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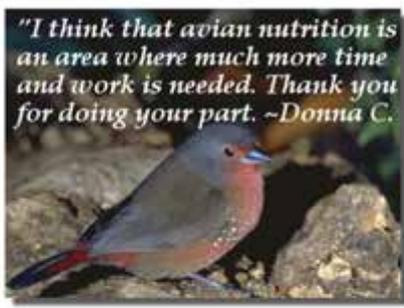
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## NFSS President's Message

November/December 2007

### My Last President's Message

I have been humbly honored to be the NFSS president these past several years and it will take many more years to appropriately thank those many members who have supported me. This presidency is truly a job that can only be accomplished with the help of people dedicated to helping others enjoy aviculture as a hobby, or, in many cases as a profession. I'd like to pass on some 'lessons learned'.

1. Toughest lesson to learn and get used to managing? In a group such as NFSS, 4 to 5 percent of people do 99 pct of the work. Some accept that, others seem to resent it. That's just how it is in volunteer groups. Be aware, bird-poop happens. Some new 'worker bees' become overwhelmed and have to step back after a few weeks. When that happens; the president needs support taking on whatever the vacated job was, and support finding a replacement.

2. To reduce the chance of this happening - NEVER blindly accept an unknown newcomers promises to be 'really good' at a certain job. Near fifty percent fail at the job and this has cost the NFSS mission effort: money, extremes of time lost, an IRS scare, to be judged 'disorganized' and other misunderstandings. We learned we benefit most when our long-time background helpers are 'promoted' into the vacated board jobs.

3. Another lesson. Leaders within NFSS, being humans, at times forget they are obligated to set their own wishes aside in support of the membership's requests and needs. Members ask for support with many areas of aviculture, such as – aviary construction, diet and feeding, clean water system management, disease and illness control, the socializing around bird show standards and award points, breeding standards and mutation control, climate control, hand-raising, importing including retail and wholesaling, people and project management, and, national and international inventory through our Finch & Soft-bill save, . . . and more, and each leader must become ready to work with them all for NFSS to fulfill its promises to members. Active board members do become well informed aviculturists.

4. There are out-of-pocket expenses for officers. I estimate I spend about \$1,500.00 a year in travel and Misc. expenses (above listed NFSS travel/hotel support) and a minimum of 4 hours A DAY monitoring e mail, taking and answering telephone calls, and mail. While NFSS is designed to refund routine expenses to officers (postage, etc.) the budget can not afford a lot of what senior officers must 'show up for'. Most out of pocket expenses have to do with incidentals regarding travel to local and regional shows, and to AFA, ASA NCBS, NAWA and other meetings, local regional infectious disease control advisory

meetings, home aviary help while traveling, and some discretionary 'political' entertainment expenses, etc. Be aware, although they are not officially in the 'job description' there are expenses as BOD you will be expected to manage which exceed NFSS budget allowances.

5. In addition to the expected duties, this president's most time consuming j-o-b these past few years has also been devoted to learning how to conduct NFSS meetings over the internet and via e mail. We have learned what industry has learned. NEVER put or read an 'attitude' or 'inference' into an e mail. Use words for their true meaning only. Be aware that at times reaching out for separate or 'private' 'support' may cause the feelings of developing cliques or special interest groups among some members.

6. I have learned from watching that no matter how effective a board is (and most boards have accomplished their tasks well in the past, even in the case when a president was absent for most of the term due illness) the president is only 'the manager' of the Board of Directors (BOD). With each new presidency there will be 'new blood' waiting in the wings anxious to 'take over' NFSS and 'put it in the right direction' or 'get it straightened out', etc. That happens each new term, and is a terrific source of new energy and is fun to be a part of. When 'under new management' – many past errors will be re-made as new leadership will have to learn what we all learn – there is nothing as important to NFSS as the skills needed to continue benefiting from the experience and expertise of long time members who participate officially (as on-going BOD members) or unofficially as volunteers or appointees, or simply as friends of NFSS. Personally, I often turned for guidance on many matters to Founder Bill Parlee, long time members Clarence Culwell, John Wilson, Cecil Gunby, Ginny Allen, Marty Lauster, Robert Black, Roy Beckham, and or course, others.

7. I wish the best wishes for the new president be it Mr. Peers or Mr. Bryant. Most of the new presidency time will be spent 'managing people' – One or two or more major tasks will be accomplished to where everyone feels really good about what they've done with and for NFSS – and that is what it is all about.

8. For some, please know that the NFSS is like the planet. We do not have to 'save it' – "IT" is fine. The 'inhabitants' will likely turn over and over again, but NFSS is fine as long as there are hard workers and the by-laws are generally followed.

9. My helpful husband Vince says that in the navy, when the Captain retires for the night he makes a note in writing to the Officers of the Day. "Remember, I am always on call." I humbly make the new NFSS leadership the same reminder. . "I am always on call."

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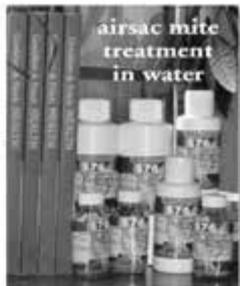
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## **TWO DIETS - A REQUISITE TO BREEDING SUCCESS**

by Ian Hinze

Many beginners come into birdkeeping with great expectations. They are so enthusiastic about breeding the birds in their care and do their utmost to make sure that their charges receive the best food available – and often in abundance. Softfood, livefood, green food and a multivitamin complex are provided daily. The birds are bursting with energy, so much so that nest after nest is constructed. Often, eggs are laid. Then more eggs and more eggs and more eggs.....

Without doubt kindness and altruism are commendable attributes, but sometimes in one's quest to do what appears to be right problems are often started rather than cured. A highly nutritious diet IS essential for our birds – but one has to know when to provide it in abundance and when to be more sparing.

What beginners (and, it must be said, a lot of long-timers) don't realize is that there are two diets that must be provided throughout the year – a daily existence or staple diet (often called the 'austere' diet) and a richer, breeding diet. In captivity the staple diet generally consists of the basic seeds (usually mixed millets and canary seed), a little greenfood, a commercial insectivorous mixture and the occasional livefood. However, it is essential to realize that some species require more regular daily amounts of livefood. The breeding diet must consist of the basic seeds

plus an increase in greenfood, a considerable increase in livefood and the daily addition of wild seeds, soaked seed and eggfood.

Ordinarily these two different diets would always be seasonal for the wild bird, being dependent on the rains, but in captivity there is a tendency to artificially prolong the breeding period in order to propagate as many birds as possible. What happens, in effect, is that many birds are fed a breeding diet 365 days a year. Little wonder that less birds are being captive-bred than one would expect.

To give a better understanding of this let us consider a commonly kept wax-bill, the red-billed firefinch (*Lagonosticta senegala*). Note some of the countries and regions it breeds in and, more particularly, at what times of the year it breeds and for how long: northern Senegal, mainly August to May, with October to December (inclusive) the period particularly favored, i.e. just after the rains when seeds are plentiful; The Gambia, all months; southern Algeria, April and August; Burkino Faso, November-March; Niger, July-September and December and April; Nigeria, mainly May-October; Sudan, January-March, July and September; Ethiopia, March-April and September-December; Somalia, May, December-January; Uganda, almost all year (in Entebbe mainly March-July); Kenya, all months but mainly in the long rains in March-June (near Nairobi peaks in March-July and September-February); northern Tanzania, January-July; southern Democratic Republic of Congo, December-August; southern Zambia, February-August but mostly March-May (in the late rains and early dry season); Botswana,

October-June (mainly December-May); Zimbabwe, all year but peaking in December-March; South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal January-March, North-West, Gauteng and Mpumalanga provinces, December to April.

It will be immediately obvious that the red-billed firefinch rarely breeds throughout the entire year. For those that do, in The Gambia, for example, doesn't mean these are the same individuals breeding all year round, merely the same species. In other words, there are periods of rest – periods when the diet is not as rich because the abundance of insects, fresh greens and seeds have all gone and these won't return until just after the rains. What we as aviculturists must learn from this is to imitate nature and provide a rich diet only during the months in which the birds breed.

From the above information on the red-billed firefinch in the wild, which we can apply to virtually all the foreign finches we are likely to encounter, we will see that in different parts of Africa it breeds at different times. This isn't a problem, however, as we can gently change a bird's breeding clock to suit the best times of the year here. During our winter we cannot supply the seeding grasses that would act as a catalyst to breeding. Therefore, by making the winter the period where we provide an 'austere' diet we can fool the birds into breeding during our spring and summer, when seeding grasses, plants and small livefood are in abundance.

