

Lone Star State Canary Club

Newsletter

April, 2007

Dear Fellow LSSCC Members:

This newsletter is filled with lots of information we all will be needing, so please read through carefully to get all the news and to keep you up to date in what is happening in your bird club.

Our April meeting had many items to discuss. A Special THANKS to Kae Metheny for the nice 'in-between' meetings lunch she provided.

Our April General meeting had 5 members that have joined us in just the past year –

Mr and Mrs Robin Holden from Mesquite

Mr and Mrs. Jack Page from Texarkana

Ms. Dawn Willsher from Dennison.

Thank you all for making the trip. We hope to see you and many more and our upcoming meetings.

ANNUAL SHOW – The Annual Show is progressing nicely. President Julio Valella has been on several road trips around the country and has made lots of phone calls to convince breeders to come to our show. A lot of interest has been generated since we are having 4 Top-Quality judges at our show. Most all of us have heard of judge and author, Geoff Walker. He will be one of our judges. It will be great to have him judge our birds and to get his comments first hand on your birds and breeding program.

The show has been expanded to Sunday morning to accommodate a guest lecture/presentation by one or possibly more of the judges.

Show Details:

Friday, October 19 – Sunday, October 21

The South Fork Hotel

1600 N Central Expressway (exit 29 on US Highway 75)

Plano, TX 75074

For reservations, call (972) 578-8555 or toll free at (866) 665-2680

Our committee negotiated a great rate of \$79 per night and includes Continental Breakfast. Be sure to mention Lone Star Canary Club or Bird Club when making your reservation to get the \$79 rate and breakfast included. **Hotel Reservations must be made by Friday, October 12.** Please make your hotel reservations early. The Texas

State Fair will be going on at the same time. They are estimating larger than normal crowds for the fair because of so many new attractions this year. The banquet will be on Saturday evening. The cost is \$30. Please make your banquet reservations by calling Tom Hixson at (972) 517-5782 or by email at webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.com. **Banquet reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 16.**

Preliminary Show Schedule:

Our show schedule will remain basically the same as in past years

Friday - Early Registration of Birds

- Executive Board Meeting
- General Membership Meeting

Saturday – Registration of Birds 7 AM – 8:30 AM

9 AM – Judging begins

- Banquet at the hotel
- Raffle drawings throughout the day - - be sure to bring items
- Auction
- Presentation of awards (at the banquet)

Show Sponsors and Catalog Sponsors – Everyone should have received their purple post card about sponsoring the catalog and show. We welcome your sponsorship of Divisions and sections within the catalog, placing advertising in the catalog and also cash donations of any size are always welcome. It is through your support we are able to put on a high quality show and be able to attract highly sought-after judges. Your money goes to work to create a show we can all be proud of. We also have the distinction of being one of the few shows to offer cash prizes as well as crystal to our winners.

The pricing for sponsors and advertising are as follows:

Division sponsor - \$40 – you also get a 1/4 page advertisement.

Section sponsor - \$10 – sponsor 4 sections and you will also receive 1/4 page ad.

Quarter page ad - \$40

Half-page ad - \$60

Full-page ad - \$80

To place an ad or to sponsor a portion of our catalog, please contact Tom Hixson at (972) 517-5782 or at webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.com. Please have all ad related material to Tom **no later than August 11**. We are planning to send the catalog out about a month before the show.

Also new this year will be a much easier registration form. Gisela Behgooy has picked up several ideas over the years and we think you will like it. It should make registration much easier for you. I'll remind you again, but please be sure to fill in all the information on the sheet, even though we may already have your name and address. We want to make sure our records are correct. We are also adding a section to list the birds you are interested in. This will help us get you in contact with someone who may be wanting birds or who may be selling birds.

Membership Roster and By-Laws In your envelope you have also received the 2007 membership roster and by-laws of the club. Please protect the privacy of the other breeders and do not let this information fall into the wrong hands. You may wonder why the purple cover for the roster and the purple postcard. I was trying to follow the color of this year's bands. I understand it is difficult for some color-blind people to read. I apologize for this inconvenience.

2008 BANDS Speaking of bands, it is time to think about ordering your bands for 2008. One of the manufacturers is no longer in business and has created a lot more work for our other vendor. You may order your 2008 bands anytime. Our first order will be placed around mid-August. The bands will be 25-cents each. There are two sizes for canaries – regular and large. This year I switched to the large bands. My fingers don't play well with the regular size bands so I thought I would try the larger. I found the birds much easier to band, you can wait longer to band, which helps when you have a nervous hen that doesn't want you messing with her babies for the first week to 10 days. I was talking to Julio about this. He also tried the larger bands and agrees with me. But use whatever you are comfortable with.

To order bands, please send your check and order to:

Gisela Behgooy

9028 Eastwood Ave.

Crossroads, TX 76227

If you **order by August 11**, you will be able to **pick up your bands at our show** in October, AND you will be entered into a special drawing at the show. You will be given 1 entry for each band ordered. No one has told me what the prize is, so I guess bribing me is out.

I'm keeping the web site up to date with the information I receive. Again, if you have any tips or tricks for 'TIPS' page, please let me know, or have bird-related items for sale or wanted, as a member you are allowed to advertise free on our web site.

