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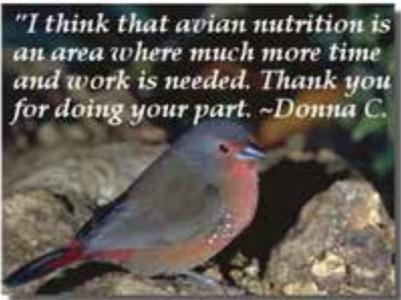
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NFSS President's Message

May/June 2008

National Cage Bird Show and a Remembrance

Every year the National Cage Bird Show is held the week before Thanksgiving, this year it will be November 20th-22nd in Lansing Michigan. Now many may say to themselves "I don't show my birds why should I be concerned about this show," and this is a fair question. For NFSS this is much more than just another show, it is even more than being our National show. It is three eventful days that has something to offer all our members.

On Thursday, members, exhibitors, and spectators alike will begin to arrive and the birds that are to be shown will be checked in with NCBS officials. Thursday is also the day that the Afternoon of Aviculture is held. Guest speakers will spend the afternoon giving presentations on a multitude of bird-related topics that prove valuable to anyone that keeps and breeds birds. This is also a time to ask questions of some of the top breeders in aviculture, something I'm sure we can all appreciate. The Board of Directors also holds its 4th Quarter Board Meeting Thursday evening. The Board Meeting is open to all members and gives them the opportunity to see first hand how their representatives conduct NFSS business.

Friday morning all birds to be shown must be checked in. Check-ins close early, usually by 7 A.M. (all paperwork must be completed by 9 p.m. Thursday). The judging begins shortly there after and viewing is open to all. Judging the National show is an honor and awarded to an exemplary judge. This year's judge, Laura Bewley, has certainly proven over the years to be outstanding at evaluating finches and softbills. During the day on Friday, vendors from all across the country have booths set up displaying bird related products and services. It is a great opportunity to see first hand what is available to us and usually you can find some great deals. In the evening, NCBS holds a hospitality night. A live band is on hand, refreshments are available and this is a great chance to just socialize with new and old friends that have gathered for the festivities.

Saturday is when the NFSS annual General Membership Meeting is held. The state of the Society is discussed and annual awards are presented. It is also another opportunity for members to discuss NFSS with elected and appointed officers. NFSS holds a raffle as a fundraiser, and Saturday is when the prizes are awarded. Everything from live birds to books to bird related products are raffled and all proceeds go to the Society. If you have something you would like

to donate to the raffle please contact your regional VP or any NFSS member to learn how you can help. Saturday evening is the National Cage Bird Show Awards Banquet. After a wonderful dinner the winners of each Division are announced as well as the overall show Champion.

The entire three days is event filled and affords us the opportunity to learn about our finches and softbills as well as other cage birds kept in American aviculture. We socialize with old friends and new acquaintances, and network with likeminded enthusiasts. I hope you will consider attending all or part of the National Cage Bird Show and I look forward to seeing you there.

It saddens me to have to write about the loss of a wonderful friend of NFSS. Recently Charlie Anchor passed away after a lengthy fight with cancer. Charlie kept and bred birds for over 50 years and loved to share his experience with others. He was one of the earliest members of NFSS, served on the Board of Directors, and was an NFSS panel judge for many years. Charlie also spent 30 years on the National Cage Bird Show Board of Directors helping to bring us the National event so many of us have come to look forward to. He will be sorely missed.

Respectfully,

Bob Peers

President National Finch and Softbill Society

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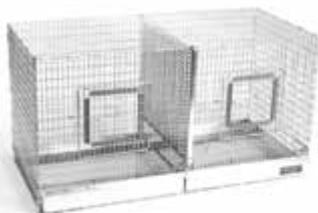
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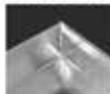
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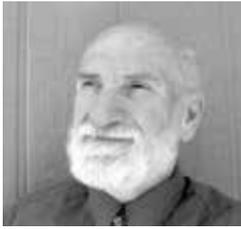
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The Magpie Mannikin

by

Robert G. Black

The Magpie Mannikin is larger than most of the other mannikins or munias, and has been available fairly regularly in small quantities over the years. Still, breeding of this species is unusual to rare, and I am not aware of any good breeding strain of this species in existence in North America. The Magpie Mannikin is native to Africa south of the Sahara Desert and is widespread across the continent and down the eastern half of Africa as far south as the Zambezi River, which forms the southern border of Zambia and runs through Mozambique. In the 1800's, this species was also called the Pied Grass-Finch or Pied Weaver-finch, and even today it is occasionally referred to as the Pied Mannikin or Giant Mannikin.

Frédéric de Lafresnaye assigned the original scientific species name to the Magpie Mannikin in 1835 in the *Revue et Magasin de Zoologie*, volume 5, in plate 48, as *Plocus fringilloides* (probably a misspelling of *Ploceus*, a genus of weavers). Further studies of the finches over the years resulted in the placement of this species in different genera, first as *Spermestes fringilloides*, which was assigned and used by William Swainson in 1837, and later as *Amauresthes fringilloides*. Ornithologists now have firmly placed the Magpie Mannikin in the genus with the other nuns, munias and mannikins, and the scientific name that

you will now see for this species in all modern references is *Lonchura fringilloides*.

Like many other African and Australian finches, the Magpie Mannikins sleep in a nest. In the wild, they will build a special nest for sleeping, and it is always a good idea to provide them with a nest for their use in sleeping when maintaining them in a cage or aviary environment, also.

In Africa, Magpie Mannikins are never found far from water, and they frequently search for food and roost in the reedbeds. This species loves to bathe in water, and will usually bathe at least three times a day when they have the opportunity. This frequent bathing offered in an aviary will assist these birds to maintain their plumage in beautiful condition, and it will make the birds feel more at home under your local conditions.

You may also find them in the bushes along the streams and rivers of Africa, and in bamboo thickets and rice fields throughout their native areas. Magpie Mannikins are often found near native villages, cultivated areas and gardens. This species searches for ripening bamboo seeds, and descends on the seeding bamboos in flocks to eat the ripening seeds.



Magpie Mannikin Photo © Andy Mordob

Like most other members of this genus, Magpie Mannikins are easy to maintain in good health, but difficult to breed. A basic diet for these birds consists of a finch seed mix with a good percentage, about 20%, in the form of the oily seeds (flax, niger, rape, hemp, sunflower, safflower, poppy, and others). Most of the finch seed mixes on the market are far too low in their content of these oily seeds, and I frequently see birds in aviculture that are not getting enough fats and oils in their diet. The fad for low-fat and fat-free diets has totally neglected the fact that all of the fat soluble vitamins are dissolved in the fats and oils that occur in foods. In avian diets, without oily seeds and the fat content of insects, the food content of vitamins A, D, E, K, and the essential fatty acids, often called vitamin F, are far too low. Adding a vitamin-mineral supplement to the feeding will help to supply the missing fat soluble vitamins, but no supplement that I have seen includes the essential fatty acids, vitamin F. I add a

few drops of safflower oil to a soft food to be sure the birds get a sufficient amount of this vitamin.

With a little experimentation, you can find out which seeds your Magpie Mannikins prefer. Supplement the seed mix with a food that is high in complete protein, such as insects; mashed, hard-boiled eggs; or one of the excellent, prepared, crumbled or pelleted foods now on the market. Offer greens, fruit, or vegetables until the birds indicate their preference. Don't be surprised if the Magpie Mannikins refuse most of these items, as they

will still be looking for the foods they were used to in their native Africa. Virtually none of the Magpie Mannikins that are offered on the American market today are bred by aviculturists; they are imported birds. Mashed, hard-boiled eggs have always been my choice as a high-protein food for all finches and other cage birds. Eggs are cheap, highly nutritious, available anywhere, and they are easy to prepare. Also, eggs contain a nearly perfect balance of vitamins, minerals, and fats. Once any bird learns that this is a food item, the bird will eat it regularly and willingly.

When you feed an egg mix, break the leftover eggshell into smaller pieces and feed it separately as an excellent and free calcium source for your finches. All small birds love these crumbled eggshells. An available calcium source is always necessary for Magpie Mannikins and other cage birds because most plant foods are very high

in phosphorus, while the bird's body needs a much higher proportion of calcium, which is probably supplied primarily by the insect foods that the birds consume in the wild. This additional calcium available constantly is crucially important to enable the birds to balance the calcium:phosphorus ratio in their diets and in their bodies. The Magpie Mannikins will eat this calcium supplement instinctively whenever they feel the need to balance their intake of calcium and phosphorus.