My basic seed mixture consists of approximately 40% panicum, 25% Japanese millet, 25% pearl white millet and 10% canary seed. A commercial

insectivorous mixture is also given daily but not all birds will partake of it. A little greenfood is also offered, as is a little livefood and I add a vitamin and mineral supplement to the drinking water just once or twice a week. This is my 'austere' diet, which I provide for at least three months of the year. Also, when I water the pot-plants I take them out of the cages. I only spray them in the cages when the birds are ready to breed. Remember, tropical birds generally breed just after the rains, so by misting the plants in the cage we are simulating this.

When the breeding season is about to commence, around April or May, I start to mist the leaves on the pot-plants in the cages and I increase the greenfood to tally with what's available in the wild. I also offer soaked seed, eggfood and increase the livefood daily. During both the breeding and rest season my grit mixture, consisting of crushed baked poultry eggshells, crushed limestone, oystershell and grated cuttlefish, is always available. This has to be increased during the breeding season, however, as the females, particularly, consume enormous amounts in readiness for the production of their own eggshells.

The 'austere' diet is just as important as the breeding diet as each plays its part in helping our birds propagate to their full potential. I don't particularly want my birds breeding after December and I deliberately tone the diet down to the basics. This gives my stock a good three months to recover, preferably four. Using this method I have yet to experience a season when none of my birds have successfully bred.

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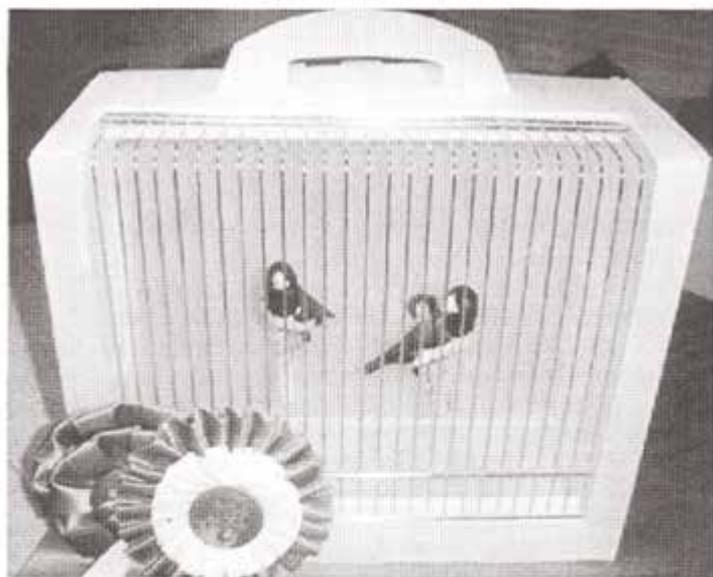
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# FRUIT DOVES & PIGEONS FOR EVERYONE

By Lynn Hall

The most beautiful birds in the avian world are the Fruit Doves and Pigeons, with their bright pink, yellow, green, purple and most any color that you can name. They will compete with any of your psittacines for color and they don't eat up your plants or aviaries.

A few birds were kept in a very few aviaries throughout the United States for many years but they were never plentiful. They were considered too difficult. This is not so. In 1984 Don Wells and I went to Jakarta, Indonesia to find Pheasant Pigeons. While there we saw a number of Fruit Doves that I had never seen before. We found the Pheasant Pigeons we were looking for and also a number of Fruit Doves. I purchased them there and then I didn't even have an Import Permit for them. When we returned home I obtained the necessary permits and made arrangements to have them shipped. About now it hit me that I knew nothing about Fruit Doves, nothing about their care, feed, housing or anything about how to keep them alive. Calling around to many of the old time aviculturists I was soon told that the reason that I had seen so few was that they were difficult to keep, had a short life expectancy and seldom nested successfully. They told me that feeding was not difficult – just feed them soaked dog food. This just



*Wompoo Pidgeon Ptilinopus magnificentus*

didn't seem right. They are fruit doves not dog birds.

Most Fruit Doves are in the family Ptilinopus. They live in the tree tops, not on the ground. To me, high protein was not part of what they needed. We worked up a diet with very little added protein, other than what they received from the fruit. This is what we finally came up with:

All fruit is cut up in small pieces – about 3/8 in. cubes – not ground up or finely cut up. We use equal parts of apples, pears, melons (cantaloupe or other melon of this type – not watermelon), papayas, cooked carrots (good for color), cooked yams or sweet potatoes, or any fruit that can be cut up. We add two parts raisins (soaked overnight), one and one-half parts cooked brown rice (drained dry), and 1/2 part “Moist and Meaty” dog food. We add a small amount of

vitamins to this mix. This seems like a lot but really you need to use only:

5 parts of fruit and vegetables

1 ½ parts brown rice

2 parts raisins

½ part Moist and Meaty

We do not use any citrus. Any fruit in season can and should be used. Use only fresh fruit, not canned. The size and number of birds should determine the amount to feed. Do not keep fruit not eaten each day. I try to feed about two to three hours before sunset. This way they can feed in the evening and the first thing in the morning. No feed should be left over after 10:00a.m when the weather is hot. A little common sense will tell you about your feeding schedule. Food tends to dry out in hot weather. Dispose of uneaten food. Fruit will spoil and we all know that spoiled fruit is a great source of salmonella. All fruit bowls should be washed and cleaned every day. This may seem like a lot of work but let me assure you that every second is worth it.

As to breeding Fruit Doves and Pigeons, most are not difficult. For me, planted aviaries are best. It doesn't make any difference on how much work you spend, the plants will be there the next day – not eaten. In a 4 x 6 ft. planted aviary I keep one pair of fruit doves and one pair of seed eating ground doves. There are lots of tall plants with baskets close to the top and open nest boxes on the back wall. No bird should be kept in an aviary

that does not have at least one solid wall. In larger aviaries (10 x 10 ft. or 10 x 15 ft.) more seed eating doves can be kept with your fruit doves. Finches and soft bills can safely be kept also. I do not recommend pheasants, they eat baby doves.

I have kept cuckoo doves, golden hearts, green wings and many other small types of doves with fruit doves. But just remember that like people, some get along with anyone and some just hate themselves. Watch them. If there is trouble, separate them. Never introduce new to old established birds.

I have one aviary that is 85 ft. long by 35 ft. wide and about 12 ft. high. In this aviary I have over one hundred



*Zoe's Imperial Pigeon Ducula zoeae*

doves and pigeons. There are four fruit trees and other plants growing in

it. There is one pair of Pied Imperials, six or eight Papuan Mountain Pigeons, one pair Orange Bellied Fruit Doves and one pair of Wompoo Fruit Doves, three pair of Black Nape Fruit Doves, three pair of Nicobars, three Victoria Crown Pigeons, who knows how many Green Wing Doves, Zebra Doves, Peruvian Ground Doves and other miscellaneous doves. All seem to get along with very little blood shed.

In the past year I have raised a number of fruit doves and pigeons – Pied Imperials, Green Imperials, Purple-tailed Imperials, Jambu, Black Nape, Orange Bellied, Yellow Breasted, Pink Neck Ptilinopus and Pink Necked Green Pigeons (these are Trerons).

Most Ptilinopus are very poor nest builders. I have had them build a nest of their own without enough material to balance a feather and successfully raise their own. But, if you can put up a basket where they are working they will most likely use it. Some use very little nesting material. Most like to nest up high. Of the four species of Fruit Doves and Pigeons I keep today, you can expect the following:

- Ptilinopus.....Lay one egg
- Trerons.....Lay two egg
- Ducula.....Lay one egg
- Gymnophaps.....Lay one egg

Timing is 12 to 16 days for Ptilinopus and Trerons and approximately 30 days for Duculas and Gymnophaps.

One of the most difficult parts in raising Fruit Doves is leaving them alone. Baby Black Napes leave the nest at about seven to nine days of age. They are about one fourth the size of their parents. The parents take their young into the brush or trees and stay very close to them. For this reason never disturb your birds late in the day. They are apt to separate from the young and not find them in time to cover them through the night.

