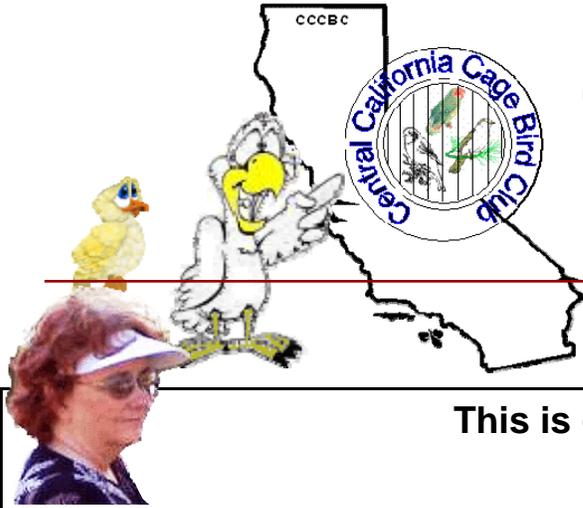


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CCCBC Established in 1933 The purpose of CCCBC is to develop and promote proper breeding, humane treatment and care of all varieties of cage birds.

Treasurers Report for FEB 2009 Will be delivered at the MARCH Meeting

This is gonna be good!!

Janna had such a brilliant idea with our first annual **BUY, SELL or TRADE** birdie and cage/stuff sale, so we're going to do it again and have our second annual event at the March meeting. We have invited other clubs to participate as well. We're going to have canaries, handfed parakeets, cockatiels, and lovebirds, Shafttail finches, as well as some doves, bobwhites, diamond doves. and who knows what else. Maybe some flight cages and hopefully some breeding cages will be there. Feel free to invite everyone you know to come. You don't need to be a member or reserve space, just come and bring what you can. Guests can also buy, sell and trade along with the rest of us. ...Remember, this is not for donation — you take home whatever money you get! It looks like it's going to be a great meeting and we'll all have fun...which is the whole point, right?

This was a huge success last year and should be even better this year. Volunteers will be welcome to help out and we will have some little carts available (and some muscle) to help bring in birds and cages, etc. Don't forget to bring some snacks for the food table ... us bird people love to eat! See ya'all there!!!!

Terese Davis

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No raffle this meeting

because of the Buy/Sell and Trade. Save your stuff for next month!
But bring your **snacks**.

Treasurer's Report

It was decided by the members that we would no longer publish the Treasurer's Report in the newsletter. Instead, we will report it during the meetings. Any member who missed it during the meeting and wants to know the status of the club's finances can call Sherry Fisher and she will be happy to let you know how we're doing.

Sherry Fisher

Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2009

The meeting was opened and led by President Janna Place. There were twenty people in attendance, including a visitor named Tony. \$75.00 was collected from the raffle.



SHARON BYRNE

The minutes and Treasurer’s report were given and approved.

Various ways to pay dues were discussed and it was decided that all members will pay \$20.00 per year even if they don’t pay in January. New members will only pay the remaining pro-rated percentage of the \$20.00 from the month in which they join (for that year). This membership fee covers the whole family.

Darrell Brewer was the featured speaker and he spoke on raising canaries. He shared many interesting and useful facts about how he takes care of his birds; their diet, the importance of cleanliness, and controlling diseases. Thank you Mr. Brewer for speaking to us!

Sharon Byrne, Secretary

Dues are Due Now

The members have been much more on-the-ball about paying their dues (without too much prompting) than I’ve ever seen before. This really shows a lot of respect to the club from all of our members. I’m happy to announce that more than 33 have paid and only 16 are unpaid to date. Many people have mentioned that they’re going to pay, just haven’t gotten it done yet. Please fill out the renewal form in the back of the newsletter...just the basics if no change in address (add email if you have it) or phone and send or give to Sherry Fisher. She’s at 4516 Freelove Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361. Call her (848-0700) if you need to pro-rate your dues (if you joined in the middle of the year, etc.) Also, remember to pay for your business card ads. Let us know if you want any changes to your ad or if you want to start a new ad. The rates are: Business card—\$5.00, 1/4 page \$10.00, 1/2 page \$15, and full page ad \$20 for the year in the newsletter. These are member prices. Non-member prices are double. (Makes sense to just join the club...lots of other discounts, too.) Thanks for all your support for the club.

