GLOSTER CLUB OF VICTORIA Inc.
PROPOSED SYLLABUS 2022

Due to the COVID-19 crisis our meetings will operate under Covid requirements until advised otherwise.

2022

January	Saturday 8	9.00am to 12 noon **3rd Young Stock Show** Nest & Broken Feather. Finalise syllabus. Discussion on Shows. Club future etc.
February	Saturday 12	9.00am to 12 noon **4th Young Stock Show** Nest, broken or moulted.
March	Saturday 12	9.00am to 12 noon **Clear & LV/Yellow/Cinnamon/White Show** Entries taken on day
April	Saturday 2	Meeting cancelled due to Hall refurbishment.
May	Saturday 21	8.00am to 1.00pm **ANNUAL SHOW** This is a FULL PATRONAGE show of the International Gloster Breeders Association Entries close Friday May 10
June	Saturday 11	9.00am to 12 noon **GLOSTER DIPLOMA SHOW** Entries in by Thursday June 9 Incorporating the **CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP**
July	1st	**Subscriptions due**
July	Saturday 10	9.00am to 12 noon. Breeding Discussion
August	Saturday 13	9.00am to 12 noon **Annual General meeting**. Discus syllabus for 2023 General discussion
September	Saturday 10	9.00am to 12 noon General discussion on the Gloster Fancy Bird Auction
October	Saturday 8	9.00am to 12 noon Discussion on weaning canaries.
November	Saturday 12	9.00am to 12 noon **1st Young Stock Show –** Nest Feather
December	Saturday 10	8.00am to 1.00pm Invitation from Fife Club to Christmas meeting **2nd Young Stock Show –** Nest Feather

Gloster Gazette

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Meetings held on the second Saturday of each month

At the CLYDE STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE
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GLOSTER GAZETTE

Next Meeting: Saturday 11th June 2022 8 am to 1 pm

GLOSTER DIPLOMA SHOW. Young birds only.

CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP for Any age Coronas.
The winner will be judged against the Diploma show winner for the Crown Championship. Entries please by Thursday June 9

Dear Members,
Well, what a great day we had at our Annual Show on the 21st May. The day turned out with perfect clear skies and quality Glosters on the bench. I would like to congratulate everybody who brought birds along to support our Club. Our new Novice member Alfio took out Best Opposite Head in Show with a lovely HV Buff Corona. Milton Tonkin won Best Open Corona in Show and was pipped at the post by the Novice Corona. Both birds were of excellent quality. Alfio also won Best Novice Consort and Barry Jenkins took out numerous smaller awards winning many Diplomas. I managed to win Grand Champion in Show with my HV Buff Consort Hen. I would have to say that this bird is one of the better Glosters I have ever bred and am honoured to win this award, especially with the IGBA Rosettes from England being presented to all winning birds.

I must thank the Judges on the day: Tilby Hayward who judged the Coronas, John Impey who judged the Consorts, and Jeff Leaney who had the final say with judging the Champion birds. A big thank you to everybody who chipped in to help on the day. A special mention must go to our Show Secretary Barry Jenkins, who did a great job with all the sixty odd entries: Milton Tonkin, Tony Cipriano and Charlie Sultana who did an excellent job with the stewarding John Impey who organised the pizzas for lunch and Jean Farrugia who kept on top of the kitchen for the day
We also shared the day with the Lizard Club and thank you to Sammy Farrugia and Mark Hall who looked after the Lizard entries and awards on the day. We even managed to have one of our most popular members, Bruce Petersen pop in to say hello. It was great to catch up with him and all those members who didn't attend missed out on a great Show. The numbers were well down on previous years but I think with Covid and quite a few of our ageing members selling their birds (which has become a trend across the many bird clubs throughout Australia); the Clubs are struggling to survive. I suppose it's the change of the times and I think in the next few years there will be less bird clubs around.

I will try my best to keep this Club going as long as I can until we can no longer have enough members to form a committee

Finally, on a very sad note we lost one of our members Roy Thiele who passed away from a heart attack on 13th May. He was not only a great mate to me but also a great club man and will be sadly missed. R.I.P Roy.