The commercial pelleted and crumbled foods are excellent foods for the daily maintenance of Magpie Mannikins and all of the small finches, but it will be very difficult to get these finches to realize that these pellets and crumbles are food items and to at least try them. If you place the food scattered on the floor of a clean cage, removing all other foods at the same time, when the birds get hungry, soon they will begin searching around for anything that looks like it might be food. Sooner or later, they will test anything, including these crumbled foods. After they have eaten a little, return their normal foods along with some of the crumbles. Within a couple of days, most of the birds will be eating these prepared commercial foods regularly, along with their other usual food items.

Always keep in mind that though the commercial pelleted and crumbled finch mixes are good for maintenance diets, many of them are far too low in protein to serve as a breeding diet. A breeding diet for finches requires a protein content of over 20%, and 25% or 30% content of complete protein will be much more likely to be ade-

quate for the more delicate finches. Check the protein content of the mix you are using. If it is below 20% protein content, it is inadequate for breeding many of the finches.

Magpie Mannikins have a reputation for being very aggressive birds. They are never safe companions for the smaller finches, waxbills, or Australian grassfinches. When they are breeding, these mannikins are even more aggressive and may be safely housed only with birds larger than themselves. For their general maintenance when not breeding, the Magpie Mannikins are usually safe companions for the weavers, whydahs, Java Rice Birds, Saffron Finches, and similar birds.

Sexing the Magpie Mannikins is very difficult. In some individuals, the hen will be slightly smaller, and her white breast may be duller or more buff colored. Also, the brown patch on the sides of the body may be smaller in hens. The best method of sexing, however, is just to watch for the male's mating display. This display is very similar to the display of the Bronze-winged Mannikin, and is typical of the birds in this mannikin family. He fluffs out his body feathers and bobs up and down, while he jumps back and forth at the hen. He sings a little song as he does this display, but the song is extremely soft and difficult to hear. If the hen is receptive, copulation will occur at the end of this display.

All in all, the Magpie Mannikin is one of the quietest of the finches, and one of the quietest birds you can keep in captivity. If you have problems with close neighbors and bird noise, this is the species for you! Its main call note

is just a little whistle which sounds much like that of the white-eyes in the genus *Zosterops*.

If you can separate a true pair, they may attempt to breed in an aviary. Breeding attempts in a cage are rare and almost always unsuccessful. In an aviary, they may accept a nestbox, a covered, woven nesting receptacle, or they may build their rounded nest in a thick bush or small tree. Don't expect a neat nest from these mannikins, for this is not one of their virtues.

In their native areas of Africa, their nest is rather haphazard in appearance, made of grasses, plant fibers, string, soft grass stalks, and it is lined with fine grasses and feathers. They usually build their nest from 3 to 5 meters above the ground in a bamboo clump, a bush or a tree. Their nest is more similar to the nest of a House Sparrow than it is to the neat structures built by the Australian grass-finches.

Once the nest is completed, the hen will lay her clutch of four to six pure white eggs. Both of the parent birds will share in the duties of incubation, and the eggs will hatch after an incubation period of about 12 days, but which has been reported in some strains to last as long as 15 days. This is the period of greatest danger for the nestlings, for at this point the parent birds will be searching for the termites and other insects that occur in such abundance in Africa to feed to their new hatchlings. When they don't find these items, they are likely to sense a famine and will end the breeding cycle at this point by throwing the newly hatched babies out of the nest and abandoning

them. Lest you feel too harshly towards the birds for this act, keep in mind that in the wild, this would mean that their young could not be raised anyway, and it is far more important for species survival to preserve the health of the adult birds for another breeding attempt later. This natural reaction is understandable, but it is still difficult to accept when we have provided a big supply of perfectly good food for them to feed to their young.

In order to succeed in raising your first generation of this species, you probably will have to resort to the use of foster parents to raise your first clutches of young ones. Society Finches are the best foster parents for the Magpie Mannikins, since the two species are so closely related. Though you are more likely to experience success if you transfer a clutch of mannikin eggs to



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the Societies, with this species, you may be able to transfer newly hatched



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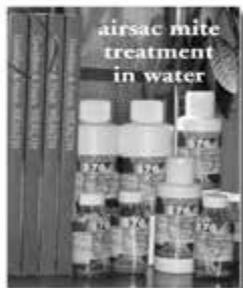
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young also. Since the mannikin chicks will be so much larger than the Societies' own young, however, I would recommend that a maximum of three Magpie Mannikin chicks be placed with a pair of Society foster parents for the best chance of successfully rearing all of them.

Once you have successfully raised this first generation of your Magpie Mannikins under your normal feeding and conditions, they will be completely used to these conditions. When they become mature and begin to breed in turn, they will accept the new foods that they were raised on as perfect nestling foods for their own young and will be much more likely to raise their own young successfully. Though it is not impossible for the imported mannikins to successfully raise their own young, it is rare in the extreme. The only logical way to be sure of success with your first generation of this species will be to begin with the first few clutches raised by foster parents.

If the nestlings grow at their normal rate, they will leave the nest as early as three weeks of age, though some may not leave the nest until they are about four weeks of age. The color of the fledglings is dusky brown above and grayish-brown or buff below. The parent birds will continue to feed them for at least two weeks after they leave the nest, and until the fledglings are completely on their own. The molt to adult plumage may begin as early as six weeks of age, or as late as three months of age in this species, depending on a variety of conditions, and may take as long as 12 months to complete.

Most of the Magpie Mannikins that you

see offered for sale are in very poor feather condition. Many feathers are missing, and the birds look quite miserable. This is because their diet has been totally inadequate since their importation. In particular, they probably have not been fed enough complete protein to maintain their body cells and metabolism adequately. As a result, they search around for any available protein source, and feathers are formed predominantly from protein. They begin to pluck and eat the feathers from each other or from other birds with whom they are kept. It doesn't take long for them to begin looking very bad indeed when this occurs. This is often good for you as a buyer, however, for there is nothing basically wrong with the birds. You can often get a greatly reduced price on these birds when you bargain for it.

Magpie Mannikins are once again appearing on the bird lists of importers, and their hardiness makes them good birds for less experienced breeders to gain experience in finch husbandry. However, they are still difficult birds to breed successfully. They will demand much of you in patience and perseverance for any breeding success to occur, but any breeding success will be well worth the effort you put into this species.

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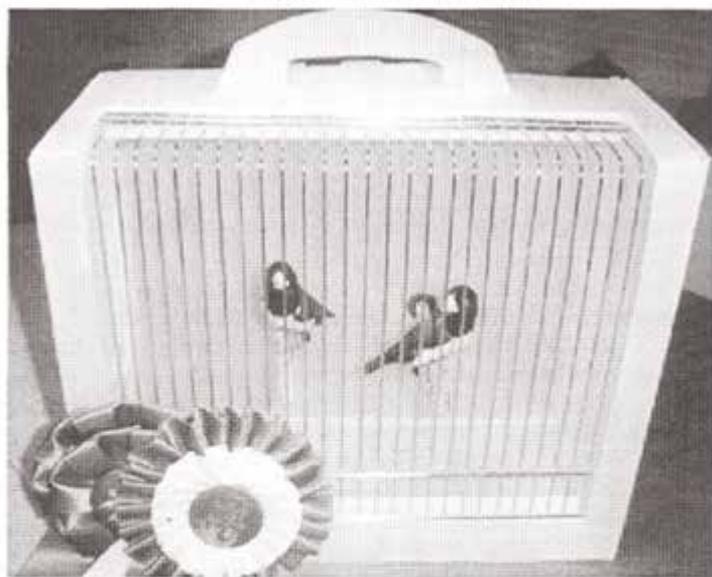
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Little Green Singers *Serinus Mozambicus*

Part 2

Written by Nancy D. Ingram

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The ideal setting for breeding Little Green Singers is in an outdoor aviary in a warm latitude. Most of us live in areas where we can't have outdoor aviaries because our winters are too cold. The second choice is a heavily planted sun porch. This setting brings out natural behaviors that result in successful breeding. I keep Little Green Singers as the dominant species in a collection of 3-4 other finch species.

This bird, once common in American pet stores, was becoming scarce (because of CITES restrictions on their importation) when I first acquired them. My goal was to have several breeding pairs so I could sell unrelated pairs. Friends helped me collect isolated birds---often fairly old. Little Green Singers want to nest in the fall and winter so I start putting up nests in different location on my sun porch in late August. I have divided my sun porch into 2 flights. I rotate the pairs through each fall, ending about January. It is a good idea to have several breeding at the same time in case it is necessary to foster some eggs. Sometimes a new pair may not build a nest but lay their first eggs in a seed cup or lay too many eggs.

I would estimate that probably 98% of breeding behavior in birds is instinctual. This species is very territorial and must be kept as a single pair in a flight of other small finches. They should not be kept with other yellow finches. Little

Green Singers available in this country are very close to wild caught.

