

Central California Cage Bird Club

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The purpose of this organization is to develop, promote the proper breeding, humane treatment, and care of birds of all kinds and varieties. To reproduce, exchange, publish and distribute information on aviculture which will tend to increase the knowledge of its members. To cooperate with other organizations and governmental agencies toward the establishment of practices for improved breeding, handling and treatment of all birds.

Happy December Everyone!!

Our Christmas Party is coming up in a few days and I've heard rumors of a magnificent meat roast, the very best in side dishes, and specialty desserts! that can only be found here.

This is the one time a year when our raffle is replaced by a more personal "White Elephant" gift giving. For those who haven't heard the story, the white elephant in the room is the out-of-place object, or obviously taboo subject, visitors are too polite to talk about. In terms of Christmas, it is thought of as the gift lamp from "great aunt Bessie" that looks simply awful in our house, but we keep it so she won't know we don't like it. Those are the things we re-gift at a White Elephant Party because they are still good, and may work very well for someone else. But gifting new stuff is certainly a good choice, too. Whatever you choose to bring, wrap it so well it is pretty enough to be chosen first!



Many members tend to ditch the November meeting because they fear someone will force them to become a Club Officer, so our first order of business at our November meeting was to shift our concepts of a one person workload into team work. We hope more people will contribute their energy to every task so that the same ole people will not be doing the same ole things. We hope it will work well for everyone, bringing less anxiety and more shared fun.

Much of our discussion revolved around the Show. We affirmed that we do want our sanctioned Show to continue, yet some of the past terms under which we have worked must change. We acknowledged that there are situations in the Show world that can only be managed by Show people. A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks to all participants in our 2017 and 2018 Shows asking for help. We also welcome other Show Clubs to work with us and share show facilities. It was suggested we hold our 2019 Show at the Turlock Fairgrounds in November. Many of the changes we discussed will require a revamping of the By-Laws next year. Am I the only one looking forward to that?

At the end of the day Phil won the special drawing and Julie did not have much left over to take home from the raffle. We shared salads, cupcakes and donuts!! That's what I call a nutritiously balanced late lunch! See you at the Party!

Janna Place
Interim President

Happy Christmas Party

This is going to be our year of the Christmas Party! We're going for fabulous food, excitement, competition, and a little quirkiness. We wouldn't be surprised by elf hats that blink!

THE FUN AND GAMES. '**White Elephant**'... Everyone brings a wrapped gift to put on the gift table. Use your imagination in picking and wrapping your present ... you want it to get picked.

The gift table will be full of beautiful presents. Everyone picks a card with a number. The lowest number card goes first. That person picks a present and opens it. Everyone gets to see. Keep it on the table in front of you.

The #2 can either claim the opened present, or take a gift from the table and open it. The third person can claim any open present or take a new one, etc. .. If yours is taken, you get to pick again.

This is a splendid game. There's excitement, drama, shrieks and groans. The winner walks around and looks at each gift, She can claim anyone's. A gift can only be claimed twice.

Julie is cooking a big pork roast and venison stew and has assigned most of the side dishes. If you haven't signed up, just bring a salad or a dessert or whatever you want.

I hear Julie has some more fun and games in store for us.

I hope everyone will come ... even if you're not a regular at the meetings. It will be an opportunity for all of us to have fun together and get to know each other. The food will be fabulous, the presents will be funny, cool, silly or even odd. The claiming of presents will produce the most melodrama. Let's get jiggy with it.

Decorations are also being handled by the Julie Posse. It will be beautiful.

Merry Christmas to all ya'all.

Terese Davis

November 18, 2018

Interim President's Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm, by Janna Place. A quorum was in attendance.

We first discussed creating a kinder/gentler club atmosphere. I asked that we empower ourselves as members to help each other, especially when another member is under stress. We agreed that it's everybody's job to create a culture of mutual support. It was suggested that we revise our Mission Statement to reflect that when we support each other well, we better support our birds. We can evolve our definitions of Who Do We Serve? and How Can We Help?

Letters from a Show participant chastising us for canceling the Show, and our answer to him, were passed around for discussion.

We agreed that, if possible, we want to continue with sanctioned canary shows. We recognized that the non-Show folks are raising the money and doing much of the work to physically offer a Show opportunity to others. It was agreed that we cannot continue to stage a Show without support from those who show. A letter will be composed and sent out asking for help from Show participants from 2017 & 2018. We need to know if Show people value the Show sufficiently to continue. If so, we need to be included in each other's meetings, and be aware of each other's needs. We agreed that if we continue, we will ask other Show Clubs to join us.

We also talked about:

1. Creating different categories of membership to reflect that some members are only interested in Showing or selling their birds.
2. Changing our By-laws to reflect all changes in our Club Organization.

Current By-Laws require any changes to be discussed at two meetings. With suggestion and agreement from Bruce Milgrom, Treasurer, Interim President Janna Place introduced the first discussion of changing the distribution of money in the Club bank accounts should the club dissolve for any reason. We all agreed that in that eventuality, the club will distribute all money in all accounts to charities chosen by closing members. It was suggested that before the end of the year we contribute a sum to bird charities of our choice, in an amount similar to what would have been spent this year on a Show.

In the Aviary

I've really been getting into more and more finches lately. They are beautiful and healthy and have neat little songs and whistles. I started with six shafttails about two years ago. Got two babies, three times. But they're gorgeous.

Now I have opened the windows between three flights and made a 20' flight for the "Finch Quarter".

There have been black and white mannikin babies, now four lavender redtails and the orange chested waxbills are very prolific. My experiment is to breed in a community aviary. It's exciting to see them pairing up. I have lots of foliage, which helps them go to nest and also happens to look gorgeous. I love being in the aviaries this time of year. Babies everywhere.

The lovebirds are off to a *flying start*. I have five little yellow Fischer lovebirds in the nest and it is very tempting to pull them and raise them. But I can't do it this time. So they will join the flock.

I sure do enjoy them. Tell us about some of your favorites.

Terese

CCCBC Meeting Dates for 2018

2018 CCCBC Meeting Dates		Event
December	16	Christmas Party

Meetings start at 1:00

CCCBC Meeting Dates for 2019

DATES		EVENT
JANUARY	20th	regular meeting
FEBRUARY	17th	regular meeting
MARCH	17th	Mini Bird Mart
APRIL	14th	regular meeting
MAY	19th	Picnic
JUNE	23rd	Aviary Tour (Riverbank)
JULY	21st	New Members Celebration
AUGUST	18th	Mini Bird Mart
SEPTEMBER	15th	regular meeting
OCTOBER	20th	Show Month
NOVEMBER	17th	regular meeting (Show alternate)
DECEMBER	15th	Christmas Party

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