



CCCBC Newsletter

Central California Cage Bird Club

It's February Already

Although much of the population considers this just the middle of winter, here at CCCBC it's the exciting start of canary (and other birds) breeding season. Pairing up our best looking birds and waiting for those eggs and then the pinkies, and then the fluffy little ones is a very happy time. It's also the time when club dues are due. I have been completely blown away by the fact that over half our club has already paid their dues!! Without even being asked or being sent a letter!! So, if you haven't already done so, please fill out the renewal/application at the back of the newsletter and send in your dues to Sherry Fisher. Her address is on the form. If you paid late in the year last year, give Sherry a call and she can pro-rate your dues. We've been toying with the idea of having members pay in the month they joined, as soon as we get the computer set up to bring up those names each month. Any thoughts on this idea?



We've got another wonderful year of babies, bird marts, guest speakers, learning new things, seeing what everyone else has and just being birdy with each other. Not to mention all the great food we enjoy at the meetings and winning raffle prizes. Let's see if we can bring in some more new members. Also, keep in mind we love having you bring your children to the meetings. Each child gets 5 free raffle tickets!! (No, you're not a child if you're over 18, even if you feel like one.)

Next month we're going to start running birdy recipes in the newsletter. If you've got a good one, let me know. If it's people food, too, bring some to the meeting for the snack table.

Terese Davis

Mario Talamantes joined the club during the meeting. Now we have three members from Sacramento!! They're a fun group and I'm sure we'll enjoy having them.



MARIO TALAMANTES



CHRIS HARTJE



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Our Newest Members

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CCCBC Established in 1933 An Objective of the CCCBC is to reproduce, exchange, publish and distribute information to increase member's knowledge of aviculture..

The Treasurer's Report will be delivered at each meeting.

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JANUARY 18, 2009



MEETING MINUTES

Our newly elected club president, Janna Place, presided over the first meeting in 2009. She began by introducing the new board members and made phone lists available to all members.

Twenty-five members were in attendance including our friends from Capitol City (Chris and Lily) who brought a guest with them; Mario. We sure appreciate all the members who have to drive so far just to come to our meetings!

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from November as written and also the Treasurer's Report as written in the newsletter.

No unfinished business.

Under new business, it was reiterated that we never give out the addresses of members to outside sources. When referring customers to other members for purchase of birds, always ask the member first before giving out phone numbers or addresses.

Sam and Liz Graham, our new program planners, spoke about their plans for speakers, field trips, etc. for the coming year. They welcome any suggestions. February will feature a guest speaker. March will be a Buy, Sell, and Trade meeting. June will be a mock bird show.

A raffle was held bringing in \$91.00 !! Wow!

Submitted by Sharon Byrne, secretary



HOOK BILL HEADQUARTERS:

On Raising Happy Hookers!
by Janna Place

Last summer the parakeets moved to a duplex near the South Fence. Its been swaddled in plastic for the past few months so I can't see the eager eyes, or hear the excited calls, that beg for a visit. We do chat at breakfast but they're distracted and we're in a hurry. It's cold -- I'm sure you know all the excuses. I realized yesterday that I wasn't up on the gossip so I found a moment to pull up a chair and have a listen.

Arnold and Katy, as usual, were the first to fly down. Arnold is reliving his part in the Christmas Play. Santa is a big deal to him and his time with Joel is precious. I have to admit that I got a little tired when he kept repeating himself but he is the patriarch and, I'm sure, cheerfully kept out of the loop.

Katy couldn't wait to tell me that the young sisters, Violet and Star, left for a new flock. According to Katy, they were tired of the same-ole, same-ole and looking for younger guys. The rumor was, they convinced the little white hen and the big bronze English hen to go with them. Did I know anything about that? Yeah, I had to admit, I did. Katy immediately flew to Misty, the blue half-English who is next down in rank, with the details.

The Blue Boys Bird Band - I think that's the trio Violet and Star felt were tedious - came to tell me about their adventures exploring The Tunnel. They complained that the acoustics were so poor their new rendition of Rockin' Robin was muffled, yet they were excited that The Tunnel was warm and big enough for everybody to be in it together. I had to explain that The Tunnel was really a hanging tomato cage wrapped in a blanket. It's intent was to give them a snugly place when the night was cold but I was glad they found it fun. Misty came over to demonstrate how sitting on top of it keeps her toes warm. She says she's been colder this year or is she just getting too old to deal with it? Maybe its time for Assisted Living.

