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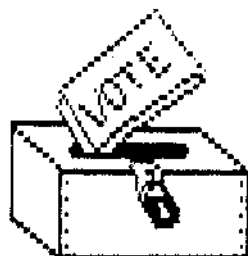
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\$ 13516.90

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES	
1991 DUES	\$ 1205.00
1991 DUES PACKAGE	92.00
1991 RENEWALS	1560.00
1992 RENEWALS PACKAGE	32.00
1992 RENEWALS	30.00
1991 BAND ORDERS	1212.20
BIRD BAND REGISTRATION	5.00
1991 CLUB AFFILIATIONS	115.00
1991 CLUB AFFILIATIONS - SPECIAL SHIPPING	29.62
AWARDS PROGRAM	25.00
1991 JUDGES FEE	80.00
BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS	288.00
BULLETIN CLASSIFIEDS	1.74
BULLETIN BACK ISSUES	121.50
LITHOGRAPH RAFFLE AT NATIONAL	33.00
LITHOGRAPH RAFFLE AT REGIONAL 2 SHOW	79.00
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS (T-SHIRTS)	135.00
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS (FINS)	284.00
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS (MUGS)	22.00
PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS (WATER BOTTLES)	18.00
GREAT AMERICAN CBS (UNKNOWN)	102.50
STANDARDS MANUAL	45.50
SHOW CAGE PLANS	50.00
NAME BADGES	35.00
INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (ROSBERY)	100.00
DONATION	2.00
COMMISSION - BIRDS OF DISTINCTION	22.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTEREST	101.85

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TOTAL INCOME

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EXPENSES

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	\$ 186.18
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - SUPPLIES	13.32
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES STORE - SHIPPING TO AFA	73.93
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - PRINTING	61.05
FINCH SHOP POSTAGE	53.48
FINCH SHOP PRINTING	51.52
EXPRESS MAIL TO AFA	38.45
U.P.S. TO AFA	29.48

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DISFLAY BOARDS - SHIPPING TO FLORIDA	30.89
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1991 CLUB AFFILIATIONS - TELEPHONE BILL	19.80
1991 CLUB AFFILIATIONS AWARDS	5419.98
1991 CLUB AFFILIATIONS AWARDS - POSTAGE	340.57
AWARDS SUPPLIES	150.08
POSTAGE	145.80
JUDGE'S FEE - GABS	400.00
JUDGE'S FEE - NATIONAL	400.00
DIVISIONAL SPONSORSHIP AT NATIONAL	40.00
PRESIDENTIAL EXPENSES - AIR-FARE TO DETROIT	208.00
PRESIDENTIAL EXPENSES - TELEPHONE BILL AT AFA	31.42
PRESIDENTIAL EXPENSES - TELEPHONE BILL	63.70
REGIONAL VP EXPENSES	30.32
STANDARDS MANUAL - POSTAGE	80.05
BTANDARDS MANUAL - PRINTING	161.88
STANDARDS MANUAL - SUPPLIES	81.59
STANDARDS MANUAL - TELEPHONE BILL	5.12
1991 BANDS	550.01
1991 BANDS - POSTAGE	158.22
1991 BANDS - SUPPLIES	19.75
1991 BANDS - PRINTING	2.54
1991 BANDS - TELEPHONE BILL	16.82
POSTAL PERMIT DEPOSITS	400.00
BULLETIN EDITOR'S FEE	200.00
BULLETIN EXPENSES DEPOSIT	3188.62
BULLETIN SUPPLIES	17.29
BULLETIN SHIPPING - UPS	54.63
SUPPLIES	20.84
PRINTING	17.62
NAME BADGES	25.72
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TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$ 13230.35

BULLETIN EXPENSES ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE (JULY 31, 1991)	\$ 1143.19	
DEPOSITS		\$ 3188.62
EXPENSES		
MAR/APR BULLETIN PRINTING	-	868.00
MAR/APR FIRST CLASS MAILINGS	-	41.46
MAY/JUNE BULLETIN PRINTING	-	1017.00
MAY/JUNE FIRST CLASS MAILINGS	-	40.97
JULY/AUG BULLETIN PRINTING	-	744.00
JULY/AUG FIRST CLASS MAILINGS	-	14.46
SEPT/OCT BULLETIN PRINTING	-	868.00
SEPT/OCT FIRST CLASS MAILINGS	-	38.62

ACCOUNT BALANCE (NOVEMBER 7, 1991) \$ 699.30

ENDING BALANCE (NOVEMBER 7, 1991) \$ 5507.65

CASH	\$ 213.78
UNDEPOSITED CHECKS	0.00
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The November Board of Directors meeting was held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, MI in conjunction with the National Cage Bird Show. A quorum of Directors was present including Cecil Gunby, Dr. DI Decoteau, Denise Capaski, Hans Armitage, Jr., Tom Hood, Gene Miller, Jerry McCauley, Niki Spatzak, Jim Foxnell and Brendo Geesey. Also present were members June Miller, Kris Kroner, Tina and Harvie Yoder, Mary and Pat Krichten, Peter Webb and Dennis Lewin.

The secretary's report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

The Band Secretary's report shows band sales higher than ever. (See the graph printed elsewhere in this issue.) 25,500 bands were ordered and as of this date 24,500 bands have been sold leaving only 1000. The only size we're out of is the size "E". Band sales have made a profit of \$564.19 which is well over 1990's total. Since we have followed the European color rotation we've gone through a series of blues, greens, purple etc.. 1992 will be a departure from that. Denise will be mailing 1992 orders on December 26th and they are PINK with white letters! The Board is pleased that Denise does such a great job and that she's willing to do it again. This has been a hectic year for her. Her husband retired from the Navy and they moved, (a BIG household, four sons from 7 to 16, lots of birds and at least one dog!), they ran a pet shop and still she got all of these orders out on time. Nice work!

Russ Armitage gave his final report as Treasurer...after 8 years (since the beginning of NFS) Russ is not running for re-election. His very detailed and precise report is printed elsewhere in this issue...for this report we can say that we're in VERY good shape financially.

Russ's report on his Membership Services department is also a good one. 906 individual and dual members (he is now assigning numbers above 1435), 79 affiliated clubs and 12 advertisers. This is the time of year for clubs to re-affiliate. If you need a form for your club write or call Russ or Brenda. Renewals are coming in at a good rate and notices are now up to date since the Bulletin on time. Russ has been devoted to this Society, its officers and to his job to a degree seldom found in volunteers. He deserves an enormous amount of thanks and admiration from all of us. We wouldn't be where we are today without all of the service he has given to us in such a cheerful style!

Al's report on the working Standards Committees indicates that the Pine Finch is now awaiting another printing after some comments are noted by the committee members; the Star Finch Committee is at the same stage; the Pekin Robin Committee is still working on a first draft; and the Spice/Dronze Committee is working on their first draft. If you think this is going slow...volunteer to help with whatever species is in your area of interest!

Al reports NO complaints, formal or informal, against the NFS Judges Panel...proving once again that they are the best of the best!

Three active apprentices have taken tests this fall and one, Tom Hood of



Illinois, has passed his written test and will arrange apprenticeships next show season. Congratulations Tom! These tests are a real challenge of an apprentice's knowledge of standards, procedures and of his or her position under pressure. Best wishes to our other apprentices and to Tom as they continue on the path to becoming a Panel Judge.

Al is particularly pleased with his Points Directors report...NFS has, as of 11/17/91, the first YRHH CHAMPION BIRD. A Dilata Society and a Normal Zebra owned by Tom Rood and a Normal Java owned by Kris Kronar have each accumulated 50 (or more points) in their show careers and have finished their Championships. Due to space limitations, half of the 1991 Show Reports will be printed in the November/December Bulletin and the other half the following issue. A list of birds and exhibitors leading in points will be published, probably in the January/February issue. Al's bookkeeping skills and attention to detail deserve our thanks. He is active in numerous national societies and gives a great deal of time to all of them. Thanks for your help Al.

Jerry McCawley's report on FINCHSHOP showed that he and the shop are doing well. Sales are good on the Shafttail t-shirts, the water bottles and the new Official NFS Standards Booklets. We have a good supply of the Eric Peake "Diamond Sparrow" Lithographs and we're willing to sell them at cost to any affiliated club that would like to have one in a raffle. Mailing out orders and answering inquiries are only two of the things Jerry does for NFS. He is a first class show steward and a patient and committed worker at the sales tables we set up around the country...plus a full time student, a full time job, a big collection of birds and a house he tends alone. Thanks Jerry.