All young Ptilinopus that I have raised leave the nest quite young. They only have wing feathers and very little others. They will chill quite easily. They are very dependent on their parents. There must be a lot of snakes in Ptilinopus country. Trerons and Imperials seem to stay in the nest until they are more fully developed.

I must state now that where I live we have some of the best weather in the country. With the high of eighty degrees to low nineties and in winter it always is above freezing. Fruit Doves and Pigeons cannot take freezing weather – nothing below forty degrees for any length of time.

As for longevity, I have had imported birds live for over twelve years and they were still nesting when ten years in my aviaries. Good care and food in all birds is the secret to longevity.

When you purchase your fruit doves and pigeons make sure of the sex. Not all doves and pigeons are dimorphic. Young birds are preferred. Don't be afraid of imports. If they are healthy, the feathers will grow



*Above: Pink-headed Fruit Dove Ptilinopus porphyra*

*Below: Purple-Tailed Imperial Pigeon Pair Ducula rufigaster*



in. Black Napes, Orange Bellied, Jambus, Superbs, Pink Necks are fairly easy to breed. I have not had much luck with Wompoos. Most Imperials are fair breeders..

There are so many, 57 species of Ptilinopus, 23 species of Trerons, 36 species of Ducula, plus a few odds and ends. I doubt that 20 species have been kept in this country. The excitement of a new species will be there for years to come.

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### **About the Author**

Lynn Hall was born & raised in California. Acquiring his 1st pair of White King Pigeons at the age of 12, his love & interest in keeping birds has continued throughout his lifetime. His travels throughout South East Asia led to an increased desire to learn more about the various species, and led to importing the doves and pigeons he had once only dreamed of working with. He has a large private aviary in southern California, where he houses and successfully breeds 25+ species of fruit & seed eating doves, as well as a few pheasants, softbills, lories, Suni antelope and fennec foxes.

### **About the Photographers**

Sheri Hanna has worked for Lynn for

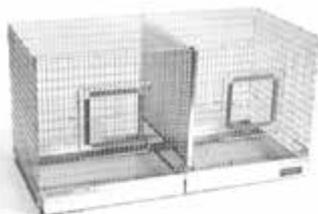
almost 10 years now, with the exception of a break to live/work with Dick Schroeder and then a year as a senior bird and fox keeper at the Santa Barbara Zoo. She is a general curator, animal keeper, handfeeder, and all the rest and does the shopping for all the fruit and supplies, the daily diet prep, feeding, aviary clean-up, medicate/vet assistance, general husbandry, record keeping...everything it takes to care for the birds & foxes every day. The fennecs breeding permit is in her name now, although they still reside at Lynns' place. She does all the hand rearing of the kits, as well as shipping for both birds and foxes. She also has her own collection of Lories and softbills, as well as a wonderfully supportive husband and 18 year old son!

Shelly O'Brien worked for Lynn many years ago, and occasionally fills in for Sheri when she takes a day off and Lynn is out of town. She lives just down the street from Lynn, and even with a husband and 3 boys to care for; she finds time to indulge in her passion (and knack!) for photography. She comes by to take photos of the birds on occasion, and last year she & Sheri put together a wonderful book for Lynns' birthday. It has photos of all the birds he has now, plus a few of the suni and fennecs, as well as a few quotes, the fruit dove diet and a passage from William Beebe.

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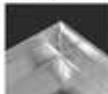
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## Creating the New Winter Aviary

By: Michael Gravely

Here in Atlanta, Ga most of my birds have to be given supplemental heat and shelter during the winter. Last year I simply enclosed the space under our deck with window screening and plastic sheeting. I had dirt and pinestraw on the floor with the plants planted directly in the soil and not in pots.

Aesthetically, it was beautiful; practically, it was a disaster. Many issues came up that had to be readdressed for this year. First, by enclosing the entire space we had no access to the outside from our basement – not good! Second, when some of the birds began nesting, I had no way to separate species to prevent aggression. Third, it was difficult to move around in and feed the birds because of the placement of plants and pond (I also have 5 - 2' long red bellied pacu that have to be brought into a heated pool during the winter). Fourth, when babies began fledging it was almost impossible to

cover the free form pond to keep them from drowning. Fifth, window screening proved not to be a strong enough deterrent – a fox broke into the aviary in March, by biting and clawing through the screen and plastic. Some things worked great – for instance I used an old window fan for ventilation, turning it on for short periods of time to keep the air fresh.



*View of pond before edging is added. Wire is heater for the pond.*

So, this year I started over, incorporating numerous changes. First, I built a permanent pond/fountain along the outer edge, the length of the entire space. It is 3' wide and rectangular in shape. This will be easy to cover to protect fledglings. It is also much larger and will now become the permanent home of the pacu instead of moving them in and out each year. This was constructed

of cement block and lined with 45 mil EPDM pond liner. The bottom was covered in mortar to prevent any tears or leaks when cleaning out the pond. The liner was then brought up and over the top edge of the block and secured in place with a row of stone. This acts as a decorative finish and as a way to secure the liner so that it doesn't fall back into the pond.

Next, we framed out the entire space, leaving a hallway from the basement door to the outside for access in and out of the house. The frame was then covered in ½" hardware cloth and painted black. This will solve the critter issues. I also put insulation between the two sheets of plastic when we winterized. This will cut down on the amount of electricity needed to run the heaters – last year

it was VERY expensive!

The inside is divided into three spaces. Portions of the dividers are permanent and other parts were made removable using mini-blinds. This allows me to close the blinds and have three separate breeding spaces, or open them and have one large aviary. I did put three strips of duct tape down the blinds when closed to be sure the slats lay flat against each other. Before I did that they tended to have open spaces between them which could have allowed some birds (depending on size of course) to pass through to the other space. This system could not be used for larger birds – it would be necessary to create a door that could be swung up or down to close or open the space.



*End of the pond. Notice the insulation and double door leading to the outside for cleaning and access – only used when birds are not in the aviary.*



*Above: Here the screen is closed to separate the spaces*

*Below: Here the screen is open giving access to 2/3 of the aviary*



There are pass through doors between each space with double hinges to allow them to swing in both directions. This makes a huge difference when carrying arms full of food or dishes that need to be cleaned. No more spilled food and water trying to grab a handle to open a door – just push and you’re in!

in and disposed of. If left completely dry the material gets covered up when being swept making it almost impossible to remove. I also left the large ficus trees in their pots for ease of moving and cleaning.

This year I put a drip system in for the hanging baskets, as last year, once the birds nested in them they



*View through one open door to closed door. Note bamboo 'curtain' on exit/entrance door to keep birds from escaping*

The floor is covered in sand that is kept slightly damp; this compacts the sand creating an almost hard surface on top. The floor is then easy to clean using a broom and dustpan – the poop and debris get swept right

couldn't be watered and slowly died – exposing the nest and making the birds less secure. Large natural crape myrtle branches were wired throughout the aviary to give good perches with variations in diameter.

These can easily be removed and replaced each year. I once again used the window fan for ventilation. When it's warmer during the day I can leave it running, or once it gets too cold I only run it a few minutes at a time to keep the air fresh. I also have a small room fan that runs constantly to keep the air moving at all times. Otherwise it gets very close and things begin to mold quickly making it generally unhealthy – good air movement is essential!

For lighting I installed 6 fluorescent fixtures – 2 in each space. Into these I put various bulbs to create as much

full spectrum lighting as possible. Be careful not to use bulbs over about 6700 K as they become too blue and skew the light – these are great for saltwater aquariums, but not necessarily for land based plants and animals. The lights are on a timer that is set for 13 hours/day.

Because we have incessant issues with ants, all food and seed dishes have to be hung. However, just hanging them did not suffice – the ants still found them and made a trail right down the wire. This year, I placed them on ant repellents used for hummingbird feeders. They are



*View of natural perch and light timer*



*Hummingbird feeder ant repellent.*

plastic cylinders that hang from the hook in the ceiling or branch from which you then hang the food/seed dish. This has worked great with absolutely no ants - Hurrah!

By making these changes, the space is now much more versatile and easy to care for. The food and water dishes, plants, pond, etc are no longer in the main traffic pattern making it much easier to move about while cleaning, feeding, etc. The sand is much easier to clean than removing and replacing pinestraw every few weeks. We are still able to look into the aviary from the basement win-

dows, but at the same time have access to the outside.