At our next meeting in June, we will hold our Diploma Show and I hope to see some more quality Glosters on the show bench

That's all for now and see you on Saturday the 11th.

Kind regards Rod Knight

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OFFICE BEARERS 2021–2022

PRESIDENT:	***SECRETARY:***	***TREASURER:***
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Tony Cipriano	9853 3428	Secretary: Public Officer: Ring Registrar: Assist Show Manager
Jeff Leaney	9457 1956	Vice President: Assistant Editor: Membership Registrar
Dawn Doherty	0412 883 129	Past President: Newsletter Editor:
Julie Hollaway	0421 814 579	Treasurer
Milton Tonkin	9878 8049	Show Manager
John Impey	0457 739 512	Show Manager: Judges Panel Coordinator
Charlie Sultana	9763 5446	Assist. Show Manager: Judges Panel Coordinator
Roy Thiele	5275 0478	Assist. Show Manager:
Barry Jenkins	9876 3519	Show Secretary: Assist. Show Manager
Sam Farrugia	9338 9591	Assist. Show Secretary: Accessory Bar Items
Jean Farrugia	9338 9591	Catering Officer

Life Members: J. Leaney, R. Bowker, C. Sultana, D. Daff, T. Brooks, J. Hollaway, D. Doherty, T. Cipriano

ACCESSORY BAR ITEMS Sam Farrugia **To pre-order items Ph: 9338 9591**

SHOW DRINKERS Black Show Drinkers available at meetings $2.50 each

SHOW CAGE PAINT
Only cages to the standard colour are to be used at our shows.
The colour does not have a name but is mixed to a formula by any good paint store.
To 500ml of Dulux High Gloss Enamel – Vivid White base.
4 parts (or notches on the tint dispenser) of tint B
2 parts (or notches on the tint dispenser) of tint C

ANNUAL SHOW MAY 2022

This was a full patronage show of the IGBA

MAJOR WINNERS

GRAND CHAMPION GLOSTER Rod Knight
Won by a TPD Consort
F. Williams Perpetual Trophy – IGBA & GCV Rosettes & Diploma

BEST OPPOSITE HEAD TO CHAMPION Alfio Alessandrino
Won by a TPD Corona -- GCV Rosette

CHALLENGE TROPHY Barry Jenkins
Perpetual Trophy for Best Clear Consort or Corona in Show

GCV ACHIEVEMENT MEDALLION & ROSETTE Barry Jenkins
From Best Clear to TPD corona or Consort

Corona Awards

IGBA Rosette - Best Clear to TPD Corona Open	Barry Jenkins
IGBA Rosette - Best Grizzle Corona Open	Barry Jenkins
IGBA Rosette - Best TPD Corona Open	Milton Tonkin
IGBA Rosette - Best Clear to TPD Corona Novice	Alfio Alessandrino
IGBA Rosette - Best TPD Corona Novice	Alfio Alessandrino
CHAMPION CORONA (A TPD Corona)	Alfio Alessandrino

M. Leaney Perpetual Trophy – Golden Feather Award – GCV Rosette

Consort Awards

IGBA Rosette – Best Clear to TPD Consort Open	Barry Jenkins
IGBA Rosette - Best TPD Consort Open	Rod Knight
CHAMPION CONSORT (A TPD Consort)	Rod Knight

B. Porter Perpetual Trophy – Silver Feather Award – GCV Rosette

Additional IGBA Awards

IGBA Rosette - Champion Yellow Gloster Open	Milton Tonkin
IGBA Rosette - Champion Cinnamon Gloster Open	Barry Jenkins
IGBA Rosette - Champion White Gloster Open	Barry Jenkins
IGBA Rosette - Champion White Gloster Novice	Alfio Alessandrino
IGBA Rosette - Champion Gloster Open	Milton Tonkin
IGBA Rosette - Champion Gloster Novice	Alfio Alessandrino

Rod Knight with the Champion Gloster

Alfio Alessandrino – Best Opp Head

Annual Show Best Open Corona Milton Tonkin

Best Grizzle Corona Barry Jenkins

LINSEED WATER

A good way to use linseed so as to get a nice sheen on the feathers is to soak 1 teaspoon of linseed in a cupful of cold water for 12 hours before it is intended for use. This is the well stirred and strained and the water given to the birds instead of ordinary water. If this is used fresh every day it will help give a beautiful sheen to the plumage by the end of the moulting period, but apart from that, it is one of the best-known remedies for colds. Be sure to wash the drinking bottles thoroughly each day, otherwise they will tend to become slimy.