A FINCHSAVE Report!! Linda Oja, the new chairperson and her enthusiastic Committee have presented the Board and the members with a comprehensive update on this essential NFS Program. It's printed in this issue. In this space I need only say that the Board is very pleased with the quantity and the quality of work they have done. Please read their reports and if you have suggestions contact Linda. They understand that some members who had high hopes of being a part of this program wrote to previous directors and got no answer.

PLEASE...WHY AGAIN !!! This FINCHSAVE Committee is ready to respond to you and you will receive an answer to your inquiries this time!!! Thanks.. to Linda and her Committee and to you for keeping the faith...this program will work...if you respond to Linda's appeal for your input!!!

Chris Voronovitch wasn't able to be in Dearborn, (poor dear is probably still tired from dragging all of those boxes to the post office) but her report shows that all awards got to where they should be on time and also that she ordered a number of extra sets of rosettes so that now she has a "just-in-case" inventory of \$633.01. That means that she has a flying start on the 1992 awards. Nice job lady!! [Editor's note: she accomplished all of this WHILE showing her great Heagle to his Championship and getting points on her female Heagle too!] Real nice job!

Miki Spazak has sent out 58 letters asking manufacturers, distributors, etc. to take an advertisement in the NFS Bulletin. Responses are

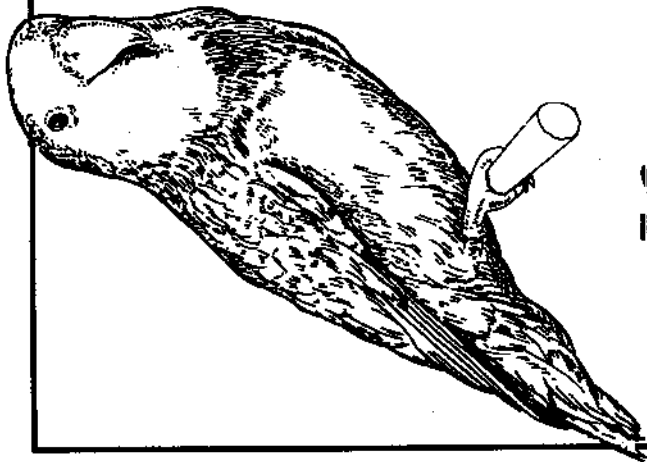
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beginning to come in and now we have 12 paid up advertisers. She'll be sending out "follow-up" letters in the near future. She asked all Board members to consider taking an ad for themselves and to ask the people that they do business with to take out ads for the birds and products that they need. If you have a name for her to contact, write or call and she'll do the rest. She's a real hard worker and very good at detail work like this.

The Publishing Committee report indicates that the Bulletin is on time and that the Census has gone out in the last issue and the Ballot will go as the "centerfold" in the next issue. PLEASE VOTE !! The Official Handbook is now completely retyped thanks to Jerry McCawley, Martha Wigmore and Kelvia Wee. Martha is now researching past Bulletin issues to be sure that all Board decisions since the previous Handbook edition are included in the new issue. When the election is complete we'll compile short biographies of all of the new officers and then the Handbook will (finally) go to press. If the bios come in on time we expect the new (long-awaited) Handbook to roll off the presses about a month after the election, or in early March 1992.

Jon Hoffman is waiting for the company that will do the slide-to-video transfer to get a new piece of equipment and he's also still looking for a few more slides. Call or write to him for particulars. Jon is also assisting on several re-writes of proposed standards and will have a version of the general standard (for species with no individual standards of their own) for the new Handbook. He helped Martha prepare the 1991 "Standards Booklets" and may make some editing changes in those before the 1992 show season - not changes in meaning but changes meant to clarify language - a particular skill of his. We all missed him in Oarhorn. His enthusiasm for this Society and for the National Shows is something we all look forward to sharing. He is the nominee to judge parrots next year so we're sure we'll see him in Oklahoma City.

The Promotions Committee has a new Chairperson.. Jim Foxwell from Orange, Virginia. He and his wife run a successful retail and wholesale bird supply business and are distributors for varied lines of products and foods. (See the "Flying Colours" ad). Jim has a lot of contacts with suppliers of many types of items and he will be able to steer NPS toward purchasing items at good prices that can be sold through our FINCHSHOP to benefit members and the NPS treasury. He fits in real well with the "finch family". Glad to have you Jim!

The Nominating Committee's job is finished and you'll see the results in this issue. The Ballot is tucked up with an "envelope" like the Census was so you can just remove it from the staples, mark it, fold and tape it, stamp it and send it! PLEASE VOTE !

Cecil Gunby's report as First Vice-President showed that four of the Regional Vice Presidents had Regional Shows and meetings this year that went quite well. All six reported a good response to the new Standards Booklets and had no complaints to report. Good news!

The first item of new business was a motion from Or. Al Decoteau that "the name of the each softbill species will be written on the outside of the show cage tag by the secretary or stewards. At the time the NPS Panel Judge

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THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY  
AFFILIATION AGREEMENT 1992

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THERE ARE ONLY TWO REQUIREMENTS THAT YOUR CLUB WILL HAVE TO MEET.

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**NFS SHOW RESULTS 1991**

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Show results of NFS affiliated clubs and shows where NFS Panel Judges officiated and NFS points were awarded. Please note that Exhibitor Points and Championship Bird Points both follow this schedule.

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
300 >	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

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Column headings for this report are as follows:

Rank	Exhibitor	NFS #	Points	Species	NFS Band # & year
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FLORIDA STATE FAIR SHOW  
February 10, 1991 Tampa, FL

Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby  
9 exhibitors 58 entries

1. John Dapas	663	6	St. Helena	
2. John Dapas	663	5	European Goldfinch	
3. Dennis Lewis	449	4	White Java	
4. B. Tame	1246	3	Cuban Olive	
5. Stephen Hoppin	042	2	Black Crested Pair	
6. Stephen Hoppin	042	1	White-cheeked Turaco	

ILLINI BIRD FANCIERS  
May 18, 1991 Shelbyville, IL

Panel Judge: Charles Anchor  
17 exhibitors 102 entries

1. Tom Rood	043	9	Dilute Society	87E'89
2. Virginia Patrick	1391	8	Pekin Robin	
3. Virginia Patrick	1391	7	Lavender	
4. Dennis Burhans	430	6	Gouldian	
5. Tom Rood	043	5	Zebra	302C'87
6. Tom Rood	043	4	Fawn Shafttail	849C'91
7. Jan Marcott	619	3	Star Pair	1107, 1108C'91
8. Carl Helton	485	2	Combassou	
9. Tom Rood	043	1	Zebra	4934D'89

WEST CENTRAL INDIANA BIRD CLUB  
August 10, 1991 Terre Haute, IN

Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman  
14 exhibitors 35 entries

1. Tom Rood	043	8	Dilute Society	87E'89
2. Virginia Patrick	1391	7	Lavender	
3. D. Burhans	430	6	Shafttail	
4. D. Burhans	430	5	Pair Blue-capped Waxbills	
5. Virginia Patrick	1391	4	Fire Finch	
6. D. Burhans	430	3	Pair Star Finches	
7. Tom Rood	043	2	Pair Zebras	3133, 3160D'91
8. Tom Rood	043	1	Zebra	305D'89

AVIARY & CAGE BIRD SOCIETY  
August 24, 1991 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau  
24 exhibitors 208 entries

1. Roberta Goren	424	13	Peters Twinspot	
2. John Dapas	663	12	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
3. F. Bonilla Jr.	484	11	Zebra	845D'91
4. John Dapas	663	10	St. Helena Waxbill	
5. Stephen Hoppin	042	9	Black Crested Finch	

6. Gerardo Cherta	1394	8	Lutino Parrot Finch	
7. Joe McKea	315	7	Lavender	1508'91
8. Stephen Hoppin	042	6	Fawn Shafttail	
9. V. Fellerman	1411	5	Gouldian	
10. John Dapas	663	4	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	

BRAZOS VALLEY CAGE BIRD CLUB

Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

August 31, 1991 College Station, TX 10 exhibitors 81 entries

1. Jim Mulsey	1182	8	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
2. Darren Hill	429	7	Green Singer	
3. Ina Flavia		6	C. F. W. Zebra	
4. Kenny Bates		5	Gouldian	
5. P. Bushman	1005	4	African Silverbill	
A. Mansall	1006			
6. P. Bushman	1095	3	Owl Finch	
A. Mansall	1006			
7. C. Culwell	072	2	Fawn Society	
8. P. Bushman	1005	1	Pair Indian Silverbills	
A. Mansell	1006			

CENTRAL ALABAMA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

August 31, 1991 Montgomery, AL 5 exhibitors 35 entries

1. Cecil Gunby	137	4	Whydah	
2. B. & W. McCormick 1045,1046	3		Pagoda Mynah	
3. B. & W. McCormick 1045,1046	2		Cherry Finch	121C'91
4. Cecil Gunby	137	1	Cuban Olive	

BAY AREA COCKATIEL & CAGE BIRD CLUB

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson.