There are some factors that directly affect breeding success. Younger birds are more fertile. Closed banded birds allow you to know exactly how old they are. This species can live for a long time in captivity (12-18 years) and sometimes a bird gets sold to different people. There may be more to mate selection with this species than we know. I've had individual birds that didn't like who I put them with and I had to find other mates for them. They seem to produce an occasional very aggressive individual. These birds are not good candidates for trying to breed in cages. I have observed that it takes some trial and error to find compatible pairs.

The female should have a choice of nests (closed or open baskets) and locations. I had success breeding my original pair on the sun porch. My first male died after I had had him for over 10 years. I paired the female with a beautiful young male and released them into a 10' x 15' flight on my sun porch. She proceeded to lay 3 clutches of infertile eggs. The following season I put her with a different male. I started this pair out in a giant rabbit cage on my sun porch to increase the chances that they would actually mate because they were in a smaller space. This male was extremely aggressive. I made the mistake of providing them with a lined open canary nest. The female laid



Green Singer Pair (Male left) ©Nancy Ingram

many fertile eggs but the male broke all but 2 of them. After these 2 chicks fledged, the male stopped feeding one of them after about 20 days. They successfully raised only one chick. I decided that this male needed to be in the larger sun porch flight (not a giant cage) for subsequent breeding seasons and the female needed a closed nest basket.

Several other breeders have shared ideas with me. One uses cages about 35" long, 16" high, and 12" deep with a center divider. After nest building and egg laying, he separates the pair. The male feeds the female through the wire separating the two halves of the cage. Another breeder has a couple cages in an unused room. She provides them with nesting material in the fall so they can line open or closed split bamboo nests. She places a gallon pot of growing carrots, celery, or broccoli in each cage.

In my attempt to breed these birds

indoors, I have attached a cage to a wire flight which measures 3' long by 1 ½' wide by 2' tall. I enriched this indoor environment by putting in gallon pots of growing vegetables on a cookie sheet in the flight. I try to position these breeding cages by a window. August 15th I put up nests. About a week later I cut long blades of fine grass. Every other day I supply all my birds with the following individual treats on a small plate: minced vegetable tops (carrots, celery, chard, mustard, etc.) mashed, hardboiled egg with a little cod liver oil, crushed cooked eggshell, turkey starter, millet sprouts, fancy finch food with cracked sunflower seeds, etc. I supply them with small mealworms and fruit flies during the breeding season.

This species seems to be susceptible to air sac mites. I have used a small drop of Ivermectin (for cattle) under one wing (followed by a second drop under the other wing 5 days later) on occa-

sion. I prefer to supply growing herbs on the sun porch so the birds can self medicate. I usually have the following plants growing on my sun porch: rosemary, thyme, sage, pepper, parsley, oregano, marigold, mint, dill, cilantro, chives carrots, basil, and wormwood. These plants in a cage represent a danger because caged birds are often so starved for greens that they might poison themselves.

Housing Little Green Singers must be considered in different situations. When I travel to bird marts or shows I keep each bird of this species in small separate cages so they can't injure each other. I won't sell a bird to someone who doesn't have a travel cage with a perch in it because these birds are very stressed when moved. Importers and pet store are able to have multiple Little Green Singers in a large cage because many birds and multiple species distract aggressive behavior towards one bird. It is best to keep only 2 birds in a cage. A third bird in a cage may be prevented from getting enough food. This rule applies to birds older than 9 months when they have had their first molt and are sexually

mature. Even bonded pairs must be watched to prevent a male in breeding condition from becoming too aggressive towards his mate. This species is very territorial and I wouldn't recommend pairing a male with 2 females.

Once in a while I run into someone who bred this species a long time ago. Some of these "old timers" insist that they are easy to breed. I'm sure that can be the case with some individual birds. One successful breeder said, "Oh, they are as easy to raise as canaries." I thought about this for a while and decided that Little Green Singers wouldn't be in such short supply if that was the case!

About the Author

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We are also seeking support for the Show. Sponsorship for Sections are still available at \$50.00, advertising in the show catalog is \$25. 00 for an entire page \$15.00 for a half page; and, of course, any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can find additional information at our website:

www.greatlakeszebraandsocietyfinchclub.com

In addition you can contact any of the show organizers at:

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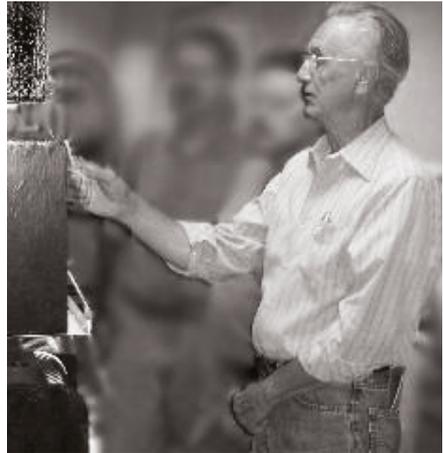


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CHARLIE ANCHOR IN MEMORIAM

Charles (Chuck) J. Anchor 1933 - 2008

I am sad to report to you the passing of one of aviculture's, NFSS's and the judging world's great men. Charlie Anchor lost his battle with cancer, and passed peacefully at home, on Monday night April 21, 2008.



Charlie at the '07 Great Lakes Zebra and Society Specialty show. © Bob Peers

Charlie, pre-deceased by his wife Dolores, leaves his son David and sisters, Andrea Andre and Mary Davis. He also leaves his grandchildren, Nicholas and Cassandra, as well as his great friends, the Wieczoreks, along with hundreds of friends in the bird world, of which there are far too many to mention.

Charlie married his wife Dolores in 1954. They moved to France where Charlie served in the US Corp of Engineers as a carpenter. Upon his return, he settled in Addison, Illinois where he was factory foreman for 47 years. Chuck was an avid fisherman, hunter, and woodworker, but most of all he was a bird man. Charlie was a member and officer of the Chicago Cage Bird Club, the National Institute of Red Orange Canaries, and a long time member of the National Cage Bird Show where he served on the Board for many years. He was always active in Chicagoland bird clubs and avicultural events. His greatest bird interest was the Zebra Finch. He was a 24 year member of NFSS, and a highly sought after judge from our Judging Panel.

I have many fond memories of Charlie, but the one that stands out the most was Charlie's welcoming personality. I remember when I first met him at my first National in Elizabeth, New Jersey. I was an unknown in the bird world and when I was introduced to him, he immediately treated me as if I were a life long friend. He was just as welcoming and warm, giving me a handshake and hug, when I last saw him at the Lansing National. There are no words to say how much Charlie will be missed by so many.

"My fond memories of Charlie are too great and too varied to cover here. however, I was always impressed with his consistency of service, not only to the Judge's Panel of NFSS, but also the National Cage Bird Show where he fulfilled many job

titles. Whenever you think of Charlie you think of his love of the pied Zebra which he never wavered from." Cecil Gunby, NFSS Judge's Panel Chairman.

"I have known Charlie for about 40 years. We have judged a lot of shows together, and he was always very professional about his judging. He judged Parrots for SPBE and Cockatiels for the National Cockatiel Society. However, his real interest was the finches though, and he really loved judging them. He was always amazed at the new varieties that would crop up at some of the shows. He will be greatly missed on the bird circuit." Connie Meinert, NFSS Judge.

"There was no one who helped and promoted me like Charlie, when I was in the process of becoming a finch judge. (This was quite a while before NFSS.) Charlie was so special to me, I can't pick out just one thing. He was always "good ole Charlie." If he was your friend, he was really your friend. The most special thing was that Charlie became "my brother." People would ask me where "my brother" was if they hadn't seen him at a the NCBS. I think that became special for both of us. When I would see him, I would tell him people had been asking about "my brother". He was a very special, cherished friend and will be missed greatly." Clarence Cullwell, NFSS Judge.

"The Show Bird Hobby lost a great asset. Charlie was a great ambassador to the hobby. His true love for animals and his keen eye for birds (regardless of the species) allowed him to become one of the most sought out judges of his time. A few years ago, out of the blue, I received a large envelope in the mail. Inside was another large envelope with "Gary, I have been raising some HUGE Zebra Finches this year. Enclosed is a tail feather from one of the smaller ones". I opened up the envelope and inside was about a 12 inch Pheasant tail feather. I chuckled for hours.

"We have all felt that loneliness when we loose one of our favorite birds. It's hard to find enthusiasm in the bird room for a while. I know I will feel it when I step into the Show Hall in Lansing this year. He will be missed dearly by me and everyone he touched. I recently hatched my first Double Yellow Head Amazon. I found it in the nest the same day Charlie passed away. Its name will be Charlie." Gary Morgan, National Cage Bird Show, President.

Charlie, in closing, we may have had to change your address and this may be a worldly goodbye, but be assured that you will not be forgotten. After all, how could anyone forget someone who has left us with so many wonderful memories to share each time we gather.

