



**October 11 '09 Stafford Show Ground**

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## Welcome from JSSUK Show Secretary

Hello Everyone,



**Brian Gregory**

October is approaching quickly now and it is my pleasure to request the company of you and your birds, to support the Java Sparrow Section at the forthcoming B.S.O.T.Y on October 11th.

This year the show adds the word National to its title, hopefully another step towards reviving that great annual gathering, I am sure we all have fond memories of days spent there, including the birthplace of our society. My target for you all this year is to stage 175 cages on the day of the show, to this end we have engaged 2 judges to officiate.

Could you please post all entries to me by October 3rd, enclosing a S.A.E, so that labels etc. can be posted back to you in good time for the day. I will of course accept telephone and email entries up to 9pm on Sunday October 4th, but please try and get your entries in as early as possible to avoid disappointment. also please note birds can be staged between 7.30am and 9.00am on the morning of the show.

**Please do remember birds must be shown in the official JSSUK show standard cages (AFS style with 12mm perches) this year. Please see the show cage information page of this booklet for more information of what is required.**

So come on get those entries to me as early as possible, if you find you need to add or alter any on the morning of the show, no problem. As a founder member of our popular and growing society, I look forward to meeting you on the day of the show. My contact details are as follows. Tel. 0151 6300771 or email me via this address - [brian@javasparrow.org](mailto:brian@javasparrow.org)

***Regards, Brian***

## JSSUK @ Stafford in 2008 / 2009

Another year passes by so quickly and again the JSSUK committee have been working hard in preparation for another hopefully successful BSOTY event.



We hope that we can report in our next newsletter of yet another record breaking show and with your support we can do it. Last year we had a record entry prior to the show and although a few birds sadly did not make the show bench, an impressive 124 birds were admired by all attendees at the show at the Stafford showground.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the 2008 BSOTY was the overall standard of all the exhibits and credit must go to those who brought their birds to Stafford to show all just how much the quality and the numbers of the birds exhibited has improved on the show bench since the inception of the Java Sparrow Society UK.

The two top Javas in 2008 were a superb CYOB Silver owned by our most consistent JSSUK exhibitor Frank Carter, with the Best Adult and overall BSOTY winner on the day being a Ken Jones Normal Java. In the image above you can see the winning Java proudly displayed on the JSSUK stand after the show.

For 2009 there is a new trophy for the Best White in show, the "Billy Hughes Memorial Cup". This will be awarded so that our good friend Billy is not forgotten and with his success with his great looking Whites in the past this is a very apt award.

2008 overall winner Ken Jones is to be one of our two judges along with Bob Clarke so please assist us in making it a hard choice for both judges & marking a new landmark in JSSUK history with record Javas / Timors on show again.

**Please bring your Javas come and support the JSSUK, we hope to see you in October!**

## 2009 JSSUK Prizes @ BSOTY '09

**The Best Java Sparrow in show wins  
"The Pat Gregory Memorial Shield"**

**Plus more**



- ❖ JSSUK Show cage for Best Java sparrow in show  
+ £25 + 2 Chester Zoo tickets
- ❖ Trophy for Best Adult Java sparrow + cash £20
- ❖ Trophy for Best CYOB Java sparrow + cash £20
- ❖ Best White in Show wins the "Billy Hughes Memorial Cup"
- ❖ Rosettes for Best in Show, Best Adult & Best CYOB
  - ❖ JSSUK rosette to all class winners
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place cage ribbons

**JSSUK prize fund is up to £200 across all the classes**

## JSSUK Show cage information



In 2005 the JSSUK committee decided that, going forward, the Java Sparrow Society UK should move towards a standardised show cage for Javas.

The Australian Finch Society desktop type cage was agreed by the committee to be most suitable for the Java sparrow, but as they are quiet a larger than most Australian finches, the decision was made to increase the perch diameter size to 12mm. The only other modification was to include a safety bar on the drinker door.

**This cage is now the recognised JSSUK show cage since January 1<sup>ST</sup> 2008 for official JSSUK events.**

**The JSSUK would like to remind members to use the show cages like the one shown above at official JSSUK shows like this 2009 Bird Show of the Year event.**

## **JSSUK Show Standard**

### **Type**

- 1 - The bird should retain the sleek body profile of the original wild type Java sparrow.
- 2 - The bird is to stand proudly and clear of the perch.
- 3 - The wings should be compact and carried close to the body, with the tips just meeting above the rump.
- 4 - The tail should be straight, tapered and a continuation of the body profile.
- 5 - A line from the eye to the point of the tail should be approximately 50 degrees from the horizontal.

### **Condition**

- 1 - The bird should be active and give the appearance of vitality and radiant good health
- 2 - The bird should be clean and complete.
- 3 - The bird should not be over-fat or slim.
- 4 - The feathers should be smooth, close, tight and have a good sheen.
- 5 - No scars, imperfections or other sign of injury should be apparent.
- 6 - Feet should be a healthy pinkish colour with no scaling present.

