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“Chirp & Squawk”

May 2018 Newsletter

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 09 May
7.30pm-9.00pm – Annual General Meeting**

President’s Report:

Welcome to May and time for our Annual General Meeting.

The Exhibition

Thanks yet again to everyone who helped with the Exhibition to set up, pull down and on the actual day itself. Any help is always appreciated, no matter how little or much you are able to provide.

Door numbers were down again this year but at the end of the day, we still made a very modest profit and that includes having to buy our third and last big Community Sign. We also gained one new member on the day with a couple more in the wings and a few others saying they will be joining as well. So another successful event all round.

Trophies: Many thanks go to our guest judges on the day and congratulations to the winners.

Dempsey Trophy

Awarded for: The Best Displayed Straight Beak **Judges:** Rob/Bill. **Winner:** Adam and Helen Kake – Pair of Diamond Doves

Allerby Trophy

Awarded for: The Most Birds On Display (Show Benches) - **Winner:** Adam and Helen Kake

Wooden Plaque

Awarded for: Best Presented Bird **Judges:** Malcolm/Barry **Winner:** Witham Family – Pair of Rainbow Lorikeets

Ralph Jones Trophy

Awarded for: The Best Displayed Hook Beak **Judge:** Jeffery-George/Jane-Anne. **Winner:** Jan Killilea - Budgie

May Club Night: Wednesday 09 May 2018 from 7.30pm - Kapiti Bird Club AGM

It's that time again - the AGM is here. Relevant AGM paperwork will be enclosed in this month's newsletter. If you are interested in the organization of your club, please think about putting your name forward for the committee or as one of the club officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be considered for a post or the committee, feel free to send your nomination and seconder information to Helen (secretary@kapitibirdclub.org.nz). If you are intending to be at the meeting and also want to be considered for a post/committee, feel free to send your nomination/seconder information as well. The more we have up front the faster the process can be moved along on the night. Of course, nominations can be done on the day as well.

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.

Show Season

Show Season is upon us already. We have the upcoming local shows to remind members what is on and when your forms need to be in by. Helen has spare entry forms and a show schedule for members to look at if interested; else you can send off to the relevant club for your own show schedule and entry form. These will also be at each Club meeting. A full show list will also be available on club night. See the end for a full list for this year's shows. Nationals this year are being hosted by the Christchurch Club.

Show Tips

For those of you who are new to showing here are some tips to get you started.

- Decide which shows you will attend and write for a schedule – check year book for dates.
- Clean and paint show cages early so that the smell of paint is not present when you put birds in the cages.
- Select your birds for showing – look in the year book for the ideal bird, judging standards etc to help in your selection.
- Enter your birds in the show – remember to **enter your birds on time**.
- Train your birds – this is the biggest part of being ready for a show.
 - The birds need to get used to people walking in front of them and peering into the cages
 - Place them in show cages regularly
 - Train them to sit on the perches – this can be done by placing a block of wood under the perches so they have to sit up, or placing a block of wood at perch height outside the cage so the bird has to sit on the perch to see out.
 - Some people will wear different hats when they go into the bird room so the birds get used to this and will not be frightened on a show bench.
 - Canaries and finches which have the water dishes on the outside of the cage need to be trained to use the water dish. Many a canary or finch has perished at a show through lack of water – even though the drinker was full. The easiest way I've found is to place some of the birds favourite greens at the drinker hole and the birds will get used to putting its head through the hole and eventually drink.
- A few days before the show ensure birds have clean feet and rings.
- I usually set up all my cages on the Thursday night before the show (due to working). I put in the seed and drinkers (budgie/cockatiel cages) and put the stickers on the fronts. Check year book for the correct placement of stickers. This saves me time and avoids errors in placement of stickers on the Friday when I just catch the birds and put them in the appropriate cages. Then off to the show.
- Make sure you take with you all the drinkers you need – it is not uncommon for someone to arrive at a show without drinkers.

The year book contains all the information you need about shows but if you are not sure ask an experienced club member to help you.

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.

Club Rules:

We are bound by a set of rules – our constitution – the little green book! If you do not have one of these, get a note/email to Don (Treasurer) for your copy.

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.

Club Facebook Page:

Check out our Facebook page - search for Kapiti Bird Club.

Raffle

Don't forget to get your raffle tickets on the night.

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.

**2018 The New Zealand Federation of Bird Clubs – Bird Shows
And Bird Sales**

April	Sun 8	Egmont Avian Sale – Benching: 8.30am Starts: 10:00am, Midhurst Hall
	Sun 15	Manawatu Avicultural Society Bird Sale – Benching: 7.30am Starts: 8am-12.30pm, Feilding Civic Centre, 84 Aorangi Street, Feilding
	Wed 18	Auckland Metro Bird Club Bird Sale – 7.30pm, Panmure Community Rooms, 1 Pilkington Road, Panmure, Auckland
	Sat 21	Kapiti Bird Club Exhibition, Benching: 8am Starts: 10am-3pm, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu
	Sat 21	Hamilton Bird Club Annual Sale – Benching: 8.30am Starts: 9.30am-12.30pm Fairfield Community Hall, Clarkin Road, Hamilton
	28-29	Te Awamutu Bird Club 60 th Annual
May	5-6	Ashburton Bird Club 51 st Annual Palmerston North Bird Club 86 th Annual (entries close Post: Wed 25 April / Email: Mon 30 th April)
	12-13	Hastings Bird Club Annual (entries close Fri 04 May)
	19-20	Levin Bird Club 43 rd Annual (Budgie Society Patronage Show) Nelson Bird Club 63 rd Annual (entries close Wed 9 May) Piako Bird Club 44 th Annual
	26-27	North Taranaki Bird Club 43 rd Annual
June	2-3	North Otago Bird Fanciers 55 th Annual Rotorua Bird Club 56 th Annual (entries close Fri 18 May)
	TBA	Parrot Society Sale, Starts:10am-1pm, Mangere War Memorial Hall, Auckland
	9-10	Hawke's Bay Bird Club 71 th Annual (+Taranua) (entries close Post: Fri 01 June / Email: Fri 8 June)
	16-17	Huntly Bird Club 87 th Annual Southland Bird Club 56 th Annual
	23-24	Combined Valley Cities Annual St David's Wesley Centre, Corner Fergusson Drive & Benzie Ave and Martin Street, Upper Hutt (entries close Mon 11 June) Timaru Bird Club 74 th Annual Whakatane Bird Club 64 th Annual
	30-1	Poverty Bay Bird Club 86 th Anniversary (entries close Mon 18 June) Stratford Cage Bird Club 58 th Annual (entries close Fri 15 June)
	29-30,1	Christchurch 111 th Annual (entries close Mon 25 June)
July	7-8	Auckland Metro 108 th Annual (entries close Mon 02 July)
	14-15	Wairarapa Bird Club 60 th Annual, Lakeview School Hall, Te Ore Ore Road, Masterton (entries close Mon 09 July) Dunedin Bird Club 137 th Annual Hamilton Bird Club Annual
	27-29	Timaru Bird Club National Bird Show, Caroline Bay Hall, Caroline Bay, Timaru (entries close Sat 14 July)
August	Sun 12	Te Awamutu Bird Club Annual Sale – Benching: 8:30am Sale Starts: 9.30am – 11:30am Kihikihi Town Hall