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November 2017 Newsletter

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 08 November
7.30pm-9.00pm – Club Night**

President’s Report:

It seems winter has stayed a littler later this year. Yet another meeting called off due to really crappy weather. The only ones we missed calling before they left home was Malcolm and Jeffrey-George who finally got their car to work properly (sorry guys). We did get a member of the public turn up though – someone who has a cage for sale. See below for these details.

Crunch time: Christmas Dinner venue selection. We have been at the Waikanae club for the last two years and members wanted a change for this year. Fisherman’s Table was mentioned again but if we have any other suggestions, please bring them along to the Club Night where we will discuss this. A decision will be made next week so we will need numbers wherever we end up so we can book (if it is not too late already).

November is seed order month. See below for further details.

November Club Night: Wednesday 08 November 2017 from 7.30pm

This month is a club night as I have still not been able to secure us a speaker. I have sent a couple of queries out but not heard back from either of them. If anyone has ideas, let me know. Amongst other things, the Xmas dinner venue will be discussed and decided upon this month.

Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are due from 1 August 2017. Last chance to get them paid if you have not done so already. Forms were enclosed with August’s newsletter but if you missed out or have lost it, just let Helen know and we can get you another one. As decided at the AGM, the Subscription prices are as follows:

Partnership or Family \$30;

Single \$20;

Junior \$5;

Federation Year Book (comes out January of the following year) \$10 (may be too late to order one of these).

Club Library

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

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.

Seed Order

This month is club seed order month.. Bill will have the forms at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to put in a seed order, please call Bill before next weekend with your order. Pickup will be Saturday 18th November between 10-11am at the container. If you didn't order in July and do not know where the container is now located, don't forget to ask when you place your order and details can be provided at that time. Otherwise call Bill or Adam and we can advise by phone.

Container Working Bee

Speaking of the container and its new location – sometime over the fine weather period, we need to give the container some well-deserved TLC. Bill water-blasted it before it left the Met Office (thanks Bill) and Bill and I also did some rust removal and prevention. Now that has had time to bed in, a lick of paint is next on the agenda. No planned date has been arranged yet but if those willing to put their hands up and help when it does happen can let Helen or I know, we can do a phone around and organize it when the time comes. We will also do a sort and tidy of the contents while we are there (we know there is some stuff that can be thrown out and other stuff that needs filing properly) and we can even fire up the BBQ afterwards and make a picnic out of it ☺ Watch this space for further updates.

Raffle

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets! \$1 per ticket. Comments on the new format welcome.

Federation and Other Clubs Newsletters

There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. The Federation comes out every two months and other clubs monthly.

Wanted to Sell:

- 1x Bird cage and stand. \$60. Picture of this cage can be found on the website (<http://www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz/wbse.php>). This is being sold by a member of the public who turned up at last month's cancelled meeting. Contact Helen for more information.