



# CCCBC MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know about you but things around our house have been no less than hectic. The birds are all paired off, laying their eggs, and hatching their young ones. It is also the time of year when one has to hand feed some of their young to make sure they get enough to eat.

Some bad news. We lost the hard disk on our computer. That's lost as in that it crashed and most of our files were lost. If you think the newsletter has a new look, you are right. If you didn't notice, compare it to the last newsletter on the bottom of one of your cages.

The meeting this month will be an auction which is a major fund raiser for the club. Make sure to bring items from your attic, closet, garage, or basement that you no longer use and we can sell. You might also check with your local merchants to see if they would like to donate an item or two. We will mention the name of all donors in our next newsletter. When you come to the meeting make sure you brought enough cash or your checkbook.

For those of you that live too far to make it to the meeting, consider making a donation. Your cash, check or money order will be welcome.

In case you wonder, most of our money goes to defray the cost of our annual bird show, meeting space rental, and the newsletter. The annual dues don't cover much in the way of our expenses and therefore we must continue to find ways to raise money. Our out of town members are blessed with not being able to attend our meetings and participate in the financial discussions. That ought to be worth something to them.

*Naomi Cisper*  
President

## MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
May 21	Mancini Hall	Auction
July 16	Mancini Hall	Auction
September 17	Mancini Hall	<b>Bob King</b>
October 28	SOS Club	Annual Show
November 19	Mancini Hall	

Mancini Hall is located at 718 Tuolumne Boulevard in Modesto.

## CORNER

BENNY AND

## ALOHA

It is with a deep sense of jealousy that we have to report that Benny was absent this continent and was vacationing in the Hawaiian Islands during late April and early May. We can only surmise but our best guess says he wasn't thinking CCCBC or birds during his absence.

Before Benny left on his vacation he advised us that Bob Metheny will be coming out to judge the Colorbred Divisions at our annual show.

## CHARLES & BELVIA LONG

We had a conflict with having a visit with our grandson or attending our last meeting. Seeing the grandson took precedent and we missed the presentation by Chuck and Belvia. It's too bad. We were looking forward to hearing from this champion breeder. We received excellent feedback from those that attended and hope to have them back for another presentation in the future. Our thanks to the both of them.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Cathy Knight**, a long time friend of our club lost her long battle with cancer in late April. She was a courageous and strong person who we will all miss very much. Aviculture has lost a great supporter and a good friend. She was a vibrant personality and always made the shows a success.

The family has asked [any donations to be made in Cathy's](#) honor to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Kaiser Hospice

## MEMBER NEWS

We have several of our long time club members experiencing health problems. Remember to keep **Pam Monterosso**, **Delilah Quieto**, and **Jack & Altha Durao** in your prayers.

## DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW

It is only May but we are looking forward to our annual show in October and already accepting donations or commitments. Thus far we have received the following:

<b>Chryse Seeman</b>	\$75.00 for Finch Section
<b>Steve Fairman</b>	Pair of Lady Gouldians
<b>Naomi Cisper</b>	Pair of Opels
<b>Tony Guoimar</b>	Pair of Canaries
<b>John Astorino</b>	Pair of Canaries
<b>Art Pacheco</b>	Pair of Canaries
<b>Chryse Seeman</b>	Pair of Finches

## BIRD TIPS

If you don't have a band cutter, make sure you have one for your tool kit. They are available from Silver Song (one of our advertisers).

You can order your 2007 bands in August from Red Bird. This will help you and will help to smooth out Red Bird's work load.

If you want your birds in top shape and looking great for the show give them cool bath water as frequently as possible.

Do not over crowd your birds. It leads to lots of trouble.

Keep your perches clean. Dirty perches lead to eye infections.

Act like Dr. Doolittle and talk to your birds. Also run your hands slowly across the cage to get them used to you. They will settle and show better. They will make better pets if you are selling to the pet market and will sing more freely.

## CALIFORNIA BILL AB 2862

You may want to get on the Internet and use a search engine such as Google to look at some of the information concerning AB 2862. We don't pretend to interpret the content of this bill but it may impact us in some way in the future.

## CLUB OFFICERS

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## GOOD CANARY SINGER

A short elderly woman burst into a pet store. "I want to buy a canary, but it's got to be a good singer! I've got good, hard US cash, but I'm only paying for a good singer."

The shop owner began moving a ladder towards a small cage on a shelf about fifteen feet up, near the ceiling of the store. "Ma'am, I've been in this business for forty years and the best singer I've ever heard is in that cage."

"Don't think I'm gonna feel obligated to pay for something I don't want just because you're climbing up a ladder like a monkey. I want a canary, but it's got to be a singer."

By this point, the shop keeper was coming down the ladder. "Ma'am, this bird is a veritable feathered Caruso!" He placed the cage on the counter and the bird burst into melody after melody.

Awed, the woman murmured, "Why, he is a good singer." Suddenly she screamed, "Hey, this bird's only got one leg!"

The pet store owner was unperturbed. "Lady, what do you want, a singer or a dancer?"

## MAY MEETING AGENDA

After you have emptied your wallet, checking account and possibly maxed out your credit card from buying everything you ever wanted at our auction, we will hold a contest for the wildest bird tail (oops! tale).

Be prepared to tell anything you would like to share with the rest of the members. Bashfulness is not an excuse. Believeability is not a requirement. Use your memory or imagination. The winner will be surprised.



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## It Takes One To Know One?

Early one morning, this past summer, while feeding my collection of canaries, finches, budgies, and parrots, I received a frantic call from a friend. He was getting divorced and had to get to court, but was too nervous to drive. He asked me to give him a lift to the court house. I agreed. When we got there, since I had never been to a divorce court, I decided to go inside. Once on the stand, my friend threw himself into describing what an awful person his wife was.

"Your honor, my wife has developed an obsession with rabbits. She has rabbits in the kitchen, rabbits in the den, rabbits in the bathroom! And with this hot weather, you just can't imagine what the smell is like with all the windows closed."

"Why don't you open the windows?" asked the judge.

"I couldn't do that. All my birds would fly out!"