September 7, 1991 Galveston, TX 8 exhibitors 48 entries

1. Darrin Hill	429	5	African Silverbill	
2. Bob & Karol Deem 1337,1338	4		Gouldian	
3. Darrin Hill	429	3	Society	
4. Darrin Hill	429	2	C. F. W. Zebra	
5. Darrin Hill	429	1	Star Finch	

CAROLINA CLASSIC

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

September 7, 1991 Charlotta, NC 5 exhibitors 51 entries

1. B. & W. McCormick 1045,1046	6		Pagoda Mynah	
2. Kris Kroner	551	5	Pectoralis	
3. M. & T. Yoder 630,631	4		Grey Social Weaver	
4. B. & W. McCormick 1045,1046	3		Cherry Finch	

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| 5. | B. & W. McCormick | 1045,1046 | 2 | Spice Finch |  |
| 6. | M. & T. Yoder     | 630,631   | 1 | Malba       |  |

CAROLINA CLASSIC  
September 8, 1991 Charlotte, NC

Panel Judge: Earl Courts  
5 exhibitors 51 entries

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|----|-------------------|-----------|-----|---|--------------------------|--|
| 1. | Cecil Gunby       |           | 137 | 6 | Diamond Sparrow          |  |
| 2. | B. & W. McCormick | 1045,1046 | 5   |   | Pagoda Mynah             |  |
| 3. | Kris Kroner       |           | 551 | 4 | Java                     |  |
| 4. | B. & W. McCormick | 1045,1046 | 3   |   | Scaley-headed Weaver     |  |
| 5. | Cecil Gunby       |           | 137 | 2 | Cuban Olive              |  |
| 6. | M. & T. Yoder     | 630,631   | 1   |   | Pair Yellow-rumped Serin |  |

CHESTER COUNTY BIRD BREEDERS  
September 14, 1991

Panel Judge: Charles Anchor  
10 exhibitors 65 entries

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|----|----------------|---------|------|---|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Kris Kroner    |         | 551  | 7 | Java                    | 245K'90     |
| 2. | Pat Krichten   |         | 741  | 6 | Shafttail               | 1112C'90    |
| 3. | Pat Krichten   |         | 741  | 5 | Society                 | 1114E'90    |
| 4. | Marion Sporzak |         | 1027 | 4 | Malba                   |             |
| 5. | M. & T. Yoder  | 630,631 | 3    |   | Gouldian                |             |
| 6. | Pat Krichten   |         | 741  | 2 | Pytilia Pair            | 46B,496E'91 |
| 7. | Kris Kroner    |         | 551  | 1 | Gray Social Weaver Pair |             |

SPRINGFIELD PET BIRD CLUB  
September 14, 1991 Springfield, IL

Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear  
14 exhibitors 76 entries

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|----|------------------|------|-----|---|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Tom Rood         |      | 043 | 7 | Green Singer     |                |
| 2. | Tom Rood         |      | 043 | 6 | Zebra            | 302C'87        |
| 3. | Tom Rood         |      | 043 | 5 | Gouldian         | 3413D'90       |
| 4. | Virginia Patrick | 1391 | 4   |   | Ringneck Dove    |                |
| 5. | Virginia Patrick | 1391 | 3   |   | Java             |                |
| 6. | Tom Rood         |      | 043 | 2 | Pair Pied Zebras | 311B, 3162D'91 |
| 7. | Tom Rood         |      | 043 | 1 | Dilute Society   | 8TE'89         |

GREATER BRANDON AVIAN SOCIETY  
September 15, 1991 Tampa, FL

Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby  
16 exhibitors 79 entries

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| 1. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 7 | Strawberry         |  |
| 2. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 6 | Wh. Brst. Gouldian |  |
| 3. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 5 | Orange Bishop      |  |
| 4. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 4 | St. Helena Waxbill |  |
| 5. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 3 | Wh. Brst. Gouldian |  |
| 6. | John Dapas   |  | 663 | 2 | Pallid Headed Nun  |  |
| 7. | Alfred Nales |  | 914 | 1 | Zebra              |  |



BUDGERIGAR & FOREIGN BIRD SOCIETY  
September 21, 1991 Toronto, Canada

Panel Judge: Brenda Goosey  
15 exhibitors 131 entries

1. Flikkema Aviaries		10	Star	
2. Vince Moasa	513	9	Yellow Gouldian	
3. Walter Steger		8	Pair Silverbills	
4. Walter Steger		7	C. F. W. Zebra	
5. Vince Moasa	513	6	Cuban Melodius	
6. Flikkema Aviaries		5	Owl	
7. Flikkema Aviaries		4	Shafttail	
8. Walter Steger		3	Self Choc. Society Pair	
9. Walter Steger		2	Self Choc. Society Pair	
10. Mika Donnally		1	Bullfinch	

BIRDS OF A FEATHER  
September 21, 1991 Manchester, NH

Panel Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau  
13 exhibitors 38 entries

1. E. Hudson		4	Blue billed Mannikin	
2. Jan Thomas	610	3	Shafttail	
3. Debra Stone	296	2	Yl. Winged Pytilia	
4. R. Armitage Jr.	007	1	C. F. W. Zebra	155C'87

FINGER LAKES CAGE BIRD ASSOC.  
September 21, 1991 Waterloo, NY

Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear  
7 exhibitors 40 entries

1. V. Steffenhagen	240	5	Owl	138A'90
2. V. Staffenhagen	240	4	Red Haaded Finch	
3. Pat & Mary Krichten	741	3	Pair Pytilia	468, 496E'91
4. V. Steffenhagen	240	2	Cordon Bleu	
5. Mark Hennekey	828	1	C. F. W. Zebra	40290'91

JACKSONVILLE CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION  
September 21, 1991 Jacksonville, FL

Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby  
10 exhibitors 84 entries

1. John Dapas	663	8	St. Helena	
2. J. Wiesenfeld	626	7	Java	463K'90
3. John Dapas	663	6	Shafttail	
4. R. DeYanay		5	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
5. John Dapas	663	4	Dranga Bishop Weaver	
6. W. McCormick	1046	3	Red-headed Parrot	
7. J. Wiesenfeld	626	2	White Hooded Wun	
8. W. McCormick	1046	1	Pagoda Mynah	

PENINSULA CAGE BIRD CLUB  
September 21, 1991 Newport News, VA

Panel Judge: Harold Bowles  
3 exhibitors 18 entries

1. Marvin Yoder 630 Gold-breasted Waxbill

WEST WINGS OF HOUSTON

September 21, 1991 Houston, TX

Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

14 exhibitors 92 entries

1. Jim Hulsey		1182	8	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
2. G. & J. Miller	109,410	7	7	Fire Finch	
3. C. Culwell		072	6	Shafttail	
4. K. Bates			5	Gouldian	
5. G. & J. Miller	109,410	4	C. F. W. Zebra	17800'90	
6. Jim Hulsey		1182	3	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	
7. P. Bushman		1005	2	Aurora	
A. Mansell		1006			
8. C. Culwell		072	1	Zebra	

BIRD FANCIERS OF OKLAHOMA

September 28, 1991 Oklahoma City, OK

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

8 exhibitors 54 entries

1. G. & J. Miller	109,410	6	6	Gouldian	
2. Earl Courte		365	5	Shafttail	
3. G. & J. Miller	109,410	4	C. F. W. Zebra	17180'90	
4. John Hilyard		1022	3	Peter's Twinspot	
5. G. & J. Miller	109,410	2	Society	185E'89	
6. G. & J. Miller	109,410	1	1	Red-headed Parrot Finch	

CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW

September 28, 1991 Pickering, Ont.

