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## **“Chirp & Squawk”**

### **October 2014 Newsletter**

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 08 October  
7.30pm-9.30pm – Club Night**

#### **President's Report:**

Thanks go out to Rob (with support from his wife, June) for last month's talk on aviaries. For those who weren't there last month, you really did miss out on some good info and tips.

A booking for Christmas Dinner has been made at Fisherman's Table for Wednesday 10 December 2014 from 6:30pm. The format will be the same as last year - ie. we have booked as a group, but not specifically for Xmas Dinner, as this would then require a fixed menu option to be used. This way we all get to order what we want (or don't as the case may be) and everyone/groups have separate accounts. Don't forget Subscriptions are now overdue. There are still a few of you yet to pay.

#### **October Club Night:**

##### **7:30-9:30pm Club Night**

October is Club night. Come along with your question, problems or just general information to pass on. Feel free to bring a bird or two along to share or ask questions on. Last month, we bought some Goldfinches and Redpolls along to get some assistance in sexing them. Our thanks to Malcolm and Don.

#### **November Club Night: Guest Speaker - Stephen Silk**

November's speaker is our Federation President. Do make sure to get along and hear what he has to say.

#### **Subscriptions:**

Subscriptions are due from 1 August 2014. Thank you to all those who have already paid. For those who have not paid yet, you should have already received a subscription form. Both Helen and I have spare copies at the meeting in case you have lost it. 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. 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.

#### **Breeding Season**

I hope everyone is having a good season so far. Any problems, don't forget we have oodles of experience in the club that we can tap into. Feel free to ask questions and I am sure someone will be able to provide some assistance.

#### **Seed 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. See Jan and Denise on club night.

#### **Parkwood Lodge, Waikanae**

They run a LovaPet session fortnightly on a Friday from 1.30-3pm and was wondering if there was anyone in our club that could spare the time to come and talk to the residents about their passion for

birds, play a DVD on the subject and bring some live animals in for visual stimuli. If anyone is able to help out please let Helen know asap.

### **Seed Order**

A reminder that our next seed order will be done at November's club night.

### **Club Library**

Noel and Janice have sorted through the books and added another selection of books for you to read. They also ask that if you have any outstanding books to please return them. The latest Birdkeeper magazines are also 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 our new librarians know. We are having major problems finding up-to-date additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

### **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.

### **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.

Helen has also spoken to most of the lower North Island clubs and we have their permission to publish their newsletters on our website as well so feel free to check out what they are doing. NZ Federation minutes are available to read on club nights and on the website as well.

### **Raffle**

Don't forget to get your tickets for this month's raffle. These have been selling very well so don't miss out!

### **Wanted, Buy, Sell or Exchange:**

The website now has a form that you can fill in for Wanted, Buy, Sell or Exchange so people (members and non-members alike) can submit their requests from the website. Eventually (once I get some spare time) there will be a page where all WBSE requests will be listed for all to see. The listings will have no contact details displayed other than the webmaster, who will then pass any queries on to the relevant advertiser in confidence, who will then decide whether they wish to follow up on the query. Thus there will be no direct website interaction to advertisers. If you are interested in any of the entries below, contact me and I will pass on the relevant details to you.

### **Wanted to Buy:**

- Yorkshire Canary Hen
- Norwich Canary Hen
- Java Sparrows Fawn or Cream, unrelated Breeding Pairs.
- Apricot or Frosted Red Factor Canary Hen

### **Wanted to Sell:**

- Java Sparrows Normal and Pied - this year's chicks