If you do not have internet access – don't feel left out. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about the club, the show, or other LSSCC items of interest. Almost anything you want to know is on the web site – our annual show has its own page, the calendar of events has upcoming events that I know about or you've told me about. If you have web access it will be much easier and faster for you to hit our web site - www.lonestarcanaryclub.com rather than wait for an answer from me.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 28 – Next general meeting – 3 pm
Bill & Mary Hearn's Home, Galveston

August 11 – Last day to order bands if you want to pick them up at the show
August 11 – Last day to purchase ads / sponsorships for our catalog
Last week of September – you should have your show catalog
October 12 – last day to make reservations at the hotel at the \$79 rate
October 16 – last day to order banquet tickets
October 19 – 21 - OUR SHOW

Our next general meeting will be July 28 at 3 pm.at Bill and Mary Hearn's home in Galveston. Mr. Hearn and Mr. Jay Burzlaff will be presenting a discussion on Canary Geneology.
5505 Teal
Galveston, TX 77551

I hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hixson
Secretary and webmaster

Lone Star State Canary Club

Executive Board Meeting
July 28, 2007

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April 28, 2007

E-Board members Present

Julio Valella
Felipe Sanchez
Tom Hixson
Gisela Behgooy
Ricardo Sanchez
Bob Metheny
Gavin Mullan

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Felipe Sanchez at approximately 1:50 pm. Due to heavy construction and traffic in the Ft. Worth area, several members of our board were delayed for their arrival.

A motion by Gisela, second by Gavin to dispense the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Gisela. Motion by Bob, second by Ricardo to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

An expense of \$3 per month for PC Banking was presented. This will make banking and balancing our funds much easier for Gisela. Motion by Ricardo, second by Bob. Motion Carried.

Old Business

The Hotel has been signed for our show, October 19 – 21. The room rate will be \$79 + tax and includes breakfast. If we get a total of 30 room nights, our show space will be free.

Our judges have been confirmed for the show. They are

Geoff Walker – Colorbred from England
Sjaak DeJong – Melanins from Holland
George Eltringham – Type from England
Rafael Ortiz – Song from Spain

The Tulsa club and the Santa Clara club will be sharing our expense for Mr. Walker. Our anticipated expense is approximately \$460

The American Singers will not be joining our show this year.

Crystal for the show – Ricardo has a contact in Farmer’s Branch that will do any crystal we want and will be any price. Ricardo will get the information to Bob, who will be ordering the crystal for the show. Bob will then follow up on the crystal.

The Banquet cost will be \$30 for those attending. The officers are to get together and decide on the menu soon.

A mock up sample of the catalog was presented by Tom with various competing bids. Julio would like to get another bid from Alpha Graphics. Tom will get the sample to him or make another one to show to potential vendors who may want to advertise in our catalog.

Prices were set as follows:

Division Sponsor - \$40, includes 1/4 page ad

Section Sponsor - \$10. 4 sections will also include a 1/4 page ad.

Ad prices:

1/4 page - \$40

1/2 page - \$60

Full page - \$80

Front inside cover - \$300 – includes a full page ad directly in front of the start of 2 Divisions

Rear inside cover - \$300 – includes a full page ad directly in front of the start of 2 Divisions

Back cover - \$500 – includes a full page ad directly in front of the start of 3 Divisions

Tables will be available for anyone to set up in the vendor area. The tables are \$20 for each 4 ft table. If a vendor is in need of a large area, we will work with the vendor to provide them the space they need to satisfy their sales and marketing needs.

New Business

Motion by Gisela, second by Ricardo to continue our affiliation with United Spanish Timbrado Fanciers (USTF) and pay the affiliation fee. Motion carried

Motion by Bob, second by Felipe to continue our affiliation with National Colorbred Association (NCA) and pay the affiliation fee. Motion carried.

Expenses in the amount of \$90.95 were presented by Tom for payment. These expenses were to cover the cost of mailings in January and March. Motion by Bob, second by Felipe to pay the expenses as presented. Motion carried.

A motion by Tom second by Bob to accept the format of the Roster and by-laws as presented. The roster to be included in the April Newsletter. Motion Carried.

Felipe presented a receipt form to be used for registering people at the show. It will be a 3-part form, 1 copy going back to the participant, one for secretary and one for the Treasurer. Motion by Felipe, second by Gisela to accept the form as the new standard. Motion carried.

Julio presented some ideas on various raffle drawings. Due to the lateness of our meeting and the general meeting to follow, A motion by Tom to table and present again in July, second by Gisela. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be at Bill and Mary Hearn's home in Galveston, TX on July 28. The executive board will meet at 2 pm and the general meeting will be held at 3 pm. There will be a presentation by Bill Hearn and Jay Burzlaff on Canary Genealogy.

A motion to adjourn made by Gavin, Second by Ricardo. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

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General Meeting – April 28, 2007

The general meeting was held after the great lunch provided by Kae Metheny. The meeting was called to order by Julio Valella.

Julio welcomed our members and asked they introduce themselves and tell a little about what they are breeding.

A summary of the executive board's minutes were presented by Tom Hixson

Old Business – the details of the show were discussed. Most had seen our updates on the web site, so this was a short topic.

New Business – Tom Hixson presented 3 show cage covers made by Janice Thompson, one of our new members. She is selling them for \$6 each. However, she doesn't have all the cages and is willing to work out a deal / trade for a cage and cover. Please contact her at ciris03@yahoo.com or 903-893-3719 if you are interested in the covers.

The meeting was adjourned, but the conversation continued for quite some time with the new members and old alike.

Respectfully submitted.

Tom Hixson
Secretary