Panel Judge: William Parlee

26 exhibitors 209 entries

1. Sam Crabbe		640	13	Pair Zebras	
2. Mike Manley			12	Pintail Nonpareil	
3. Mike Manley			11	Gouldian	
4. Flikkema Avianes			10	Violet-eared Waxbill	
5. Ronald Francis			9	Pair Self Choc. Societies	
6. Flikkema Avianes			8	Pair Pekin Robins	
7. Markham Avianes			7	Pair Spice	
8. Andrea Nielson			6	Zebra	
9. Pat Donnelly			5	Sulffinch	
10. Vince Moase		513	4	Cuban Melodius	

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

September 28, 1991 Timonium, MD

Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

11 exhibitors 86 entries

1. Pat & Mary Krichen	741	8	Pytilia	463C'91	
2. R. Szlachta		657	7	Cherry Finch	421C'91
3. R. Szlachta		657	6	C. F. White-eye	

4. Pet & Mary Krichten	741	5	Pair Pytilia	468, 496C'91
5. R. Szlachte		657	4 Dilute Society	445E'90
6. Kris Kroner		551	3 B. W. Mannikin	7216'89
7. Kris Kroner		551	2 Java	245K'90
8. Marvin Yoder		630	1 Melba	

TOLEDO BIRD ASSOCIATION  
September 28, 1991 Toledo, OH

Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert  
7 exhibitors 33 entries

1. Patrick Vance		908	4 Shafttail	
2. Kaye Young			3 Zebre	
3. Patrick Vance		908	2 Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
4. Patrick Vance		908	1 C. F. W. Zebra	

KAYTEE GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW  
October 4, 1991 Clearwater, FL

Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin  
18 exhibitors 113 entries

1. M. & T. Yoder	630,631	9	Melba Finch	
2. Rose Gianferrara	316	8	Yellow-faced Ster	
3. John Dapas		663	7 Orange Bishop Weaver	
4. Letty & Bill Schilling			6 Indian Hill Mynah	
5. Alfred Nales		914	5 Zebra	717D'90
6. John Dapas		663	4 Greenfinch	
7. John Dapas		663	3 Tricolored Nun	
8. J. Wiesenfeld		626	2 Java	463K'90
9. Alfred Nales		908	1 Choc. Society	1580E'91

MID-AMERICA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY  
October 5, 1991 Des Moines, IA

Panel Judge: Earl Courts  
13 exhibitors 97 entries

1. Tom Rood		043	8 Shaftteil	344'87
2. Tom Rood		043	7 Pair C.F.W. Zebras	3126, 3159'91
3. Tom Rood		043	6 Fawn Society	805'90
4. Tom Rood		043	5 Pair Dil. Society	791, 794'90
5. Tom Rood		043	4 Gouldian	3447'90
6. Tom Rood		043	3 Pied Zebra	3422'90
7. Dennis Burhans		430	2 Dil. Society	1039E'91
8. S. Gregorich		688	1 Blue Cap Waxbill	

MILWAUKEE BIRD SOCIETY  
October 5, 1991 Milwaukee, WI

Panel Judge: Charles Anchor  
4 exhibitors 21 entries

1. Cathy Wiegele		563	3 Jeve	347K'90
2. Cathy Wiegele		563	2 Pekin Robin	

3. Cathv Wiegele 563 1 Chst. & White Soc. 335E'89

SOUTH JERSEY BIRD CLUB

Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

October 5, 1991 Cherry Hill, NJ 18 exhibitors 73 entries

1. Pat & Mary Krichten	741	7	Cordon Bleu	26BB'89
2. Kris Kroner	551	6	Java	245K'90
3. Kris Kroner	551	5	Pr Magpie Mannikins	180, 182G'89
4. F. Reitano		4	European Goldfinch	
5. Kris Kroner	551	3	Silver-eared Mesia	
6. L. Adler	1025	2	Pagoda Mynah	
7. P. Szlachta	657	1	C. F. White-eye	74B0D'90

CLEVELAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

October 12, 1991 Cleveland, OH 9 exhibitors 55 entries

1. M. & T. Yoder	630,631	6	Melba	
2. Patrick Vance		90B	5	Gold-breasted Waxbill
3. M. & T. Yoder	630,631	4	Zebra	143D'89
4. M. Mahozonek	1271	3	Java	
5. B. Fogl		2	White Java	
6. V. Steffenhagen	240	1	Blue-capped Waxbill	

INDIANA BIRD FANCIERS

Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby

October 12, 1991 Ft. Wayne, IN 22 exhibitors 80 entries

1. Dr. Val Clear		021	B	Honeycreeper	
2. C. & D. Wiegele	563,566	7	Fire Finch	441B'90	
3. C. Meinert		135	6	Red-headed Finch	
4. M. Desl			5	Java	
5. P. Vance		90B	4	Fawn Shafttail	
6. P. Vance		90B	3	C. F. W. Zebra	
7. Dr. Val Clear		021	2	Sunbird	
B. C. & D. Wiegele	563,566	1	Society	335E'89	

KANSAS AVICULTURAL SOCIETY

Panel Judge: Paul Williams

October 12, 1991 9 exhibitors 26 entries

1. Earl Courts	365	3	Shafttail	
2. Shirley Landkamar		2	C. W. F. Zebra	
3. Tami Fasgold	1186	1	Shafttail	

SUNSHINE STATE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

Panel Judge: Bill Parlee

October 12, 1991 Orlando, FL 22 exhibitors 134 entries

1. R. Gianferrere	316	10	Yellow Ster	
2. R. Gianferrera	316	9	Peters Twinspot	
3. Al Meles	914	8	Choc. Society	
4. Al Males	914	7	Fawn Zebra	
5. Armando Lee	1454	6	Yel. Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
6. Stephen Hoppin	042	5	Fawn Shafttail	
7. Stephen Hoppin	042	4	Red-crested Tureco	
8. Jose Aleman	184	3	Blue-capped Wexbill	
9. B. & W. McCormick 1045, 1046	2		Blue-faced Parrot	
10. J. Wiesenfeld	626	1	Java	463K'90

BALTIMORE BIRD FANCIERS

Panel Judge: Brende Geesey

October 19, 1991 Baltimore, MD

9 exhibitors 93 entries

1. Pat & Mary Krichten	741	8	Paradise Whydah	
2. Kris Kroner		551	7 Java	245K'90
3. M. & T. Yoder	630, 631	6	African Silver Bill	
4. R. Szlachta		657	5 F. bk. Brst. Zebra	1958D'91
5. Pat & Mary Krichten	741	4	Peir Shafttail	453, 2011D'91
6. R. Szlachta		657	3 Society	1963D'91
7. R. Szlachta		657	2 Green Singer	
8. Pat & Mary Krichten	741	1	Gouldian	2002D'91

CAPITOL CITY BIRD SOCIETY

Panel Judge: Marty Von Reesfeld

October 19, 1991 Placer County, CA

12 exhibitors 154 entries

1. Steve Payne	380	11	Bleck-cheeked Wexbill	
2. Steve Payne	380	10	Gouldian	
3. Steve Payne	380	9	Fire Finch	
4. A. & D. Lea	623	8	Blue-capped Wexbill	
5. A. & D. Lea	623	7	White Hooded Nun	
6. O. & K. McVay	1414	6	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
7. Anita Lujan	603	5	Orange-cheeked Wexbill	
8. Anita Lujan	603	4	Masked Grass Finch	
9. A. & D. Lea	623	3	St. Helene	
10. A. & D. Lea	623	2	Fischer's Whydeh	

COLORADO CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION

Panel Judge: Mertha Wignore

October 19, 1991 Colorado Springs CO

14 exhibitors 70 entries

1. K. Brown		7	Orange-cheeked Wexbill	
2. T. McAuliffe	343	6	Owl	
3. A. Sincleir	519	5	C. F. W. Zebra	3735D'90
4. Joe Heard	743	4	Gouldian	613D'89
5. Joe Heard	743	3	Red-headed Parrot	891C'89

5. A. Sinclair	519	2	Zebra	33810'89
7. S. Kehayss		1	Society	

GREATER KANSAS CITY AVICULTURAL ASSN. Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby  
 October 19, 1991 Kansas City, MO 12 exhibitors 88 entries

1. G. & J. Miller	109.410	8	C.F.W. Zebra	17180'90
2. Tom Rood		043	7	Pair Societies 791, 794E'90
3. Tom Rood		043	6	C. F. W. Zebra 31330'91
4. G. & J. Miller	109.410	5	Gouldian	
5. D. Burhans		430	4	Society
6. J. Johnson			3	Cordon Bleu
7. D. Burhans		438	2	Pair Shafttails
8. J. Johnson		1049	1	Silverbill

GREAT LAKES AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge: Charles Anchor  
 October 19, 1991 Grand Rapids, MI 4 exhibitors 19 entries

1. Patrick Vance	908	-	Gouldian	15240'90
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HEART OF DIXIE CANARY CLUB Panel Judge: Stephen Hoopin  
 October 19, 1991 Mobile, AL 5 exhibitors 30 entries

1. J. Wiesenfeld	626	4	Cutthroat	
2. J. Wiesenfeld	626	3	White Hooded Nun	
3. J. Wiesenfeld	626	2	Java	463K'90
4. R. Devaney		1	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	

MASSACHUSETTS CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel  
 October 19, 1991 Easton, MA 9 exhibitor 33 entries

1. D. Dwyer		4	Indian Hill Mynah	
2. H. Dotterty	226	3	Pekin Robin	
3. R. Armitage	907	2	C. F. W. Zebra	155C'87
4. C. Voronovitch	176	1	Tricolor Parrot	

SOCIETY OF CANARY & FINCH BREEDERS. Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert  
 October 19, 1991 Westland, MI 4 exhibitors 60 entries

1. P. Vance	908	7	Shafttail	302C'91
2. Br. A. Michael	147	6	Zebra	452D'89
3. P. Vance	908	5	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	1585D'90
4. Br. A. Michael	147	4	Green Singer	
5. P. Vance	908	3	Gold-breasted Waxbill	
6. Br. A. Michael	147	2	Amethyst Starling	

S. CALIFORNIA FINCH & HOOKBILL SHOW  
October 19, 1991 Lawsedale, CA

Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell  
6 exhibitors 20 entries

1. R. Holmes	987	3	Society
2. G. Aden	854	2	Gouldian
3. D. Feeney		1	Shafttail

does the overview (before judging). If the judge feels any other bird needs to be identified for the benefit of the judge or for the gallery's education then those tags will also have names written on the outside of the show tag by the stewards, provided this is agreeable to local show officials." The motion passed and all judges and affiliated clubs will be notified of this change.

