of 64 years. Bill had suffered bad health since his first heart attack in 1990 but he was a great fighter and carried on with his hobby of keeping, breeding and exhibiting quality budgerigars in partnership with his wife Pauline.

Bill and Pauline were active and successful exhibitors since 1980 where they were residing in Chingford, London. They were very active within their local club South Essex BS where they were show secretaries. For many years Bill was on the committee of the London & Southern Counties BS and their delegate to the B.S. General Council. When they moved to Lincolnshire in 1994 Bill became the B.S. delegate for the Lincolnshire & East Anglia B&FBS. With Pauline they were also joint subscription secretaries for the Variegated BC and he was their president in 1992. Bill suffered a stroke in 1996 and subsequent deterioration in health forced them to give up the birds in 1998.

Among his other interest and hobbies Bill was also a boxing judge as well as a Grand Master in his Masonic Lodge.

Our condolences are extended to Pauline and his children Ian and Joanna and their families.

Ghalib Al-Nasser

Dates for Your Diary

Committee Meetings in 2005/2006

Sunday April 9th 2006 – Loddington Village hall, near Kettering, Nothants

10.00am until 12.30pm

(Prior to A.G.M at 1.00pm)

V.B.C. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

Sunday April 9th 2006

Starts 1.00pm (usually 1-1½ hours)

Loddington Village hall, near Kettering, Nothants

Lunch will be available from 12.30pm

Also Pied Show of Great Britain

To be held on the morning of the AGM – Judge B. Sweeting

Schedules and details in February 2006 Varigated Post

Will non-committee members requiring lunch please let the
General Secretary know 1 week prior to the AGM to allow for extra
refreshments.

**Please try to attend – This is the only time when members can voice their feelings
about society issues; whether good or bad.**

Editorial

by Ian Fielding.

Dear Members,

Well – we seem to have a mixed year when it comes to the Exhibition side – as you will see later in an article by Ghalib, the Show season started very well, with a great increase in the number of birds entered and benched at this years Specialist & Rare Variety open Show.

This magazine has a new feature – full colour pictures in the middle insert, mainly of the Spec & Rare Show Presentation, but also some of some Dutch Pieds / Frosted Pieds bred and exhibited by Jeff Atwood.

With this in mind, we will have a full glossy cover on the Year Books from 2006 as promised, also I can insert colour pictures where required etc.

So – I would love to hear from members, what you the members want from the VBC, from the magazine in general , and anything which you feel may be useful for the fancy in general!

See you at Doncaster!

Please e-mail with your comments! i.fielding@blueyonder.co.uk

Yours

Ian Fielding.

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SPECIALIST & RARE VARIETY OPEN SHOW - 2005

reported by Ghalib Al-Nasser, Show Organiser

A phenomenal success for the **17th Show** of the *Specialist & Rare Variety Open Show*. What a comeback! Although there was no Convention to support the event, fanciers gave this show tremendous support. There was a terrific atmosphere with a real buzz to the weekend. The show received an increase in total entry to 1000, which was up by 51% from last year's entry (663) of which a total of 802 birds were benched from 82 exhibitors.

The atmosphere was vibrant on the Sunday, with everyone socialising as well as appreciating the quality of the exhibits staged at this national event. The sponsorship list as published in the catalogue read like who's who! The Budgerigar Society donated £250 towards running the show and printed all the schedules as their gesture of good will following the cancellation of the Convention due to the fire at Stoke Rochford Hall. The show also received its usual sponsorship from Rosettes R Russ, for all the open rosettes for the show as well as from Les & Pat Martin who sponsored the cost of all the ceramic awards to the judges and Best of Colours, which are much appreciated and sought after by exhibitors. This year both the B.S. President George Booth and Pat Norris donated quality birds for the most benched birds in the novice and beginner sections. It was Mick Anzara who benched the most with 28 birds and made the first selection followed by the beginner Paul Cheatley who benched 26 birds. Their donors presented both birds at the Trophy Presentation time on Sunday afternoon. Norman Cox sponsored the show with the cost of printing the coloured covers for the schedules and catalogues and Roy Aplin gave a pencil sketch of a budgerigar. The Fanciers Sales Stand donated a show cage for the raffle as well. Other sponsorship came from Mick Anzara and Ghalib & Janice Al-Nasser. The following fanciers were generous with their donation of birds for the raffle; Amos & Thumwood, S & R Clarke, L. Cutler, J. Donovan, Mrs. J. Hill, B & M Hough, M. Mitchinson, M. & H. Richard, C. Thorne and Wells & Chilvers.

