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“Chirp & Squawk”

July 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 11 July – 6.30pm-9.30pm
Pot Luck Dinner
Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

President's Report:

I don't have very much for a report this month as most of it is covered elsewhere in the newsletter. Last month's speaker went down a treat and we had an awesome turnout. Just a reminder, this month's earlier start time of 6:30pm for the Pot Luck Dinner. Everyone is welcome.

July's Club Night:

This month's Club night is our annual pot luck dinner. Please note the earlier start time. Only four people put their names down on the list and three have called since to advise what they were bringing. Remember we do not need to know exactly what you are bringing, just the course (starter, main or dessert). So far we have

- 1 starter
- 3 mains
- 3 dessert

If you intend coming, please contact Adam or Helen on 04 2986291 and advise what course you are bringing so we make sure we have enough of each course. This will also let us know numbers. The Club will be providing some wine and orange juice like last year. There is plenty of cutlery and crockery at the Community Centre but a distinct lack of glasses, so don't forget to bring your own drinking vessel.

August's Club Night:

This will be a club night with discussions and passing around of information in preparation for the impending breeding season. I call upon all members to bring something to the circle, be it knowledge or an item or past experiences that can help any and all members over the breeding season. Everyone will get a go so have something ready.

Junior's Night: We are looking at doing something for our junior members. We are proposing to have a half hour session on a club night prior to the main meeting (7-7:30pm) where the junior members can have their own little meeting with club members as speakers, on subjects specific to their needs, whether it be help and guidance on what they are doing now or maybe what they should be doing, general tips and hints, or anything else they may be interested in. This will be a two-way street where we will also ask the junior members what they might be interested in for their next meeting and we will try and accommodate them with the relevant speaker. I have already received a couple members interested in speaking to our juniors but I am always open to more. We would only need one or two member speakers per junior meeting. We have already contacted one of our junior members and she is keen. We will be contacting the remainder directly and intend the first meeting for August's Club Night. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

Club Rules

We are bound by a set of rules – our constitution – the little green book! We have been a bit lax these last few years and some members may not have a copy. Get a note/email to Don (Treasurer) for your copy or Helen (Secretary) will have spare copies at the Club meetings.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are due from 01 August 2012. You will find subscription forms enclosed with this newsletter. Subscription prices are the same as last year – Partnership or Family \$20; Single \$15; Junior \$5; Federation Year Book (comes out January of the following year) \$10 or \$15 if you want it posted. Please remember to fill out your subscription form when you submit your payment as this is used to keep track of who our members are. You still need to fill out a form if you pay by internet banking – just hand it in on a club night.

Bird Database:

This has been a subject raised a few times over the past year or so and it has been decided to move it forward. This is a database of all club members and what bird types they each have. It will be maintained by one member and that member is the only person who will see the list. The current database manager will be our secretary, Helen Kake. She will be contacting everyone over the next month or so to get all your bird lists (if she hasn't got to you already ☺). If you do not want to have your birds on the database that is fine - just let her know when she calls you and she will annotate such. The club gets many queries about birds, whether someone is interested in buying or selling or just general information regarding a particular bird breed. Should a query come in, the database can be consulted and the database manager can then contact the member in question. At this point it is up to the member whether they contact the person querying or not – this is not compulsory. Also, the only person contacting the member will be the database manager – no one else, including other club members, will get contact details. All information remains confidential.

Seed Order - JULY:

Bill (or Adam in Bill's absence) will have order forms with the new seed prices available at July's Pot Luck Dinner evening. Orders need to be with Bill by Sunday 15th 6pm at the latest. Remember: no order form – no order! Seed will be available for pickup the following Saturday 21st between 10am and 12noon at the Bird Club's container housed at the Met Office, Tahi Road, Paraparaumu. For those who have not been to the container before, go through the white gates at the end of Tahi Road and follow the road around to the far back of the buildings and around to the right of the buildings and onto the grass.

Seed Table Sales:

For those with smaller flocks or you need something before the seed order, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the Club at the monthly meetings of the common (and some not so common) seeds.

- Budgie Mix – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Canary Seed – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Finch Mix – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Fine Oyster Grit – 1kg \$1.40
- Hulled Oats – 1kg \$2.50 / 2kg \$5.00
- Weed Seed – 1kg \$1.90 / 2kg \$3.80
- 1 bag of 25 Millet Sprays - \$7.70
- 3x Cuttlefish - \$1.70

We are trialing some other seeds in smaller amounts at member's requests and if they do not sell, we won't be getting them again:

- Canary Mix – 1kg \$2.70 (**new item**)
- Soak and Sprout Mix – 1kg \$2.10 (**new item**)
- White French Millet – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Wild Bird Mix – 1kg \$2.30 / 2kg \$4.60
- Cockatiel Mix (**next month – prices tbc**)

We also have some Blue Maw seed available for purchase at \$4.00 / kg
See Jan/Lyn at the seed table on club night.

Club Library:

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

Club Website:

Remember if you can't find a newsletter or want to ask a question, or have birds for sale/want to buy – go to our Club's website (<http://www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz/>). Remember this and you can advise other people interested in birds to check out the website or join the Club!

Raffle:

Don was the winner of the Pork Roast last month (after Adele declined her winning ticket and drew again ☺). Don't forget to get your tickets - \$1.00 per ticket!

Buy, Sell or Swap:

Wanted to Buy: Red Factor Canary Hens. Contact June 04 904 2330

Federation Newsletter:

There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. They come out every two months.

Bird Shows:

14-15 July	Rotorua 50 th Annual (entries close Friday 6 July) Southland 50 th Jubilee
27-29 July	Christchurch National Federation Show (entries close Wed 4 July) (Tom Edser and Murray Davey are judging)

Bird Sales:

21-22 July	Hamilton Cage Bird Club – Annual Bird Sale
Sun 19 Aug	Te Awamutu Bird Club Annual Sale

These lists will also be on a noticeboard at the monthly meetings plus, for new members, lists of the various Societies to join if you want banded legrings or if you are interested in showing your birds.

Congratulations to all members who have had show successes in the past month.