Peter Wehh, our guest from Canada, representing the Avicultural Advancement Council of Canada, addressed the Board with a proposal that recognized Canadian judges be integrated into the NPS Judges Panel. The three Canadian judges presently interested in this are Vincent Woase, John Bennett and John Zirafa, all certified by the AACC. Bill Parlee had previously spoken to Peter Wehh about this and sent a letter saying "I wholeheartedly support the formation of a committee to study criteria by which certain judges of the AACC may be included in our NPS Panel of Judges. I feel that we should open our arms to all our fellow aviculturists from Canada as it will be of mutual benefit to all of us. I hope any effort in this area will bring us closer together." The Board agreed and will soon be announcing the members of that committee. We thanked Mr. Wehh for presenting his proposal.

The American Federation of Aviculture has sent a letter to NPS President Brenda Geesey, asking her to sign, on behalf of NPS, endorsing and supporting the legislation that AFA was involved in formulating, HW. § 2541 and S § 1218. Brenda does not personally share that point of view and declined to sign the letter, also citing the fact that the President of NPS is not the sole voice of NPS. She presented the letter to the Board and asked if any or all Board members would want to sign it. All members present declined.

Under old business, the matter of the 1992 AFA affiliation was discussed. Brenda pointed out that for some time now delegates have had no vote and so have no input into the operations and policy making of the American Federation of Aviculture. In its publications and its grants, both conservation and research, very little money, time or consideration is given to finches and/or softbills and their keepers. In the Census that AFA jointly sponsored finches and softbills were not counted. This summer AFA announced a plan to sell closed, traceable bands in direct conflict with many of its affiliated clubs, including NPS. Because NPS has well over 100 members the cost of affiliation with AFA for one year is \$ 100. For this NPS receives two copies

(one to each of our two delegates, Arenda and Bill Parlee) of each issue of the HATCHBIRD magazine and the use of a table at the APA's annual convention. However, we have no voice in the direction that the organization takes on any issue and no other benefits. The gussum present voted NOY to re-affiliate with APA for the upcoming year. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Capazzi, Recording Secretary

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### Minutes of The National Finch and Softbill Society's Annual General Meeting

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This is the much less formal meeting of the two held at the National.

Our first action was to give a big round of applause and our sincere thanks to the 1991 Judge for the Finch and Softbill Division of the National Cage Bird Show, Mr. Earl Csurts. This year we had a record entry and Earl spent 12 hours judging! He did a super job and was just as patient and pleasant at the end as he was at the beginning. He judged 347 finches and softbills in a very smooth and professional manner. Thanks a LOT Earl...NICE JOB !! He had 80 some Zebras, 40 some Goulds, an incredible collection of Tanagers and other exotic small softbills, some very rare finches, a good number of which were closed banded young birds and, all in all, a very high caliber of entries in good condition, well presented and extremely impressive. He selected a Fawn Zebra belonging to Jake Hoekstra, a Canadian exhibitor, as this year's KELLOGG TROPHY WINNER, a Blue-grey Tanager of Brenda Geesey's second and a pair of Tom Rood's Chestnut-flanked White Zebra third. Best Bred-by-Exhibitor went to the Kellogg Winner and the Best Novice Award went to Armando Lee of Florida for his pair of Blue Gouldians. (Complete results in next issue). All of those who finished in the top ten were fabulous birds and their exhibitor/owners deserve a lot of credit for their efforts.

Tom Rood, Gene Miller, Jerry McCawley, Kris Ursner, Marvin Ysder, Pat Krichten and others as stewards did a great job of moving cages smoothly and calmly. Our secretaries kept up with the pace and cross-checked each entry and each dinner...not an easy job either. The pleasant (and handsome) young man who spent a lot of the day behind the secretaries table is Jan Staburski. While he was working so hard for NPS his Gluster canary was winning the KELLOGG TROPHY in that division. Thanks and congratulations.

Brenda gave a short synopsis of the actions and discussions of the NPS November Board of Directors meeting. A discussion about the decision of the Board not to re-affiliate with the American Federation of Aviculture brought the comment from a member that she wished the guest list would be brought to the membership. Other members concurred and stated that APA is a voice for aviculture in the U. S. Congress. The members present voted to put the guest list to the general membership and a ballot is presented in this issue for you.



A member brought to our attention that a video tape had been made of this year's National. Our new Promotions Director will look into possible purchase of a copy.

Bob McCormick brought a great show cage that he designed and built for showing Whydahs and other long-tailed birds. The cage is taller than a standard Cockatiel show box. It has two doors, each normal size, on the side. When both are open the door is twice as tall as the usual opening. This makes it easy to get the long-tailed birds in and out and you still can open only one to change water and prevent escape. The cage has only one perch. A t-stand is centered in the cage and this allows the long-tails to move without bumping their tails. Another unique feature is the "skylight". A piece of Plexiglas is mounted on the front edge of the top to allow light to shine directly on the bird while on the perch. Bob is asking for NPS to officially approve this cage for the exhibition of long-tails. A lot of positive comments were heard. For more information, contact Bob or Wanda. Their phone number is (704) 288 2145.

Tom Rood came up with gorgeous items for the auction. The money raised will fund the Best Bred by Exhibitor Award, the Best Unflighted and the Best Novice Award in the years to come at each National Show. This year Tom brought: a pair of crystal stemmed wine glasses, engraved with a pair of Zebra finches. a crystal coffee mug engraved with a male Zebra ladies and a mans watch with the NPS Shafttail logo (like the t-shirts) a leather notebook with the NPS logo and a brass nameplate a marble paperweight with the NPS logo

and Miki Sparzak donated a brand-new show cage for them to go home in. In spite of the fact that we were running short of time Marvin did a great job of getting folks to bid and all together we raised a little over \$400 for the awards fund!!

Unfortunately, due to an injury, Bill Parlee couldn't come to Dearborn. He sent the three Founders Awards and Brenda presented them to the recipients. These are so special that a separate page is devoted to them. Please take time to read it.

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**SEE FOUNDERS AWARDS PAGE**  
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Champion Exhibitor plaques for 1990 were presented to:

Kris Kroner	Gene Miller
Tom Rood	John Oapas
Richard Lujan	Marvin Yoder
Brenda Geesey	

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**WHAT REGION IS YOUR STATE IN?**  
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DELAWARE	1	KANSAS	4
MAINE	1	MINNESOTA	4
MARYLAND	1	NEBRASKA	4
MASSACHUSETTS	1	NORTH DAKOTA	4
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	OKLAHOMA	4
NEW JERSEY	1	SOUTH DAKOTA	4
NEW YORK	1	TEXAS	4
PENNSYLVANIA	1		
RHODE ISLAND	1		
VERMONT	1	ARIZONA	5
VIRGINIA	1	COLORADO	5
WASHINGTON D.C.	1	IDAHO	5
WEST VIRGINIA	1	MONTANA	5
		NEVADA	5
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FOREIGN	3		
PUERTO RICO	3		

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 Sometimes we get questions from members who are not sure who their Regional Vice President is because they're not sure which Region they're state is in. Here are the answers! Thanks Rusa, The Editor.  
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## A GUIDE TO THE ELECTION

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To help you to make choices in the elections, here are the "job descriptions" for the various offices as described in The National Finch and Softhill Society's Bylaws, Approved March 15, 1987.