Breeding/aggressive birds can now be separated to prevent deaths or injuries. By having a regular shaped pond, it will be easy to cover to prevent fledglings from drowning. So far, having the insulation has cut the amount of heating necessary by about  $\frac{1}{2}$  - very good indeed!

Hopefully, you can use some of these ideas to make your space more user friendly and efficient. It's amazing what a little planning ahead can do to make your life easier on a daily basis!

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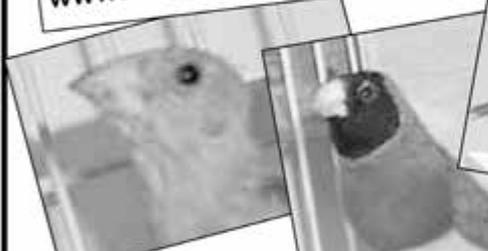
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# NFSS BOD 3rd QUARTER MEETING 2007

Sally Huntington, President, calls the meeting to order on 8/1/07

**PRESENT:** Sally Huntington, Doug White, Raspberry, Sharon Dvorak, Rebecca Mikel, Cecil Gunby, Lisa Murphy, Bob Peers, Laura Bewley, John Wilson, Gail Benson, Alfred Mion, Paula Hansen, Ginny Allen, Katy Dodd, Steven Stice, Tom Keegan, Harry Bryant, Danny Gonzalez, Bill Parlee

**ABSENT:** Tim Wiesemann, Roberto Rosa, Ron Castner

**RESIGNATIONS:** Steven Stice, Membership Director

**TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS:** Robert Mehl, Membership Director

## TREASURY REPORT – Lisa Murphy

Period	Income	Expense
April 2007	\$2,754.82	\$1,750.87
May 2007	\$2,927.17	\$3,911.58
June 2007	\$2,290.95	\$203.16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,972.94</b>	<b>\$5,865.61</b>

**Difference = \$2,107.33**

Department	Income	Expense
Bands	\$2,077.07	\$728.51
Membership	\$3,213.34	\$263.22
Advertising	\$720.36	-0-
Judge's Panel	\$110.00	-0-
Finch Shop	-0-	-0-
Affiliations/Awards	\$1,633.50	\$789.64
Journal	-0-	\$1614.56
Misc	\$218.67	\$2469.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,972.94</b>	<b>\$5,865.61</b>

## Bank Account

Beginning Balance:	\$11,044.24
Ending Balance:	\$13,151.57
Current Balance (As of 8/1/07):	\$16,238.11

## YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES
January	\$7,097.53	\$5,868.09
February	\$4,156.80	\$1,084.38
March	\$3,778.27	\$2,279.61
April	\$2,754.82	\$1,750.87
May	\$2,927.17	\$3,911.58
June	\$2,290.95	\$203.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,005.54</b>	<b>\$15,097.69</b>
<b>Difference =</b>	<b>\$7,907.85</b>	

(YTD By Department)

DEPARTMENT	INCOME	EXPENSES
Bands	\$7,715.27	\$4,002.27
Membership	\$10,061.83	\$471.48
Advertising	\$2,348.00	-0-
Judge's Panel	\$220.00	-0-
Finch Shop	\$10.38	-0-
Affiliations/Awards	\$2,272.50	\$789.64
Journal	-0-	\$7,158.52
Misc	\$377.56	\$2,675.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,005.54</b>	<b>\$15,097.69</b>

(BANK BALANCE – 1/1 - 8/1 2007)

Beginning Balance:	\$5,243.72
Ending Balance:	\$13,151.57
Current Balance:	\$16,238.11
(as of 8/1/07)	

During the 2nd Quarter we paid \$2,147.40 on 5/14/07 for the IRS penalty which resulted in a larger than normal expense entry under "Miscellaneous expenses". On 7/3/07, the penalty was refunded, in full, with interest earned of \$20.33, for a total of \$2,167.33. This amount was deposited on 7/16/07. Reductions in the cost of printing the Journal, combined with continued efforts from Advertising and Membership departments to increase our income, has resulted in a bank balance of \$16,238.11. Upcoming expenses for 2007 include General Election costs, 2008 band order, printing and mailing of Affiliation Packets, 2007 awards, sponsorship of the Finch Division at NCBS, and other normal operating expenses.

## 1st VP REPORT – Bob Peers

The Education Department started the Question and Answer column in the journal – to date rec'd one (1) question which

arrived too late to be included in the Journal without delaying printing.

Awards department activities for the second quarter:

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES
April 2007	\$626.50	-0-
May 2007	-0-	\$789.64
<u>June 2007</u>	<u>\$387.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,013.50</b>	<b>\$789.64</b>
<b>Difference =</b>	<b>\$223.86</b>	

### 2nd VP REPORT – Harry Bryant

The NFSS informational Brochure has been redesigned to include the new logo, information on various departments, and NFSS benefits. The names of specific Officers were removed to eliminate the need for updates when there is a change in Officer(s). The goal is to create a brochure which describes NFSS and its benefits, suitable for Public Relations and recruiting, which does not need frequent updates in order to remain current. Judging/shows/clubs portion of NFSS web-site was updated by Vonda Zwick and presently being tested. "Election" section has been added to include current election information, bios, and other info as rec'd.

NFSS Judge's Handbook has been scanned and is being reviewed by Harry Bryant and Tom Keegan. When review is complete, will be formatted and saved in "pdf" format for website and "Word" version for updates/changes.

On-line and mail-in forms for bands on the NFSS website have been updated; also created and supplied advertisement for 2007 NCBS Show Handbook, while continuing to investigate all opportunities for printing options for the Journal.

Have rec'd 2 proposals for liability coverage; committee will review and report at 4th quarter BOD meeting.

Need information on: current Affiliations list including add'l information on one club; updates for NFSS Exhibitor of

Excellence Award, NFSS Honor Roll of Champion Exhibitors, NFSS Honor Roll of Champion Birds-Exhibitors.

### 3rd VP REPORT – Danny Gonzales

FSS now has 50 members in the yahoo group- hoping for more. Description is as follows:

*This group is for members of the Finch and Softbill Save (FSS) program. The FSS program is the Nat'l Finch and Softbill Society's conservation effort, covering all species of finches and softbills kept in captivity with the exception of Zebra, Society, Gouldian, and Java Rice finches (all well-established in captivity, in both the USA and Canada). This group is a place for dissemination of information pertaining to the FSS program itself, including its purpose, administration, and guidelines, and for contacting other breeders in the program for the purpose of obtaining or selling stock and trading bloodlines within the program. Husbandry topics should be directed to the NFSS husbandry forum (<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/NFSS/>) where the discussion can reach the largest audience.*

*Currently, there is no fee associated with the FSS program. The only requirement is that participants are members of the NFSS and that they adhere to the FSS guidelines and stay current with the program's required record keeping. To join the NFSS, please visit the NFSS web site <http://www.nfss.org>. To join the Finch and Softbill Save group, please join the group and include your name and NFSS number in the comments box that asks you why you want to join.*

Working on compiling a data base, both for NFSS members as well as one for the general public. Providing census online might encourage better participation. We are very fortunate to have Vonda Zwick on the FSS committee, as without her computer expertise, the recent project would not have been possible.

**4th VP REPORT - Cecil Gunby**

The Zebra Standard is complete and ready to go to the Board for dissection, have been waiting on silhouette to be included in Standard. Zebra committee continues review and discussion. Raspberry suggests Zebra Committee be provided additional time to review and discuss the silhouette options.

All but 2 judges are current on their dues. Tom Keegan is transferring the Judge's Handbook to a C.D. which will include the updates made at the prior BOD meeting.

Previous budget was \$0 as Cecil planned to absorb correspondence costs associated with this position. However, requests for Judge's Forms have increased greatly and he needed to have new supply printed. As a result, he is requesting reimbursement for \$263.20. Quantity discount was offered and he purchased a supply which will carry the organization the next few years.

Alfredo Brugerras has completed all requirements (testing, apprenticeship) as required by the NFSS to become an NFSS Panel Judge and Cecil brings his name before the BOD for approval.

**BAND SECRETARY REPORT - Paula Hansen**

Requesting Board approval to place year-end order which will result in this dept. being over the previously approved budget for this department. The band order form has been prepared for inclusion in the Journal and added to the Officer's Page & includes new insurance and handling rates as a result of recent postage increases. Current inventory counts, by size and color were provided. 2008 bands ordered on 7/18/07.

