

2018 Grand National Banquet

Distinguished Guests of Honor

Dewayne Weldon

and wife

Becky Weldon



**B.A.A. GRAND NATIONAL
2018**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

“A Golden Jubilee”

A Presentation to honor:

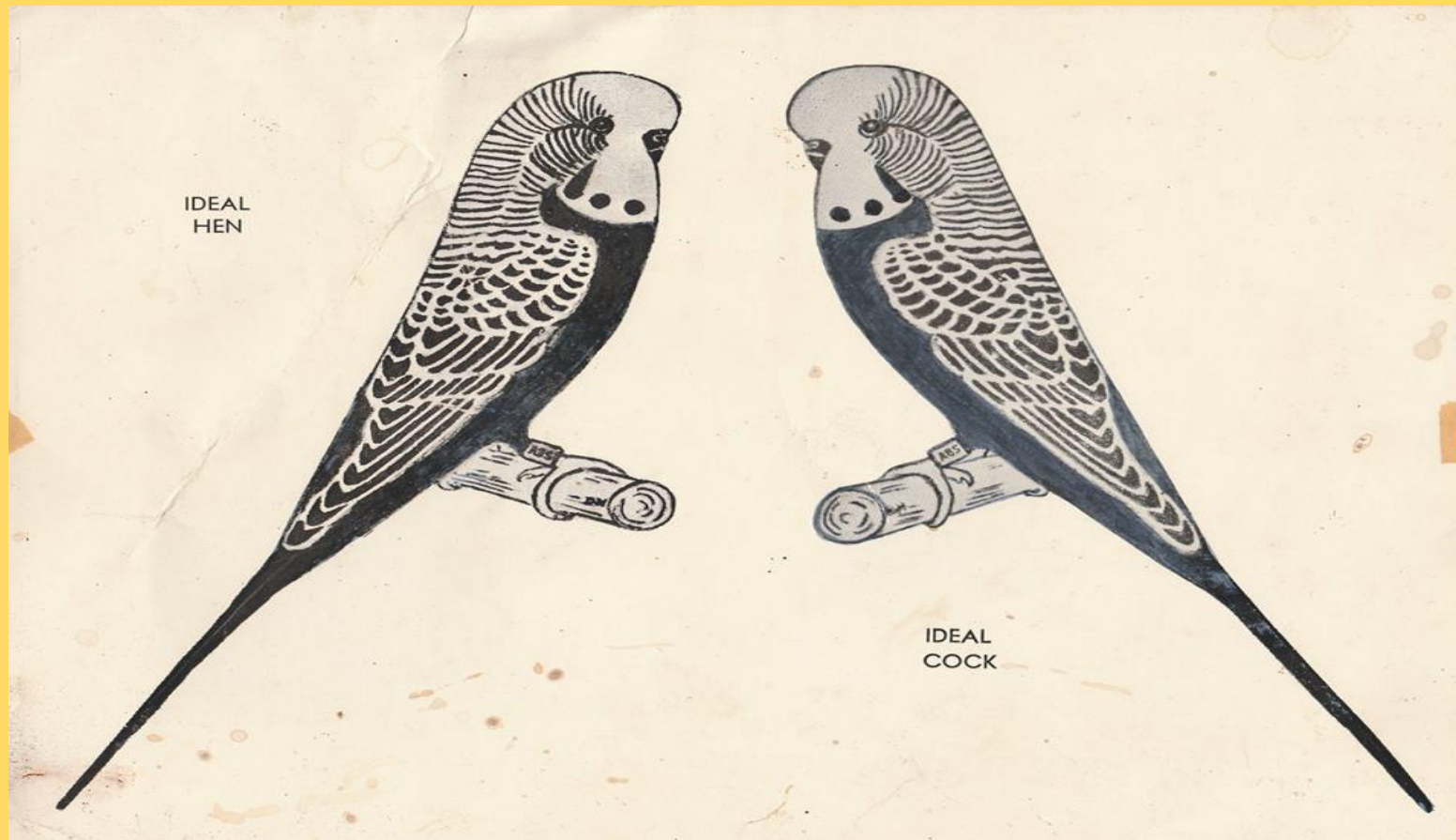
Dewayne Weldon

**50th year Anniversary of
Exhibiting Budgerigars**

-JULY 1968-

The month Dewayne competed
in his first Exhibition
Budgerigar show.

