

**“CHIRP & SQUAWK”  
NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2009**

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**NEXT CLUB NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

**TIME: 7.30. PM Please be on time**

**WHERE: Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Unfortunately we don't have a Speaker this Month, but there are a lot of members' having trouble with the breeding season so we are having a Club night discussion. This is also our last Club meeting for this year as next month is Christmas Dinner. Our next Club night will be 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

I do hope you are all having a good breeding season. The weather has not been helpful with really freezing conditions so late in October. Perhaps now we are getting some good weather it is here to stay. This is my 1<sup>st</sup> breeding season and I thought with new aviary etc things would start to happen. Unfortunately somebody didn't tell the birds what to do or perhaps they don't like arranged marriages. I can only hope things must get better.

Meg Mansell is not having a happy holiday. She broke her Femur in Cambonia and was flown to Bangkok to be operated on and had to spend 2 weeks in hospital. Meg has now returned home but it is going to take 3 months to fully recover. We send her "Many Get Well Soon Wishes" ☺ ☺ ☺ and hope to see her back at Club nights in 2010.

Our Guest speakers last Month were really interesting and it was great that so many members came along. We hope in the future to visit QE11 Park with a guided tour and end the day with a BBQ somewhere.

I must say I was disappointed when I spoke to a lot of you at our last Club night, how few of you had taken the time to read the newsletter, and the article. I try very hard to find interesting articles so I do hope you will take the time to read them. Remember if you find an item or something that you think will interest our members' please pass it on to me.

**SEED ORDER:** This is our 1<sup>st</sup> Order with Tui Seeds. Order forms will be available on Club Night, with prices. The seed order will close on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and all going well you will be able to pick it up on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, between 10am and 12 noon at the container. If you can not be at Club night you can phone Bill on (04) 9058784.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: this will be held at The Kapiti Club on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Time 6.30pm for Dinner at 7pm. Cost is \$30 per person. I need to know by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 as I have to confirm on 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you are at Club night put your name on the list or Phone me June on (04) 904 2330. Remember a small wrapped gift to the value of \$5 please. It really does help to make the evening feel that little bit special.

LIBRARY BOOKS: All library books MUST be returned on Club night 14<sup>th</sup> November. Books from the library will be available again at our February Club night 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

SHOWS 2010: Please mark your Calendar for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2010 for our Exhibition. Also there are table shows at Masterton Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Palmerston North on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We have had a set of cages donated to us. They could be used as breeding cages. Any body interested can see them at Jan Killalea's place and a donation made to the Club

A POEM:     ODE TO THE GOULDIAN FINCH

A Gouldian man stood at the gate, his head bent very low  
He sadly asked the Man of Fate which way he had to go.  
"What has thou done?" St. Peter asked "To seek admission here?"  
"I bred Gouldian finches, Sir" he said for many a year"  
"Bred Gouldian finches"? St. Peter cried, then gently pressed the bell.  
"Step inside and choose your place, you've had your share of hell!"

That's it from me. Hope to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. At 7.30pm

*kindest Regards to all.     June*