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NOTICE BOARD – August 2025 Report by Ghalib Al-Nasser

As we are in the middle of summer in the northern Hemisphere, most countries and fanciers are busy with their show season and no doubt a few countries in the southern Hemisphere are at the end of their show season. On behalf of the WBO Executive Committee, we wish you all a successful show season.

WBO Meeting: we extend our best congratulations to the General Council of The Budgerigar Society (U.K.) for inviting the WBO to its 30th meeting to celebrate the B.S. centenary year. It was the B.S. who were instrumental in organising the first international meetings in 1992 and 1993 which led to the formation of the WBO in 1994 so it is befitting that we, the WBO, join them in this special celebration



of the oldest budgerigar society/club in the world. It was very good to see 20 fanciers representing 11 societies from 10 countries who participated at the

meeting. The weekend was great with a good show and lectures from Ali Bouresli (Kuwait), Marcellus Burkle (Germany), Maarten Heylen (Belgium) and Martin Stieglmaier (Germany).

As always at such meetings, many decisions were approved, and all can be found in the Minutes circulated with this letter.

Gould Award: As per WBO Rules only one nomination was received by the end of December last year for the Gould Award and it was for our WBO vice chairman Grant Findlay.

Our congratulations are extended to Grant for a well-deserved award for his contribution to the WBO and the fancy in general over so many years.



Nominations for the 2026 Gould Award will need to be sent to me

by 31st December 2025 at the very latest and must be on the society's official headed paper signed by a senior official of that society with a 200 word biographical notes about the candidate.

WBO International Judges Panel: As part of the discussion at the meeting it was agreed, from a recommendation by the WBO Executive Committee through Grant Findlay, to update the **WBO International Judges Panel** by having an indication if judges on the Panel throughout the world are willing to judge colour budgerigars by using the following criteria against their names:

- Which judges are able and willing to judge any Budgerigar (Type & Colour)***.
- Or Which judges are able & willing to judge only Exhibition Type Budgerigars**.
- Or Which judges are able and willing to judge only Colour Budgerigars*.

Can I ask all WBO affiliated societies who have judges on the WBO International Judges Panel to ask their judges which criteria they wish to be on and also to supply their email addresses as well please.

WBO Pictorial Ideal: Although the 2024 Ideal was accepted by a large majority (56 votes to 36 votes against) it was felt that some minor adjustments were still needed from the feedback we had from the Budgerigar Society (U.K.) re-tail length and from many European countries' re-visibility of the eye and beak.

From recommendations from the meeting, the final adjustments were made by the artist and the drawing passed on to member countries to vote on by 15th October. Also, a statement was prepared to accompany the new Ideal when & wherever it is published highlighting the welfare of the bird.



2nd Vice Chairman: As per the WBO Constitution (Rule 9.vii & viii) the election of the new position of the 2nd Vice Chairman to look after the affairs of the Colour Budgerigar is to follow the same rule as the election of the other officers. Therefore, I ask all WBO affiliated societies to consider nominating a suitable person for this post and send to me in writing by 31st December the very latest. The new nominations for this post have to be nominated by two countries and accepted by the country in which the nominee resides. Should there be more than one nomination then a ballot will take place in January 2026 to elect the candidate.

WBO World Championship Show:

As agreed before that when the WBO meeting is held outside mainland Europe, the WBO show will be held in mainland Europe during the summer (week number 27). This year the show was held in France near Colmar on 4th – 6th July.



The show received a good entry of 210 exhibition type and 589 colour budgerigars from 54 exhibitors representing 7 countries.

The judges for the exhibition birds were Marcellus Bürkle (Germany) and Martin Heylen (Belgium) and for the colour budgerigar the judges were Jens Pollmann (Germany) and Martin Stieglmaier (Germany).

The major winners were:

Best in Show & Best Any Age – Yellowface Grey cock – MJB Partners (Belgium)

Best Any Age Opposite Sex – Opaline Dark Green hen - MJB Partners (Belgium)

Best Young Bird in Show – Dominant Pied Yellowface Cinnamon Grey hen – Ignace Reinhart (France)

Best Young Bird Opposite Sex – Texas Clearbody Grey cock – MJB Partners (Belgium)