-1966 WBO Pictorial Standard- *(The standard goal to achieve in 1968)*



-Dewayne Weldon Quote-

- It will undoubtedly change again. I have seen several new standards between the one pictured above and our current WBO standard. As the old saying goes, "there is nothing so constant as change"!

-Facebook comment: May 14, 2018

Exhibiting Budgies is more than a hobby...its a lifestyle.



**Dewayne's contributions to the
Budgerigar hobby will have a
lasting impact throughout the
nation.**

-Dedication to the Fallows-







....and Easley Clearbody



More Easley Clearbodies



...and varieties that fall somewhere in between.

(Opaline Greywing Easley Clearbody Light Green)



-Dewayne Weldon Quote-

“Budgie shows are like a beauty pageant.”

-While judging the T.B.B.F.A. Show: November 3, 2015

Several Best in Show winners from Well-Done Aviary



In 2013, Dewayne was honored with an invitation to Judge the World Show held in Italy.



DID YOU KNOW?

-The B.A.A. award plaques are all donated and hand-made by Dewayne Weldon.

-Some of the wood pieces were also milled from the trees on his property.

We appreciate all that you do for the organization.

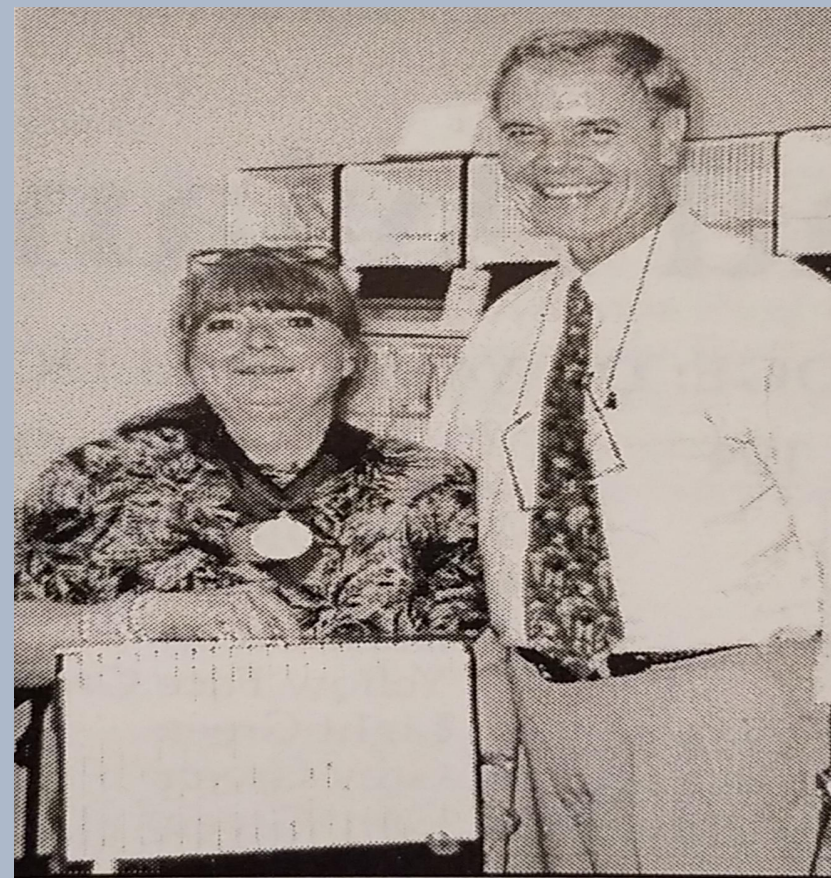


**While looking through all the B.A.A. journals,
it's clear that Dewaynes love for the hobby
goes further than just the birds....**