It was the overseas awards that were most sought after, with the Australian judge Jean Painter presenting her own award of an Aboriginal hand painted plate to John Grubb for winning Best Any Other Colour; the section that she judged. The Z.E.W.A. (B.S. of Switzerland) have always sponsored the B.S. Club Show with their annual trophy for BIS and they supported this show

with 20 rosettes for the various Best of Variety awards. The Budgerigar Rare & Specialist Exhibitors of Australasia (BRASEA) gave tremendous support to the B.S. last year with so many rosettes and financial donations and they sponsored this show with rosettes for all the BOC, medals, ribbons but the most fabulous of all their awards was the wooden clock, hand painted with a crest which was awarded to Cliff & Darren Jones for winning Best Crest in Show. They also picked up the painting for Best Spangle in Show. Another BRASEA award went to Dave Guppy & Dave Barnes for winning Best Clearwing in Show. Jean Painter presented the BRASEA awards in her capacity as Vice President of B.S. of New South Wales.

The Show Committee extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the above sponsors as well as the Budgerigar Society, the six specialist societies, the ten area societies and Budgerigar World who all gave splendid support in granting their highest patronage to the show. Gratitude is also extended to all the workers, exhibitors and donors for making this year's show such a great success.

Apart from our regular fanciers from Scotland, Wales and Jersey, who travelled long distances to be with us, we also had the pleasure of our regular overseas visitors from Holland & Germany as well as visitors from France, Portugal and South Africa.

Sunday afternoon was the time for ceremonial chains of office, with our Guest of Honour George Booth wearing his Budgerigar Society Presidential Chain of Office, whom we were delighted to welcome to present trophies to the respective winners. The Mayor of Lillemer in Brittany, France Ms. Alex wearing his official regalia ably assisted George with the presentation. Another official present was Geoff Capes wearing the Presidential Chain of Office of his area society the Lincolnshire & East Anglia B&FBS.

As in previous years at this show, partnerships did well in gaining 12 of the 22 CCs on offer and 18 of the CCs were awarded to the champion section.

Next year's show will be staged on *1st & 2nd July (week 26)* and we are looking forward to the Spangle variety having two challenge certificates at this show for the green and blue series separately.

DOMINANT PIEDS

George Booth judged the 73 dominant piers and awarded Alec & Dave Woan's light green cock best dominant pier and best pier in show. An excellent bird, well marked with good width, mask and spots but suffering as slightly out of condition. D & E Randall from the intermediate section occupied second placing with a stylish cinnamon grey green cock that stood well. A yellowface grey cock from Sam Wildes was in third place possessing good quality face but short in the body. A dark green hen from the Eatwell stud was best hen in this section. Another new variety benched by Jeff Attwood was the Frosted (Dutch) Pier and his cobalt cock was the best Clearflight any age and best overall.

The mother & son partnership of M & M Chapman came to the fore to win the young bird award with a stylish light green cock shown in good condition. A solid cinnamon skyblue hen belonging to the Eatwell stud was in second place followed by Sam Wildes' large and well spotted grey green cock in third place. Jeff Attwood won the clearflight young bird award with another Frosted (Dutch) Pier dark green cock.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Any Age C.C. Line Up</u>	<u>Young Bird C.C. Line Up</u>
1.	A & D Woan	M & M Chapman
2.	D & E Randall	FS & K Eatwell
3.	Sam Wildes	Sam Wildes
4.	Sam Wildes	G & J Al-Nasser
5.	J W Mitchell	D & E Randall
6.	FS & K Eatwell	J Attwood
7.	M Handley	R Bray
8.	D J Hancocks	M Anzara
9.	J Attwood	P Cheatley
10.	B A Wilson	D W Moss

RECESSIVE PIEDS HIGHEST ENTRY

Once again the Recessive Pied entry exceeded that of the Dominant Pied and there were 92 for Peter Hutchinson to judge. Geoff Capes headed this section with a dark green cock that also took the award for best recessive pied in show. A quality bird well staged. A super quality yellowface cobalt cock with slight flecking was second for the Eatwell family. D. J. Spruce from the novice section was third with a dark green cock of quality and feather. Best hen was a big bold cinnamon dark green with nice cap from Geoff Capes. Best dark-eyed clear any age and best overall, a yellow cock, belonged to Michael Mitchinson.

Neil & Keith Johnson won the young bird C.C. with a dark green cock of good size. M & M Chapman were second with a type skyblue cock followed by a yellowface white dark-eyed clear cock belonging to the Eatwell stud. A violet hen from Cliff & Darren Jones was best opposite sex in this section.

