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May 2015 Newsletter

**Next Club Night: Wednesday 13 May
7.30pm-9.30pm – Annual General Meeting**

President's Report

A short and early newsletter this month due to the AGM being next month's meeting. We need to have the information out two weeks before the meeting as per our constitution.

First up thanks again to Bill Kayes for coming along and telling us about the NZ Finch Breeders Association, the various finches he and Bev breed and hints and tips they have come across over the years. Anyone who is interested in the Finch Association that was not there last month, we have purchased one of their Finch Books for the Club library and I have some forms and details should you want more information.

May Club Night: Wednesday 13 May 2015 from 7.30pm Annual General Meeting

It's that time again - the AGM is here. Relevant AGM paperwork will be enclosed in this month's newsletter. If you are interested in the organization of your club, please think about putting your name forward for the committee or as one of the club officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be considered for a post or the committee, feel free to send your nomination and seconder information to Helen (secretary@kapitibirdclub.org.nz). If you are intending to be at the meeting and also want to be considered for a post/committee, feel free to send your nomination/seconder information as well. The more we have up front the faster the process can be moved along on the night. Of course, nominations can be done on the day as well.

Feilding Bird Sale

For those interested, it is on Sunday 26th April and is back in the usual venue at the Civic Center, Aorangi Street, Feilding from 8am to 12.30pm. \$4 admission. I have been sick this week so this newsletter may not get to you before Sunday, but I do know those who intend to go already had a reminder last month and at the committee meeting earlier this week so hopefully all have been reminded.

Seed Sales

For those with smaller flocks or you need something before the seed order, there are smaller seed sizes being sold by the Club at the monthly meetings of the common (and some not so common) seeds. See Jan and Denise on club night.

There are also spare 10kg bags of seed in the container if anyone needs to buy more before the seed order. Please see Bill or Adam.

Club Rules

We are bound by a set of rules – our constitution – the little green book! If you do not have one of these, get a note/email to Don (Treasurer) for your copy. Please note: one copy per person or partnership.

Show Season

Show Season is upon us already. We have the upcoming local shows to remind members what is on and when your forms need to be in by. Helen has spare entry forms and a show schedule for members to look at if interested, else you can send off to the relevant club for your own show schedule and entry form. These will also be at each Club meeting. A full show list will also be available on club night. See the end for a full list for this year's shows.

Show Tips

The Show season kicks off soon. For those of you who are new to showing here are some tips to get you started.

- Decide which shows you will attend and write for a schedule – check year book for dates.
- Clean and paint show cages early so that the smell of paint is not present when you put birds in the cages.
- Select your birds for showing – look in the year book for the ideal bird, judging standards etc to help in your selection.
- Enter your birds in the show – remember to **enter your birds on time**.
- Train your birds – this is the biggest part of being ready for a show.
 - The birds need to get used to people walking in front of them and peering into the cages
 - Place them in show cages regularly
 - Train them to sit on the perches – this can be done by placing a block of wood under the perches so they have to sit up, or placing a block of wood at perch height outside the cage so the bird has to sit on the perch to see out.
 - Some people will wear different hats when they go into the bird room so the birds get used to this and will not be frightened on a show bench.
 - Canaries and finches which have the water dishes on the outside of the cage need to be trained to use the water dish. Many a canary or finch has perished at a show through lack of water – even though the drinker was full. The easiest way I've found is to place some of the birds favourite greens at the drinker hole and the birds will get used to putting its head through the hole and eventually drink.
- A few days before the show ensure birds have clean feet and rings.
- I usually set up all my cages on the Thursday night before the show (due to working). I put in the seed and drinkers (budgie/cockatiel cages) and put the stickers on the fronts. Check year book for the correct placement of stickers. This saves me time and avoids errors in placement of stickers on the Friday when I just catch the birds and put them in the appropriate cages. Then off to the show.
- Make sure you take with you all the drinkers you need – it is not uncommon for someone to arrive at a show without drinkers.