Researched other options for purchasing bands. Although bands are available from other vendors, they are either the wrong style, the sizes we need are not always available, their stock is several years old, pricing is exceedingly higher than what we're already paying, or the method of

application is not feasible for the species our members are working with.

Increase in our purchase price for bands necessitates our passing some of this increase on to our customers – NFSS members. Evaluation of prior costs and income versus current costs and income for bands confirms this. This department contributes significantly to operating budget of the society. If we increase costs but decrease income, this impacts the budget for the entire organization. A motion made for increase in sell price of the bands (see later in this report). Paula has prepared a new form for inclusion in the Sept/Oct Journal and Harry will change Pay Pal and web site forms to reflect these updates.

Internal expenses are Journal (funded mainly by membership dues and advertising); all other expenses (bands, AFA contributions, NCBS, departmental/internal costs) are funded mainly by band sales. Contributions by Finch Shop assist, but that is not a major source of income at this time. If we decrease profits on bands, we must determine how to cover the shortfall created.

**ADVERTISING REPORT - Gail Benson**

MONTH	INCOME	Pay Pal Fees	TOTAL
April	\$540.00	\$(2.64)	\$537.36
May	\$183.00	-0-	\$183.00
June	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$723.00</b>	<b>\$(2.64)</b>	<b>\$720.36</b>

There were no expenses incurred during the 2nd quarter with the exception of \$2.64 in Pay Pal fees.

**FINCH SHOP REPORT - Sharon Dvorak**

Finch Shop opened for business this quarter with Café Press products online. Our available profit is \$18.55, with another \$16 pending in 30 days. Café Press will send a check when \$25 profit is reached.

First advertisement was published in the Journal and a new ad has been provided to Katy, Journal Editor, for the next Issue.

A copy of that ad has also been provided to Harry, our Webmaster, for the website.

Victory Designs has come on board as a vendor, providing embroidered items. These products, retail price, and ordering information will be unveiled in the new ad.

#### LIAISON OFFICER/AFFILIATIONS - Doug White

During the 2nd quarter, there were 3 new affiliations recorded – Central Wisconsin Cage and Wild Bird Connection, Cajun Canary and Finch Club, & Great American Bird Show.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Steven Stice

Single Members	486
Dual Members	87 (174)
Foreign Members	17
Dual Foreign Members	2 (4)
Junior Members	9
<u>Affiliations</u>	<u>38</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>728</b>

Steven Stice resigned as Membership Director on August 29th. Lisa Murphy, Treasurer, will be responsible for collecting all membership money until which time a Pro-Tem Officer can be selected.

**ADDENDUM:** Robert Mehl was appointed Pro-Tem Membership Director on 9/3/07 by Sally Huntington. His contact information is: 11108 Hollowbrook Road, Owing Mills, Maryland 21117-1379; (410) 581-7955 ; Robert.Mehl@verizon.net .

#### EDITOR REPORT– Katy Dodd

Katy is awaiting quotes for Journal production from alternate printers. Questions about the cost, timeliness, and change in printer were voiced. Deadline for September/Oct journal is August 26th & Katy will need affiliate lists. All are encouraged to contribute articles or solicit for articles. July/August Journal was mailed on August 21st.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP – Raspberry  
Raspberry rec'd inquiry about Lifetime Memberships (history, creation of, fees). He pursued answers to the questions, presented information to the BOD and has submitted an article for publication in the Sept/October Journal in summary of his findings.

#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - Rebecca Mikel

NFSS member has submitted letter with proposal for creation of Membership Directory.

BOD discussion included current financial standing of the organization, potential for mistakenly releasing information a member didn't want released, space it would take to publish such info in the Journal, level of membership interest, time and effort to create and maintain, .potential for increasing NFSS membership, making members feel recognized, providing members heightened ability to meet other members.

Voluntary/on-line option is available – it is free and members provide their own info. Interest in this was strong initially, but died out quickly. This option requires either having a Manager responsible for all entries/updates OR having member access. Member access however, allows any members to access and edit all records, not just their own.

A committee has been established including BOD officers and non-BOD NFSS members who will return a feasibility study/proposal to the board outlining the structure for members opting in/out, how info will be collected, and in what means it will be made available to the membership..

#### REVIEW OF REGIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS – Tom Keegan

Concerns expressed regarding lack of unequal sizes of different regions. Options

may include breaking down current regions into smaller areas or redistribution of states among current Regional VP's. May require by-law changes and the By Law Review Committee will address, as appropriate. Tom offers to compile a spread sheet at some point with information regarding Regions (# of members, # of affiliated clubs, # of NFSS shows, etc.). VP's can be more effective if the numbers of members they represent are spread more evenly amongst them.

#### CHAMPION OF SECTION - Raspberry

Raspberry reports on behalf of a committee established to investigate the details of implementing a new award which could be offered by NFSS entitled "Champion Exhibitor of Section".

NFSS currently offers exhibitors of finches and softbills 5 different awards:

1. Champion Exhibitor (50 points accumulated in 1 yr)
2. Exhibitor of Excellence (200 points during lifetime of exhibitor)
3. Champion Bird (50 points by 1 bird in lifetime of that bird)
4. Novice Award (ribbon for highest placing novice at a given show)
5. Junior Award (ribbon for highest placing junior at a show)

The Novice Award is fairly easily attainable; but, remaining awards are seldom earned. Previous discussion included decreasing number of points needed to earn any of the awards, but it was not met favorably. Winner of proposed award would earn a certificate and name published in Journal; at a later date the "prize" could be a lapel pin. Similar ideas are seen in small livestock shows

The committee has worked on discussing and compiling information over the past few months and includes: Raspberry, Rebecca Mikel, Bob Peers, Jim Heffernan, Laura Bewley, Cecil Gunby, and Bill Parlee. Raspberry will do a test run of the program for 1 year to work out the "bugs"

with no points earned during test run. Participation is voluntary and Raspberry will do all training. Points would be cumulative over the lifetime of the exhibitor, a max. of 10 exhibitors placing within a section may earn points, the exhibitor must be an NFSS member to earn points, points allocated depends on number of birds entered in the section. Raspberry recommends the bar set at a level which is challenging but attainable. The bars can be raised/lowered down the road following test-run/evaluation.

#### YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP-Raspberry

Raspberry proposes consideration be given to the development of a Scholarship program. Options for development of necessary funds discussed, as well as setting possible limits including that the recipient is an NFSS member, we establish age limits, we establish a minimum on the number of years the recipient has been an NFSS member. Discussion on whether the recipient should be studying Avian medicine or related fields; however, those with other fields of study could also be of benefit to NFSS as a whole. One option would be to make a deposit and then allow the interest to be used for scholarship programs. If accepted, scholarships would be funded by membership donations to be managed by the NFSS Treasury. Raspberry will establish committee, investigate options, details, etc. and report back to BOD at a later date

#### VOLUNTEER CLEARINGHOUSE – Tom Keegan

Tom requests approval to begin recruiting volunteers to assist with future Board projects. He has developed an application form and a sample ad for the Journal. He will post ads for applicants in Journal and on forum(s), take apps by snail mail along with any other documents (resumes, etc.) applicants want to submit, keep a file of all applications, match Board members' requests for assistance with an applicant. Officer will be provided with applicant contact information and they are to contact the volunteer. Officers to use best judg-

ment in what can be delegated, what is confidential, security of NFSS property. One suggestion prior to beginning is to investigate any legal liability issues.

#### ASSISTANT EDITOR – Bob Peers

A previous BOD passed a motion to appoint an Asst. Editor. Suggestion made that we seek out and appoint an Assistant for the current Editor. Harry Bryant, as 2nd VP, and Katy Dodd, as Editor, to provide input on the role of the assistant. Suggestions for Asst. Editor include pre-editing and quality-control work on submitted articles, communicating with BOD and members regarding reminders of deadlines, progress of current issues, working with 2nd VP on required web page updates and other printed materials, as well as back-up for the Editor.

#### NCBS SCHEDULE

Afternoon of Aviculture is Thursday and Cecil is requested to do a round table Judge's workshop. We need items for the silent auction. The BOD meeting will be Thursday evening; General Meeting will be Saturday morning.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Bob Peers

The Q&A column began with May/June Journal. One question rec'd but was rec'd too late to include in the current issue.