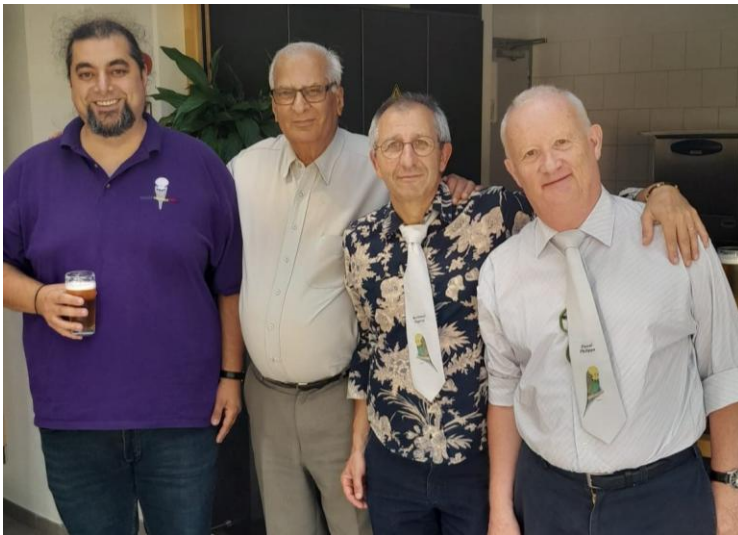


Best Colour Budgerigar Any Age – Lutino hen – Jean Marie Weyrich (Luxemburg)

Best Any Age Opposite Sex – Recessive Pied Skyblue cock – Edouard Merrienne (France)

Best Colour Budgerigar in Show & Best Young Bird – Light Green hen – Marine Sueur (France)

Best Young Bird Opposite Sex – Texas Clearbody Grey cock – Sarah Modave (Belgium)



While judging was in progress, 3 fanciers (Florian Orzea [Romania], Pascal Philippe [France] & Bertrand Duprey [France]) took the WBO Judges Test and passed. The test consists of a written test, practical test (under the supervision of the judges) and colour identification test. They are now national judges in their own countries and after 3 years they will be added to the WBO International Judges Panel on request.

An auction took place on the Saturday evening of the 5 birds that were donated by Daniel Lutolf (2 birds) and Mathieu

Bily, Marcellus Burkle and Maarten Heylen which raised sufficient funds to go towards modernising the WBO website Home Page design.



Subscriptions: The annual subscription was due on **1st April**. I enclose the **Information Sheet** again and request that you fill it in and return to me with your subscription fee (the form is also on the WBO website, 2nd form). The WBO bank details are also included on the sheet should you wish to pay by bank transfer or by PayPal. It is important that I receive this **completed** Information Sheet to update my records with your society's details, names and details of delegates as well as society website address and show dates. I am happy to accept the equivalent payment in Euros or US Dollars depending on the exchange rate at the time. A few societies have already paid the 2025 fee in advance.

Please check the WBO website and the **Contact Information for Member Countries** file to see if I have accurate details of your contact and also the correct website address.

Also, please visit the **WBO International Judges Panel** file and check that I have the correct details of your judges and their current telephone numbers (**and also email addresses**) as the responsibility lies with you for the accuracy of the information relating to your society/country. **Please remember that to be on the WBO International Judges Panel you need to be a current breeder and exhibitor.** Those past judges who are no longer keepers, breeders or exhibitors of budgerigars should not be on the active WBO International Judges Panel but may be on their own society's panel.

Show Results & Website: Show results from 4 societies are already displayed on the website and I am still waiting for others. Please let me have your show results or inform me if your show has been cancelled. Please visit the website for such information

Research Articles: I am pleased to attach two research articles that should be of great interest to our members. One about Trichomonas by Dr. Hamish Baron and the other, also from Dr. Baron, about Water. I found both very interesting and hope that you do too.

Future Meetings: Our next WBO meeting will be held on Saturday 7th November 2026 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, hosted by the Emirates Budgerigar Club (EBC). The EBC is extending a very generous offer for delegates to attend the show on the Friday then the meeting on the Saturday by offering 3 nights bed & breakfast free accommodation on a shared bases where possible to all the delegates.

Portugal extended an invitation for the 2027 meeting to be held on week 27 (10th / 11th July) which was accepted. We are looking forward to further invitations from 2028 onwards.

As it was agreed before, the WBO World Championship Show will be held in mainland Europe on a fixed week number 27, when possible, when the WBO meeting is held outside mainland Europe; so the next WBO World Championship Show will be held in Reggio Emilia, Italy on 12th – 14th June 2026.

Please share the Minutes and the articles with all your members.

If you have any comments on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. On behalf of our Chairman Carlos Ramôa, Vice Chairman Grant Findlay, Immediate Past Chairman Gerd Bleicher, Past Chairman Roger Carr and myself we wish you all good health, happiness and a successful breeding/show season and in the meantime, **keep well and stay safe.**

Yours sincerely

Ghalib Al-Nasser
Secretary / Treasurer