

Éire Budgerigar Society's Club Show 2015

The Éire B.S. Club Show has now become more than just a Budgerigar Exhibition, but a gathering of Budgerigar Breeders from all over the island of Ireland to share in the social side of our great hobby, and the weekend of the 13th & 14th of June this year was to prove to be bigger and better than previous years. This year we had visitors and exhibitors from 12 different counties, north and south who gathered on Saturday evening the 13th of June in the beautiful surroundings of the Waterside Hotel, Donabate, Co Dublin to have and share the craic.

Saturday afternoon saw the committee along with a super team of helpers erect the staging in double quick time and this led to us being an hour ahead of schedule when it came to benching the birds. All the exhibits were benched by 7pm and thanks to head steward Robert McLaughlin, any beginner or junior bird misclassifications were spotted and corrected before we closed up the hall for the evening.

Sunday morning and after a hearty breakfast we headed to the hall for 9am as judging was scheduled to commence at 9:15. After a final check on the benched figures our Judge Mr Barrie Shutt from Cumbria got stuck into the Champion classes beginning with a class of light greens.

Alongside with Robert were Ron Thompson, Noel Lee, Robbie McGlynn, Barry Fletcher and Gerard Lanigan who made up the team of show stewards. This year, Gerard Lanigan used a "Tablet" to enter the results into the "Showman Computer Program" as they were being written on the cage labels. This allowed the full show results to be printed within minutes of Best in Show being declared. Thanks to superb work by the show team the judging of the 219 benched entries was completed

by 12:30 where Gerard Lanigan's 2014 rung Light Green was declared "**Best in Show**".



It was time now for everyone to take a well deserved break for lunch. After Lunch we held a raffle for a beautiful young Sky cock bird which had been kindly donated by our Judge, Barrie Shutt. This bird generated great interest and it earned the club a healthy €305 euro. It was won by club Secretary Barry Fletcher. Other birds donated by Noel Lee and Gerard Lanigan were won by Leslie Harkin from the Co Antrim Club. The results from the show were as follows: Best in Show, Best Any Age in Show, Best Any Age Opposite Sex in Show, Best Opposite sex in Show, Best Current year Opposite Sex in Show, Best Barhead, Best Intermediate: Gerard Lanigan.

Best Current Year in Show, Best Champion in Show: McAuley & Ross.

Best Novice in Show: Robert McLaughlin.

Best Beginner in Show: William Twyford.

Best Junior in Show: Alex Caverly.

The Society would like to thank Barrie Shutt for stepping into judge at such late notice we very much appreciate it.

Next up for the Éire B.S will be their Open Show which takes place on the second weekend in September. Fred Wright will place the awards, and we'll be joined by renowned Avian Vet, Dr. Marcellus Buerkle from Germany who will give a talk on "Prevention of Diseases" in our birds. For the full results please visit <http://www.eirebudgerigarsociety.org/showresults.htm> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EireBS/>

The committee would like to thank, Jack Caverly for looking after all of Mr Shutt's transport needs. Thanks also goes to, Brian McCabe, Michael Hartnett and Michael Roberts for all their help over the weekend. A special thanks to Sandra Mathews of the Donabate Community Centre for all her help and everyone else who helped make the weekend special, thank you.

For further information on our club's activities, please visit our website or contact the secretary, Mr Barry Fletcher on +353 87 2054913