**P.S: A special thanks to Stuart Sacks for
saving (hoarding) every B.A.A. Journal! :D**



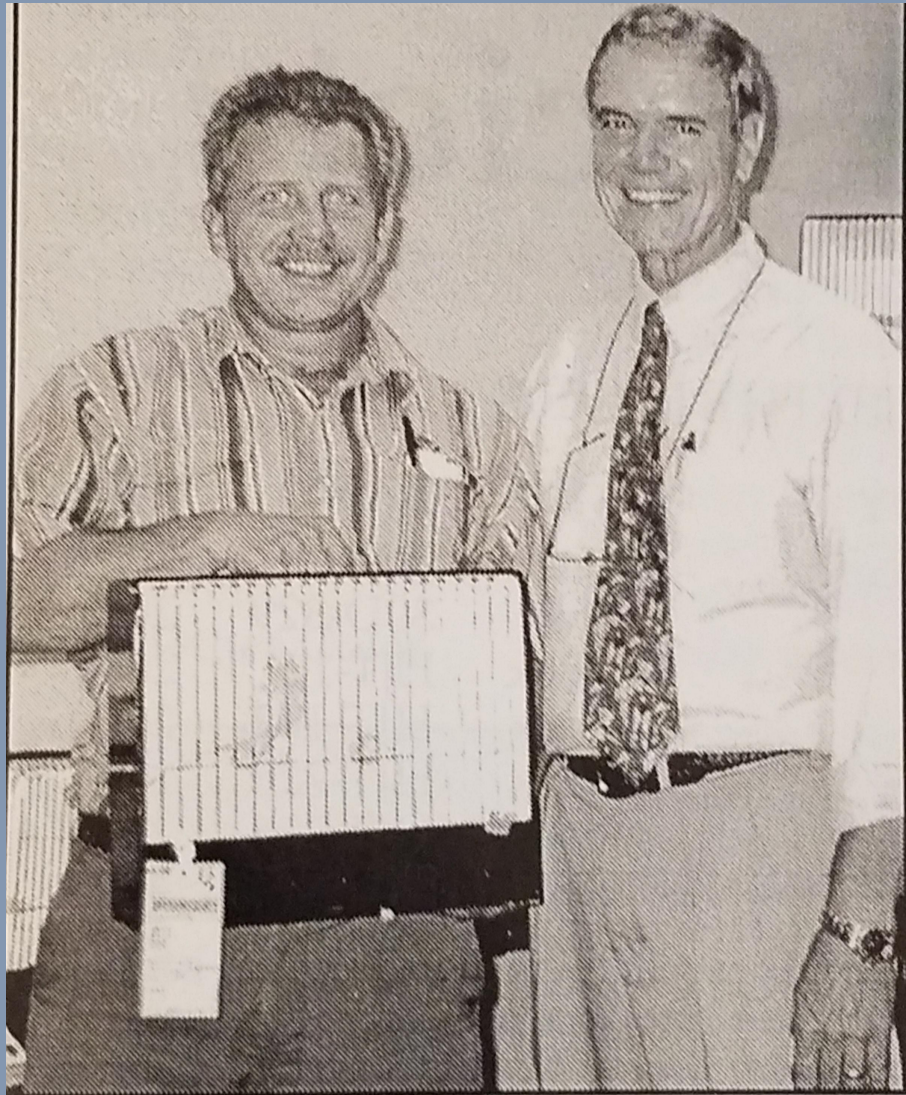
*Judge Dewayne Weldon with Robert Marshall -
winner of Ninth Best In Show*



