

**He has 70 birds**

# Budgies more than hobby

By DEB BODINE CHAMPION  
With 70 budgies in hues of blue, grey, yellow and green currently abiding in his aviary, Louis Lavalette might aptly be titled the Bird Man of Ancaster.

The distinguished semi-retired resident of Ancaster Road in Markham is the president of the Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society of Canada.

At an exhibition of baby birds this spring, called the Nest Feather Show, Mr. Lavalette demonstrated the calibre of his stock — but of approximately 100 budgies, his three entries placed first, second and third!

Mr. Lavalette's birds don't always win all of the awards. Sometimes the budgie breeder is invited to judge shows, such as the Canary Club show in Mississauga or shows with the Hamilton Budgerigar Society.

As a judge, he is not permitted to enter any birds. But that's all right with him.

"I have enough trophies," he quips.

Having a healthy, strong bird in good condition is not enough to win awards at the shows.

"It can be a beautiful bird, but if it's not trained, I'll just put it aside," says Mr. Lavalette, of his duties as a judge.

The budgie must sit erect on its perch to be show material. If the bird does not do it naturally, it is coaxed into perfect posture with a stick resembling a chopstick.

"The bird has to be a bit of a showman. If he perches there as if to say 'look at me,' the judge will look."

Louis Lavalette's love of budgies is an acquired taste. After the war, before certain antibiotics were discovered as a cure for tuberculosis, he was confined to the hospital for a period of three years.

His brother, a minister, had a huge aviary and would bring books and magazines to him to fill his long days. As time wore on, he became more and more interested in the feathered creatures and the rest is history.

Mr. Lavalette imports his breeding stock from Scotland and England. He still buys from the same man who sold him his first budgie 30 years ago, Jim Moffatt, the former partner of Sir Freddy Laker.

"I am probably the biggest importer of exhibition birds in Canada," he said.

Since moving to Markham from Scarborough one year ago, Mr. Lavalette, founder of Lavalette Business Forms, has imported 12 birds, at approximately \$500 each.



That does not include the flight cost with Air Canada, veterinary fees or the 45-day quarantine period required when each bird arrives.

"Budgies can be purchased in pet stores for \$5 or \$10. Those are pet stock," he explains. "Comparing them with these birds is like comparing a thoroughbred with a cart horse."

Although he keeps the imports as breeding stock, he will sell the offspring that do not have show potential.

The culls are still good birds, but they just aren't up to par."

Markham resident Louis Lavalette has more than 70 budgies. But his aren't for pets — he breeds them to be champions at shows throughout the area.

"People want the English bloodline," says Mr. Lavalette. He has had people wait four months to purchase one of his baby birds as a pet.

Chuckling, he relates the story of a woman who came to choose a pet budgie. Upon discovering that her husband had died a month earlier, Mr. Lavalette was expressing his sympathy when the distraught woman interjected

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