



CCCBC January 2006 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If your experience is similar to mine, then you are busily engaged getting ready for the breeding season. Just about the time you think you can get a rest after the bird show, Christmas and who knows what all, breeding season comes and we get on a very short leash. We must be masochists of a sort to not only look forward to all of that work but really enjoy it. This is what bird people do and they do it well. The result of this effort is a healthy flock. If we've done a good job of selective breeding we can be proud of our stock and start thinking of which ones we'll enter in our annual show.

I hate to harp on the same things all the time but it is critical that we get new members into our club. Some of us have been around for years and are beginning to show the wear. New blood is necessary if we want to continue as a living, vibrant organization. Don't be afraid to ask someone to come to a meeting. Say "yes" when asked to take on an assignment. And make it to all of our meetings you possibly can. The club needs you.

Continue to bring items to the meeting that we can raffle. The raffles are a major source of operating funds as well as putting a little excitement into our meetings.

Naomi Cisper
President

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

Charles and Belvia Long of Fresno are 40 years long time canary breeders. **Charlie** will be our speaker and will host a question and answer round table session. This dynamic duo has been raising many of the type canaries including Glosters, Norwich, Borders, Fife and Color Bred. They are now specializing in Glosters and Norwich.

They show and win at all of the local shows as well as the national. Their efforts resulted in the highest award for birds in the U.S. – the Scannel Trophy; not once, not twice, but three times!!

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM REAL PROS!

BENNY JONES CORNER

Howdy fellow members! I'm sure the Colorbred breeders already have dozens of banded babies by now. The Type breeders know that it's getting close to the time to get started. There are ALWAYS too many clear eggs in March. I'm just beginning to start the richer food blends because I like to wait until after Easter. (Too much golf-too little time) hehehe

I am pleased to say that all things are moving forward for another annual Oct. Show. I am pleased to announce that Mr. **Henry Vela** from Texas will be our 2006 Colorbred Judge. As soon as I get confirmation, I'll be able to welcome our 2006 Type Judge. You know I always try to get quality Judges, and judges who haven't been to Modesto before. I think that this strategy has worked for us well. Also, I DO have a back-up just in case things don't work out.

One of the things we'll try this year is to have half of the donated birds for the Show auction, auctioned off during our lunch break. This will allow some of the breeders and general public to support our show whom may not be able or willing to attend our awesome banquet later in the evening

It's YOUR Show. By experimenting over these last 7 years, we have managed to keep the show moving on! I thank you all again. Without your input and support, we could have NEVER lasted this long. Yeah, yeah, yeah, that's me patting you on the back!

MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
March 19	Mancini Hall	Charles and Belvia Long
May 21	Mancini Hall	
July 16	Mancini Hall	
September 17	Mancini Hall	
October 28	SOS Club	Annual Show
November 19	Mancini Hall	

Please bring a snack or dessert to the meeting hall to share with your friends.

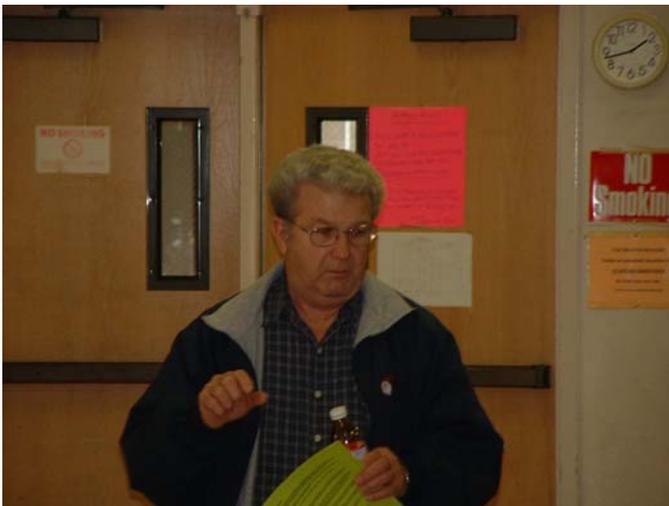
Mancini Hall is located at 718 Tuolomne Blvd., Modesto.

JANUARY MEETING

We had to pull a program together rather quickly after we heard from Charley Long that he couldn't make it to our meeting due to illness. We talked to him recently and it took three rounds of anti-biotics to almost bring him back to normal. We are looking forward to hearing some of his long and successful experience raising canaries at the March meeting.

Election of officers for 2006 was held. Results follow:

President	Naomi Cisper
Vice President	John Astorino
Treasurer	Bob Gomes
Secretary	Sherry Fisher
Newsletter	Naomi Cisper
Show Manager	Benny Jones
Members at Large	Art Pacheco & Pam Montessoro



John Astorino at the January meeting

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are always looking for new members. They are like a transfusion of new blood into our organization. If we don't get new members attrition will finally kill us off and I don't think we would like to see that. Keep your senses open to potential members. Bring them to the meetings and shows so they are exposed to us. We have provided an application below for you to use.

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Modesto CA. 95358

MEETING RAFFLE

Bring those unused or unwanted items stuck in your closet or dusty shelf to our meetings so that we can raffle them off. This is a major source of funds during the year.

BIRD SHOW

The 2006 show will be held October 28. We have high hopes that we can include finches as a part of the show after a several year absence. The issue is a matter of economics and nothing else. There just were not enough finches entered to defray the cost of including them in the show. We have seen enough canaries entered each year so that they pay their own way.

Steve Fairman has agreed to manage the finches at our next show .He is confident he can increase the number of entries and get donations of pairs of birds for our auction that will cover our costs. It would make his life a lot easier if you are a finch breeder to contact him and offer your donation. **Steve** can be reached at 530-269-2439.

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