William Parlee, NFSS, President Emeritus.

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Saturday

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Raffle

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We hope to see you there!

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SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

_____ NFSS Membership Number

This must be completed or the ballot will not be counted

Dual members will each have one (1) vote and are allowed to make a photocopy of this ballot

Ballots must be postmarked by: **August 15, 2008**

MAIL BALLOTS TO:

NAME: Gail Benson - NFSS Elections

STREET: 144 N Clyde Avenue

CITY/STATE/ZIP: Palatine, IL 60067

Vote for a candidate by making an "X" on the line or writing in the name of a candidate

Region 5 VP

(You must live in one of the following States to vote in this election)

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

_____ Gunnar Nitzkowski

Write in Candidate: _____

Gunnar Nitzkowski (Region 5 VP)

My name is Gunnar Nitzkowski. I'm 29 years old, live in Littleton , Colorado , and I've been a member of the NFSS since 1995.. I started raising finches in 1991, with 3 Zebras I purchased from a local pet shop. When a white bird produced gray babies and 2 gray birds produced half white babies, I became fascinated with genetics. In the mid-90's, with a specific interest in Gouldians and Zebras, and a collection of approximately 120 birds, I attended a few local shows where I met other local breeders and NFSS members.

In 1997, the NCBS was in town and I decided to try showing some of my own birds. I entered 3 birds – which were quickly passed over. However, I entered 3 more in the Regional show the following year and took 1st place! The 2006 GABS show, which was held in my area, had a disappointing turnout and instilled a desire in me to support and promote participation in local shows and NFSS in general. I plan to continue this goal with or without an official position in NFSS.

I currently have approximately 200 birds, but often make gifts of some of my Zebras to others who are interested in an effort to support their interest and the hobby in general. My latest project was the completion of an Aviary and I am now in the process of building cages and moving birds.

I would appreciate your consideration as Region 5 VP.

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Region 8 VP

(You must live in Canada to vote in this election)

_____ Vince Moase

Write in Candidate: _____

Vince Moase (Region 8 VP)

Vince has kept birds since boyhood, first keeping chickens, pigeons, birds of prey, and also trying his hand at hand raising baby crows. After time spent at Algonquin College in the Forestry Program, he got a job working at Kortwright Waterfowl Research Station. Working at Kortwright only fueled an already established love and existing hobby, raising waterfowl.

It was through a contact with waterfowl that he went on to a career in zoo keeping, specializing in work with birds at the Toronto Zoo. Along the way there have also been periods of quail, partridge, budgies, grass parakeets, cockatiels, Ringnecks, Plumheads, Princess of Wales Parakeets and even a Goffins Cockatoo which came to us from the skies and a Hornbill that had to be captured and rescued in Whitby in November.

Currently Vince and Kendra keep 10 species of finches, White-eyes, Pekin Robins and White-rumped Shama Thrushes. During the summer of 2005, they were successful in raising 13 baby Pekin Robin's and in 2006, 14 baby Shamas. The recent finch success has been several clutches of Violet Eared Waxbills.

Vince has been judging birds since 1986 at various shows throughout Canada and the U.S. , including four Canadian Nationals.

On the domestic front, Vince met his wife Kendra when both were working at the Toronto Zoo. Vince started working at the zoo in 1973, and Kendra was hired a year later. They were married in August 1980, and have two sons, Andrew, who is 25, and Benjamin, almost 21.

A BIT OF BIRDY HISTORY

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba* - A small black and white European Estrildid with a long black tail. (see cover image) Not to be confused with the African Pied Wagtail *Motacilla aguimp*. As with many species, it has more than one name based on regional and cultural influences.

Regional names based on its tail movements include: Quaketail, Waggy, Nannie Wagtail, Willy Wagtail and Lady Wagtail.

Because they frequent ponds and streams, Pied Wagtails were often called Water Wagtail, Waterie, and Wattie. But because the tail wagging amongst the water and reeds resembled the action of a washerwoman beating the water, they also gained names such as Dishwipe, Dishlick, Nanny Washtail and Molly, Peggy, and Polly Washdish.

Some of the more unusual names include Kirk Sparrow in a region of Scotland. Also Devil's Bird, or Deviling in Ireland for the uncanny movement of the tail, and folklore that said the tapping of a Water Wagtail on the window was a har-

binger of death. It is also known as a a Gypsy Bird, and has a variety of Romany beliefs surrounding it.

Little Trotty Wagtail, he went in the rain
And twittering, tottering sideways, he
ne'er got straight again.

He stooped to get a worm and looked
up to get a fly,
And then he flew away ere his feathers
they were dry.

Little Trotty Wagtail, he waddled in the
mud

And left his little footmarks, trample
where he would.

He waddled in the water pudge and
waggle went his tail,

And chirrupt up his wings to dry upon
the garden rail.

Little Trotty Wagtail, you nimble all
about

And in the dimpling water pudge, you
waddle in and out.

Your home is nigh at hand and in the
warm pig sty.

So, Little Master Wagtail, I'll bid you a
goodbye.

-- John Clare --
(1793-1864)

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Birds. 1886

Know a Bit of Birdy History?

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NFSS BOD 1st QUARTER MEETING 2008

PRESENT: Bob Peers, Rebecca Mikel, Robert Mehl, Bill Parlee, Vonda Zwick, Tom Keegan, John Wilson, Andy Mordoh, Lisa Murphy, Sally Huntington, Laura Bewley, Michael Gravely, Cecil Gunby, Grant Rishman, Jason Crean, Katy Dodd, Sharon Dvorak, Paula Hansen, Gunnar Nitzkorski, Doug White, Ernesto Pollidura, Gwynne Willison, Brian Nagle, Roland Cristo

RESIGNATIONS: Gail Benson, Advertising/Promotions; Grant Rishman, Region 8 Vice-President)

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS: Robert Mehl, Membership Director Pro Tem; Gunnar Nitzkorski, Region 5 VP Pro-Tem; Andy Mordoh, Webmaster. Bryan Nagle, Asst. Membership Director; Gwynne Willison, Advertising Manager; Roland Cristo, Legislative Liaison

PRESIDENT – Bob Peers

Meeting called to order on 2/1/08. Protocol for conducting the meeting reviewed.

1st VP REPORT – John Wilson, Education/Regional VP's

List Serve set up for Regional VP's with primary purpose of allowing testing and forming of ideas before taking to the BOD. BOD becomes a more effective deliberative and executive body. Membership Director to provide contact info, by Region, to each VP which includes active members as well as those who haven't renewed. The Listserv should provide for a conversation encouraging recruiting and retention and sharing what works. The 1st VP welcomes new BOD members and thanks those who put NFSS 1st and returned to the BOD. We've recovered our composure on the both List serves and efforts will be to prod a topical husbandry conversation on the Forum.

2nd VP REPORT – Andy Mordoh, Publishing, Website

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE: Up and running, comprised of 4 BOD members, Journal Editor, and 7 from General Membership. Currently working on ideas for the Journal and a brochure to be used to solicit membership. Future topics include the website.

JOURNAL: File went to the printer on 1/11/08, mailing list sent 1/21/08, journal mailed 1/28/08. Total cost was \$2107.25 – which includes all costs except the Editor's Fees. Mar/April issue is on schedule.

WEBSITE: All info regarding website and domain name now in NFSS's name; logins and passwords changed and shared; billing updated and future invoices will go to the Treasurer. 2nd VP will make contact with Editors of other journals with whom we have reciprocal agreement. Vonda Zwick agreed to serve as back up on website as needed. There is no record of the places on the Internet our site is listed, , please contact the 2nd VP if you are aware of the listings. Website is out of date and needs a dramatic overhaul. Plans are to redesign for unveiling next year – our 25th anniversary, and avenues for accomplishing being explored.

3rd VP REPORT – Vonda Zwick, Finch/Softbill Save

Work continues on software and functionality issues. Census released on line and remains open until after Jan/Feb Journal – notice will be given prior to closing to allow add'l opportunity to participate. Exact numbers of persons reporting and quantities reported will be compiled and released. Finch Save Committee was established and addi-

tional participants are desired. A Yahoo! Group will be established to promote discussions, to archive information, and to provide access to administrators.

Census Results

| | <u>Finches</u> | <u>Softbills</u> | <u>Dove/Quail</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <u>#Birds Entered</u> | 6534 | 403 | 276 | 7213 |
| <u># Participants</u> | 68 | 16 | 20 | 112 |
| <u># Species</u> | 112 | 92 | 20 | 224 |

4th VP REPORT - Cecil Gunby, Judge's Chair

The Zebra Finch standard is complete in hard copy; need to store electronically and forward for approval. Those judges who have not yet paid their judge's fees and/or membership fees were notified the deadline is this meeting or they'll be removed from current status. Cecil will post to the forum and ask for comments regarding what new specie standards, based on numbers exhibited, they would most like to see written. Once determined, each standard will be assigned to a 3-Judge Panel. Show season begins soon - affiliation agreement and request for facilities will be submitted.