Place Any Age C.C. Line Up Young Bird C.C. Line Up

1.	G Capes	N & K Johnson
2.	FS & K Eatwell	M & M Chapman
3.	D J Spruce	FS & K Eatwell
4.	G Capes	C & D Jones
5.	M W Mitchinson	D Spruce
6.	B Bailey	D Spruce
7.	D J Spruce	
8.	J Cosby	
9.	E & M Nee	
10.	Aimee Mahony	

Patronage Report

Well the show season is almost over. It seems just a short time ago that I was receiving the first returns. The number of pied's out on the show bench seems to have increased slightly this year so some shows will be given better patronage next year.

The VBC young stock show held at the Specialist & Rare show was an extremely good event and the new award salvers were well received by the winners. We have four more salvers to be won at our club show which is held in conjunction with the BS club show on November 19th & 20th 2005. These are for Best Dominant Pied Any Age and Young Bird and Best Recessive Pied Any Age and Young Bird. They are well worth winning - just ask the recipients at the Young Stock show.

Don't forget to keep on collecting your gold and silver badge award cards. As soon as you have got twenty of one colour (gold or silver) send them in and I will send you a gold or silver badge.

Please remind your society patronage secretary that VBC patronage applications for next years show season closes on 28th February 2006. Late applications cause a lot of inconvenience especially if they arrive when the rosettes have been relegated back to the loft.

Have a good breeding season and I looking forward to seeing your name on the patronage return forms.

Pat Fielding

Colours of Recessive Pied's and Wing markings.

By Ian Fielding

This year I have had some mixed experiences with Recessive Pied's. Having bred the variety for more than 20 years, with ups and down during that time – I have had a few really good birds, which have succeeded on the show bench.

In 2003 I bred a very nice, typy Grey Yellow Recessive Pied Cock, which shows itself off very well, maybe not the biggest – but does look a show bird. And it has won a couple of C.C.'s However, with the variety markings being subdued due to the Yellow colour of the bird, this has proven detrimental. Judges in general cannot make their minds up what variety the bird is, and either put it down in the line up, some I have been told have asked stewards etc what colour the bird is etc.

This bird has recently produced some Grey White Recessive Pied's, so we will just have to see what the judges make of them when they are shown!

This discrepancy in judging has again been compounded by some Dark-eyed Clears I have been breeding this year, a welcome return after this variety stopped breeding for me some 4 years ago. As you know these birds are exhibited in Recessive Pied Classes where the show does not have dark-eyed Clear classes in the schedule. Again there have been questions such as “this isn't a recessive, it should be wrong classed!”. And luckily the stewards have been able to correct the judge in colour recognition.

Surely now that the Judges Training Scheme has been around for so long, and that as part of this the trainee judges should have seen many of the more specialist varieties, these sort of questions and corrections by Stewards should not be required.

Another ongoing issue within the recessive Pied's is that of Wing Markings, over the years of producing this magazines we have had various articles written by prominent fanciers about wing markings

and what they should be like on the Recessive Pied to conform to the Standard as laid down by the Budgerigar Society.

However we still see birds with more than 50% black wing markings being placed higher in the sections, and sometimes taking specials at Major Shows. They may be “Good Budgies” according to the judge – but surely when a variety has a standard the judging should take this into account and the ones with larger amounts of dark markings should be pushed back in favour of more appropriately marked birds.

I would love to hear comments and experiences from other fanciers about the subjects I have raised here, and if you have any thing to say – then please send it in, and I will publish a follow-up in February’s Variegated Post!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Ian Fielding.

Email - i.fielding@blueyonder.co.uk

New VBC merchandise!

As you will have read earlier - we now have VBC Mugs!



These are in full colour, with the Club Colour Logo - drawn by Eric Peake - These are available from the General Secretary at a cost of £4.50 incl P&P in the UK, and £5.50 (10 euros) incl P&P rest of world.

See a colour picture of these on the VBC Website -

www.variegatedbc.co.uk

We also now have our own VBC Pied Breeding registers, these will take up to 26 Pairs and are colour coded to the UK Colour of Rings for the particular year. These are £1.50 incl P&P.

See these at the VBC Stand at the Specialist & Rare Variety Show and the VBC/BS Club Show.

The VBC has gone Computerised!

VBC Slide Show now available on CD-Rom

For those who have seen the VBC Slide Show on loan to societies over the years it has proved to be dated and I find myself difficult to update.

So what we are have done is to scan the original set of slides - add text pages, including breeding expectations etc, update the pictures with ones



from members own Web Sites, and new ones taken on digital camera.

The CD-Roms are available from the general Secretary at a cost of £6.00 including postage and packing. These can be used at Club meetings, or for loan to members and may prove useful to those newcomers to PIEDS who would like to learn more about them

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