THE EGG - A SMALL TREASURE by *Jim Clever. From Feathered World*

A bird's egg is nature's way of reproducing the species and contains all the essential nutrients for life. All the required nutrients are packed into the yolk and albumen (egg white) before it is laid. Since the egg is a sealed unit, a fertile egg must contain the exact amount of water, protein, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins and fats that are needed, since any deficiency will reduce the embryo's ability to grow, hatch and survive. The female gamete, the ovum, is the largest cell known to science; but the male cell (gamete) the spermatozoon, is truly microscopic. However, the nucleus of the ovum is a tiny white 'speck', smaller than a pinhead, found on top of the egg-yolk: this is where the sperm (the male gamete) must 'drill' into the ovum and combine its DNA with that of the female gamete to form the new living embryo.

The delicate structures of the egg are 'assembled' in four precise stages.

1. First the yolk and ovum develop in the ovary, among a 'grape-like' cluster of similar ovules, or miniature yolks. The yolk, together with its unfertilised blastoderm (the ovum), matures in the ovary until it is released into the "infundibulum" (the upper funnel) of the oviduct, where it encounters the male sperm and is fertilised.

2. The fertilised egg with its microscopic embryo now passes down to the 'magnum' (the upper middle section of the oviduct), where a layer of watery albumen (the egg-white) envelops the yolk in a thin sack. At opposite ends of the yolk, thin strands of albumen become twisted to form the rope-like 'chalaza'; these two cords suspend the yolk centrally in a floating 'hammock' as it travels down the oviduct; the chalaza prevent the yolk from rising to bruise itself against the shell membranes. Before the yolk leaves the 'magnum' the remaining volume of watery albumen is wrapped around it. 3. The developing egg then enters the 'isthmus' (the lower mid-section of the oviduct) where the yolk and albumen are completely encapsulated in two loose-fitting shell membranes.

4. The egg then passes on to the 'uterus', where the final stage of egg formation occurs. About 80% of the egg's development is spent in the uterus; here the shell membranes tighten around the yolk and albumen, and the outer eggshell is finally secreted.

Once the shell has hardened, the finished egg passes down to the cloaca and is laid. This whole process takes about twenty-four hours.

The hen lays one egg per day, until she has a clutch of three to six eggs, depending on the breed of canary. She then incubates them for thirteen days.

INSIDE THE INCREDIBLE EGG

Temperature is the most critical factor for the development of the embryo inside a canary egg. If the temperature rises above or fails below the optimum incubaion range, life ends and this optimum temperature falls within a very narrowly defined range, 37.5°C - 37.8°C for all species of birds. The body temperature of an incubating chicken is 42°C, while that of a sitting canary hen may reach 43°C, but the temperature inside the eggs of both species must never exceed 37.8°C. The hen achieves this by constantly turning and re-arranging her clutch. The surface of the egg may be warmer in direct contact with the hen's 'brood patch', but she carefully turns and rotates her eggs so that the interior of the egg remains a nearly constant 37.8°C.

The germinal disc, the blastoderm, of a fertilized egg begins to develop even before the egg leaves the warm confines of the hen's body. Within two hours of fertilisation, the newly formed cell, containing half the DNA of each parent, divides to form two cells. Cell division continues so that by the time the egg is laid, a ball of undifferentiated cells sits on the upper surface of the egg yolk, where it will soon become the embryo. When the egg is laid in the nest, the internal temperature fails below 26.7°C, cell-division stops and the egg becomes dormant. This is why it is so important, if you remove the eggs, that you store them in a cool area between 10 - 20°C. Storing eggs at 28°C or above will cause a slow growth of these cells that result in the eventual weakening and death of the embryonic cells. Eggs kept at temperatures below 4.5°C will also kill these fertile cells.