*Judge Dewayne Weldon with
Maureen Broderick - winner of
Best Young In Show*



*Judge Dewayne Weldon with Gordon
Davis - winner of Best In Show*



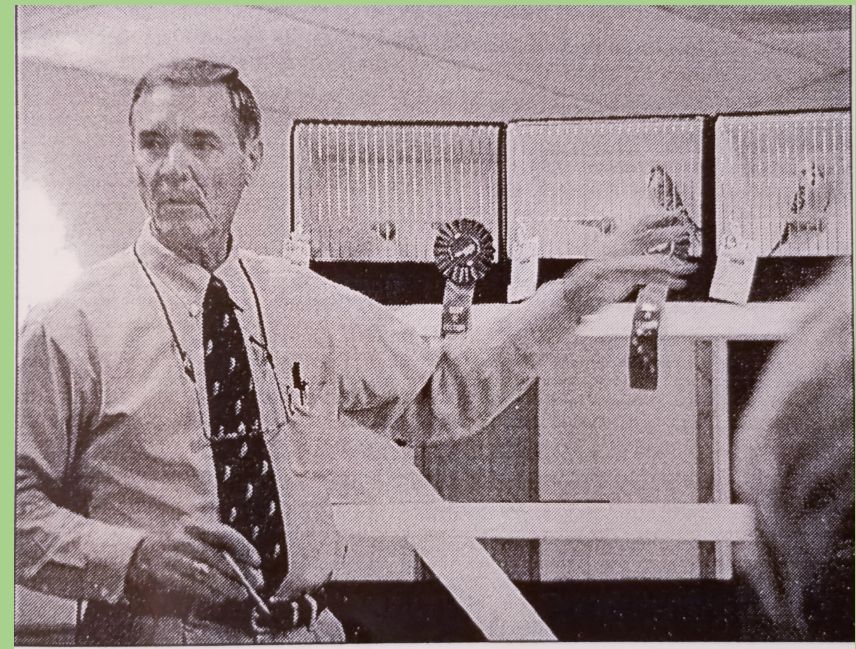
*Judge Dewayne Weldon with David Hyatt
- winner Best Intermediate*



*Greywing C.C. winner Dewayne Weldon
and BEBS President Paul Boyer*



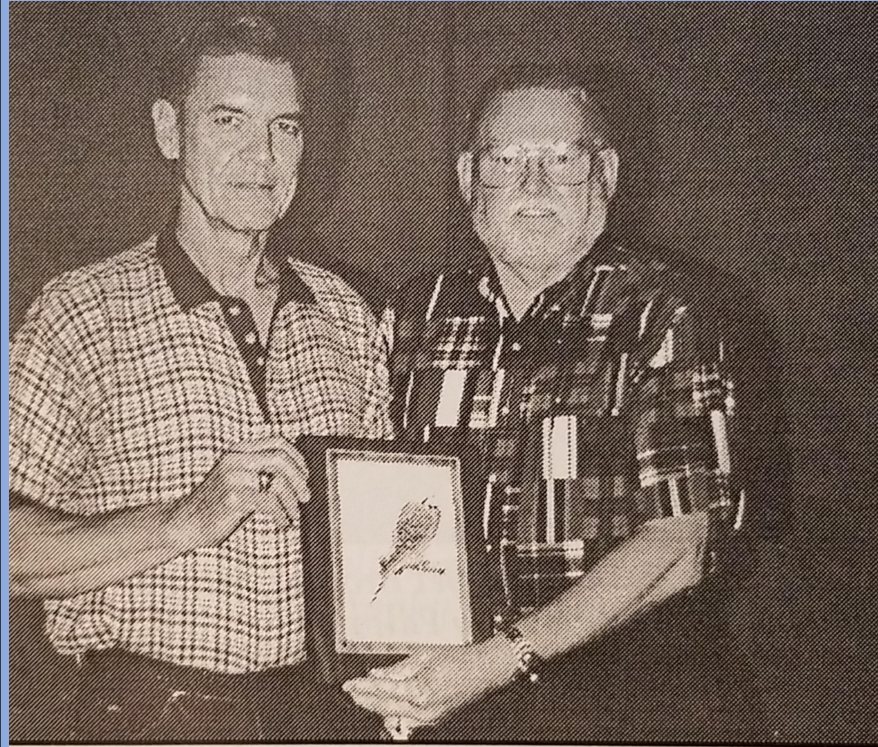
The Judges with the CC Winner Swell Budgies partnership