Hank, the big violet English, is always good for a chat. His girl ran off to another flock a few years back and he was lonely until Ernie joined the group. Ernie was once set up on a blind date with Star but he decided she wasn't ready to settle down. Hank never went anywhere, which suited Ernie just fine, so they became a team. He tells me he does get defensive when humans mistake Hank's tumor for a pregnancy. I told him it only goes to show how little people know about birds, and, he agreed.

Hank asked if the other duplex was rented yet and I confirmed that the Cockatiels were packing, but couldn't move in until it warmed up. Make 'Em Tunnels, the Blue Boys sang. No! yelled Katy. Cockatiels are better than a soap opera. I wanna catch every word! -- time for me to go --

THE EGG - A Small Treasure by Jim Clever

A bird's egg is nature's way of reproducing the species and contains all the essential nutrients for life. All the required nutrients are packed into the yolk and albumen (egg white) before it is laid, since the egg is a sealed unit. A fertile egg must contain the exact amount of water, protein, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins and fats which are needed, since any deficiency will reduce the embryo's ability to grow, hatch and survive. The female gamete, the ovum, is the largest cell known to science; but the male cell (gamete), the spermatozoon, is truly microscopic. However, the nucleus of the ovum is a tiny white 'speck', smaller than a pinhead, found on top of the egg-yolk; this is where the sperm (the male gamete) must 'drill' into the ovum and combine its DNA with that of the female gamete to form the new living embryo.

The delicate structures of the egg are 'assembled' in four precise stages:

- 1.** First the yolk and ovum develop in the ovary, among a 'grape-like' cluster of similar ovules, or miniature yolks. The yolk, together with its unfertilized blastoderm, (the ovum), matures in the ovary until it is released into the 'infundibulum' (the upper funnel) of the oviduct, where it encounters the male sperm and is fertilized.
- 2.** The fertilized egg with its microscopic embryo now passes down to the 'magnum' (the upper middle section of the oviduct), where a layer of watery albumen (the egg-white) envelops the yolk in a thin sack. At opposite ends of the yolk, thin strands of albumen become twisted to form the rope-like 'chalaza'; these two cords suspend the yolk centrally in a floating 'hammock' as it travels down the oviduct; the chalazas prevent the yolk from rising to bruise itself against the shell membranes. Before the yolk leaves the 'magnum' the remaining volume of watery albumen is wrapped around it.
- 3.** The developing egg then enters the 'isthmus' (the lower mid-section of the oviduct) where the yolk and albumen are completely encapsulated in two loose-fitting shell membranes.
- 4.** The egg then passes on to the 'uterus', where the final stage of egg formation occurs. About 80% of the egg's development is spent in the uterus; here the shell membranes tighten around the yolk and albumen, and the outer eggshell is finally secreted.

Next Month:

The Miracle of the Hatching Egg
by Jim Clever

Who am I ?



GEORGEANNA WRIGHT

Georgeanna Wright is introducing a new column to the newsletter entitled "Who am I". She will be asking various members questions and we'll see if you can guess his or her identity. The questions that will be asked are outlined below. The identity of this member will be hidden in the newsletter.

WHO AM I?

Tell us about your first bird.

That would have been a parrotlet I received as a gift a couple of years ago. Unfortunately, although I really liked it, it didn't seem to take to its new home. It never really settled in well, and one day we found it feet-up in the cage for no obvious reason. This was not the best of all possible ways to become introduced to the bird fancy...

Which species and many of each do you have now?

Somewhere around 20 canaries, 2 Red Rumps, doves, button quail, a *bunch* of finches.

What do you like most and least about bird keeping?

What I like most is the joy of watching the flock grow.

Least: Cleaning the aviary on a hot, damp day. Phewwwww!

What other pets do you have?

Right now we have a miniature schnauzer and a white fuzzy pound puppy. As soon as I'm up in the mornings and stumble into the kitchen they're waiting for me, asking for their breakfast, and I mean they want it right now!

We lost our other pound rescue Bo, also a schnauzer, a couple of years ago.

What do you do for fun?

I like taking long drives in the country with my spouse. We like to get out the GPS and find country or mountain roads – dirt roads or very mountainous terrain. We prefer the road less traveled, the scenic areas. Sometimes we look at a map, then zero in on a spot with the GPS. We especially enjoy the old mountain towns and the unique little shops we find there.

