MEMBERS PROFILE

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| **How did you become involved in budgies & the hobby?** Have had them since about six years old, started showing late 1980s.**What set-up do you have for keeping and breeding your budgies?**Number of aviaries, 132 breeding cabinets, plus large internal cages.**What advice would you give to someone starting up the hobby?**Do not buy expensive birds until you get breeding experience, talk to as many old school breeders as possible.**What bloodlines do you have in your birds?**A number of bloodlines I breed with as families, lately Manvell, earlier Watson K and V, O'reilly and the odd pick up at auction.**How do you prepare your birds for a show?**Very little, slack show man. Spray a couple of times, remove unwanted spots.**Is there anything you do in the bird room that has helped your breeding success?**Hard work, listening to advice from other breeders, keep birds as healthy as possible.**What main features do you select for in your budgies?**Width of head, nice mask, short wings, do not worry too much about big long birds, compact neat bird, does it for me. | **What varieties are your favourites?**Have bred most varieties, recessive pieds are a favourite, but everyone needs good normals to maintain quality in any variety.**What do you enjoy about being part of the New England Club?**Was my club for many years, made lifelong friends as newly back hope this will happen again.**What was one of your favourite moments in the hobby?**Hard to say, maybe three national wins and a second way back in 2006. But I really like selling off culls to people who bring their children and show them babies forming with light, letting them hold babies, to see the joy it brings to young people. I will never forget it is my hobby first and above everything else.**Who influenced or helped you when you started out?**Had birds many years before I started to show, probably the late mate Phil Robinson who started me showing.**How do you prepare your birds for the breeding season?**If they look good in cabinets they go. Always pluck vent area. **Anything you would like to say or comment on about the hobby?****Personally do not agree with on line auction big money birds do not interest me a lot of breeders forget it is a hobby** Personally do not agree with online auctions. Big money birds do not interest me, a lot of breeders forget it is a hobby.  |