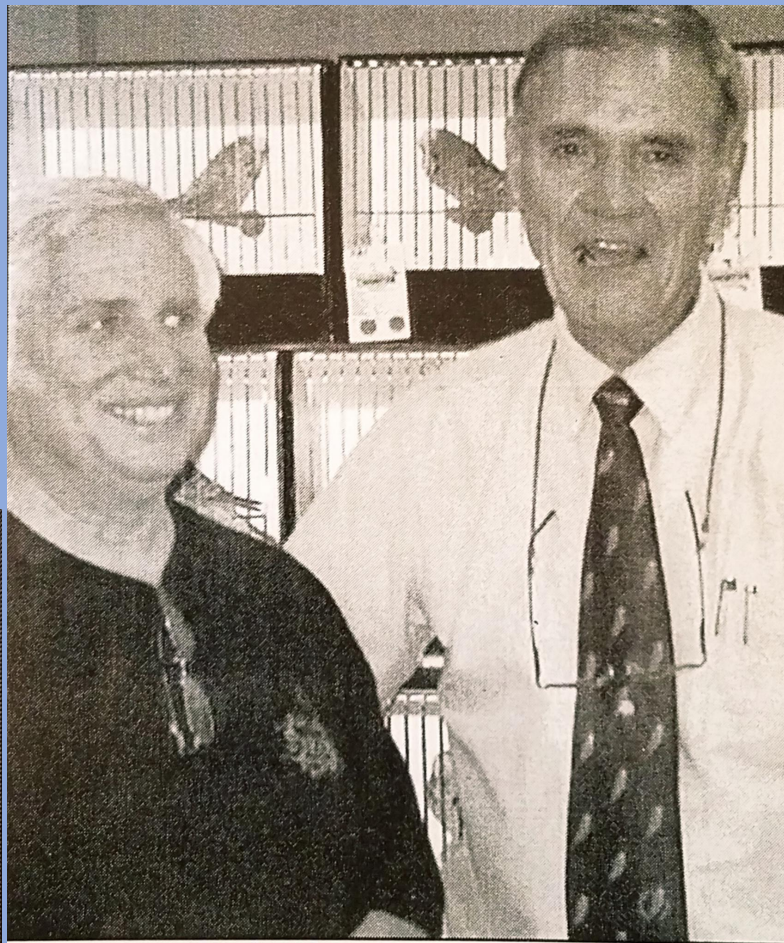
Judge Dewayne Weldon explaining Junior placings



The show attendees



Dewayne Weldon (l) is presented Best Opaline Green Plaque by Calvin Pape. Dewayne Weldon



Judge Dewayne Weldon presents Stuart Sacks a special award recognizing Stuart's contribution to the budgie hobby.



Judge Bill Mitton and Dewayne Weldon of Swell Budgies - Best In Show Winner



*Audience including
Dewayne Weldon, Sunny & A. J. Istre and Bob Jensen*



Roger Carr, Ghalib Al-Nasser and Dewayne Weldon



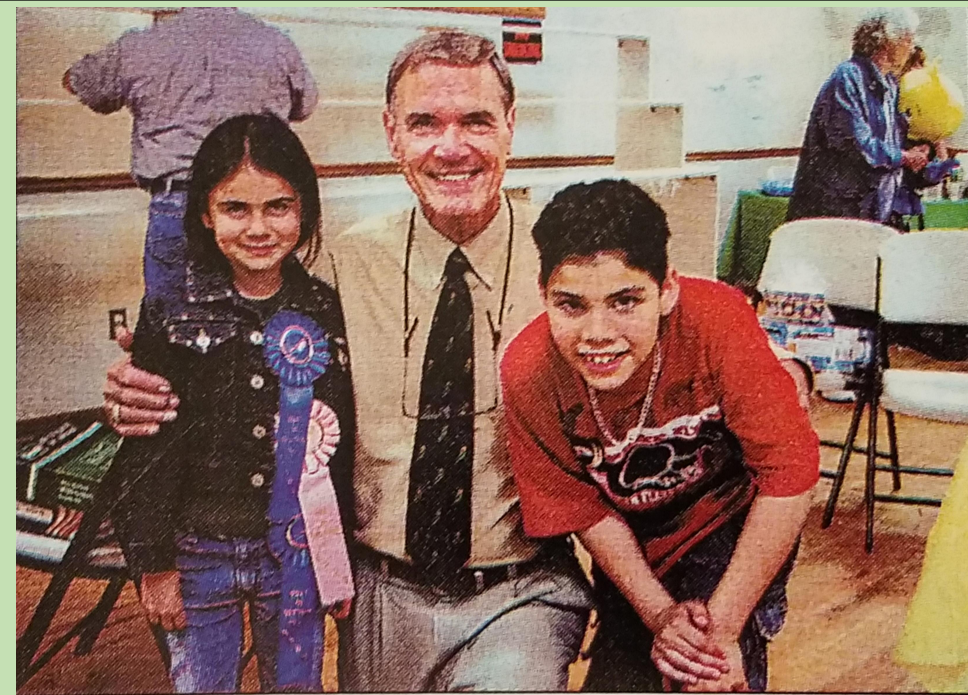
Dewayne Weldon, Lyle Rodabough and Mike Rankin head the banquet activities



Center - Show Chairman Mark Denekas with his show



Bill Griner, Judge Dewayne Weldon with Martha Griner's Best intermediate and Best Young Opposite Sec in Show.