### Article 6, "Officers"

President: The President of the Society shall preside over all Board of Directors meetings of this Society. The President shall also preside at the national annual meeting. The President shall attend to the day-by-day operations of the Society, shall abide by the bylaws of the Society, and shall coordinate and delegate the activities of other officers of this Society.

First Vice-President: Shall fill the position of the President in absentia. Shall be first in succession to fill the position of the President should the President be unable to fill his/her term. The First Vice-President shall coordinate the activities of, and be responsible for, all Regional Vice Presidents.

Second Vice-President: Shall be second in line to the Presidency and first in line to succeed the First Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall chair the Education Committee and coordinate the educational programs of the Society. The Second Vice-President shall also chair the Publishing Committee as well as sit on all Committees of the Society.

Third Vice-President: Shall be in charge of FINCHSAVE, the captive breeding program of the Society. He/she shall participate in the committee and guide the captains and breeders involved in the program.

Fourth Vice-President: Must be an NPS Panel Judge as he/she shall serve as the Panel Director. Shall also chair the Research and Standards Committees and be in charge of Species Classifications. He/she shall also be responsible for shows or exhibitions of the Society and members points arising therefrom.

Corresponding Secretary: Shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Society. Shall also serve as the Membership Chairman for the Society.

Recording Secretary: Shall be responsible for all minutes of all Board of Directors meetings of the Society. Will further direct the recording of all minutes of special or national meetings that may be called from time to time. Will present to the President or the Bulletin Editor a copy of all meeting minutes of this Society.

Treasurer: Shall be responsible for the collection and keeping of all Society funds and assessments. Shall maintain a bank account and deposit said funds in the account under the name of the National Finch and Softbill Society. All funds, with the exception of operating funds, are to be kept in a saving account. The Treasurer will pay, with Society funds, kept in a checking account, all debts incurred by the Society at the directions of the Board of Directors. Society funds shall be used for Society business only.

Regional Vice-Presidents: Shall be responsible for encouraging membership and club affiliation in the National Finch and Softbill Society within a given region. Regional vice-Presidents are responsible to the First Vice-President. Regional Vice-Presidents are to encourage at least one membership meeting within their regions annually.

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PLEASE...this is your Society. Be involved! Vote for the candidates of your choice.

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS may either photocopy the face of the ballot and send in separate ballots, or may mark two "x" marks at each chosen name if both member numbers are included on the ballot.

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and Exhibitor of Excellence plaques for 1990 were presented to:

Tom Rood	267 points
Richard Lnjan	224 points
Aris Krooer	204 points
Marvin Ynder	201 points.

Our general meeting ran 15 minutes overtime and we still didn't have time to make individual presentations of the beautiful international exchange awards that Tom Rood has arranged for NPS. Next year, in Oklahoma City we plan to have a room scheduled for 2 hours so we can accomplish all that we need to do and have time for some socialization and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Deoise Capazzi, Recording Secretary

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## FINCHSAVE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

by Linda Oja

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Question: Does a person have to be currently successfully breeding the species they want to enter into FINCHSAVE ?

Answer: You might automatically assume the answer to the question is "yes", but several factors need to be considered. One is how much breeding experience the applicant has had with other, similar species. If the individual has considerable experience with Waxbills, for instance, and now has decided to work with a less common species, they may be accepted. We need to realize that even the commonly available Waxbills (for instance) are not being bred in considerable numbers and are not as easy to breed as Zebras and Gouldians. You will find very few people successfully breeding the endangered species. We need to encourage people to breed all species of birds. In the future the FINCHSAVE Program will take a more active role in sharing breeding information to help our participants become more successful.

On the other hand, we would not necessarily encourage an individual to start with a difficult species without some prior experience with the more easily bred species. It must be realized that FINCHSAVE is meant to be a long-term commitment, meaning 5 or more years of working with your chosen species. We will not be successful if participants continuously drop out after one or two years. You have to be fairly certain that you want to devote 5 or more years to working with your particular choice of species. It may take time to decide which species you prefer. In cases like this I would recommend that the individual "practice" with their chosen species before applying.

I hope that future participants have found this question and answer helpful. I will be glad to answer other questions and have them published in the Bulletin.

At present we are reorganizing and would like to hear from participants and those who sent in applications from 1990 to 1991. We will be ready to accept new applications by January. At that time we will also publish more information on FINCHSAVE.

For more information contact:

Linda Oja  
268 Exeter Road  
Newport News, VA 23602

Phone (804) 874 8581.

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**FOUNDERS AWARDS**  
**WILLIAM PARLEE, FOUNDER**  
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The Founders Award were conceived by Bill Parlee to recognize individuals in our Society that have made outstanding contributions to the finch world. The awards are selected and sponsored by Bill. There is no input from the Board of Directors or any individual regarding these awards. The following are Bill's words about the Founders Awards.

"Please understand that there are many out there that are deserving of an award for long time service, holding office, working on projects and in many other areas. My selections are not intended to slight anyone but happen to strike me as people who have had an exciting influence on me and have at the same time made great contributions in their own ways to the Finch Hobby. My only regret in presenting these awards at the National in Dearborn is that I cannot be with you to share in your pleasure for these recipients."

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**FOUNDERS AWARD - 1989**

Russ Armitage, Jr.

"A long overdue award is presented to my friend Russ Armitage for his many, many years of devotion to NFS and his personal service to me during my tenure as President. Words cannot say enough. Thank you Russ."

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**FOUNDERS AWARD - 1990**

Juno and Gene Miller

"For their ever cheerful appearance and demeanor, for their unhiring of knowledge with the less knowledgeable; for their excellence on the show bench and their contributions to NFS. A Founders Award for Juno and Gene Miller."

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**FOUNDERS AWARD - 1991**

Tom Road

"This year's Founders Award goes to a GENTLEMAN (and that is in capitals) who has tirelessly worked behind the scenes for NFS with finch vacation from all over the world to obtain and to offer prize awards from and to many different clubs in many continents. To our NFS Ambassador, Tom Road."

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"To all these recipients, and to all the other NFS officers and members who have contributed so much to NFS over the years...I salute you!!"  
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# FINCHSAVE REPORT

by Linda Oja

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The FINCHSAVE papers were received from the previous Directors on October 4th, 1991. Those records included the 1988 Annual Report, 1989 applications and correspondence from 1987 to 1991. There is no information on applicants or participants from 1990-1991. All participant information is at least two or three years old. It appears that the first Director attempted to answer correspondence up until 1990 but there is no indication that the second director answered any of the more recent correspondence.

The best thing we can do at this time is to try and track down the participants. We will answer the 1991 correspondence as best we can. I feel that it is not useful to go back any further trying to catch up on correspondence. Now that we are set up to accept applications and we have a system in place to handle correspondence efficiently we are asking that all people who applied and never received an answer please contact me. Also, will ALL participants who joined after 1990 please contact me.

I have sent out letters to all who were listed as participants at any time, including all of the original FINCHSAVE Committee members. Dr. Vol Clear and Norm Kopsky, (original Committee members) both indicated interest in continuing to work with the program and both offered to work with at least one species. They also both indicated (as have other participants) that they felt that certain original FINCHSAVE rules were too restrictive and needed to be changed.

Some of the revisions that have been discussed by our group are:

1. More exclusions of species. A number of species are now excluded because either they are felt to be well represented in the captive breeding pool or their genetic purity cannot be verified. We feel that Shofthails should be excluded because Heck's and the Long-tailed Grassfinch have been as interbred in this country that their genetic purity cannot be guaranteed. Also we are considering excluding mutations, i.e. lutino and fawn mutations in species. We want to concentrate on the species as they occur in the wild. Our concern with genetic purity is to prevent inbreeding and crossbreeding.

2. We are considering eliminating the \$5.00 fee as participants are already incurring the expense of buying the birds and of joining WFS. It has also become a problem when applicants submit the fee with an improperly filled out application form. The fee cannot be accepted and there have been delays in returning the checks. If we need money for FINCHSAVE perhaps we can have some sort of fund raising effort instead.

3. Banding requirements should be kept as originally stated except for requiring particular sizes of WFS bands exclusively for banding chicks. WFS has recommended band sizes for many species. The proper sized bands should

fit without allowing excess space between band and lag for wires, twigs, etc. to become caught. If a species doesn't tolerate nest disturbance and is difficult to breed we might want to allow them to use a larger size or possibly allow them to skip banding the first captive raised generation. We would suggest that chicks may be banded after fledging, using a band one or two sizes larger in the cases of species that don't tolerate nest box disturbance. We would ask that band size requirements for show points be more lenient for FINCHSAVE birds, due to the above problems. We realize that there is concern about birds being killed or injured by bands being caught but I don't see any other good alternative to keeping track of age, parentage, etc.. The individual breeder might keep very good records but if the bird is sold or comes into other hands the records might not be available. Those closed, traceable WFS bands are invaluable.