The year book contains all the information you need about shows but if you are not sure ask an experienced club member to help you.

Club Library

Noel and Janice have sorted through the books and added another selection of books for you to read. They also ask that if you have any outstanding books to please return them. The latest Birdkeeper magazines are also available for loan. Don't forget: if you can think of any other books that may be suitable for the Club to purchase, feel free to let our new librarians know. We are having major problems finding up-to-date additions/replacements for the library so any help will be much appreciated.

Bird Database

If Helen has not contacted you about your birds for the database, feel free to either approach her at the meeting or call her (number is at the top). The club gets many queries about birds, whether someone is interested in buying or selling or just general information regarding a particular bird breed. Should a query come in, the database can be consulted and the database manager can then contact the member in question. At this point it is up to the member whether they contact the person querying or not – this is not compulsory. Also, the only person contacting the member will be the database manager – no one else, including other club members, will get contact details. All information remains confidential.

Club Website

Remember if you can't find a newsletter or want to ask a question, or have birds for sale/want to buy – go to our Club's website (<http://www.kapitibirdclub.org.nz/>). Remember this and you can advise other people interested in birds to check out the website or join the Club! I have added links to a couple of forums we use a lot and a couple of others I found. If you have any good links you want to share with the members, please let me know and I will get them added.

Helen has also spoken to most of the lower North Island clubs and we have their permission to publish their newsletters on our website as well so feel free to check out what they are doing. NZ Federation minutes are available to read on club nights and on the website as well.

Raffle

Don't forget to get your tickets for this month's raffle. These have been selling very well so don't miss out!

Federation Newsletter

There will be a copy of these on the table beside the name tags for those who are interested. They come out every two months.

2015 New Zealand Federation of Bird Club – Bird Shows

May	2-3	North Taranaki 40 th Annual North Otago Bird Fanciers 52 nd Annual
	9-10	Rotorua 53 rd Annual (entries close Fri 1 May)
	16-17	Hawke's Bay 68 th Annual (entries close Fri 8/Thu 14 May) Christchurch 109 th Annual (entries close Fri 1 May)
	23-24	Huntly Bird Club 84 th Annual
	30-31	Capital & Valley Cities combined Annual (entries close Mon 25 May) Whakatane 61 st Annual Timaru 72 nd Annual (entries close Tue 19 May)
June	6-7	Poverty Bay 83 rd Annual (entries close Sat 30 May) Stratford Cage 55 th Annual (entries close Mon 25 May)
	13-14	Wairarapa 57 th Annual (entries close Sun 7 June) Auckland Metro Dunedin 134 th Annual (entries close Fri 1 May)
	20-12	Te Awamutu 58 th Annual Ashburton 48 th Annual
	27-28	Palmerston North 83 rd Annual (entries close Fri 12 June)
July	4-5	Hamilton Cage Annual Nelson 60 th Annual (entries close Mon 22 June)
	11-12	Levin 40 th Annual Piako 42 nd Annual
	18-19	Southland 53 rd Annual
	31-1-2	83 rd Grand National Bird Show, Howick, Auckland (entries close Mon 20 July)

2015 New Zealand Federation of Bird Club – Bird Sales

April	Sun 5	Tararua Table Show, Home Industries Hall, A&P Showgrounds
	Sat 18	Wanganui Table Show, Riverside Church Hall, Mathieson Street, Wanganui 8am South Auckland Huge Annual Bird Auction*
July	Sun 5	Hamilton Cage Bird Club – Annual Bird Sale Fairfield Community Hall, Clarkin Road, Hamilton 9.30-12.30
August	Sun 16	Te Awamutu Bird Club Annual Sale, The Kihikihi Town Hall 9.30am
November		Royal Canin Pet Expo, Trentham, Wellington*

Shows and Seminars

The Budgerigar Colour Breeders Society
Sat 23 and Sun 24 May at The Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton