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This Month . . .

February 24, 2011

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(See page 5 for details.)

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 Newsletter Editor.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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P B Cockatiels	P B Grasskeets	P B Rosellas
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P B Conures	P B Lovebirds	P B Other

Mail to: Membership, RECBC, PO Box 6232, Santa Rosa, CA 95406
 We often need help with various functions for the club (i.e. bird mart/expo/fair, toy making party, silent auction, outreach program, picnic, etc. Would you be interested and willing to get involved and participate on occasion? Do you have any specialized talents that you might like to volunteer? Please let us know!

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a substantial stabilizing/loving period goes by without the new owners solving the glitch, it might be opportune to begin again.

I have to admit, that when prepared well, fledglings are strongly adaptable, and this has only happened once in my twenty five years of parrotkeeping! Chicks are equipped to enter a new living situation by waiting until they are weeks older, introducing them to strange people and objects, taking them out in the car, and observing when their curiosity for life reaches a peak in fun new surroundings. I can easily give an unconditional guarantee because the burden is on me to socialize the parrots so that their arrival at a new place is a smooth, caring adventure, so to speak. This burden I accept and work hard to accomplish.

Clients are also told that if in the future they wish to 'trade up' from say a Sun Conure to an amazon parrot we will take back the conure as partial payment on the larger bird. Once again this does not seem to happen. A well-placed, friendly hookbill is so welcome in a home that seldom would owners think of parting with it. The point is, this assures the interested party that one stands behind one's quality birds for the long term. At the shoppe I used to manage we established the policy that if cockatiels, lovebirds, finches, doves, etc sold into a new home to be companions of a lonely single, turned out to be the wrong gender or for some reason did not get along with the intended mate, we would trade it for another individual. This worked out extremely well provided the owners took proper health precautions and introduced the two birds in a professional manner.

Being associated with renowned aviculturist Dale R.Thompson for many years also taught me a further aspect of this guarantee concept. One rare instance for him "Truly, polite and trusting buyer-seller was when and African Grey fledg- after going to its contact is something to be nurtured." he replaced the bird with no questions asked. When queried why, he answered: "This client has been a valued customer of mine for years without mishap. I want to protect our ongoing relationship." Truly, polite and trusting buyer-seller contact is something to be nurtured. These days, if there should be an unexpected loss involving one of our placed birds,

“A Guarantee Clause for Those Who Buy, Sell or Place Parrots”

Over the past three decades or so, I have sold, exchanged, rescued or placed literally hundreds of parrots and parakeets, doves, finches, canaries and other birds into new home situations. A Primary goal of all these transactions has been to accomplish the secure long-term contentment of the birds so moved and of the human keepers who acquired them.

In order to best do this, it became necessary to evolve a working guarantee for clients and aviculturists receiving the birds. I use the term “clients” because the sale of a living creature is not something completed, then abruptly forgotten like the purchase of a new pair of shoes or a color television set. This is a matter which often takes time to properly unfold. The finest avian breeders and pet shoppes *want* to keep in touch with their customers to ascertain how the parrots placed by them are faring in their new environments.

Accordingly, here is my version of an unconditional guarantee for parrots placed, sold or adopted out: “If for any reason a bird does not work out satisfactorily in its new home, I shall willingly take it back.”

Now, that is quite straightforward, is it not? Let us look at the rationale behind it. First of all, I care deeply about my birds and always try to place them into homes where they will settle in happily. Yet this is not an infallible realm of activity. If something goes wrong or does not mesh, I do *not* want to see my handfed pets or other birds advertised in the newspaper and sold off somewhere else. This can become a vicious cycle for a parrot and cause it to develop sundry dysfunctional behaviors.

Secondly, if a psittacine does manifest some undesirable habits such as screeching, undue skittishness or jealousy, one of the surest ways to remedy this is to take two steps back and start again from the site where the bird spent its joyful adolescent period—in this case our outdoor planted weaning and fledging aviaries nearby other parrots.

Face it, some sensitive parrots can become traumatized by the abrupt move to a new location. Perhaps the shipping was hard on them or they were scared by something upon arrival. If

This Months Meeting



Please join us as we watch the fascinating world of hummingbirds unfold around us. This film gives us a chance to see into the world of the hummingbird. Because they are among the fastest and smallest warm blooded creature on the planet—we miss so much of their extraordinary world. Viewing begins at 7:30 p.m.

Treasurer Report	
Linda Karnstedt	
INCOME	January
Membership	\$ 22.00
Raffle/Meetings	\$ 70.00
Income Total:	\$ 92.00
EXPENSES	
Newsletter Printing	\$ 124.06
Newsletter Postage	\$ 87.50
Membership/Directory - misc	\$ 36.12
Speakers	\$ 120.07
AFA Affiliation Dues	\$ 125.00
Bird Mart Hall – deposit for 2011	\$ 1000.00
Expense Total:	\$ 1,492.75
December Ending Bank Balance:	\$ 8,441.86

EARLY BIRD ADVERTISEMENT

Carolyn Rawlinson (707) 778-9269

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Cage: 18" tall, 17" deep, 24" wide (no tray grill), large bar spacing, \$20.00.

Cage for critter, 14" tall 15" deep, 48" wide, \$15.00

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Rudi Calkovsky (707) 658-2628 3 yr old Hyacinth pair— \$20,000; \$1500 For Hybrid (Pictured above). Blue & Gold; Green Wing, Scarlet Military.

project. If it looks promising and printing/binding is affordable, she would ask members to email to her about 150 recipes, for hopeful completion by the end of summer.

The Board outlined topics for upcoming meetings and will contact several people for possible presentations. Flyers will be distributed to local pet shops to promote speakers prior to meetings. Plans for 2011 so far are:

April: TBD
May: Toy Party
June: TBD
July: Safari West
August: TBD
September: Pride Night
October: Bird Mart
November: Pot Luck Holiday Dinner

Old Business: No report of which birds won the photo contest was available. Cheryl believes her pictures won 1st and 3rd prizes, while Bev said her photo earned 2nd place. In the future, committees will be formed to handle such events and furnish reports.

Submitted by Karyn Paulson



We all like to snack at our meetings. Bring that bag of cookies or help us stay healthy and bring a fruit platter that you can share with fellow members or your birds!



Minutes of the Board

January 20, 2011

Officers Present: Bonnie Scheffler; George Lentini; Linda Karnstedt; Bev Mager, Mary Grist, Carolyn Rawlinson, Donna Shore, Karyn Paulson, Earl McEnaney, Cheryl Cat-tan, Pat Surniak

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

President's Report: Bonnie reminded the club officers that she was an interim President and would prefer someone else stepping in to handle the President's duties. If no one else wants the honor, she would have to relinquish coordinating the Bird Mart in order to serve as President. At the January 27th meeting, members will be asked to volunteer or nominate others to serve as RECBC officers. Members are asked to submit their biographies describing special interests and experiences in living with birds to glenti@comcast.net by February 4th for the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: See Page X. Linda will bring material to next month's Board meeting recapping 2010 income and expenditures to enable the Board to plan a 2011 budget. To bring in more income, club-made toys will be sold at meetings. Members will be polled to see whether they think a monthly raffle should be discontinued.

Outreach Program: The club has recently taken a rest for the holidays, but plans for outreach in 2011 are under way.

New Business: Pat mentioned that her Florida bird club had sold almost 500 recipe books as a fund-raiser, later holding a potluck dinner where members could taste many of the cooked recipes. Donna volunteered to see if RECBC could undertake a similar

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Sunday 9 to 3

May 30th - Ventura, CA - Bird Mart and Pet Expo

10 West Harbor Blvd, Ventura, CA

Sunday 9 to 3:30 - Adult Admission \$5

Oct 9th — Sonoma Fair Grounds, Santa Rosa, Ca.

2011 Conventions

Avicultural Society of America

6th Annual Education Conference

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March 30-April 2, 2011

Slide shows, 3 days of talks, parties, wine tasting, visit to Safari West including barbecue, and after-tours of Six Flags Bird Dept, Isolee Smith aviary, and Swan Lake Farms.

Jack Hanna is set to be Keynote Speaker (but may be called away at the last minute). Other speakers from Davis, LA Zoo, City Zoos of NY, Monterey Bay Aquarium, etc. Visit asabirds.org for details.



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Bringing birds to meetings

Your bird is welcome. provided you follow the club rules.

If you are unable to follow these rules, please leave your bird (s) at home or you will be asked to leave the meeting.

- 1.All birds must be in good health, not on any medication, or have wounds or sores of any kind.
2. Owner is responsible for bringing newspaper or a clean large towel for each bird brought to the meeting. A bird stand is helpful but not mandatory.
- 3.Chairs must not be used as perches.
- 4.All stands, carriers, cups, & cages must be free of bird droppings, dirt, or stains.
- 5.Owner must clean up after their bird and ensure that the room, carpet and furniture are kept clean.
6. No birds are to be left unattended.
- 7.Bird owners accept full responsibility and liability for the actions of their birds - i.e. bites,damage, droppings, damage to property and / and or members.
8. All members will hold their own birds at meetings. Birds are not to be passed around. This will reduce the risk of possible bites and injuries.

Remember when walking around the room,
your bird is only allowed to
leave it's droppings on you.



Thank you for your cooperation.



Calendar of Events

- March: Jodi & Vance Bente
Speakers on "Belize Eco Tourism"
- April: Installation of New BOD
Guest Speaker—To Be Announced
- May: Annual RECBC Toy Making Party
- June: Shannon Murphy
Avian Science Graduate UC Davis
Speaker "Bird Bathing Behavior"
- July: Safari West
- August: TBD
- September: Pride Night
- October: RECBC Bird Mart
- November: Pot Luck Holiday Dinner
- December: No Meeting

Thanks!


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