TREASURY REPORT – Lisa Murphy

We had an interesting financial year. Started the year with \$5200 in bank, ended with \$16,000+. Highlights include cutting total Journal expenses by \$9,000 while paying for 7 journals instead of the normal 6 in 2007; increasing band sales by \$4,200; increasing advertising income from \$570 in 2006 to \$3,600+ in 2007; and an increase in membership income of \$3,100. All other departments within budget, with exception of "Misc" due to IRS issues (although we rec'd a total refund + interest of the penalty paid) and Election costs of \$1,396.64. We had a \$10,000 loss in 2006; in 2007 we had a profit of \$11,000+. As an added note, we paid \$694.24 in Pay Pal fees (deducted directly from the "Income" columns of the departments in which the sales occurred); and a total of \$5,530.23 in postage (\$1,758.81 for other/misc. postage & \$3,771.42 for Journal postage) – Added to the "Expenses" columns of the respective departments. Lisa commends ALL of the BOD members for making this happen. Job well done!

2007 Year End Income/Expense Report:

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bands | \$15,256.17 | \$ 8,452.81 |
| Membership | \$19,645.01 | \$ 851.16 |
| Journal | \$ 0 | \$17,068.96 |
| Awards | \$ 2,155.25 | \$ 1,755.11 |
| Affiliations | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 37.98 |
| Advertising | \$ 3,670.45 | \$ 0 |
| Finchshop | \$ 94.18 | \$ 0 |
| Finch Save | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Judges Panel | \$ 220.00 | \$ 263.20 |
| Misc | \$ 3,205.24 | \$ 5,564.30 |
| TOTAL: | \$45,446.30 | \$33,993.52 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Bank Balance (1/1/07): | \$ 5,243.72 |
| Income Total: | \$45,446.30 |
| Expense Total: | \$33,993.52 |
| Ending Bank Balance (12/31/07): | \$16,696.50 |
| Bank Balance as of 2/1/08: | \$18,520.13 |

4th Quarter 2007 Department Reports (Oct-Dec)

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bands | \$ 5,682.52 | \$ 4,320.64 |
| Membership | \$ 5,149.96 | \$ 331.78 |
| Advertising | \$ 803.83 | \$ 0 |
| Judges Panel | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| FinchShop | \$ 49.20 | \$ 0 |
| Affiliations | \$ 30.00 | \$ 37.98 |
| Awards | \$ 616.75 | \$ 510.97 |
| Journal | \$ 0 | \$ 2,811.30 |
| Finch Save | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Misc. | \$ 452.44 | \$ 1,827.26 |
| TOTAL: | \$12,784.70 | \$ 9,839.93 |
| <u>Month</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> |
| Oct 2007 | \$ 3,627.73 | \$ 1,050.88 |
| Nov 2007 | \$ 3,002.23 | \$ 3,704.22 |
| Dec 2007 | \$ 6,154.74 | \$ 5,084.83 |
| TOTAL: | \$12,784.70 | \$ 9,839.93 |

During the 4th quarter we paid for (1) 2008 closed band order, election cost of \$1,396.64, the 7th Journal for this year (instead of the normal 6). We ended the year with all expenses and invoices paid in full and a bank balance of \$16,696.50.

Anticipated expenses for the 1st Quarter of 2008 include: Two (2) 2008 closed band orders; Two (2) split band orders; AFA Affiliation Fee, Jan/Feb Journal, Postage Deposit for Mar/April Journal; and all other normal operating expenses.

2007 compared to 2006

| <u>Dept</u> | <u>Income 2006</u> | <u>Income 2007</u> | <u>Expense 2006</u> | <u>Expense 2007</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bands | \$11,043.71 | \$15,256.17 | \$ 9639.13 | \$ 8452.81 |
| Mmbrshp | \$16,506.92 | \$19,645.01 | \$ 579.71 | \$ 851.16 |
| Advertising | \$ 570.00 | \$ 3670.45 | 0 | 0 |
| Judges Pnl | \$ 110.00 | \$ 220.00 | \$ 88.72 | \$ 263.20 |
| FinchShop | \$ 1231.50 | \$ 94.18 | \$ 3104.43 | 0 |
| Affiliations | \$ 600.00 | \$ 1200.00 | 0 | \$ 37.98 |
| Awards | \$ 1655.50 | \$ 2155.25 | \$ 1807.41 | \$ 1755.11 |
| Journal | 0 | 0 | \$26,015.61 | \$17,068.96 |
| FinchSave | \$ 15.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Misc. | \$ 904.20 | \$ 3205.24 | \$ 1836.12 | \$ 5564.30 |
| TOTAL: | \$32,636.83 | \$45,446.30 | \$43,071.13 | \$33,993.52 |

SECRETARY – Rebecca Mikel

On January 2, President states intent to call emergency meeting to: 1) Appoint Pro Tem Membership Director; 2) Appoint Pro Tem Regional V.P for Region 5; 3) Appoint Andy Mordoh as Web Master. After the required number (4) of BOD members state their approval for such a meeting, meeting was convened with 19 BOD members in attendance.

The following motions were made:

#2008-01 – To Appoint Robert Mehl Pro Tem Membership Director until a special election can be held to fill the position. BY: John Wilson 2nd: Lisa Murphy RESULT: Pass

#2008-02 – To Appoint Gunnar Nitzkowski as Pro Tem Region 5 V.P. until a special election can be held. BY: Rebecca Mikel 2nd: Vonda Zwick RESULT: Pass

#2008-03 – To Appoint Andy Mordoh as Web Master (non-voting, appointed position) BY: John Wilson 2nd: Robert Mehl RESULT: Pass

#2008-04 – To adjourn the Emergency Meeting BY: John Wilson 2nd: Paula Hansen RESULT: Pass

Meeting adjourned on 1/9/08.

Continuing to develop Events Calendar with deadlines for BOD activity.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATIONS and AWARDS - Robert Mehl (Membership Pro Tem)

Ended 2007 with 659 Members; (559 single (including the first member of a dual membership), 84 dual, 9 foreign, 1 foreign junior, and 6 juniors.) We became aware of some members experiencing financial difficulties resulting their inability to renew their membership with NFSS. As a result, there were “gift memberships” donated through the generous offers of other members. Every effort was made to contact non-renewing members and request they renew. The current Membership Director (Pro Tem), has offered to assist with the transition of the new Membership Director at the conclusion of the Special Election.

BAND SECRETARY REPORT - Paula Hansen

Band orders for 2008 bands was split into 5 separate orders rather than the normal 3. This increased shipping costs but spread out the expense of the bands. Researching band samples from new companies – waiting on samples from S. America. Will need to test for quality and any other issues.

FINCH SHOP REPORT - Sharon Dvorak

There were 5 sales transactions with Café Press during the 4th quarter, 2007. Earnings for the quarter were \$49.20. We currently have credits of \$12.09 and once that reaches \$25; a check will be issued to NFSS. Andy Mordoh, 2nd VP, has the information for Victory Engraving and is in the process of getting it uploaded to the website.

REGIONAL VP's

No reports at this time

EDITOR REPORT– Katy Dodd

See 2nd V.P. Report (Andy Mordoh) above.

ADVERTISING REPORT - Gail Benson

Advertising Income – 4th Quarter:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| October 2007 | \$459.00 |
| November 2007 | \$ 28.83 |
| December 2007 | \$316.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$803.83 |

\$ 803.83 4th Quarter Advertising Income
 \$ 518.62 3rd Quarter Advertising Income
 \$ 720.36 2nd Quarter Advertising Income

\$1,627.64 1st Quarter Advertising Income
\$3,670.45 TOTAL 2007 ADVERTISING INCOME

\$559.83 January 2008 Advertising Income

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Election Committee – Bob Peers (Membership, Region 5VP)

Upcoming special elections will occur for Region 5 & Region 8 VP's and Membership Director. Bob Peers and Lisa Murphy will develop the ballots; Gail Benson will rec'v and count ballots, with Bob Peers and Vonda Zwick witnessing the count. The ballot for the Membership Director will go into the Mar/April issue; the Region 5 & Region 8 V.P. ballots will go into the May/June issue. The V.P. positions will first be announced in the Mar/April Journal and all members given the opportunity to announce their interest in the positions before the ballots are presented for voting.

Election Procedures Committee (Tom Keegan)

The goal of this committee will be to assess strengths and weaknesses of current election system and propose a new set of policies and procedures for consideration by the BOD for future elections. This committee will operate outside the "Policies & Procedures Committee" as that committee has the larger task of dealing with a wide range of issues from across the entire organization. (See Motion #2008-05)

Education Committee (John Wison)

See 1st V.P. report above.