The other things that keep me really busy are working on the web and desktop publishing. Right now I'm designing the 2009 Club ID Cards for dues paying members. I guess I just like everything that's computer related!

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Janna May draw your # at the next meeting



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If you would like to receive the Newsletter via computer on your e-mail, please let Jim Carter know (209 996-6615) . It would save the Club postage, printing and paper cost each month . We have already converted almost half of our membership to email newsletters. **GO GREEN !!**

The amount of space given to each ad is entirely based on space available. If we have lots of space, the ads can be bigger. Likewise, if we have more ads, they will be sized to fit.

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Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the
month. (June held on 4th Sun)

The meeting place is Mancini Hall located at
718 Tuolumne Boulevard in Modesto. Ca. 95351

2009 Event Calendar—Bird Mart and Bird Show Events

DATE	HOST/DETAILS	LOCATION
MAY 17	Sequoia Budgerigar Society Spring Show	Fresno
JUNE 28	San Jose Bird Mart Pay & Free (10th St.) Parking ATM - Food	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 344 Tully Road, Santa Clara Pavilion Hall Sunday 9AM to 4 PM
JUL 24	4th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 1st. Day Speaker and bird sales 5 PM	Meet the top breeders on the west coast La Quinta Downtown Sacramento
JUL 25	4th Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show and Bird Sales 9 AM judge Clarence Culwell	Chryse Seeman, manager 209 838-2466 Chryse95320@yahoo.com www.efinch.com/show
AUG 16	Northern California Exotic Bird & Supply Exposition Birds, Reptiles and Supplies for sale at Great prices Admission: \$6.00, Under 12 Free \$50.00 Door Prize Limited Free Parking Web: www.ncabird.com	Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Pleasanton, CA. Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM
SEP 12	Sonora Exotic Animal & Bird Expo	
OCT (open)	CCBS Bird Mart & Pet Expo www.capitolbird.org Capitol City Bird Society P.O. Box 41221, Sacramento, CA. 95841-0221	Placer County Fairground Roseville, CA. info/Contact: Rosiebird at (916) 363-6777 Sunday, 9am—4pm
OCT 11	RECBC Redwood Empire Caged Bird Club Bird Mart	Sonoma Fairgrounds Kraft Hall 1350 Bennett Valley Road. Santa Rosa, Ca. Sunday Contact: Bonnie at: (707) 546-1776
OCT 31	Central California Cage Bird Club Canary/Finch Bird show and Bird Mart Adults: \$2; kids under 15: Free. Free Parking—Food	SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave., Modesto Sunday, 9am—4pm Contact: TERESE: 209 247 3206 For Bird Mart info. Contact: CHRYSE: 209 838-2466 For Show info.
Nov 08	San Jose Bird Mart Free (10th St.) Parking	Santa Clara County Fairgrounds 344 Tully Road, Santa Clara Gateway Hall Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM
NOV 14 & 15	Larry Waugh Memorial Quad Pacific American Singers http://www.geocities.com/pacificamericansingers Annual song contest for American Singer Canaries Parking, Free Public Viewing canaries for sale	Laurel Inn 801 W. Laurel Dr., Salinas, CA. Saturday and Sunday 9am to 4pm
DEC 12	Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club 48 th Annual Cage Bird Show http://www.santaclarabirdclub.org Free Parking Adults: \$3; kids \$ 1	Temple Emanu-El 1010 University Ave., San Jose, CA information, phone 408 247-3733 10AM until 5PM



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				MEETING SCHEDULE 2009			
				DATE	PLACE		

Remember to bring snacks for the meeting and items for the raffle table. It can be anything i.e. bird supplies, goodies, wine, cookies, plants, yard sale finds, etc. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00. and we always have lots of fun with this. The money from the tickets pays for the meeting hall. Meetings begin at 1:00 PM with introduction of members and guests followed by the club business and then the program speaker.

JAN-18	Meeting	Mancini Hall 718 Tuolumne Blvd. Modesto Ca. 95351 1:PM
FEB-15	Meeting	
MAR-15	Meeting	
APR-19	Meeting	
MAY-17	Meeting	
JUN-14	Meeting	
JUL-19	Meeting	
AUG-16	Meeting	
SEP-20	Meeting	
OCT-31	Bird Show & Bird Mart	
NOV-15	Meeting	Mancini Hall
DEC-20	Meeting	Mancini Hall

Any Changes to this schedule will be posted here.