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October 2015 Newsletter

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 14 October
7.30pm-9.30pm – Club Night**

President’s Report:

Well it has been another month – where has the time gone. Happenings of the month include the loss of a long standing staple of the club exhibitions – Basil the Rainbow Lorikeet got loose and flew away a couple of weeks ago. See at the bottom for more details.

This month we need to decide where we want to go for our Xmas dinner in December. Some have mentioned not wanting to go back to Fisherman’s Table due to the noisy tables we always seem to be parked next to. At one stage earlier this year, there was a thought of the Waikanae Pub – but I guess the new carpark may be a bit short on the food side of things. So if you want a say as to where we want to go this year, best ye be present on the night or let Helen or Adam know beforehand as a final decision will be made then - we need to book wherever we end up going.

October Club Night:

7:30-9:30pm Club Night

We have a club night (again) this month although next month we do have a speaker lined up (WOOT!) Bring your questions or tidbits along for all to share.

November Club Night:

We have an old Club member coming to chat to us who use to be our youngest member. From those young years he has gone on to become a person who now has so much knowledge on birds he has gone ahead in leap and bounds and has just acquired a job back down in the Wellington Area looking after all the birds. He will explain all and as a clue will bring his pet rook Charlie with him. Will give more info in next month’s Newsletter.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are due from 1 August 2015. 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. Thank you for those who have already paid.

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.

A reminder that the next seed order is due at November’s meeting.

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 Library

The new Gloster Canary books have finally arrived and have been handed over to Noel and Janice for inclusion to the Club Library. There are two copies available so first up best dressed.

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.

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 - \$1 per ticket. These have been selling very well so don't miss out!

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.

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 Sell:

- Bird cage for sale: 6' long x 2' wide x 6' wide square welded mesh with a total of six compartments, on wheels so can be moved as needed, cupboards along bottom for storage, fold-out shelf, comes with 2 ramps made from treated wood total length about 6' and plastic for wind break on outside if needed. Open to offers.

LOST:

Basil went missing some 2 weeks ago. He is a Rainbow Lorikeet bright green with orange under is his chin and belly. He talked and said his own Name plus Hello and whistled. He went missing from Elizabeth Street in Waikanae. A Lorikeet was sighted down at Bowling Club Waikanae Beach. Would just like to know if anybody has seen him or found his body. Any information to June Simpson 049042330 Many Thanks