Terese Davis

The Miracle of the Hatching Egg
by Jim Clever

As the embryo of the fertile canary egg develops, the chick gradually transfers its head from the egg's 'pointed' end, toward the air chamber in the 'blunt' end, and tucks its head under its right wing. Since the unhatched egg is a 'closed' system, there is little exchange of gases between the embryo and the external environment. As the chick grows, blood, gases and nutrients circulate in the allantoid, a membranous sac that develops from the posterior part of the alimentary canal in the embryos of mammals, birds, and reptiles. But as the chick grows, the exchange of gases within the allantoid, eventually fail to meet the needs of the developing chick. The rising level of carbon dioxide within the egg eventually triggers spasms in the neck muscles of the embryo, causing the chick's head to 'jerk' until its beak ruptures the membrane of the air chamber at the broad end of the egg.

The chick takes its first breath and its lungs begin to function as it breathes the air within this chamber. At this time the left-right cardio-vascular shunt in the embryo's immature heart closes and the heart-lung system begins to function normally. The elevated carbon dioxide levels also cause the abdominal muscles to contract, pulling the external yolk sac within the abdominal cavity, where it is slowly absorbed.

As the chick consumes the oxygen in the air chamber, the carbon dioxide level rises again, to as much as 10%, triggering contractions in the neck muscles. During one of these spasms, the 'egg tooth' on the chick's beak chips through the egg shell, forming a 'pip' hole, which allows fresh oxygen to enter the air chamber.

Now, the chick begins to struggle for its life. Muscle spasms of the neck, back, and abdomen, force the chick to wriggle and rotate its position from the first 'pip' hole, ever so slightly. The neck muscle contracts again and another 'chip' is made alongside the first. These small perforations, or 'pips' are always made in a counter-clockwise direction. The chick rotates its position, a muscle spasm occurs, another chip in the shell is made, and so on, until a ring of perforations girdles the shell. Eventually, the chick has chipped away enough of the shell to loosen this 'cap', and it begins to kick with its legs, levering away the cap to escape from the prison of the egg.

In a small species, like the canary, the entire process from breaking into the air chamber and pipping the shell takes about three hours. The interval from pipping to kicking free from the egg can take as little as 30 minutes, if conditions are right.

However, a number of 'fatal flaws' can occur during the final hours of the chick's development and hatching; three that result in 'dead-in-shell' are described here:

1. It often happens, if an egg is more rounded than oval in shape, that the chick ends up with its head at the wrong end of the egg, away from the air chamber. This is lethal in most cases because the chick cannot penetrate the air chamber to obtain its first breath and suffocates.

2. Similarly, if the chick's head becomes trapped under its left wing, rather than its right wing, this will be fatal in nearly all cases. The chick is genetically 'programmed' to turn counter-clockwise as it pips the shell, but if the head is locked beneath the left wing, its body gets in the way and 'pipping' cannot take place.



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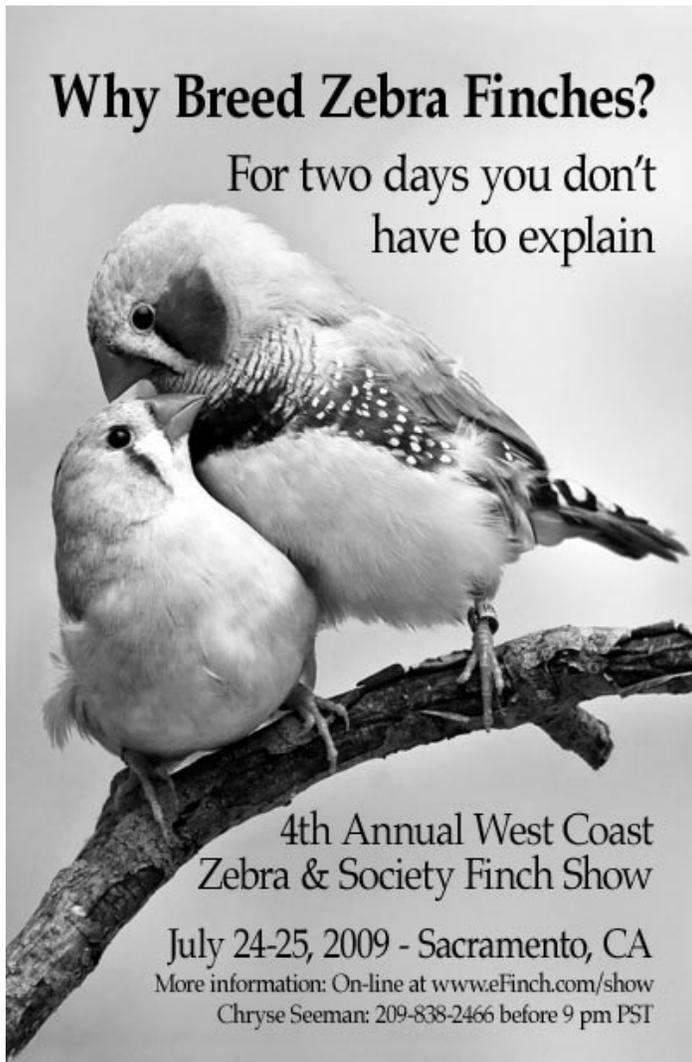
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The Miracle of the Hatching Egg (Continued)

by Jim Clever

3. Finally, if the chick's feet are positioned above its head, this will also be lethal, since it will be unable to kick free of the shell. *