Bylaw Review Committee (Bill Parlee)

The Committee is proceeding with all due diligence with the review. Thoughtful discussion occurring on each and every paragraph. Corrections have been made to content, grammar, and punctuation. Renumbering is occurring to correct errors made in the last revision. The focus is clarification, not change, although there is considerable new wording regarding electronic nature of the meetings. The goal is to present our draft to the BOD during the 2nd Quarter Meeting. The committee is also working in conjunction with Tom Keegan – Chairperson for Policies and Procedures Committee – and pointing out areas which will need to be addressed by that Committee.

Dept. Back Up Committee (Bob Peers)

The committee is reviewing and making minor changes to documents and will report to BOD at next meeting.

Policies & Procedures Committee (Tom Keegan)

This Committee is on hold until the By Law Review Committee has completed their work.

Membership Directory Committee (Rebecca Mikel)

Committee Chair requested to be relieved of his responsibilities with this committee. It is his impression this project is one which should be chaired by the Membership Director. Once a new Membership Director is seated and has established a level of familiarity with the normal day-to-day responsibilities of the position, this project may be revisited. (See Motion #2008-07)

Champion of Section Committee (Rebecca Mikel)

The Chairperson for this committee no longer serves on the BOD. This topic was discussed in prior BOD meeting & Chairperson agreed to conduct trial run and report back to the BOD. The BOD recommends he conduct this trial throughout 2008 show season. Reporting criteria to assist the BOD in determining feasibility and value of implementing program was developed and forwarded to him. Once reporting criteria is met and presented to the BOD, this topic will be added to the 1st Quarter 2009 BOD meeting agenda.

Bonding of Financially Responsible Officers (Paula Hansen)

Information was to be gathered and reported to the BOD by the prior Chairperson, but no information has been presented. Violations involving theft are covered by Federal Law. Security measures are in place to protect our funds transferred via Pay Pal. Banking security procedures are also in place for the Treasurer and all checks are approved by the President. Quarterly reports of all financial transactions are posted for review by the entire BOD. NFSS is audited annually and follows procedures as outlined by the IRS for non-profit status. In the past, inventory counts and subsequent reporting was conducted annually; those are now performed monthly. It was agreed this committee would be disbanded at this time. (See Motion # 2008-06)

Publishing Committee (Andy Mordoh)

New Membership Brochures have been posted for review and comment by the BOD. Regional VP's are asked to submit info relevant to their regions for a new column to debut in the May/June Journal.

Finch Save Committee (Vonda Zwick)

See 3rd V.P. Report above

OLD BUSINESS**Posting Agenda to Forums** (Bob Peers)

The agenda for this meeting was published to the Husbandry and the PP forums 10 days prior to the date on which the meeting was convened. It was preceded on both forums by an announcement from the BOD in which all members were encouraged to review the agenda and contact any BOD member with questions, comments, or input they wished to have presented during the upcoming BOD meeting. The BOD reports there was no communication rec'd from any member in response to this request. Future agendas will be posted 10 days prior to all BOD meetings. Any updates to those agendas will be posted immediately to both forums. Changes to the agenda will be made only when felt to be absolutely necessary.

Affiliated Club Vote (Doug White)

Affiliated Clubs have been voting in all elections for some time now. Club Delegate is no longer required to be an NFSS member, but voting has continued. Primary concerns center around one person having multiple votes which may not necessarily reflect the wishes of the club they represent and lack of viable verification. During a prior BOD meeting a vote was taken on this matter to provide clarity for the upcoming special elections. The purpose of this discussion relates to future General Elections. (See Motion #2008-09)

FinchShop is Online!

<http://www.cafepress.com/finchshop>

or click the link on the NFSS website.

FOR VICTORY DESIGN ORDERS CONTACT: Sharon Dvorak
at SLDvorak@nc.rr.com

CaféPress

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Men's Golf Shirt (White) | - \$22.00 |
| Sweatshirt (White) | - \$25.00 |
| Women's T-Shirt (White) | - \$16.00 |
| Women's Colored T-Shirt | - \$18.00 |
| Men's T-Shirt (White) | - \$16.00 |
| Men's Colored T-Shirt | - \$18.00 |
| Ballcap | - \$15.00 |
| Tote Bag | - \$16.00 |
| Mouse Pad | - \$14.00 |
| Coffee Mug | - \$12.00 |
| Beer Stein (White) | - \$15.00 |
| Apron | - \$20.00 |
| Wall Clock | - \$15.00 |



Victory Engraving

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Name Badges | - \$8.00 |
| Name Badges/Extra Line | - \$9.00 |
| Magnet Badge | - \$12.00 |
| Luggage Tags | - \$12.00 |

Shipping cost of \$ 1.00 is included

Victory Design (Embroidered Apparel)

Black/White Logo:

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Short sleeve knit polo shirt | - \$32.00 |
| Short sleeve twill shirt | - \$41.00 |
| Long sleeve twill shirt | - \$43.00 |
| Tote Bag | - \$25.00 |
| Apron | - \$28.00 |

Shipping charges of \$ 6.00 will be added to retail price for shipping, insurance is extra.

Colors are available: Maize, Pink, Jade, Grey, Lt Blue, Red, White, Natural
2XL sizes add an additional \$ 2.00,
3XL add an additional \$ 3.00



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LAPEL PIN IN YEARS!!**

Printed in full color on copper with gold overlay, the pin is 1.25" in diameter and features the new NFSS logo.

\$7.00 including S/H.

Order yours today!"

CONTACT: Sharon Dvorak at
SLDvorak@nc.rr.com

Audits (Lisa Murphy)2005 AUDIT

Tom Keegan and Sharon Dvorak have completed the audit of the 2005 financial records and submitted their Report. Their summary includes the following points:

- Tax forms, transactions, back up documentation, and approvals present and consistent with bank account records
- Inadequate format for tracing expenditure approvals by the President
- An \$11,000 decrease in cash and cash equivalents from the end of 2004 to the end of 2005 (From \$22,000 down to \$11,000)
- A \$17,000 decrease in net assets from the end of 2004 to the end of 2005 (From \$24,000 to \$7,000)
- While no problems with funds being accounted for, assets were not managed in a manner that would be sustainable for the continuing viability of the Society

2006 AUDIT

Sharon Dvorak has conducted the first half of the 2006 records; Rebecca Mikel will complete the 2nd. Once this has been completed, volunteers from the BOD for the audit of the 2007 financial records will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS**Coord. Ed. Efforts w/other Avicultural Orgs** (Paula Hansen)

Sharon Dvorak announces AFA is seeking speakers for their annual convention in St Louis, Missouri (7/29-8/2/08). Criteria for selection was provided. We are currently affiliated with AFA. Paula reviewed some of their sponsored programs for youth and others for affiliated clubs. Other organizations with whom we might affiliate include NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance), ASA (Avicultural Society of America), and OPA (Organization for Professional Aviculturists. Benefits offered by each was discussed. NAIA is involved with monitoring of legislation pertaining to the rights of animal owners; ASA focuses on bird breeding, conservation, restoration, and education, & OPA is another organization involved in monitoring legislation. (See Motion #2008-10)

NCBS (Speakers, Raffle, Advertising, Sponsorships) (Paula Hansen)

The National Caged Bird Show (NCBS) to be in Lansing, Michigan, November 20-22, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel and Lansing Convention Center. We are to begin preparations for soliciting/gathering items for the sale & raffle tables and silent auction. Items do not need to be bird related. NFSS banner needs replacing and should contain the new NFSS logo. Consideration to be given to Finch Shop items available on display/for sale.

Sally Huntington to manage Afternoon of Aviculture (AOA), an education seminar held on Thursday with time for 3-4 speakers. Judge's Clinic to be held again and is one of the most requested topics. Persons with suggestions for topics or speakers to contact Sally Huntington.

NFSS rec'd request to partner with 4 other divisions (2 Lovebird, 1 Parrot, 1 Cockatiel)

in sponsoring new award at NCBS. Highest award at the NCBS is "Best in Show" or the "Scannel" award. This award is determined by the votes of all Division Judges at the NCBS each year. As there are a significant number of Canary Divisions, there is also a significantly higher number of Canary Judges. As a result, the Scannel award is typically awarded to a Canary. The new award to be presented to the bird considered "Best Foreign Bird" and be determined by a vote of the judges from the 5 Divisions noted above. It excludes Canaries, but includes top winning bird from each of the 5 Divisions & would enable the Finch division to compete more fairly for Best in Show. It also aligns us with the 4 other organizations dealing with the same challenges each year. The award means an additional \$100 per year commitment by each organization for the next four (4) years. Our finances are in order thanks to current Treasurer's prudent management and efforts of all other officers in bringing our expenses back in line with our income. (See Motion #2008-11).