### **Markings**

- 1 - As the pattern of markings for Java Sparrows are very distinct in their evenness they must be clear-cut.
- 2 - The cheek patches should be pure white, sharp and clear-cut with no bleeding of body colour into the cheeks.
- 3 - The head colour (excepting whites and peds) should be even and not patchy and should continue under the chin of the bird.

### **Colour**

All colour patterns must at all times appear to be clean, clear, crisp and even. The evenness and intensity of colour should be considered when viewing the bird.

### **Size**

The bird should measure approximately 150mm from the tip of the beak to the point of the tail. It is important that birds exceeding this size retain their shape and proportions in relation to the ideal type of the "wild type" Java sparrow. Birds that are exhibiting excessive buff feathering that differs from the sleek plumage of the ideal Java sparrow should also not be considered for top awards.

## **Java Sparrow Classification 2009 BSOTY**

### **Adult Classes**

1. Any Normal Java Sparrow
2. Any Silver Java Sparrow
3. Any Fawn Java Sparrow
4. Any White Java Sparrow
5. Any Pied Java Sparrow
6. Any Cream Java Sparrow
7. Any Pastel Java Sparrow
8. Any Opal Isabel Java Sparrow
9. Any Agate Java Sparrow
10. Any Other Colour Java Sparrow
11. Any Adult Pair Of Java Sparrows
12. Any Adult Timor Sparrow (Pair or Single Bird)

### **Current Year Owner Bred Classes**

13. Any CYOB Normal Java Sparrow
14. Any CYOB Silver Java Sparrow
15. Any CYOB Fawn Java Sparrow
16. Any CYOB White Java Sparrow
17. Any CYOB Pied Java Sparrow
18. Any CYOB Cream Java Sparrow
19. Any CYOB Pastel Java Sparrow
20. Any CYOB Opal Isabel Java Sparrow
21. Any CYOB Agate Java Sparrow
22. Any CYOB Any Other Colour Java Sparrow
23. Any CYOB Pair Of Java Sparrows
24. Any CYOB Timor Sparrow (Pair or Single Bird)

### **Junior Classes**

25. Any Java or Timor Sparrow (Pair or Single Bird)
26. Any CYOB Java or Timor Sparrow (Pair or Single Bird)

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## **Your Judges for today are Ken Jones & Bob Clarke**

**This year we will have 2 very experienced judges at the 2009 BSOTY at Stafford, Dave Pover spoke to them both recently.**

### **Ken Jones**

Ken keeps currently mostly Normal Javas but also has a few Silvers & Fawns in his collection. He thinks the JSSUK is doing a fantastic job in promoting the Java sparrow as a species & how we are keeping things moving forward in the way we are now.

Ken's judging experience stretches back about 20 years & began when he was invited to judge at Skelmersdale & also Runcorn CBS's.

He feels people are still interested in birdkeeping as a hobby, this can clearly be seen by how many people attend the Stafford sale days but we should all try and get more people interested in the showing side of the hobby, especially more juniors.

### **Bob Clarke**

Normal and Silver Java sparrows are in Bob's collection today. Bob thinks the Java Sparrow Society UK is doing a great job in the way it seems to be getting more people interested in Java sparrows on all levels.

He has been judging since 1982 & got started by Harry Bryan & judging canaries.

Bob has concerns about the hobby as it is obviously not as popular as in has been in the past but has also seen some of the older generation getting back into the hobby which is good.

**A big thank you goes out to Ken & Bob from all the JSSUK for helping us at our members show at Stafford 2009.**

## **JSSUK Show day sales items**

We hope to have a small selection of JSSUK items on sale during the BSOTY event, please do come and see us at the society stand,

### **PLEASE SUPPORT US, IT'S YOUR JSSUK!**

Below is a list of items we will have available for sale on the day, special show day prices on all items listed.

- ❖ **Spare perches for Show Cages**
- ❖ **Java sparrow Prints – A 4 size**
- ❖ **Past JSSUK Newsletters**

JSSUK members can bring their Javas and other species of bird to place on the JSSUK stand for general sale on the day - £1 per cage is charged (this £1 fee goes to the JSSUK).

These sale birds must be healthy and in good condition, be in full adult feather, fit and housed in a clean suitably sized cage; the JSSUK prefer to have AFS desktop and Budgie style show cages – 2 birds per cage maximum. If species brought for sale are large then it should single birds in a cage.

The JSSUK reserve the right to refuse any birds that are brought on the day for general sale that do not match our sale day standards.





## **JSSUK Show entry form**

**Exhibitors Name (Capitals):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Subs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cash:** \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the all the Java / Timor Sparrows brought to exhibit at today's event are my property.

**Signature of Exhibitor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not forget to bring your JSSUK  
lifting card for booking in and lifting of your birds.**

**Post this entry form to**  
Mr Brian Gregory  
27, Drake Road, Leasowe,  
Wirral, Merseyside,  
CH46 2QS  
**Before October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009**

**Staging time is from 7.30am to 9.00am**  
**Lifting time to be set by the Parrot Society**