So, once again nature gives us a 'little gift' of a newly hatched canary. But the true miracle is that this frail little bundle of life hatches at all!

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Final Article Next month: **Inside the Incredible Egg**
"The Chronology of Embryonic Development"
by Jim Clever

Mock Bird Show at June meeting



CHRYSE SEEMAN

The CCCBC First Annual (just for fun) bird show will take place at the June 14th meeting. This will be informative, casual and fun. All birds are eligible for entry and the entry fee is 25 cents per bird.

There will be 3 divisions, Hookbills (all) , Canaries (all) and Finches (all). We are honored to have an excellent team of judges for this show, Mr. Darrell Brewer, a successful, long time breeder- exhibitor of Canaries, and CCCBC member and Mrs. Sharon Holman of Sonora, CA, President of Gold Country Bird Society and a life long supporter of many Avicultural activities. The birds will be scored on condition, only. Conformation or any other factors will not be considered. Please no cages larger than 24 inches wide, or thereabouts. Three small prizes will be awarded to the top birds in each division. We will encourage the judges to comment on the condition of several birds, and perhaps we can get a few tips on conditioning. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with taking entries and assisting those who bring birds to share with us. For anyone interested in learning some of the in-and-outs of the stewarding process, this is your chance ! Please plan to be a part of this fun Sunday afternoon ! If you would like more information or have any questions, please call or email Chryse.

Chryse Seeman

What's Cooking?

By Linda Hogan

CORNBREAD

Ingredients:

- 2 boxes Jiffy corn bread mix
- 4 whole eggs with shell
- 1 cup (1 package or can Soy Drink or Soy Baby Formula or reconstituted Soy Powdered Milk)
- 2 Tablespoon Sugar or Honey
- 2 Tablespoons Soy Protein Powder
- 1 Tablespoon Wheat Germ
- 2 Tablespoons Poppy Seeds

1 Directions:

1. Process a few seconds to mix and grind egg shells. Bake in greased 9 inches pan at 350 degrees till done or approximately 45 minutes.
2. When cool cut in pieces and feed or process and add to egg food. Extra can be frozen.

A series of eight recipes' will appear over the next several months

Getting ready for the buy/sell/trade extravaganza?

I've had calls (from our website) asking for lizard canaries, bobwhites, and various cages and nesting boxes. I'm bringing some shafttail finches, hoping to trade for some lovebirds. Maxine Gonzalez says she'll bring some even more colorful doves and some diamond doves, and Joy Knop wants to bring some parakeets. I know several people are still looking for canaries (I need some females). Sooo, sort through the flock, rout through the boxes and cupboards and wade through the cages and nesting stuff. Garden items will be welcome, too. Get some stuff you want, get rid of stuff you don't, and there's always cash, too! We're expecting a great turnout, as we've invited other clubs to take part. Call if you have any questions/suggestions.

Terese 869-5066

Darlene Cowell is looking for a nesting box for her ring-neck parakeets. She emailed from the newsletter and is going to attend our buy/sell/trade. She's got many other types of birds and we'll look forward to meeting her. If you've got a nesting box, you can call her at 209-988-2617 or email to pooterbegone@yahoo.com

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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 !!**

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Membership Renewal

New Membership

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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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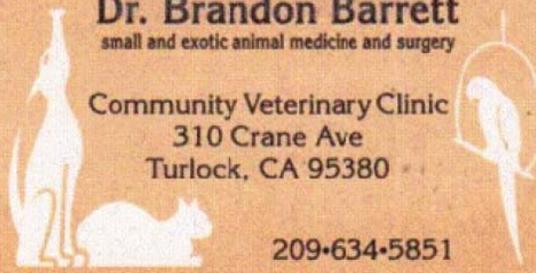
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				MEETING SCHEDULE 2009			
				DATE	PLACE		

Remember to bring snacks for the meeting. Meetings begin at 1:00 PM with introduction of members and guests followed by the club business and then the BUY/SELL/TRADE begins!

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.