

**Mid America Cage Bird Society (10/05/2002) - IA****Judge: Leslie Wagner****Exhibitors: 4****Entries: 7**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Love Bird Class</u>	<u>Best in Division</u>
1	Green Fischers	Jan Bishop
2	Blue Violet	Clark Mace
3	Dark Green Pied	Maria Michael
4	Blue Pied	Maria Michael

CHAMPIONS None

Best Novice None

Best Unflighted None

Judge's Comments:

First of all, I would like to say how incredibly disappointed the club and I were at the low turnout for the Love Bird Division ... Either, everyone had previous conflicting commitments, or they heard I was coming to town! Seriously, I learned that there are not ALBS exhibiting members in this club. It would behoove the Society to have the regional rep or someone local to the area provide guidance with regards to judge selection and ensuring exhibitor support, otherwise we will be in jeopardy of losing yet another show.

With all that said, it was a wonderful show! It was held at the botanical gardens - a beautiful back-drop for the event.

Unfortunately the entry was too low to earn ALBS points, but I judged the seven entries because the club has awards for top four in division. I then transferred the entries to the Hookbill division so they would have at least a minor show.

The BIS was a beautiful nominate green Fischer's, excellent in every respect - my only deduct was for some minor yellow feathering below the bib area. The Second place bird, and best Novice, was a very nice blue violet peachfaced, would have placed higher but had a slight dip in its chest and had difficulty perching. Third and fourth were blue piers - 3rd a dark-eyed clear, lacking overall in size and had some condition issues.

It was interesting to note that three of the love birds made it into the hookbill division's top ten and my 2nd place bird as 2nd in the hookbill division, followed by the Fischer's in 3rd.

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