

“Chirp & Squawk”

February 2012 Newsletter



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Next club night: Wednesday 8 February

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Community Centre, Ngahina St
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President's Report Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012. First up: if you get this newsletter late - my apologies. I usually have the newsletter to Don by Sunday but my weekend turned to custard and then Monday/Tuesday was hectic with my boss called away urgently to his very sick father in Christchurch, so I didn't get it to Don until late Tuesday night.

The 2011 Christmas Dinner was a great success with 28 members attending Monteith's and a good time was had by all. The only downside was at the end of the night, two items were not paid for (a meal and a drink) so if this was you, I will gladly take your payment.

Club Night

The first meeting of the year is a club night, mainly to catch up with everyone after the long Xmas break, a general heads-up on what we have planned for the year and an update on how the breeding season has gone for everyone both good and bad.

Seed Order

The next seed order is due at the March meeting. If you are short now, the club does have some 10kg Budgie Mix and Canary Seed stocks available plus there are also the seed table sales below.

Seed Sales

For those with smaller flocks, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the club at the meetings for some more common (and some not so common) seeds:

- Budgie Mix – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Canary Seed – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Fine Oyster Grit – 1kg \$1.20
- 1 bag of 25 Millet Sprays - \$6.50
- 3x Cuttlefish - \$1.50

We are trialing some of the other seeds in smaller amount's at member's request and if they do not sell, we won't be getting them again.

- Wild French Millet – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Wild Bird Mix – 1kg \$2.30 / 2kg \$4.60

See Helen at the seed table on club night.

Activities

Last year's Nga Manu barbeque was cancelled as the impression was no-one would have attended as there was a charge involved to get in. It turned out almost everyone was very disappointed we did not go as they were always under the impression payment was expected. As we are rapidly running out of good weather, we propose Sunday 4 March for this event. Please advise at/by the February meeting if you would like to attend or ring June 904 2330. Cost is expected to be \$12 per person but this will be confirmed by the meeting.

The subject of a trip to Kapiti Island has been raised a few times last year so we have it on the list for a possible trip this year. There will be a list at the February meeting where you can indicate interest. No dates have been thought of or arranged at this time – this is just an expression of interest. If we have a decent show of hands, we will investigate further.

Palmerston North Aviary Crawl: a return trip to the Palmerston North club will be organized later in the year – perhaps June/July.

Anything else you can think of that we could possibly do this year? Feel free to add it to the list at the February meeting.

Exhibition

14 April at Community Centre. Please start thinking about this event now. The new venue this year as seen above is the Community Centre as the Primary School Hall has been booked for something else this year.

Club Library

The latest Birdkeeper books are now available for loan-out. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books that may be suitable for the club to purchase, feel free to let Helen know. We are having major problems finding additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

A Message from our Patron, Shirley Allerby (17 Dec 11)

This is a letter of apology to you all. As most of you will know, we had misplaced the photo albums belonging to the club which had memories of days, outings and events over the 27 years that I had started, kept it going and up to date until over recent years.

Last week, while spring cleaning, I discovered the box holding the albums under a large tallboy in our bedroom, and although delighted to find them was also mortified to realise that I actually had them here at home.

I immediately took the box down to Helen and Adam and apologised to them. I now wish to apologise to all club members also as I truly did not realise (nor remember) that they were in my possession. I do hope that no inconvenience has been caused to anyone.

Regards to you all.

Shirley Allerby

For your information:

The following Judges have been invited to judge at the Christchurch National 2012

Yorkshire	Trevor Brown	Nelson
Norwich	Brian Mackle	Temuka
Border	Tom Edser	Paraparaumu
Colour Fed	Murray Davey	Paraparaumu
Non Colour Fed	Jeff Rankin	Gore
Gloster	Ray Humghreys	Christchurch
Roller AA	Stanley Crosby	Christchurch
Roller CYCR	Kevin Garrett	Carterton
Lizard	Don Birch	Napier
Budgerigar Champion AA	Jason Walker	Upper Hutt
Budgerigar Champion CYCR	Kevin Rickerby	Invercargill
Budgerigar Novice AA	Herbie Duston	Invercargill
Budgerigar Novice CYCR	Mervyn Cox	Christchurch
British, Mule & Hybrid	Eric Graham	Christchurch
Zebra Finch	Robbie Flowers	Nelson
Bengalese	Wendy Gibbs	Christchurch
Foreign & Hook-beak	Jerome Bremmers	Christchurch
Lovebirds	Margaret Healy	Lawrence