Madison Gueits, Judge Dewayne Weldon and Jose Pena

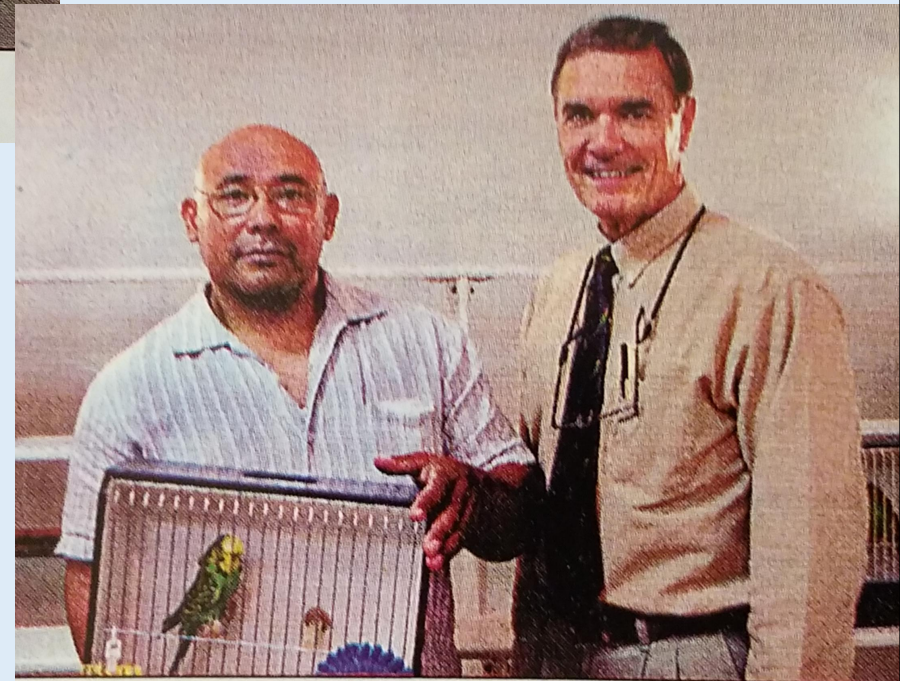




*Henry Timmes winner Eighth Best in Show
and Judge Dewayne Weldon*



Judge Dewayne Weldon and Jose Gueits Best Novice



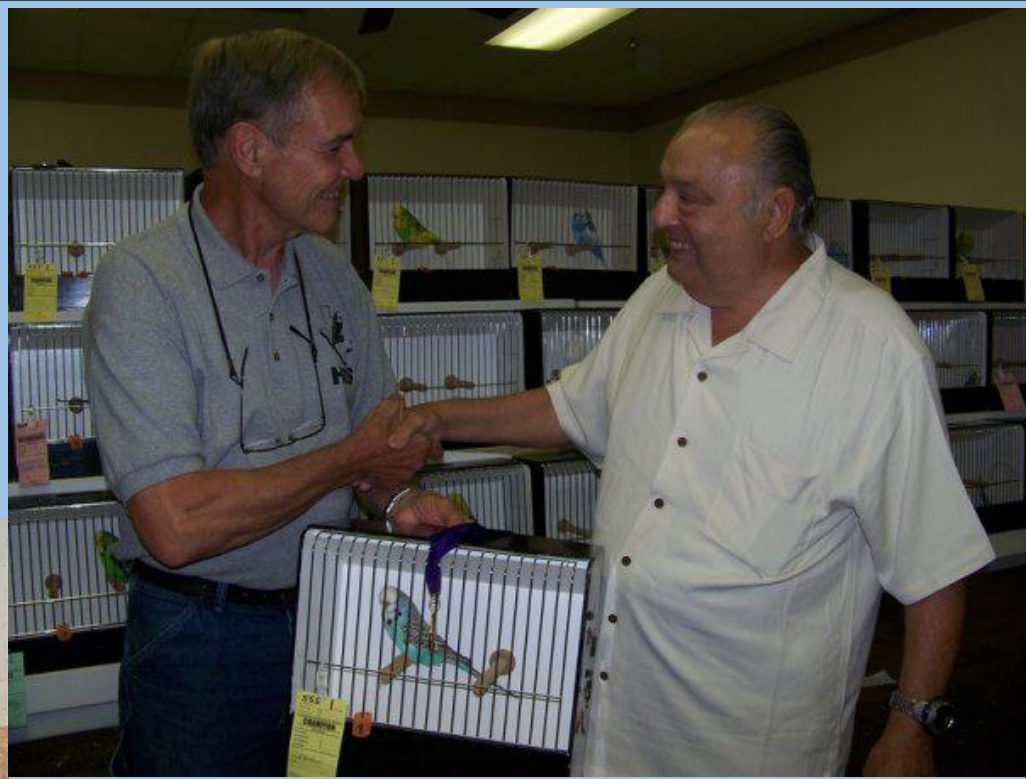
Pablo Ortiz and Judge Dewayne Weldon



Julie Willis, Dewayne Weldon - Sherrill Capi and Rick Spier (foreground).



*Dewayne Weldon, CC winner,
Best White and Fifth Best in Show*



Judge Gordon Davis with Dewayne Weldon - CC Winner - Best Dominate Pied, Best Greywing and Best Yellow



Dewayne Weldon receiving the Jerry Allen Memorial Best In Show award from Alvin Guerra

A brief message from Rick Spier

Dewayne Weldon-

There is a word that immediately comes to mind when one mentions the name Dewayne Weldon.

INTEGRITY

I met Dewayne at the first show I attended in Florida and had the privilege of getting to know him better over my years in the hobby. Dewayne was and early “go to” guy for any questions about variety or genetics, as his knowledge is encyclopedic. I consider myself fortunate to call him friend.

My friend has always stood for fairness and has put the interest of the hobby ahead of his own interests. Of course with those credentials, Dewayne was one of the judges I asked to train with when I became a judge. As such, a compliment from Dewayne means more than from most, as we know it is sincere. He will always remain a giant in my eyes.

A message from Larry Moore

Ode To My Brother

Dewayne is not biologically my brother, but I don't really think it would be possible for me to have the same feelings if he were actually my brother. Family is always, as the say in North Carolina, "always up in each other's business (actually 'bidness')". The fight, they argue, there is always a jealousy and in every family I have ever interacted with, there has always been the argument that "Mama loves you best".