##### DEPARTMENT BACK UP COMMITTEE – Bob Peers

Documents have been compiled for BOD review which includes an outline of the reporting each department would do, the schedule for doing so, and to whom they would be providing copies of their internal department documents. Also created were monthly reporting forms for each department on which they are to report sales, expenses, and inventory. Electronic vs hard copy discussed. These forms initially discussed as a result of a recommendation made during prior audit of the financial

records that a standardized method for documenting financial transactions be established and utilized organizationally wide.

Harry questions format (Excel, RTF, Acrobat PDF) to assure anyone with a word processor is able to open the files. Hard copy files provide the documentation Lisa needs for records – she will insert all departmental information into spreadsheets to be used for future audits.

Lisa requests that once reviewed by the BOD and changes made, a motion be made that the Back-up Document and accompanying forms be included as "Official Documents" of the organization with the understanding that updates/changes be allowed in the future, as needed. A method for tracking Pay Pal which eases reporting requirements for officers but allows for consistent reporting of income between individual depts. and Treasurer was discussed.

Lisa is requesting all officers submitting reports to the Treasury for the month of August do so by August 25th and also use the new forms. Reports may be submitted either electronically or via hard copy/snail mail.

##### ELECTION COMMITTEE – Rebecca Mikel

Election Committee found at least one candidate for all BOD Officer positions and 2 for some. Deadline for submitting bios was August 1st, 12:00 midnight, E.S.T. All bios have been forwarded to John Wilson for inclusion on member's forum(s) and to Harry Bryant for inclusion on NFSS website.

Rebecca, Chair, notes that including non-Board members on the committee was a positive experience and encourages those establishing committees in the future give consideration to the same. Provides an opportunity to get to know each other better and gives the member participants a better insight into some of the challenges being faced by the Board.

An anonymous donation of \$200 was made with the request it is used to assist with the costs of postage for the General Election.. Ballots were mailed the week of August 27th. Gail Benson, Advertising Manager, worked with the printer on completion of this project and her name and return address is on all envelopes. Any envelopes unable to be delivered will be returned to her and an immediate comparison made with the Membership Directory.

**BY LAW COMMITTEE – BILL PARLEE**

The By-Law Committee has been formed

and consists of Harry Bryant, Katy Dodd, Rebecca Mikel, Lisa Murphy, Tom Keegan, Bob Peers, and Doug White, John Wilson, with Bill Parlee as Chairman.

All members have rec'd an initial revision of the By-Laws. This revision will be further revised paragraph by paragraph after receiving input from all committee members. Presently, there is no time line in which to complete this process as several committee members are also on other committees. A final draft will be submitted to the BOD for approval.

### Motions from NFSS BOD 3rd Quarter Meeting - 2007

MOTION	COMMENT	BY	2ND	STATUS
2007-18	Increase Band budget by \$2200.00	Hansen	Raspberry	Pass
2007-19	Increase band pricing (SEE BELOW)	Hansen	Murphy	Pass
2007-20	Committee be formed to review NFSS regions and present findings at next BOD meeting	Bryant	Peers	Pass
2007-21	Approve increase of 2007 4th VP budget by \$263.20 to cover cost of judge's forms.	Murphy	Hansen	Pass
2007-22	Approve back up documents (SEE BELOW)	Mikel	Peers	Pass
2007-23	Alfredo Brugerras be accepted as NFSS Panel Judge	Peers	Mikel	Pass
2007-24	Approve minutes of 3rd Quarter Board Meeting & adjourn meeting	Peers	Raspberry	Pass

**BAND PRICING:** Increase band pricing to \$4/string for aluminum bands and \$2.20/string for plastic/split bands”.

**BACK-UP DOCUMENTS:** The Back-up Procedure and associated forms (Income Report, Expense Report, Inventory Report) be accepted as “official documents” of the organization. Minor revisions as necessary and appropriate of the associated forms may be made by the Treasurer. Any revisions to the Back-up Procedure require BOD discussion/approval. Any and all changes to the procedure/forms shall be updated in the BOD forum files section”

Respectfully Submitted by Rebecca E. Mikel, NFSS Executive Secretary.



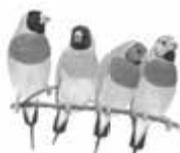
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Because of recent concerns that the appointment of Robert Mehl as Membership Director, pro tem may not have been in keeping with the NFSS bylaws, a special ("emergency") meeting of the board of directors was called by President Sally Huntington on October 11, 2007 to allow the board to officially appoint Robert as Membership Director, pro tem. Sixteen members of the board were in attendance, and the majority voted to approve the appointment of Robert Mehl to this position.

Thus Robert will continue to fill this role as he has since the third quarter BOD meeting. The board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Robert's efforts in meeting the immediate needs of NFSS by fulfilling all of the duties of the

Membership Director position and also creating a great new NFSS brochure! Please feel free to get in touch with individual board members if you would like any additional information about this matter.

Please direct all dues payments and membership issues to Robert at:

Robert Mehl

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## NFSS LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

A few months ago, a NFSS member contacted me wanting more information about lifetime membership. So I did some digging around. This brief article is a summary of what I could find out about lifetime membership. First off, the member asked specific questions about lifetime membership and so this article is written as much to answer those questions, as it is to inform and promote lifetime membership. The NFSS member wanted to know the origins and history of lifetime membership, how and why it was created, who our lifetime members are, if the board would consider reducing the dues of lifetime membership and finally, the member wanted the board to consider a payment plan so that a member could become a lifetime member over time.

That was several months ago. I have spent some time investigating his questions and reflecting with the Board of Directors during the 1st and 2nd Quarter Board meetings this year.

This is what I have to report.

A lifetime member is a member of NFSS who has paid a one-time membership fee to the NFSS Treasury. Currently, the dues are \$1,500 for

single and \$1,700 for a dual or foreign lifetime membership. There is no separate category or dues for a lifetime junior membership.

Lifetime memberships began early in the history of NFSS. The exact date is unknown. The purpose of creating lifetime memberships was to boost the treasury and to give some prestige to those members of NFSS who become lifetime members.

At the time of this writing, NFSS has two lifetime members. Both of these lifetime members are honorary lifetime members. That means they were given their memberships as gifts from the Board of Directors. To this date, no NFSS member has paid to become a lifetime member.

Offering lifetime memberships to members can be a productive way to boost the treasury, as well as for members to show genuine support, compassion and commitment to this non-profit organization. That said, lifetime memberships require the NFSS Treasury to accommodate that member's benefits for the life of the organization or member whichever is shorter. This point may seem moot, since at this time the only memberships NFSS is carrying beyond one year are three and five year memberships. Nonetheless and theoretically speaking, if NFSS had an insurgence of lifetime members, the treasury would have to manage the money of those members' benefits for a very

long time. That can be tricky during hard financial times. Lack of annual income from lifetime members can easily be overlooked by a naïve board, particularly so if the board has undergone substantial turnover of its constituents. This is not to say that NFSS does not want to promote lifetime memberships. Quite the opposite. But it is important to recognize how lifetime memberships implicate the need for effective long-term management of the NFSS treasury.

Lifetime membership is common among many organizations. Some organizations, like the American Poultry Association, list their Lifetime members in their annual yearbook. Additionally, the APA has lifetime members who elect to continue to pay their annual dues. They have paid their one time lifetime membership fee, the same amount set for all lifetime members, but they also pay an annual membership fee, as any annual member would do. These extra generous members are highlighted in the APA annual yearbook as greatly contributing to the APA.

That is the background information from which the board held its discussion on lifetime membership in the NFSS. Here is the outcome from that discussion.

At the current rate of \$30.00 per year single membership dues, it would take 50 years of membership to match the Lifetime Membership dues rate. This figure does not take into

consideration inflation. Annual dues of \$40.00 would take 38 years to match up and annual dues of \$50.00 would take 30 years to match up. Given the purpose of becoming a lifetime member and taking into consideration inflation and inherent generosity of the member, the Board has chosen to err on the side of caution and stay with the current lifetime membership rate.

The Board also considered installment plans to promote lifetime memberships as a way to assist those members who wished to participate via a payment plan. While the board felt such a payment plan could boost participation in lifetime memberships, the Board opted against endorsing a payment plan, since determining how much to refund a member would be difficult to unravel if that member, for whatever reason, discontinued making payments.

In summary, NFSS will continue lifetime membership rates as they are without a payment program and will work to find ways to promote the lifetime membership option for those members who want to contribute to this meaningful non-profit organization.

