What a baby show? It is a question of a friendly competition to select the best young people than the stockbreeders amateurs have just obtained between October 2004 and March 2005. The day thus proceeded with the assistance of the French Association of Budgerigars (A.F.O.). More precisely, this competition coupled with the technical day was lit by the advised comments of the judge come from Oise Mr. Jean-Claude Ricque this Sunday May 8, 2005. This last carried out the classification of the birds per series of colors by clarifying the strong points and the weak points in order to improve the beauty of the subjects to the greatest pleasure of our friend Roger Verdier installed with the first cabins. 

In all, 130 subjects were presented including 90 young people and 40 adult birds of 2004 and more. These figures show that this demonstration succeeded in gathering the greatest number of budgerigars of the great south-east. Let us not forget that our area is more famous for its canaries than its budgies! 130 subjects, corresponds to a figure between 3 and 4 times higher of birds presented than in the great contests of the area! The stockbreeders of the great south were also numerous to answer present. This participation of forty stockbreeders of which some took night of hotel to admire the birds and to benefit from the councils was very appreciated by the organizers. We also were pleased to see that certain members of the organizing clubs (Oiseau Club Avignon and Association Provence Ornithologie) moved to palpate environment and we hope that that will push them later on to join us within the circle of the budgies' breeders! In order to make it possible each one to keep trace of the day, a small booklet was given including the standards and their evolution, the method of appreciation of the head of the bird as well as an article of Mr. Renaud and another of Mr. Channoy.

Each gaining series was then confronted with different so that it was possible to determine large gaining what our Anglo-Saxon friends call "Best in the show" and what one will translate by "Meilleur Oiseau".

In the birds of the year 2005, the two first are birds belonging to Mr. Goyet President of the A.F.O. It acts for the first of a green normal which gains the price of the Best bird in youthful plumage and the other a male cinnamon gray green with which returns the title of Better bird 2005. Mr. Goyet having decided to withdraw competition to promote the breeding in our area, awards are redistributed with Mr. and Mrs. Pisson for a slate-coloured hen and Mr. Ropitaux for a dark blue cock.

For the "adult" class birds i.e. here those which were born before October 2005, two birds were chosen by the judge. The Best bird is a green gray cock of Mr. and Mr. Pisson and the Best bird opposite sex is a dark-blue hen of Mr. Channoy.

After this strong moment of the great final which made launch bets in the assistance, Mr. Ricque yielded the place to Mr. Goyet veterinary doctor of medicine so that it presents to us the most current food and diseases at the
budgerigars one. We particularly could appreciate the update of knowledge with regard to the modern infections of our birds such as the "going light" or "megabactery". Doctor Goyet thus confirmed us the current possibility to treat by amphotericin B. The end of the intervention left the word at the assembly for the various questions which related to the health of the grosbeaks as much as the difficulty in obtaining good birds to begin the breeding from the budgerigars ones.

Let us note finally that with an aim of promoting the breeding of show budgerigar, Mr. and Mrs. Pisson put in free lottery a couple of birds. Pulling was carried out among the initial beginner breeders in a strict sense of the term. And by largest of the chances, the gaining ticket was drawn in the last by Mrs. Martin from the club from Oraison (A.O.A.H.P.). We wish her all a good success and let us give you appointment with the next shows of the A.F.O. (October 19-23 in Le Mans) and of Animal notre ami (October 5-9 in Avignon).

**Photos of the jugement:**
The judge's words:

It is with much pleasure, a few years and a few kilos... additional on the shoulders (for the years and... distributed for kg!) how I returned in this same room where one day had on been setting-up by the same organizers April 19, 1998... as time passes!

We could once again check the exactitude of the expression "one does not change a team which gains" since the success was the same one on the convivial level but a tone clearly above when with the number of participants and birds presented. Cheer and thank you Pierre like with your team.

Concerning the birds, I will be delayed more readily on the "young 2005", in greater number than the adults besides, since it was above all on them which the topic of this day rested. However, let us recognize that the very good introduced adults allowed the initial breeders to see the difference which there exists between a bird of less than one year with another of almost two years.

The number of these "young futures champions" was my first very good surprise and the second, undoubtedly best, was the level of quality of the birds present. Without any doubt one year 2005 (the photographs testify some to themselves), which lets predict quite beautiful contests in prospect.

One is delighted in advance, in particular for our festival of Guécelard!

It should first of all be noted that the classes known as "normal" (including let us cinnamons and beaded) were represented. Undoubtedly how our insistence on the need for raising in priority (especially when one begins) of the normal budgerigar, which is the base of the breeding in general, it is finally heard!

What allured me, be that:
- the birds are now much more powerful.
- the masks are lower.
- the pearls, with some exceptions, are larger.
- As much as one can judge some and taking into account the age the subjects, very few birds presented marks, irreversible, of mélanine on the face.
- the color is good and I belonged only very little to case of opalinisation.

I think I may say in this area where, like unfortunately in much of others, the breedings of budgies are not legion, a group of breeders privileging quality it is created and which the beginners do not have to hesitate to visit them, to take councils near them and to solicit them to improve quality of their own breeding.

Pierre, in his intervention above, spoke to you about the preceded birds and their "breeders owners". I will add simply that there were not only these and that other breeders and other birds present allowed to measure the progress made in the breedings of this area, which proves that the action undertaken by the A.F.O. in favour of a
breeding of quality, and not of a number, is bearing its fruits. Let us not slacken our effort!

Even the stockbreeder who had brought small parakeets is also in the same way to congratulate. It was undoubtedly not young person of the assembly, but undoubtedly not the least attentive. Its enthusiasm and its desire for knowing gave pleasure to see.

I thank Dominique and Raymond Pisson who presented the possible maximum of varieties in order to make them discover with the participants who did not know these varieties inevitably. They moreover in a friendly way offered lodging and cover to the members of the A.F.O. present. Thank them like to Jacques Ropitaux always present at our shows.

This day also enabled me with pleasure to re-examine Jocelyne Lelièvre which we known under another "banner"... already many years ago.

At the next year... I hope!

Jean-Claude RICQUE

Conference of Dr. Goyet:

The little speech of the vet and President of the A.F.O.:

What a beautiful day in Avignon!

Beautiful:

- by the great number of birds present,
- by the originality of a "baby show",
- by the participation activates of the two local clubs,
- by the interested presence of many stockbreeders and friends of the budgerigars
- and by its perfect organization of our friend Pierre Channoy.

A mercy special with Miss Antonia Poyatos and the members of the club who, after an aperitif been useful in terrace, levelled us of an excellent paella.

Jean-Claude with known to impassion the assistance by its appreciations on each bird what is an excellent formation for much.

As for me, I could notice all the interest which the breeders carry to the techniques of breeding and the veterinary care, although each one could expose its own methods which are sometimes very original.
I will not forget to thank Dominique and Raymond PISSON for their excellent reception.

Michel GOYET

The great winners:
Normal vert - Meilleur oiseau en plumage juvénile 2005 - El. Michel Goyet
Photo: P. Ciezanley
Ardoisée Bleu - Deuxième Meilleur oiseau 2005 - El. Dominique et Raymond Pisson

Photo: P. Channey
Cobalt - Troisième Meilleur oiseau 2005 - El. Jacques Ropitaux
Philo : P. Chirnoky
Gris vert - Meilleur oiseau 2003 - El. Dominique et Raymond Pisson
Photo: P. Chansey
Présentation / Organigramme / Fédérations / Articles / Bibliothèque / Petites-annonces / Formulaires utiles / Manifestations / Adhésion / Liens / Contacter / Forum