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NEWS & NOTES

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Denise Capazzi reports that in the past year 29,730 traceable closed bands were sold. This represents 364 orders. Absolutely wonderful! Each and every year the totals increase and each show season we see more of the rare species on the bench with closed bands. Watch for the printing of the 1992 Census in the March/April issue to see how many more of the rare ones are being kept and successfully bred!

See the short article in this issue about the new edition of the Handbook...order from the home office and thank Martha and Jon.

In 1992 we had 78 affiliated clubs. Be sure to carefully review the new version of the Affiliation agreement -- due in the next issue. It makes it possible for your club to really customize your affiliation by ordering exactly the combinations of plaques and rosettes that you want.

Al Decoteau needs volunteers to chair and work on the Pekin Robin Standard which got stalled in committee and the Indian Hill Mynah Standard Committee, which is a relatively new one. Please send comments on these two species to Al and participate in these decisions. There's a brand-new committee working on a standard for the Cherry Finch. Partick Vance, Dennis Burhans and Pat Krichten volunteered (thanks guys !) and they need a judge and other members to participate. How about you? Give Patrick or Al a call.

The Fire Finch Standard, as printed in an earlier issue of the Bulletin, has been approved by the Board and will now go to Jon Hoffman for his finishing touches on grammar, punctuation, etc. and then to Martha for her re-formatting. Look for the finished version in the March/April issue.

Tom Rood was accepted by the Board as a member of the NFS Panel of Judges and we all feel that he'll make a great addition to this group. Al noted that again in 1992 there have been no formal or informal complaints against this Panel. Congratulations.

Patrick Vance is the newest apprentice to pass his test. Watch for him doing his apprenticeships on the circuit this fall.

Miki reports that we have about \$10,000 in the bank with all expenses paid up to date. We're up to member # 1861 and renewals are rolling in.

Due to the pressures of his job Jerry McCawley is reluctantly giving up FINCHSHOP. We'll miss his help but we feel sure that Pat & Mary Krichten, well-known exhibitors and NFS supporters, will do a fine job. Their address is now on the FINCHSHOP page. Thanks for volunteering.

The FINCHSAVE Program has grown again under the guidance of an expanded FINCHSAVE Committee. See their news in this issue.

Chris Voronovitch has requested that the Board accept her resignation as Awards Director due to personal reasons and we agreed, with regret. Our good news on this front is that Russ Armitage, Jr. has agreed to take over this job which is so closely tied with his present job as Affiliations Director. Sorry

to lose Chris and we'll miss her but happy that Russ will take over.

Advertising in the Bulletin last year brought in \$2100 which is FAR less than the Bulletin cost. PLEASE..contact the merchants that you deal with and PLEASE consider taking an ad for yourself and your birds. The Handbooks are selling very well. Your friendly neighborhood judge, Board member and delegate can order them to be shipped, in bulk, by UPS and can then sell them to you for \$10. If you are in a hurry, order from the home office and we'll ship it to you by first class mail for \$12.

Once again Tom Rood found special one-of-a-kind items for the auction; 2 watches with the NFS logo, 2 jackets with the logo, a clock with the logo, and a framed poster of Zebras. Paul Williams conducted a spirited auction which brought in around \$300. Thanks to both of them.

For the very first time NFS presented a very special award which will become an annual event. The Dr. Val Clear Memorial Award for the Best Softbill in the National Show went to Sandy and Frank Hudson of Calvert, Texas for the terrific Lilac Breasted Roller they exhibited. Congratulations.

Champion Exhibitor Awards were presented to those present; Tom Rood, Pat & Mary Krichten, Patrick Vance and Jim Hulsey. Others will receive their awards in the mail. All deserve our congratulations.

By the editor from Denise Capazzi's terrific notes.

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THE FIRST NFS VIDEO IS COMPLETED

"THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS: AN INTRODUCTION"

It made it's debut at the Oklahoma City National show and it was very successful! Jon Hoffman has compiled over 140 slides from some of the premier collections in North America and has done an interesting (and amusing) narration in his inimitable style to accompany the brilliantly colored slides.

It's standard VCR format, runs about an hour and is a great addition to a club or personal video library. It can be ordered from:

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for \$ 15, plus shipping and handling. Contact Jon for more details, and please don't forget to thank him for all of the hours of his professional time that he donated to this project. Thanks Jon, from the Editor.