4. In the structure - we need to include a Director's Committee which will assist the Director in his/her duties. The number of group managers may need to be increased in areas where needed. We should keep the Species Captains. Provisions need to be made if the program grows to unmanageable size such as: having a species or a group as a separate program under its own director but using the same rules and forms. We are open to suggestions if anyone has a better way of categorizing species and/or groups. At this time there are many species included in the Waxbill group. We may need to break up this and other groups further.

5. Participant responsibilities: we hope to emphasize productivity of breeding pairs in a more constructive and positive manner. The current 25 chick per year goal seems unrealistic and may actually discourage participants who don't even come close. We should keep other requirements of filling out forms and abiding by rules but we need to see that those rules don't become too restrictive.

6. The annual reports requirement needs to be upheld to record progress with each species. We can make it easier by simplifying the annual report form. The most important information is how many of each species are being raised annually. Other remarks on factors contributing to successful breedings would be helpful to share among participants. Annual report information should be reported to participants in a newsletter and in the WFS Bulletin for membership interest.

7. Goals We need to state overall goals of the program, i.e. to maintain as many species of finches and softbills in captive breeding programs...etc. We need to place emphasis on the productivity of each breeding pair so that those with fewer pairs will be rewarded for having success. Proper maintenance of birds must also be emphasized. Productivity can be encouraged by recognition and by rewards.

8. The "number of pairs" requirement. A number of people or a club should be able to sponsor a species and participate under a group and/or club name thus meeting the 5 pair requirement if they designate one person to coordinate and submit information and the reports required by FINCHSAVE. This

will require good communication and coordination of information on their part. It should be emphasized that participants should obtain their 5 pairs of birds from different sources and try to ensure that they obtain as many unrelated birds as possible to start with. The 5 pair requirement was previously removed for species that are expensive, endangered, rare, or difficult to obtain. We feel that this requirement should be further relaxed in view of the increasing scarcity of finches in general and that each species should be considered individually by the director and the Committee as applications for them are received. At least two pairs should be required of even the more rare or expensive species unless the participant can obtain more unrelated birds to pair with the young produced, either by trade or loan. We might consider dropping the "5 pair" requirement entirely if a good alternative can be found to ensuring a supply of unrelated birds for continued breeding that prevents inbreeding. THE NPS CENSUS WILL BE VERY VALUABLE IN HELPING TO LOCATE BIRDS!!

9. Surplus birds produced by participants should not become a burden to them. We should emphasize that only those birds badly needed and hard to come by will be requested to be made available to others in the FINCHSAVE program before the participant sells them to other aviculturists. We should also try to assist participants in selling some of their young birds so they don't become a burden. We can offer ads in the Bulletin, circulate a list of birds for sale and wanted in a FINCHSAVE newsletter, encourage people to organize a "Finch Mart" in their area and take birds for sale to shows and/or conventions. Shipping expense is a drawback. It may be more cost effective for someone to purchase birds from non-participants in their area than to arrange transport of birds from a participant across the country. We should also try to encourage sweeping to bring in unrelated birds when needed. Taking birds to national and regional events can sometimes get them into the hands of someone who will transport them great distances but these arrangements have to be made carefully with great care for the birds being transported and with courtesy to the transporter.

10. The FINCHSAVE Director, committee, group managers and species captains must be members of the program in order to be able to see things from the participants point of view.

These are just some of the ideas we discussed in our group. I wanted to bring them to your attention and see what you think. We still have a lot of work to do. I will be keeping you informed of our progress.

Contact me with your ideas.

Linde Dja  
268 Exeter Road  
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804 874 8581

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**NEW FINCHSAVE OUTLINE**  
**AS PROPOSED NOVEMBER 1991**

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The overall goal of FINCHSAVE is to establish a captive bred population of finch and softbill species in this country while they still are available. In this way we would not be dependent on importation, which besides causing unnecessary death and destruction of habitat, is in danger of being stopped completely. We are encouraging aviculturists to make a commitment to breed finch and softbill species to guarantee their future in American aviculture.

FINCHSAVE is an official program of The National Finch and Softbill Society. All finch and softbill species are included except: Zebra Finches, Gouldians, Society Finches, Java Sparrows (Rice Birds), Shafttails, hybrids and mutations (i.e. color mutations that do not occur in nature). It is felt that the exceptions are either well established or that their genetic purity cannot be verified.

We will require banding of offspring produced with closed traceable NFS bands. We will make allowances on band size if chicks cannot be banded in the nest. Breeder birds should also have some kind of identifiable or coded band so accurate records can be kept on the different bloodlines.

FINCHSAVE Program Structure

FINCHSAVE Program Director administers program and handles routine issues as they arise. The Director will have a committee to assist with these responsibilities so that the workload can be distributed and better handled. The Director will report directly to the Board of Directors of the Society on behalf of the committee.

FINCHSAVE Committee will be appointed by the NFS Board of Directors. Will assist with setting policy and administering it and will advise the FINCHSAVE Director as needed.

Group Managers will supervise Species Captains or act as Species Captains where needed. Group Managers will report to the Committee. The groups will be divided as follows, with a Manager for each group initially.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Australian and Parrot Finches | 5. All European finches       |
| 2. All Waxbills                  | 6. All South American finches |
| 3. All Mannikins                 | 7. All Softbilled birds       |
| 4. All African Finches           |                               |

Groups may be divided further if they get too large to manage efficiently.

Species Captains are responsible for gathering information from participants, assisting in obtaining birds, monitoring bloodlines and communicating with and assisting participants as needed. Species Captains will report directly to their Group Manager.

Participants, the most important group, are required to be members of The National Finch and Softbill Society, as are all others in the FINCHSAVE Program structure. They are required to maintain each species as best current avicultural knowledge suggests, raise as many chicks as possible, submit annual reports and comply with the rules of FINCHSAVE.

Participants should report to their Species Captains and are encouraged to communicate with each other and with the rest of the group of volunteers freely.

Participants must indicate if they do not want their identity disclosed to other participants or in NFS publications. If they do not, their wishes will be respected, otherwise it will be assumed that this information can be shared.

Participants must realize that they are entering into a long term commitment (five or more years). Recognition will be given to those who produce the most chicks and difficulty in keeping and breeding the species will be taken into consideration. Participants may participate with more than one species if they feel they can handle that.

NFS will encourage participants to sell offspring to other participants in the program, if needed, at a fair price. NFS will assist participants in selling offspring through the NFS Bulletin's free ads to FINCHSAVE members and other means if possible.

The required number of pairs of birds will be 5 pairs per species if the birds are commonly available and relatively inexpensive (under \$200 per pair). Softbill requirements may be as low as 1 pair if they are difficult to obtain and breed. The Director and the FINCHSAVE Committee will use their discretion in deciding numbers of pairs required in other circumstances. More than one individual may participate with one or more species if they can coordinate their records and designate one individual in the group to act as the spokesperson and reporter. In that way a club or a group may adopt a species. We stress that at least five pairs are needed for genetic diversity, and ask that the pairs be unrelated if at all possible. We encourage swapping for different bloodlines.

The National Finch and Softbill Society, the FINCHSAVE Director, the FINCHSAVE Committee, the Group Managers and Species Captains will not have any liability to participants arising out of any transaction or communication with respect to the FINCHSAVE Program (i.e. misrepresentation in the sales of birds, etc.).

Decisions of species Captains & Group Managers may be appealed to the FINCHSAVE Director. Decisions of the FINCHSAVE Director may be appealed to the FINCHSAVE Committee.