Raspberry

Region 6 Vice President NFSS 2005-2007

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**white.douglas@lincoln.navy.mil**

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*

### **ALABAMA**

#### **Central Alabama Avicultural Society, Inc.**

Delegate: Margie Lanier  
 Club Email: [claude707@cs.com](mailto:claude707@cs.com)  
 Club website: [www.caasociety.com](http://www.caasociety.com)  
 Show/Expo: show and fair Sept 1-2 2007  
 Location: Quality Inn and Suites, 2705 East South Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36116  
 Judge: Miki Sparzak, Conrad Meinert  
 Information contact: Ted Sexton, [tedsexton@bellsouth.net](mailto:tedsexton@bellsouth.net), 256-892-3072  
 Other Divisions: Cockatiels, Parrots

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Central California Cage Bird Club**

Delegate: Chryse Seeman  
 Club Email: [zbirds@hotmail.com](mailto:zbirds@hotmail.com)  
 Club website: [www.geocities.com/cccbc1](http://www.geocities.com/cccbc1)  
 Show/Expo: Show Oct. 27, 2007  
 Location: SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave, Modesto, Ca  
 Judge: TBA  
 Information contact: Ben Jones/Chryse Seeman, [NJones7110@aol.com](mailto:NJones7110@aol.com)  
 Other Divisions: Type & Colorbred Canaries, Singer Canaries

#### **Finch Society of San Diego**

Delegate: Sally Huntington  
 Club website: [www.sandiegofinchsociety.com](http://www.sandiegofinchsociety.com)

Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov. 2-3, 2007  
 Location: Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort 1131 Back Bay Dr. Newport Beach, CA 92660  
 Judge: Brian Mandarich  
 Information contact: Sally Huntington [sallych@san.rr.com](mailto:sallych@san.rr.com)  
 Other Divisions: Border & Fife judged by Gabe Dillon / Gloster judged by Patrick Varian / Yorkshire, Norwich, Hartz & ColumbuFancy judged by Raquel King / Colorbred Lipochrome judged by Jose Zelada / Colorbred Melanin & Melanin-New Color judged by Geoff Walker

#### **Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club**

Delegate: Shanna Dollarhide  
 Club Email: [scvcebc@yahoo.com](mailto:scvcebc@yahoo.com)  
 Club website: [www.geocities.com/scvcebc](http://www.geocities.com/scvcebc)  
 Show/Expo: Show Dec. 1, 2007  
 Location: Centennial Hall 22292 Foothill Blvd, Hayward, CA  
 Judge: TBA  
 Information contact: Shanna Dollarhide, [Shanna@coloronthewing.com](mailto:Shanna@coloronthewing.com)

#### **West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show**

Delegate: Raspberry  
 Email: [Raspberry@iinet.com](mailto:Raspberry@iinet.com)  
 Show/Expo: Show July 27–28, 2007  
 Location: La Quinta Inn Downtown 200 Jibboom St., Sacramento, CA. 95814

Judge: Paul Williams  
 Information contact: Raspberry,  
 Raspberry@iinet.com

## FLORIDA

### Aviary and Cage Bird Society of South Florida

Delegate: Marcia David  
 Club Email: marbilld@comcast.net  
 Club website: <http://www.feathers.org>  
 Show/Expo: Meetings 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM  
 Location: Flamingo Gardens, Davie, FL

### Suncoast Avian Society

Delegate: Mari Howard  
 Club Email:  
 whoward7@tampabay.rr.com  
 Club website:  
[www.suncoastaviansociety.org](http://www.suncoastaviansociety.org)  
 Show/Expo: show Aug. 4, 2007  
 Location: St Petersburg Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N., St Petersburg, FL 34695  
 Judge: Marion Spartzak  
 Information contact: Mari Howard,  
 whoward7@tampabay.rr.com, 727-726-6864  
 Other Divisions: ACS, ABS, SPBE

### Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club

Delegate: Timothy McCormick, email:  
 donglo57@bellsouth.net  
 Club Email: jim.dwyer@netzero.net  
 Club website:  
 Show/Expo: meetings 4th Sunday 2pm  
 Location: Port Salerno Civic Center,  
 4710 SE Anchor Ave, Stuart FL  
 Judge: TBA  
 Information contact: TBA

### Tri-State Avian Society

Delegate: Christine Maples  
 Club Email: Christine@maplerun.net  
 Club website: [Tristateaviansociety.org](http://Tristateaviansociety.org)  
 Show/Expo: Show May 19-20 2007  
 Location: North Florida Fairgrounds,

441 Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee FL 32301

Judge: TBA  
 Information contact: Christine Maples,  
 Christine@maplerun.net, 850-562-2800  
 Other Divisions:

## GEORGIA

### Georgia Cage Bird Society

Delegate: Cecil Gunby  
 Club Email: CJN@earthling.net  
 Club website: [www.gacagebird.com](http://www.gacagebird.com)  
 Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov. 3, 2007  
 Location: Jim Miller Park 2245 Callaway Rd. Marietta, GA 30068  
 Judge: Thomas Carvana

### Southeast Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Ginney Allen, (334) 749-7168, email: [gndallen@bellsouth.net](mailto:gndallen@bellsouth.net)  
 Club Email:none  
 Club website:  
[members.tripod.com/sebfg/sebf.htm](http://members.tripod.com/sebfg/sebf.htm)  
 Show/Expo: Bird Fair 3/3, 6/5, 9/8 12/8 2007  
 Location: Atlanta Farmers Market  
 Judge: TBA

## ILLINOIS

### Finch & Softbill Breeders & Exhibitors

Delegate: Bob Peers, email:  
 r.peers@comcast.net  
 Club Email: same as above  
 Club website:  
 Show/Expo: TBD  
 Location: TBD  
 Judge: TBD  
 Information contact: TBD

### Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club

Delegate: Julia Howeward  
 Club Email: [info@gccbc.org](mailto:info@gccbc.org)  
 Club website: [www.gccbc.org](http://www.gccbc.org)  
 Show/Expo: Annual Show Nov. 3, 2007

Location: Waterford 933 Riverside Dr.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Judge: J. Weisenfeld

Information contact: Robert Ziegler  
ziegliorexotics@hotmail.com

### **National Institute for Red Orange Canaries & Other Cage Birds**

Delegate: Steve Hopman

Club Email: Birdhop@aol.com

Club website:

Show/Expo: NIROC 2007 Show and  
Fair Nov. 24, 2007

Location: Quality Inn - Waterford Ba  
933 S. Riverside Dr. Elmhurst Ill,  
60126

Judge: Charlie Anchor

Other Divisions: Canaries and Finches

### **INDIANA**

#### **Michiana Bird Society**

Delegate: Betty Gillespie

Club Email: lollidaig@verizon.net

Club website:

www.michianabirdsociety.com

Show/Expo: TBD

Location: TBD

Judge: TBD

Information contact: TBD

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Asociacion De Criadores De Finches Del Este**

Delegate: Ernesto Polidura

Club Email: tequilatequila@yahoo.com

Club website:

Show/Expo:

Location:

Judge:

#### **Canadian Finch and Softbill Society**

Delegate: Vince Moase

Club Email: vmoase@rogers.com

Club website:

Show/Expo: Show Nov. 10-11, 2007

Location: Brampton Fair Grounds  
12942 Hearlake Rd. Brampton, Ontario

Judge: Dr. Hans Classen, Germany

#### **Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: Alfred & Julianne Mion

Club Email:julianne@mnsi.net

Club website: www.essexkentcbs.com

Show/Expo: TBA

Location: TBA

Judge: TBA

Information contact: Alfred Mion,  
julianne@mnsi.net

### **IOWA**

#### **Mid America Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: John Thielking

Club Email: Thielking@iowalink.com

Club website: www.MACBS.org

Show/Expo: 10/6-7 Hosting GABS,  
3/25 Bird Exhibit, 5/20 Bird Carnival,  
8/26 Feather Fair

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 61111  
Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321

Judge: Dr Al Decoteau & Martha  
Wigmore

Information contact: John Thielking,  
515-278-9159,

Thielking@Iowalink.com

Other Divisions: 10/6 Colorbred &  
Type Canaries, Budgies, hookbills, love-  
birds, 10/7 Hookbills, Cockatiels,  
Lovebirds