A lapel pin with the NFSS logo offered by the Finch Shop in the past was one of the biggest selling items by volume. Quotes have been procured and are at a level which would allow us to recognize a fair profit. Want to make them available soon and be sure to have available for NCBS. (See Motion #2008-12)

Mailing Fees for out of country Journals (Robert Mehl)

Current price structure for foreign membership/affiliation fees does not cover our costs. Discussion about raising their membership/affiliation fees. There have been issues with the quality of service provided to foreign members in the recent past and until we are assured those have been addressed, discussions of price increases are temporarily suspended.

Membership Fund (small Group) (Tom Keegan)

Discussion of allowing members to donate an additional \$1-\$2 at the time they purchase their own memberships which would be placed into an account and used to assist members experiencing financial hardships and unable to pay for NFSS membership. We have no way of verifying the legitimacy of financial situations of members and will, instead, encourage the "gift membership" option as discussed near the holiday season 2007.

Home Address in Journal (Bill Parlee)

The official home address of the Society, to be listed in the Journal, will be that of the Treasurer as this is where all invoices, IRS forms, etc. are sent. (See Motion #2008-15)

Appointed Positions (Bob Peers – Legislative Liaison, Advertising, Asst. Editor)

By a consensus of the BOD, the following appointments were made: Legislative Affairs – Roland Cristo, Legislative Liaison; & Gwynne Willison, Advertising Manager. Bryan Nagle, as the only candidate for Membership Director, has been appointed to a position created by the BOD as Assistant

Membership Director" and will serve in this position until the results of the Special Election are known. (See Motion #2008-13).

Robert Mehl, Membership Director Pro Tem has met with Bryan personally to review responsibilities & will work closely with Bryan to begin transition of responsibilities. Should another candidate step forward as a write-in candidate during the Special Election and receive the winning votes; Robert will extend the same courtesy. All positions are appointed and non-voting assignments.

Editor Stipend (Andy Mordoh)

Changes in the dates for the Editor submitting a publishable copy of the Journal to the Printer suggested. As the Editor's stipend is an incentive for meeting established deadlines as opposed to an actual salary, the 2nd VP will be responsible for confirming all deadlines are met and notifying the Treasurer. Any schedule changes needed will be announced/published. (See Motion #2008-16).

Advertising on Forums (John Wilson)

President and other BOD members rec'd contact by concerned members regarding level of advertising and responses on the forum. President was also presented with concerns regarding a private transaction and asked to intervene. The situation was resolved by the 2 parties involved, but NFSS cannot be involved between 2 parties in a business transaction. Advertisements have become a regular feature of the forums. Concerns are not with advertising itself, but with the negotiations and testimonials which were also conducted publicly on the forums. Accepting positive feedback meant the negative would need to be accepted as well. It is not felt to be in the best interest of NFSS to use the forums for arguing out the details of a transaction in which someone was unhappy. Complaints received by BOD members from members validated the concerns. As a result, the following policy was developed and posted to the forums and is effective immediately:

1. Advertisements for birds and bird-related items may be placed by NFSS members for their personal sales or for others. The NFSS does not endorse sellers, warranty the accuracy of advertising, or become involved in disputes arising from sales.
2. All advertisements must have a BOLD TYPE sentence directing interested parties to contact information and requiring that inquiries and negotiations be private.
3. Friday and Saturday are advertisement days and ads placed on other days are off topic.
4. Subscribers should generally limit themselves to one advertisement per week, understanding that corrections or changes in availability may require revisions, (Friday and Saturday still applies)
5. Discussions about particular vendors, both positive and negative, are off topic on the forum and efforts to convey these views must be limited to offers of private conversation.
6. Failure to adhere to the advertising policy may result in warnings and message moderation.

A footer has been added on the forum(s) which reads as follows:

The reuse or publication of any post to the NFSS list is to be contingent on the receipt of express permission from the author. Opinions expressed on this list are solely the opinions of the authors and are not necessarily the opinions of the National Finch and Softbill Society.

Motions from NFSS BOD 1st Quarter Meeting - 2008

| MOTION | COMMENT | BY | 2ND | STATUS |
|---------|---|--------|--------|--------|
| 2008-05 | *SEE BELOW | Keegan | Mordoh | Pass |
| 2008-06 | Disband the Bonding of Financially Responsible Officers Committee | Mikel | Murphy | Pass |
| 2008-07 | Table the Membership Directory Committee until 3rd Quarter Meeting | Hansen | Wilson | Pass |
| 2008-08 | To accept audit of 2005 Financial Records by Dvorak & Keegan | Mikel | Mordoh | Pass |
| 2008-09 | **SEE BELOW | Mehl | Mordoh | Pass |
| 2008-10 | NFSS will join the ASA and NAIA at the \$100 Membership level | Wilson | Mikel | Pass |
| 2008-11 | ***SEE BELOW | Mehl | Murphy | Pass |
| 2008-12 | Increase Finch Shop Budget by \$300 to purchase NFSS Logo Pins | Mehl | Mikel | Pass |
| 2008-13 | Appoint Bryan Nagle Asst. Membership Dir. until results of Special Election are known | Mehl | Murphy | Pass |
| 2008-14 | ****SEE BELOW | Mehl | Hansen | Pass |
| 2008-15 | ^ SEE BELOW | Murphy | Mehl | Pass |
| 2008-16 | #SEE BELOW | Mordoh | Bewley | Pass |
| 2008-17 | To accept minutes and adjourn 1st Quarter 2008 meeting | Mehl | Hansen | Pass |

2008-05: An Election Procedures Committee will be formed in order to examine past practices and make recommendations for future election policies and procedures. Tom Keegan will serve as the initial chairperson of this committee.

2008-09: The By-Law Committee, in their current revision process, will assure the By Laws clearly state Affiliated Clubs are not allowed a ballot/vote.

2008-11: The NFSS will participate in the NCBS Award for "Best Foreign Bird" which obligates us to contribute an additional \$100 per year to NCBS for the next four (4) years.

2008-14: Effective 5/1/08, all memberships and affiliations outside of the U.S. and its territories be increased to \$42 for their respective fees. There will be no multi-year pricing for foreign memberships or affiliations.

2008-15: The principle home office address of the Society will be that of the Treasurer of the organization, and so publicized in the Journal of the organization. The Board of Directors may at it's option change this address as required, but in any case shall remain as static as possible as the determined address shall be the official address for communicating with the Society.

2008-16: The motion adopted in November of 1995 in which the Editor's stipend was tied to having the Journal post-marked to the Treasurer by the 1st day of the 2nd month of the Journal will be rescinded. It will be replaced with a motion "The Editor must have a publishable Journal to the printer by the 10th day of the first month of the Journal OR the 1st business day following the 10th if the 10th falls on a weekend or a business holiday".

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2008
AGENDA for this meeting will be posted on 4/21/08

NFSS AFFILIATED CLUBS/EVENTS

Liaison Officer - Club Delegates/Show Dates — Mr. Robert Mehl
11108 Hollowbrook Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
RobertMehl@aol.com

Fill out the Affiliation Agreement on the NFSS website
<http://www.nfss.org/Clubs/Affil-FM.html>

Note: Events may be held in states other than the home state of the club. Regional affiliates are those with no steady location, but should be checked for events near you.

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Avicultural Society

Delegate: Jorge & Carmela Juez
 Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month

Location: Montgomery Zoo/Quality Inn and Suites

Show/Expo: Bird Show & Fair August 30 & 31, 2008

Location: Quality Inn & Suites, 2705 East South Blvd, Montgomery, AL

Info Contact: tedsexton@bellsouth.net

Other Divisions: NCS Cockatiel Show, SPBE Specialty Show

CALIFORNIA

Central California Cage Bird Club

Delegate: Chryse Seeman
 Club website: www.mycccbc.org
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month
 Location: Manchini Hall, Modesto, CA
 Show/Expo: 55th Annual Finch & Canary Show October 25th, 2008
 Location: SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave. Modesto, Ca

Info contact: Chryse Seeman
chryse95320@yahoo.com

Finch Society of San Diego

Delegate: Sally Huntington
 Club website:
www.sandiegofinchsociety.com

Meeting Schedule: Sundays 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 6/15, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23

