



CCCBC March 2005 NEWSLETTER

MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
March 20	Mancini Hall	Bennie Jones
May 15	Mancini Hall	Auction
Jul 18		Picnic

We will be holding our annual auction at our May meeting. Look in your closet, garage and other storage places for items to donate to this major fund raiser.

Start your dieting now to make room for our annual picnic in July. We will discuss the location and the menu at our meetings.

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

The potluck assignment for the March meeting is as follows:

- A - F Side Dish or Salad**
- G - L Main Dish**
- M - Z Dessert**

Bring a dish; bring your own eating dishes and utensils. There is a one dollar charge for members to help pay for the expense of renting the hall. Lunch starts at 1:00 P.M. Feel free to bring a guest.

Remember to bring items for the raffle table. It can be anything i.e. bird supplies, goodies, wine, cookies, plants, etc. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00. This helps pay for the meeting hall.

BENNIE JONES TO SPEAK AT MARCH MEETING

Bennie Jones will be guest speaker at our March meeting. His focus will be how he conditions his birds for the breeding season, nesting routines, fostering, conditioning food, egg food, egg pulling, banding, graduating the fledglings, perch selection, how to select the right "conditioned" pairs, tricks, and other caveats. He will also talk of

how he originally fell in love with birds and share some of his "wild" ornithology experiences from his world travels to over 60 foreign countries. Everybody is guaranteed to learn at least something! Bennie will also be donating a pair of breeding conditioned Fifes to be auctioned!

Bennie is a long time, active member of our club. He is and has been the show manager for the past several years. He is not only active in the club he is also an active breeder.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We started off the New Year with a rather rocky start and had to cancel the January meeting. My apologies to anyone that showed up and wasn't aware of the cancellation. We hope the rest of the year will provide a much better forum for us to meet and talk about our favorite hobby.

Another reminder, we decided to change our meetings from once a month to every other month. The intent of this decision is to get higher attendance at the meetings and to cut costs.

This club has been in existence for many years and with the help of everyone we can continue for many years in the future. It is up to all of us to see that happen.

The every other month meeting also brings every other month newsletters. If you have a need for further information, call me at 209-957-3117.

If you have been reading this newsletter or attending our meetings, you already know we are having some financial problems. In the past, we have continued to keep some people on the mailing list even though their dues were not current. We cannot afford to do this and after this issue you will no longer receive a mailing if your dues are not paid.

Naomi Cisper, President

The club wishes to extend condolences to Pam Montessori for the loss of her two sisters. Keep them in your prayers

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have lost some members over the past couple of years for a variety of reasons. As members, we should be alert for opportunities to gain new members as a part of an ongoing membership drive.

We wouldn't dare ask you to go door to door soliciting people to join our club. That borders on the ridiculous. What we are asking you to do is to be aware of friends and acquaintances that have a mutual interest in birds. Just ask them to come to one of our meetings and meet other friendly folks with similar interests. We really need to increase the local membership.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

As with all organizations the grease that keeps us operating is money. The message is pay your dues promptly (\$20.00) include a little extra if you can afford it, and sign up others as members. We have included a membership application for your use.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CAGE BIRD CLUB
 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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 Address _____
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Modesto CA. 95358

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

**IF YOUR DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID
 THERE WILL BE A CHECK MARK ON THE
 MAILING LABEL OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

WARNING INFORMATION

The following list are things to be aware of and could be hazardous to your birds' health. Be informed to be aware.

Aerosols	Asbestos
Apple seeds	Avocado
Bleach	Candles
carbon monoxide	Cats, dogs
Ceiling fans	Portable fans
Chlordane	Chlorine
Colored Printed Material	Cooking appliances
Deodorants	Drain cleaners
Electrical cords	Flea bombs
Flea collars	Floor polish
Gasoline	Hair spray
Hair dye	Herbicides
Indelible felt marker	
Lead in any form	Lye
Matches	Mothballs
Nail polish remover	Nitrogen dioxide
Open containers of water	Open doors or windows
Open toilets	
Oven cleaners	Paint
Paint remover	Paint thinner
Overheated nonstick cookware	Overheated nonstick ironing board covers and irons
Perfumes	Pesticides
Pins & needles	Raw poultry/meat
Rodenticides	Shellac
Self-cleaning ovens	Shoe polish
Sliding glass doors	Solder
Small electrical appliances	Smoke (cigarette and other sources)
Spot remover	Toxic foods (avocado, chocolate, alcohol)
Toxic house plants (such as English ivy, bulbs)	Toilet bowl cleaners
Wax	Wood preservatives

Although this is a long list and not necessarily complete, there are more dangers that can be fatal to your stock. I once had a canary lose a couple of toes because he got his foot tangled in some human hair. So be on the lookout for any dangers that put your birds at risk.

A TRUE BIRD TALE

(This is a true story of a little bird that had lost its way and found its way home with a lot of help from us humans.)

Nadine Bass, a member from Sierraville and Sue from West Virginia had a load of Columbus Fancy canaries when they arrived at the National in Santa Clara in November, two years ago. While unloading the birds for entry into the show, one of them escaped and flew off into the trees adjoining the convention center. They spent some time looking for the bird but to no avail. Nadine recorded the bird's record number as lost when she returned home.

Sometime in April, the next-door neighbor of Naomi Cisper came a knocking on her door asking for help with her daughter's little canary. She was afraid the bird was going to die.

The mother told how her ex-husband was at the convention center for a seminar and found the bird in the parking garage. For whatever reason, after he bought a cage, he took it to work for a few weeks until his boss's patience told him he would have to find another home. He lived in the East Bay and decided to give it to his daughter in Stockton on one of his visits.

During the bird's stay in Stockton, us birders would describe its care as abusive but the truth is it was ignorance. The ten-year-old would hold it and stroke it like one might a cat. They also had a pet cat that knocked the birdcage to the floor more than once trying to get a change in its regular diet. Turns out the bird was being fed a diet of millet and was not receiving water on a regular basis. The mother willingly gave the bird to Naomi so that it would receive better treatment.

Naomi checked and discovered it wore a Columbus Fancy band. She knew that Nadine Bass was an active breeder of that type and a member of the Columbus Fancy club. She called Nadine to get the telephone number of the Columbus Fancy Club to see if she could reunite the bird with its owner. When she read the birds' record number, Nadine recognized it as one of her own.

The two of them made arrangements to meet in Sacramento where the bird and its rightful owner had a long and circuitous reunion. And they lived happily after.

FOR SALE

Top Bloodlines Champion Glosters (Derek Moore, Chuck Long) Breeding Stock, 2003, 2004. \$35 and up. Call Sharon Bowers at 925-757-6990. Email bowersglosters@sbcglobal.net

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