#### **Great American Bird Show**

Delegate: Marion Sparzak

Club Email: sandhillxotics@aol.com

Club website:

greatamericanbirdshow.org

Show/Expo: Annual Show Oct. 6-7,  
2007

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 61111  
Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau & Martha  
Wigmore

Other Divisions: 10/6 Colorbred &  
Type Canaries, Budgies, hookbills, love-  
birds, 10/7 Hookbills, Cockatiels,

Lovebirds

## LOUISIANA

### Cajun Canary and Finch Club, Inc.

Delegate: Irwin Bourgeois

Club Email: Ggaynut@aol.com

Club website:

Show/Expo:

Location:

Judge:

Information contact:

### Gulf Coast Bird Club Inc.

Delegate: Terry Perez

Club Email: tbirds@mobiletel.com

Club Website:

Show/Expo: Show Mar. 3-4, 2007

Location: Evergreen Cajun Center,  
4694 West Main Houmay, La

Judge: Laura Bewley & Dr Al

Decoteau

Information contact: Terry Perez,  
tbirds@mobiletel.com, 985-665-3902

Other Divisions: Cockatiel

## MARYLAND

### Baltimore Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Robert Mehl

Club Email: Robert.Mehl@verizon.net

Club website:

www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org

Show/Expo: Spring Mart and Finch

Show May 19, 2007

Location: Tall Cedars Hall Parkville,  
MD

Judge: Laura Tinker

### Maryland All Canary Club

Delegate: Robert Mehl

Club Email: Canarylady7@earthlink.net

Club website:

Show/Expo: Show Oct. 6, 2007

Location: Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen  
1004 Beards Hill Rd., Aberdeen MD,  
21001

Judge:

Information contact: Judith Minter  
(President)

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Massachusetts Cage Bird Association

Delegate: Regina McCarthy

Club Email: rmcc29@comcast.net

Club website: www.masscagebird.org

Show/Expo: Oct. 20, 2007

Location: Silver City Canine Training  
Center Tauton, Mass

Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau

Information Contact: Jim McCarthy

Other Divisions: Border & Fife,  
Gloster & Misc Type, Color Bred, Pet  
Birds

## MICHIGAN

### Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club

Delegate: Rebecca Mikel

Club Email: spkennel@aol.com

Club website: greatlakeszebra&soci-  
etyfinchclub.com

Show/Expo: Specialty Show Aug 25,  
2007

Location: Livonia, MI

Judge: Martha Wigmore & Clarence  
Culwell

Information contact: Rebecca Mikel

### Society of Canary and Finch Breeders

Delegate: Jim Heffernan

Club Email: tielnmore@aol.com

Club website: www.societyofca-  
naryandfinchbreedersofmichigan.com

Show/Expo: show 10/20-21, Fair 5/19

Location:

Judge: Patrick Vance

## MINNESOTA

### Canary Club of Minnesota

Delegate: Jeanne Murphy, 651-459-  
5787, pinataminiatures@yahoo.com

Club Email: none  
 Club website: canaryclub.su.com  
 Show/Expo: show Nov 4, 2007  
 Location: River Heights Motel, 1020  
 US Hwy 10, Prescott, WI 54021  
 Judge: Martha Wigmore  
 Information contact: Darlene Witt,  
 Jeanne Murphy. 715-265-7008  
 Other Divisions: Canaries

## MISSOURI

### Gateway Parrot Club

Delegate: Christine Kinkade  
 Club Email: president@gatewayparrot-  
 club.com  
 Club website:  
 www.gatewayparrotclub.org  
 Show/Expo:  
 Location:  
 Judge:  
 Information contact:

### Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society

Delegate: Anthony Day  
 Club Email: Dayforthebirds@aol.com  
 Club website: gkcas.net  
 Show/Expo: Annual All Bird Show  
 Oct. 20, 2007  
 Location: Coronation of Our Lady  
 Church 13000 Bennington, Grandview,  
 MO 64030  
 Judge: Miki Spartzak  
 Information contact: Anthony Day,  
 dayforthebirds@aol.com

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### Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society

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 Club Email: member-  
 support@BOAF.com  
 Club website: www.boaf.com  
 Show/Expo: Fall Show and Mart  
 10/27/07

Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
 121 South River Rd Bedford, NH  
 03110-6732  
 Judge: Dr. Al Decoteau  
 Information contact: Ray Schwartz,  
 603-362-6106, Prismsdad@aol.com  
 Other Divisions:  
 Show/Expo: Winter Mart 3/4/07  
 Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
 121 South River Rd Bedford, NH  
 03110-6732  
 Information contact: Wick Goss,  
 603-463-3738  
 Show/Expo: Spring Mart 5/20/07  
 Location: Wayfarer Convention Center  
 121 South River Rd Bedford, NH  
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 603-463-3738

## NEW YORK

### Astoria Bird Club

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 nline.net  
 Club website:  
 Show/Expo: Show Nov. 3, 2007  
 Location: St. Jude's School 9401  
 Seaview Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 Judge: Colorbred Lipochrome, Ms.  
 Bonnie Cain/ Colorbred Melanin, Mrs.  
 Generosa Lopez/ Glosters, Mr. &  
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 Club Email:none  
 Club website: none  
 Show/Expo: Nov 10, 2007

Location: St. Marks Methodist Church,  
200 Hempstead Ave, Rockville Center,  
NY

Judge: TBA

Information contact: Gabe Dillon,  
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Other Divisions: Colorbred, Type, and  
Gloster Canaries

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finch.com

Show/Expo: 10/20/07

Location: TBA

Judge: TBA

Information: Stan Kulak Email: bar-  
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#### **Raleigh-Durham Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: April Blazich

Club Email: RDCBS.org

Club website: www.RDCBS.org

Show/Expo: show 5/26

Location: NC State Fairgrounds, Kerr-  
Scott Building Gate 11, 1025 Blue  
Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Jim Dvorak,  
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Other Divisions: NCS, ALBS, SPBE,  
IPS

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#### **Eastside Finch Connection**

Delegate: KJ and Linda Brown, 503-  
266-7606, JeepersPeepers55@aol.com

Club Email: none

Club website:

Show/Expo: Finch Show Nov 10-11  
2007

Location: Gresham National Guard

Armory, 500 NE Division St, Gresham,  
OR

Judge: Clarence Culwell

Information contact: Linda Brown,  
503-266-7606,

JeepersPeepers55@aol.com

Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred  
Canary

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#### **Chester County Bird Club**

Delegate: Doris Rickards

Club Email: Info@ccbirdclub.com

Club website:

http://www.ccbirdclub.com

Show/Expo date: November 10th,  
2007 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Church Farm School, 1001  
East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA

Judge: Miki Spartzak

Information contact: Kristy Garcia  
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Club Email: lbryant@vci.net

Club website: www.middleten-  
nesseecagebirdclub.com

Show/Expo: Club Fair, Show, and Sale  
October 13, 2007

Location: Tennessee State Fairgrounds,  
Annex Bldg, Nashville Tn,

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Ed Phillips,  
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Other Divisions: NAPS, NCS, NCA

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Delegate: Susan Murphy

Club Email: suern0909@bellsouth.net

Club website: www.stasbirdclub.com

Show/Expo: show 9/22-23

Location: George R. Stuart School,

Keith St & 20th St NW, Cleveland, TN  
37312

Judge: TBA

Information contact: Lisa Murphy,  
423-263-0483, wlmurphy@usit.net

Other Divisions: NCS, NAPS

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Delegate: Helen Jones

Club Email:

Club website:

Show/Expo:

Location:

Judge:

Information contact:

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Delegate: Clarence Culwell, email:  
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Club Email: same as above

Club website: www.fwbc.org

Show/Expo: Show September 29, 2007

Location: Grapevine Convention  
Center 1202 South Main, Grapevine  
TX

Judge: Clarence Culwell

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5867

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Delegate: Clarence Culwell, email:

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Club website:

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Show/Expo: Show November 3, 2007

Location: Mayborn Convention Center,  
Temple TX

Judge: Cecil Gunby

Information contact: Clarence Culwell,  
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Other Divisions: Budgies, Cockatiels,  
Canaries, Parrots, Lovebirds

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Delegate: Janel Johnson

Club Email: Katbird57@aol.com

Club website:

Show/Expo: show 11/24-25

Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds,  
Monroe, WA

Judge: TBA

Information contact: Janel Johnson,  
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Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred  
Canary

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### Central Wisconsin Cage and Wild Bird Connection

Delegate: Marlene Minor

Club Email:

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