



## *Han Schrijver*



One day my father bought in an enthusiastic mood a complete aviary with several species of birds. Actually, this was the start for me of keeping birds. First we kept birds in several flights and let them do colony breeding. During the years I became member of a bird society. Then my father came home with some English budgerigars. What a difference with the normal budgerigars. We decided to focus on the English budgerigars and from this point it really went on seriously. My father and I started a partnership and we visited some fanciers and purchased some budgerigars. We also started breeding with pairs in separate cages and started showing our birds on small local shows. After some years we became member of a specialized society for English budgerigars.

We started in the beginner section and some years later we were already champion breeders. This status we kept until today. To keep the champion status we decided that we have to hunt on a regular basis for the best outcrosses we could get within our budget. We also started to visit England famous budgerigar breeders. With this birds we managed to keep a reasonable quality stud of birds.

In 1990 I got the possibility to start with a training to become a budgerigar judge. In 1992 I passed for the test. Since I became a judge I met many more budgerigar breeders. I also visited many breeders at their homes. Among these breeders was the number one of budgerigar world; Jo Mannes. The first visit to him was unbelievable. I never saw such number of quality birds together in one birdroom. It was obvious that I wanted birds from this super stud but ofcourse I was not the only one. But Jo Mannes was willing to sell me birds on a regular basis and today I can say that a lot of Mannes bloodline is bred into my stud. Still the hobby gives a lot of pleasure and that is the most important thing.

I am a certified judge since 1992. I am qualified (WBO)Judge of NGC-DBS (Holland). Since then I judged a lot of shows in Holland and abroad for example:

- More than once on all district shows in Holland...
  - Several babyshows in Holland.
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  - Several babyshows in Belgium.
  - Several times on district shows in Belgium.
- Several times the national clubshow of the B.G.C. in Belgium.
- The worldchampionship BS clubshow in England 2000.
- The national clubshow of the AZ-DWV, Kassel, in Germany.
  - The "Europaschau", Karlsruhe, in Germany.
- Landesjungvogelschau Niedersachsen/Bremen, in Germany.
  - The clubshow of the SWV in Switzerland.
    - 2005 Clubshow of Israel.
    - Show in France at Orléans.
    - Clubshow NBS 2007,Sialkot Pakistan.
    - DSV Bundesschau Mönchengladbach.
    - Young stock show Norway.

- National DUK 2012/2013 clubshow, Denmark.
  - Show Lissabon 2015, Portugal.
    - Show PAF Karachi 2016
    - Show BSP Lahore 2016
  - AZ Landesschau Hessen 2016

As a judge you have the privilege to decide which bird is the best for winning a class, or even more! As a basis you have to take in mind two important tools during judging; the written standard and the pictorial ideal. Above that the eye for a modern show budgie is essential. It is my opinion that a bird should sit on the perch, even it is only a split second, before you can give your final judgement. As a judge you should respect the exhibitor and therefore all birds have to be judged precisely.



A winning show budgerigar should be a high quality bird which is beautiful balanced and in harmony!

**The bird must be an elegant appearance!**