Editor's Note:

This outline of the FINCHSAVE Program was presented to the Board of Directors of the National Finch and Softbill Society at the November Board meeting. It received no unfavorable comments there. However, it is not written in stone! Please remember, as members of this Society, this is your program! This is a program that is desperately needed and it is still in transition toward its final goal. If you have comments or suggestions please communicate them directly to:

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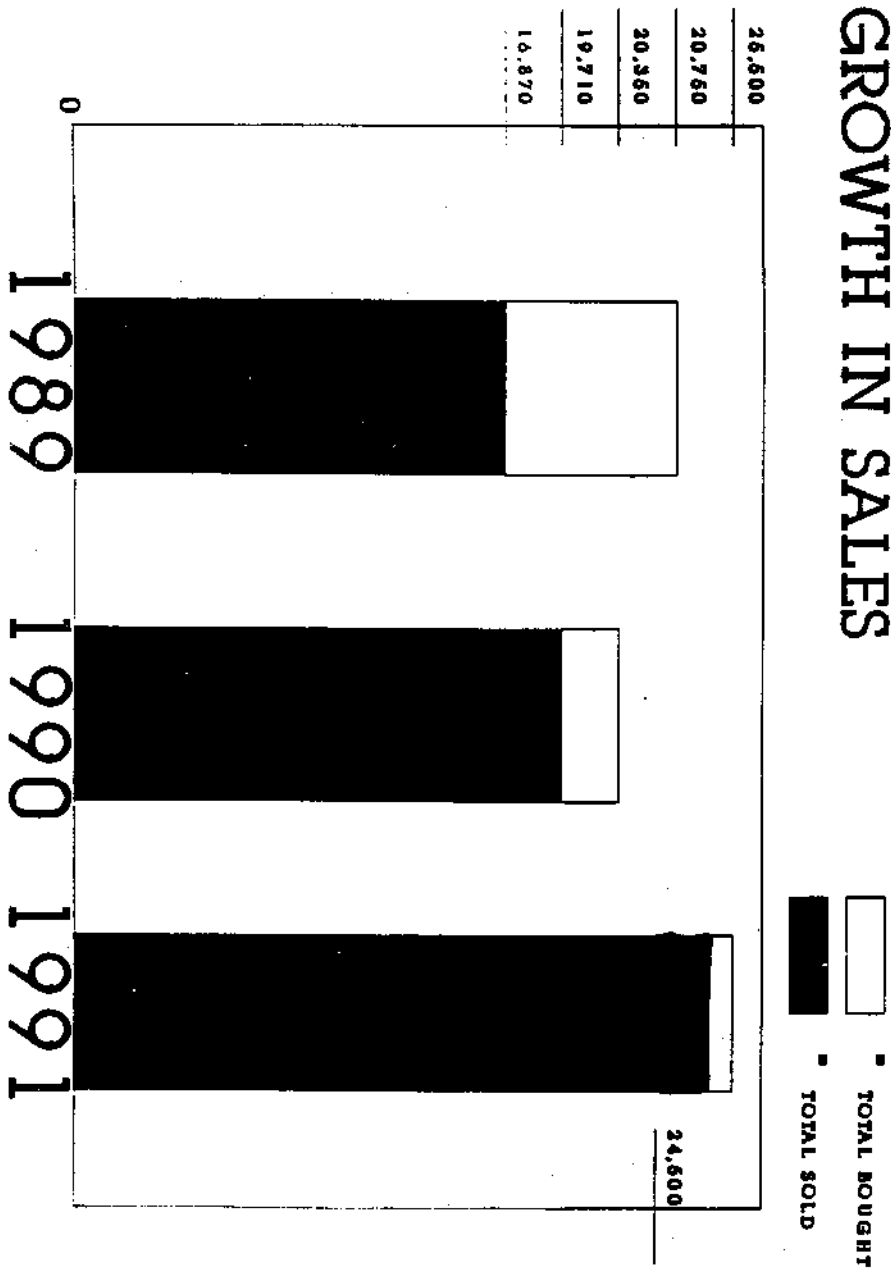
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Thanks to the work done by the Band Size Committee we are able to offer an expanded list of suggested sizes for more species of finches and softbills. We're hoping to get more updates from societies overseas in 1991. We also welcome members suggestions for the list.

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- B Cordon Bleu, Black-cheeked Waxbills, Fire, Cuban Melodious, Olive, Lavenders, Rufous-backed Mannikin and others.
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- C Blue Caps, Green Singers, Silverbills, Stars, Shafttails, Cherry, Red-headed Parrot, Painted, Heck's, Pileated, Grey Singers, Pytilias, Bronze-wing and Black and White Mannikin.
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- D Zebras, Gouldians, Pictorellas, Yellow-rumps, Chestnut-breasted, Blue-faced Parrot, Pintail Nonpareil, most other Parrot finches, most smaller Mannikins and most Twin Spots.
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- E Society, Spice, Siskins, Golden Song Sparrows, Diamond Sparrows, Muns, Peter's Twin Spots and Black Crested Finches.
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- G Magpie Mannikins, and other large Mannikins, European Goldfinch and small Tanagers.
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- J Pekin Robin, Silver-eared Mesias and other small softbills.
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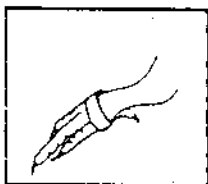
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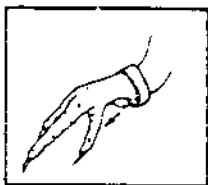
The most important thing to remember when banding chicks is to do it over a counter or table so if the chick is dropped it doesn't fall to the floor. The age to band varies between species but is generally between 5 and 10 days. You can tell by looking at the ankle joint (the joint where the toes come together) and the size of the bend.



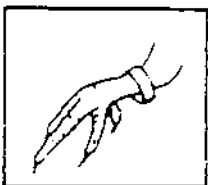
Have the bands, a toothpick (or other small blunt instrument) and some lubricant ready. Be sure you have the bands "right side up" for easier reading.



The band is generally placed on the birds' right leg. Banding just before the parents go to roost in the evening will prevent them from picking at the band. By the next morning they will have forgotten about it.



Hold the chick firmly but in such a way as to not cut off its breathing and so that you don't harm it. Remember, their bodies cannot tolerate compression. Put a little bit of lubricant on the chicks' foot and slide the band over the three front toes and finally over the ankle joint. The back toe will probably have to be gently pried out from under the band with a toothpick. The bend now should be in the proper location between the ankle and the elbow joints.



Check on the chick the next few days to be sure that the band has not slipped off and that there are no scrapes or irritations on the foot or leg.

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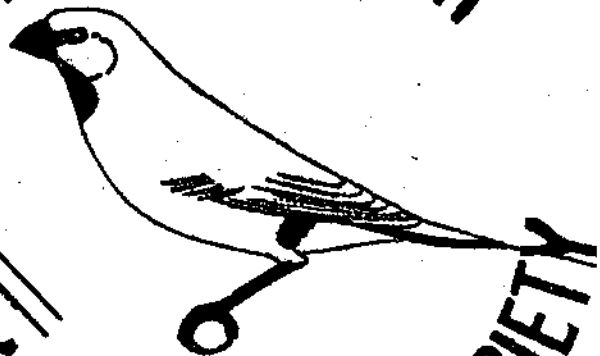


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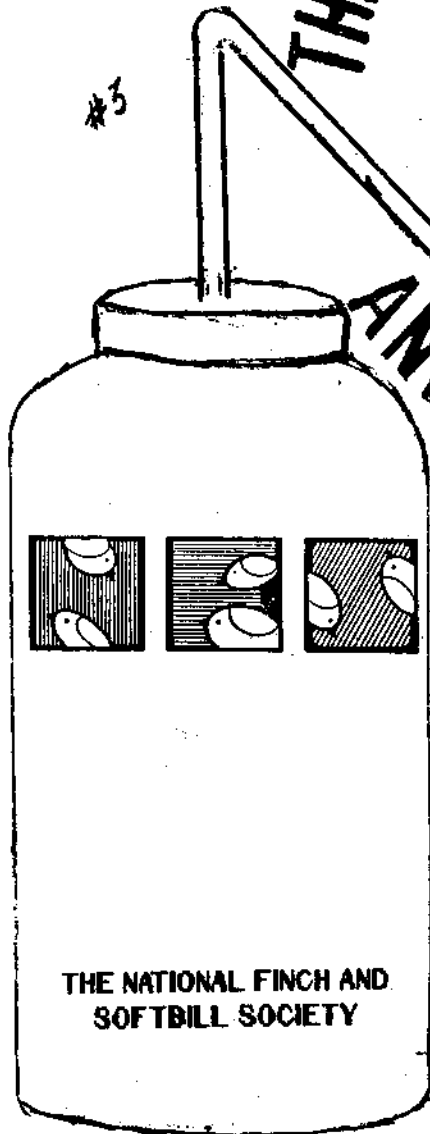
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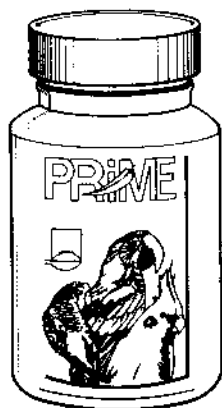
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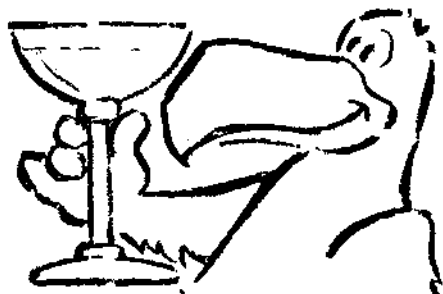


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