Location: Elks Lodge 13219 Poway Rd. Poway, CA 92064

Info contact: Sally Huntington
sallych@san.rr.com

Herbert Ibarra Elementary Bird Club

Delegate: Scott Golden - teacher
 Club Email:

scottgoldensd@hotmail.com

Meeting Schedule: Open

Location: Herbert Ibarra Elementary

Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club

Delegate: Shanna Dollarhide
 Club Email: sevcebc@yahoo.com
 Club website:

www.santaclarabirdclub.org

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month

Location: Santa Clara, CA

Show/Expo: Annual Show Dec. 6, 2007

Location: TBA

Info contact: Shanna Dollarhide,
Shanna@coloronthewing.com

West Coast Zebra & Society Finch Show

Delegate: Chryse Seeman

Show/Expo: Show July 26 2008, sales and speakers on July 25 and 27th, 2008

Location: La Quinta Downtown, Sacramento, CA 916 448-8100

(ask for BIRD SHOWRATE)

Judge: Garrie Landry
 Info contact: Chryse Seeman, manager
 chryse95320@yahoo.com

FLORIDA

Cage Bird Club of Charlotte County

Delegate: Sue Pacheco
 Club Email: pmhill@comcast.net
 Club website: www.caged-bird-club.com
 Meeting Schedule: 1st Friday of the Month
 Location: 20271 Tappen Zee Drive Port
 Charlotte, FL
 Show/Expo: Bird Expo Mar. 30, 2008
 Location: Charlotte Fair Grounds

Suncoast Avian Society

Delegate: Mari Howard
 Club website:
 www.suncoastaviansociety.org
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month
 Location: Mocassin Lake Park,
 Clearwater FL
 Show/Expo: Show Aug. 2, 2008
 Location: St Petersburg Coliseum, 535
 4th Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 34695
 Information contact: Mari Howard,
 whoward7@tampabay.rr.com

Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club

Delegate: Timothy McCormick, email:
 tm50et@yahoo.com
 Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the
 Month 2 PM
 Location: Port Salerno Civic Center,
 Stuart, FL
 Show/Expo: Bird Fair Apr 6, 2008
 Location: Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center

Tri-State Avian Society

Delegate: Barry Laster
 Club website: Tristateaviansociety.org
 Meeting Schedule: 2nd Saturday of Month
 Location: Tallahassee, FL
 Show/Expo: Spring Bird Fair May 17-
 18, 2008
 Location: North Florida Fairgrounds,

441 Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee
 Info contact: Barry Laster,
 BarryL7523@comcast.net

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club

Delegate: Diana Federl
 Club Email: info@gccbc.org
 Club website: www.gccbc.org
 Meeting Schedule: 3rd Friday of the Month
 Location: 215 S. Riverside, Lombard,
 IL
 Show/Expo: GCCBC 77th Show Nov
 1, 2008
 Location: DuPage Expo Center
 Information contact:
 president@gccbc.org

The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland

Delegate: Jason Crean
 Club Email: tascgcicago@aol.com
 Club website: www.tasc-chicago.org
 Meeting Schedule: Months with 5 fri-
 days at 7:30PM
 Location: Lombard Loglebin, Lombard, IL
 Show/Expo: Midwest Bird Expo April
 5, 2008
 Location: Wheaton, IL
 Info contact: Jason Crean
 tascgcicago@aol.com

INTERNATIONAL

Asociación de Criadores de Finches de Este Inc.

Delegate: Ernesto Polidura
 Contact: Rurico Vidal
 Phone: (787) 653-7322
 Show/Expo: 2008 Summer National
 Show June 27 - 29, 2008 Show entries
 are received on Friday the 27th from
 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Place:
 Plaza del Carmen Mall Caguas, P.R.
 Judge: Mr. Alfredo Bruguera
 Show: 2008 Winter National Show
 November 7 - 9, 2008 Place: TBD

Judge: Mrs. Martha Wigmore

Canadian Finch and Softbill Society

Delegate: Vince Moase

Club Email: vmoase@rogers.com

Show/Expo: TBA

Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society

Delegate: Alfred Mion

Club website: www.essexkentcbs.com

Show/Expo: Show Sept. 28, 2008

Location: Fogolar Furlan Club,

Windsor, Canada

Information contact: Alfred Mion,

julianne@mnsi.net

IOWA

Mid America Cage Bird Society

Delegate: John Thielking

Club website: www.MACBS.org

Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month

Location: Des Moines Botanical Center

909 Robert D Ray Drive

Show/Expo: Bird Fairs, March 23, May 18, August 24, 2008

Location: Des Moines Botanical Center

Info contact: John Thielking,

Thielking@Iowalink.com

MARYLAND

Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Robert Mehl

Club website:

www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month except May & Oct 2PM

Location: Towson Public Library,

Baltimore County

Show/Expo: Spring Mart and Finch

Show May 17, 2008

Location: Tall Cedars Hall, Parkville, MD 21234

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Info contact: Robert Mehl,

robert.mehl@verizon.net

Maryland All Canary Club

Delegate: Judith Minter

Club website:

geocities.com/heartland/3575/macc.html

Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month

Location: Varies

Show/Expo: Show Oct. 4, 2008

Location: TBD

Info contact: Judith Minter

canarylady7@earthlink.net

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Cage Bird

Association

Delegate: Tom Keegan

Club website: www.masscagebird.org

Show/Expo: Show Oct. 18, 2008

Location: TBD

Judge: Nizam Ali

MICHIGAN

Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club

Delegate: Rebecca Mikel

Club website:

greatlakeszebra&societyfinchclub.com

Show/Expo: Show Aug 23, 2008

Location: Livonia, MI

Info contact: Jim Heffernan,

tielnmore@aol.com

Society of Canary and Finch Breeders

Club Email: tielnmore@aol.com

Club website: www.societyofcanaryandfinchbreedersofmichigan.com

MINNESOTA

Canary Club of Minnesota

Delegate: Jeanne Murphy,

pinataminiatures@yahoo.com

Club website: canaryclub.su.com

Show/Expo: Show Oct 18, 2008

Location: River Heights Motel, 1020

US Hwy 10 Prescott, WI 1715-262-

3266

Information contact: Darlene Witt,
pinataminiatures@yahoo.com

MISSOURI

Gateway Parrot Club

Delegate: Christine Kinkade
Club website: gatewayparrotclub.org
Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month, June 2nd, Aug. no meeting 2PM
Location: Kirkwood Community Center, 1111S Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO
Show/Expo: All-American Hookbill Fair Aug 23-24, 2008
Location: Greensfelder Reception Complex, Queeny Park, Baldwin, MO
Info contact: Phyllis Cotton vicepresident@gatewayparrotclub.com

NEW YORK

Empire Finch & Canary Club

Delegate: John Lund, (516) 564-4692,
email: IRMANPEREZ@aol.com
Show/Expo: Show Nov 8, 2008
Location: St. Marks Methodist Church, 200 Hempstead Ave, Rockville Center, NY
Judge: Robert Vargo
Info contact: Gabe Dillon 516-593-2841
Other Divisions: Colorbred, Type, Fife, and Gloster Canaries

New York Finch & Type Canary Club

Delegate: Stan Kulak
Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month except holidays
Location: Blvd. Park, Elmont (Long Island), NY
Show/Expo: Feather Show 7/22/08
Location: Blvd. Park, Elmont, NY
Info contact: Stan Kulak
barstand@aaahawk.com

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh-Durham Cage Bird Society

Delegate: James Dvorak
Club website: www.RDCBS.org

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month 2:30 PM
Location: Glen Eden Pilot Park, Raleigh
Show/Expo: Fair and Show 5/24/08
Location: NC State Fairgrounds
Judge: Cecil Gunby & Ken Gunby
Info contact: John Marquis,
john@jamcosys.com
Other Divisions: 2 shows in one day

OREGON

Columbia Canary Club

Delegate: KJ and Linda Brown
Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov 8-9 2008
Location: National Guard Armory, 10101 SE Clackamas Rd, Clackamas, OR
Judge: Alfredo Bruguera
Info contact: Linda Brown 503-266-7606
JeepersPeepers55@aol.com
Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred Canary

PENNSYLVANIA

Chester County Bird Club

Delegate: Doris Rickards
Club Email: Info@ccbirdclub.com
Club website: www.ccbirdclub.com
Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sun. of the month
Location: East Whiteland Township Bldg
Show/Expo date: 20th Annual Show & Mart November 8th, 2007
Location: Church Farm School, 1001 East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA
Info contact: Doris Rickards
Info@ccbirdclub.com

TENNESSEE

SE Tennessee Aviculture Society

Delegate: Susan Murphy
Club website: www.stasbirdclub.com
Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the month
Location: Niota Elementary School
Niota, TN
Show/Expo: Fall Show & Fair NFSS
Region 2 Finch & Softbill Show,
Sept 27-28, 2008

Location: George R. Stuart School,
Cleveland, TN 37312
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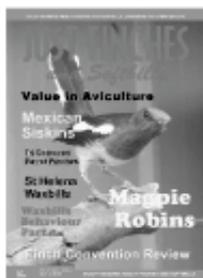
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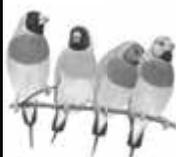
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