I have known Dewayne for about 30 years. In all that time, we have been able to maintain said friendship based on truth and mutual respect as human beings. Add to that my admiration of the accomplishments made by Dewayne in the field of Budgerigars, especially Rares. Note, I said admiration, not jealousy. I simply don't have the patience and ability to focus on a plan like Dewayne. Dewayne always has a dream of improving the oft ignored varieties of budgies and in viewing the results, we can all see that he is accomplishing his dream.

Now, strangely enough, neither of us has every been in the aviary or home of the other in the entire 30 years. We don't know, nor do we care, how much money or material goods the other has. We've never bothered to ask anyone. We don't know the names of each other's children although many years ago we might have known but age removes some names from memory. Don't know how many, ages or names of grandchildren and in Dewayne's case (because he is older than I) great grandchildren. Don't need to. I would forget in a few days anyway. I've never forgotten Becky's name although I've only met her three or four times and Dewayne always asks about Dinah.

We have, for 30 years, met and visited almost exclusively at national budgie shows. They might have been a year apart or it could have been three years apart but within 15 minutes of getting together, it was like we had not been apart.

The best things that can possibly be said about a man, in my opinion, is that he loves his Maker, he loves his family and country, his is honest, truthful, trustworthy and sincere. I have just described by brother Dewayne. My life has been enriched by knowing Dewayne and I honestly cannot imagine how my life would have been without his friendship and guidance through the years.

Peace and Love to you my friend (remember, I want some sheds from those deer)

- Larry Moore

A brief message from Julie Willis

To show our complete appreciation,
The Budgerigar Association of America is proud to
present Dewayne Weldon with the first
B.A.A. Lifetime Membership award.