Once the canary hen begins incubating her eggs, and they reach the correct internal temperature, a number of events occur in rapid succession.

On the First Day:

10th hour - minute canary embryo is visible
11th hour - alimentary (digestive) tract appears
12th hour - vertebral column starts to develop
13th hour - head begins to form
15th hour - heart and eyes begin to form
21st hour - ear formation begins.

Second Day - heart begins beating
- legs and wings begin to grow
- tongue and nostrils start to form

Third Day - formation of reproductive organs and differentiation of sex

Fourth Day - beak begins to form

Fifth Day - down and feather follicles begin to form

Sixth Day - beak begins to harden

Seventh Day - the halfway point to hatching. All the above tissues and organs continue to grow and develop.

Eight Day - appearance of leg scales and toenails

Ninth Day - a critical event, the embryo changes position so that its head and shoulders are at the 'blunt' end of the egg.

Tenth Day - Scales, toenails, and beak firm and harden
- beak turns toward the air chamber

Eleventh Day - the yolk sac starts to be absorbed into the body cavity

Twelfth Day - canary chick fills all the space in the egg except the air chamber

Thirteenth Day - neck spasms triggered by rising dioxide levels within the egg, cause chick to break into air chamber and take its first breath. Carbon dioxide levels begin to rise again as the chick consumes the oxygen in the air chamber. Abdominal contractions suck the yolk sac into the chick's body. Neck, abdominal, and back muscle spasms occur causing the chick to 'pip' a hole in the egg and the hatching process begins.

Fourteenth Day- a new canary chick

The development of the canary embryo is a progressive, systematic process, and follows a definite timetable for the development of each part of the chick's body.

THE MIRACLE OF THE HATCHING EGG

As the embryo of the fertile canary egg develops, the chick gradually transfers its head from the egg's 'pointed' end, toward the air chamber in the 'blunt' end, and tucks its head under its right wing. Since the unhatched egg is a 'closed' system, there is little exchange of gases between the embryo and the external environment. As the chick grows, blood, gases and nutrients circulate in the allantoid, a membranous sac that develops from the posterior part of the alimentary canal in the embryos of mammals, birds, and reptiles. But as the chick grows, the exchange of gases within the allantoid, eventually fail to meet the needs of the developing chick. The rising level of carbon dioxide within the egg eventually triggers spasms in the neck muscles of the embryo, causing the chick's head to 'jerk' until its beak ruptures the membrane of the air chamber at the broad end of the egg.

The chick takes its first breath and its lungs begin to function as it breathes the air within this chamber. At this time the left-right cardio-vascular shunt in the embryo's immature heart closes and the heart-lung system begins to function normally. The elevated carbon dioxide levels also cause the abdominal muscles to contract, pulling the external yolk sac within the abdominal cavity, where it is slowly absorbed.

As the chick consumes the oxygen in the air chamber, the carbon dioxide level rises again, to as much as 10%, triggering contractions in the neck muscles. During one of these spasms, the 'egg tooth' on the chick's beak chips through the eggshell, forming a 'pip' hole, which allows fresh oxygen to enter the air chamber.

Reminder: Current membership ceases at the end of June. You must be financial to order rings.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2022/23
Membership expires each year on the 30th June. Those joining from April receive membership for 15 months

Please consider becoming an email member.

Please forward this renewal slip along with payment to -

MEMBERSHIP G.C.V.
c/o 13 ROBINA ROAD
EAGLEMONT, VIC. 3084

Please make cheques payable to 'Gloster Club of Victoria'

[Preferred] Or use fund transfer into our bank account. – BSB *063182* Account Number *00901806*
Account name Gloster Club of Victoria Description of transfer [*your surname*]
If using fund transfer, notify via email auscanary@iprimus.com.au, or return this form to the above address, or to a meeting.

	New Member [ ]	Renewal [ ]	
E-mail Membership		**$20.00**	**$ 00**
General/Family Membership (postal)		**$25.00**	**$ 00**
Pensioner/Junior Membership		**$20.00**	**$ 00**
Total payment enclosed or Total payment by fund transfer			**$ 00**

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