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“Chirp & Squawk”

November 2012 Newsletter

Next Club Night: Wednesday 14 November

7:00pm-7:30pm - Juniors

7.30pm-9.30pm – Guest Speaker

Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

President's Report:

First up, thanks to Jan for running last month's meeting. I had to make an urgent run up to Whangarei for a family hui. Last month's Junior's night seems to have gone down well also. See below for this month's speaker and subject. We still need support from our more experienced members to encourage the juniors with information and advice please. We have a speaker lined up for the main meeting so a good turnout would be appreciated. I hope everyone's breeding season is going well. As always, any problems or questions bring them along to the club night – no doubt someone will have an answer for you.

November's Club Night:

Junior's: Speaker: June Simpson – Subject: What to feed our birds

Session starts promptly at 7:00pm. Juniors - don't forget to bring any questions you may have.

The feedback I have had from last month's Junior's Night seems to have gone down well. This month, June will be talking to the Junior's about food for our birds, including soft food and seed mixes.

Club:

Guest Speaker: Tim O'Halloram

Tim is a Qualified Fire Fighter and Dog Handler at Wellington Airport (amongst other things I hear). He will be talking to us about the goings-on at the Airport and the various things he gets to do while wearing multiple hats.

December's Club Night: Wednesday 12 December 2012

Junior's:

There will be no Juniors Night in December due to the Xmas Dinner. Junior's night will resume in February (as we do not have a meeting in January).

Club:

Christmas Dinner: This has been booked at Fisherman's Table at Paekakariki. As requested last month, we have made a group booking but everyone will be ordering their own meals off the normal menu rather than off a fixed menu. This allows everyone to order what they want rather than forcing everyone to order the same thing. Booking has been made for 6:30pm. We have booked for 30 at this stage and need to confirm the actual numbers by Monday 10th, so anyone who wants to go please make sure your name is on the list (at November's club night) or contact Helen (if you are not able to attend November's meeting) before Friday 7 December.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are now overdue (final payment date was 31 Oct). If you have not paid your subs for this year, this will be your last newsletter. Subscription forms were sent by post with July's newsletter. If you have lost it, Adam will have some spares. 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 to Adam.

April 2013 Exhibition

If you could start thinking about this as we need to organize a few things already. We need non-perishable items for the raffle please put in the box by the name labels. We also need volunteers for the Exhibition Committee who will organize the Exhibition – up to 10 people by December. This is extra to the volunteers on the day. Please put your name on the list or see Helen.

Kapiti Bird Club Container – Working Bee

We are looking at giving the container a bit of a scrub, paint and polish as surface rust is beginning to take hold. At the same time we shall do some much needed maintenance on the staging. In February we will get together one fine Saturday/Sunday and have a BBQ too. Please put your name on the list or see Helen. Date to be confirmed next year.

Club Trips

We have three suggestions for upcoming trips and need your opinions please.

1. Mount Bruce – go by bus February 2013 and have a guided tour (approx. \$75 each)
2. 81st Grand National NZ Federation Bird Show, Napier – travel in mini vans and stay one or two nights in 26-28th July 2013
3. Nga Manu Reserve – BBQ and tours/walks in February 2013 (Adult \$15, Child under 15yrs \$6 and Family \$35 2 adults and children of that family).

A Peek in Your Aviary

We have had a request from a new member that they would like to view a few of the member's aviaries. If we could get 4-6 members who are willing for a small group from our club to look around their aviaries please contact Helen. We would ideally like to do this November/December. If you are interested in looking at the aviaries contact Helen too.

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.

Bird Database:

If Helen has not contacted you about your birds for the database, feel free to either approach her at the meeting or call her (number is at the top). 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.

Bird Recipe Book:

We would like to put together a recipe book for birds (what they eat not eating them ☺) to help promote bird health and wellbeing, especially for our new members who are just starting out. We all know if we train them the right way from the start, then we will have bigger and healthier birds.

If anyone has a favourite recipe they feed their birds either prior to, during breeding season or all year round – and are willing to share it then pass these on to Helen or pop them into the suggestions box. You can submit the recipes anonymously if you wish otherwise your name can be printed next to the recipe title. Please provide these recipes already written (legibly) and we will type them up and produce a booklet. There will also be a form on the website where you can submit your recipes as well. This form will be sent to Helen and added to the compilation.

Seed Order:

It is that time again. Bill will have the seed order forms at November's meeting. Remember no form – no order. Order will go in on Sunday 18th November and will arrive for pickup from the container at the Met Office on Saturday 24th November (unless otherwise advised by Bill). If you cannot make November's meeting please ensure you contact Bill BEFORE Sunday otherwise you will miss out. Also a reminder that the pickup window is now **10:00am-11:00am**. 95% of our members have always picked up by 11:00am and it seems a waste of time to be sitting around waiting for one or two members to come, usually close to the old 12:00pm close time. If you cannot make the 10:00-11:00 pickup window, please contact Bill BEFORE Saturday to arrange either for an alternate pickup time (which would be during weekday work hours assuming Bill is there) or advising someone else is picking up the seed for them. If someone else is picking up your seed, please ensure they have your payment so Bill can complete the paperwork on the day.

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! I have added links to a couple of forums we use a lot and a couple of others I found. If you have any good links you want to share with the members, please let me know and I will get them added.

Raffle:

David Eyles won last month's Roast Pork raffle. Don't forget to get your tickets for this month - \$1.00 per ticket!

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.

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
- Kiwi Soft Food – 1kg \$7.70
- Dutch Formula Soft Food – 0.5kg \$5.00

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
- White French Millet – 1kg \$2.40 / 2kg \$4.80
- Wild Bird Mix – 1kg \$2.30 / 2kg \$4.60
- Cockatiel Mix – 1kg \$2.70 / 2kg \$5.40
- Sunflower Seed – 1kg \$

See Jan/Lyn at the seed table on club night. There are also samples of the seeds Top Flight supplies in small containers so you can look at the seed selection.

Pigeon Express:

We have a number of containers of Pigeon Express available for purchase by club members: \$20 per 750ml bottle. First up best dressed. These will be available on the seed table while stocks last.

Buy, Sell or Swap:

For Sale: We have members with the following birds for sale:

- Baby Budgies (two sources)
- Baby Chinese Quails
- Baby Cockatiels
- Japanese Quails
- Baby Rosa Burks
- Pair of Lovebirds free to a good home
- Male Chinese Quail free to a good home
- Hand-tamed Ringneck

Wanted: Chinese Quails (males and females)

Please contact Helen and we will pass you on to the relevant buyer or seller.

Wanted: Your spare unhatched eggs. Helen wants to expand her current collection of eggs and is going to make a set for the club as well. She is looking at two of each type of bird's egg that cover all our member's different varieties/species. We can use this going forward both as an exercise in egg recognition and as a record of the different bird types within the club. There will be a sheet of paper on the club table/notice board which will have listed all bird types known to be in the club and also what eggs are currently covered and obviously what are still needed. Feel free to talk with Helen about this for further information or with your donations. Remember this is a long-term task – we are asking this now so people will have it in their heads to save some eggs that would otherwise be thrown away.