

Lone Star State Canary Club

July Newsletter

Dear Fellow Canarians,

I trust by now you have had a successful breeding season and are now chasing feathers across the floor as the annual molt has started.

Personally, I had a great breeding season. I think the major factor I could control was moving the birds into their own private area away from the traffic in the house. They were more content and I didn't have to scramble around trying to clean up spilled seed before company came to visit.

Those who attended the July meeting in Galveston had a great time. Bill and Mary Hearn hosted our Board and General Meetings and gave us the grand tour of their aviary. Bill and Jay Burzloff led a lively discussion on genealogy. I think we all learned something from the meeting.

It is hard to believe The 29th Annual Show is a little over two months away. I have made lots of updates to the web site. Be sure to check it out if you can. For those who do not have internet access, I'll list the main points here. You will also find details in the minutes from the Executive Board and General meetings in this newsletter.

I've heard we are the 'talk of the town' in several computer bird chat rooms. We've had an ever increasing number of hits on web site. People are sitting up and paying attention to **your** club. With everyone's help we can have a very successful show and go into our 30th year stronger than ever!

Some of this may be old news, but I feel it bears repeating.

The show is Friday, October 19 through Sunday Morning, October 21 at the South Fork Hotel in Plano, TX. It is conveniently located on the east side frontage road of Highway 75, just north of the 15th street exit.

THINGS YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE THE SHOW –

Room reservations need to be made by Friday, October 12 to get the room rate of \$79, which includes a breakfast. NOTE: If there are two of you in a room, PLEASE register that way. If you are David and Victoria Beckham, please register that way. If you are Linda Bluebird and sharing a room with Mary Robin, Please put both names on the registration. This makes it much easier for the hotel and counting noses for the breakfast. Be sure to mention 'Bird Club' or 'Canary Club' so they know you are with us and to get your breakfast. For Hotel reservations, please call (972) 578-8555 or (866) 665-2680

Banquet reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 16. The banquet will be Texas Barbeque and the cost will be \$30. Please reserve by October by calling me (Tom Hixson) at (972) 517-5782. I'm sorry, but I do not have a toll free number for you.

Load up your raffle items. The raffle is a good way for the club to make some money to help with our expenses. Bird – related items seem to be attention getters. We appreciate your help.

Early Registration Packet - All club members will be receiving a catalog. This year we are offering what I like to call our “Early Bird Registration Packet”.

The packet will include:

- Your Registration form
- Your Show Tags (specify a number of tags when you call to request your packet)
- Your Show Entry Form(s) – this year we have 4 Divisions – Type, Song, Colorbred Lipochrome and Colorbred Melanin – so if you have birds in all 4 divisions, you will need 4 forms.

These items will come with your catalog if you call or email me before September 15. I plan to send the catalogs the following week.

The cost for the packet is \$5. This is to help us cover the cost of shipping and handling. Please call me (Tom) at (972) 517-5782 or email me at webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com.

Why would I want to do this?

Personally, I think it is GREAT! I can sit down in my own home, without all the noise and chatter at the show and fill out the paperwork at my own pace. I can study my birds in my own light and take my time, making sure I have the birds registered in the right class. And I know where there is a pen or pencil in my house. I always forget to take a pen with me and then I'm hunting around trying to beg a pen off someone, adding to my self-imposed stress. With your paperwork all completed, is hand your paperwork to the registration people, who will quickly check over the numbers, hand them your fees and you are free to go!!

We are expecting a large crowd at our show. We have spread the word around the country. Many people are interested because we **have 4 extraordinary European judges at the show.** That is more than National Cage Bird Show is having.

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU GET TO THE SHOW –

Friday Details

- Registration will be from 4 – 5:30 pm for those wishing to get a head start on the Saturday rush.
- Set up – we will need a lot of help for this. Please come help us. It isn't hard work, and we make it fun. It takes all of us to build a bird show.
- Executive Board Meeting
- General Membership Meeting
- Hospitality Social - This will follow our General meeting. The main items for the Hospitality room is being provided by your Officers. Please feel free to bring a favorite dish you would like to share.

Saturday Details

Registration will be from 7 AM – 8:30 AM. **NO BIRDS WILL BE REGISTERED AFTER 8:30. Judging MUST start at 9AM.** We are expecting a large number of birds and for the judges to spend enough time on your birds, we must begin at 9 AM sharp.

- Raffles – we plan to have 3 raffles throughout the day, so please bring raffle items
- Sales Room – Visit the Sales room. If you would like a table for the sales room, they are available for \$30 for a 6 foot table. Please let us know in advance if you would like a table so we can have plenty of tables available
- VOTE – Be sure to vote for the People’s Choice Award. This is a special award selected by your vote. The contenders will be the 10 Division Winners.
- Special Auction – We will be having a special auction of Top Quality Birds. This is a great chance to increase your breeding stock or, if you are just starting, a great chance to start with some high quality birds. The rules for this auction are listed later in this newsletter.
- Banquet – The banquet will be at 7 pm. This year the menu will be Texas Barbecue. The awards will follow the banquet.

Sunday Details

9 AM to approximately 11 AM -

2 of our Top Judges, Mr. Geoff Walker and Mr. Sjaak DeJong will be holding a seminar on birds. This is an unbelievable chance to get to listen to these two men.

The cost for the seminar will be \$5. You can purchase your ticket early or at the door. (I suggest purchasing your ticket early and avoid a line)

SPECIAL AUCTION DETAILS:

This will be a special auction of high quality birds being brought in by top breeders who have committed to us from around the country. This is how it works:

1. Birds entered into this auction will be designated so upon registration
2. The judge will have no idea if the bird he is judging is an auction bird or not
3. All awards (cash and crystal) shall be retained by the registrant
4. The birds will be pulled by the stewards and held in a special area
5. YOU MUST register for this special auction to obtain a bidding number
6. The registration fee is \$10
7. There are NO REFUNDS once you have paid your \$10 registration fee
8. If you are the winner of an auction, your \$10 registration fee will be deducted once.
9. The birds may be sold as singles, pairs, or trios
10. The exhibitor will be available for consultation to the winning bidder

I know I’ve given you a lot of information to absorb all in one sitting. So, relax, spend some time with your birds and come back and read all of this again.

If at any time you have any questions please feel free to drop me a line, give me a call, or send an email. I want this to be our best show ever, I want it to be the best show ever for you, and I don’t want you feel like you are out there all alone. No question is silly or dumb. I’ve been told more than once the silly question is the one that goes not asked. If I don’t know the answer, I’ll get someone that has the answer.

This is your club and your show. We as a committee have tried to put everything in the show you've wanted. Come and enjoy some good competition with your birds, get reacquainted with old faces and make new friends. We'll all come out winners.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the show. I'm sure you would like to put a face with the person that writes you each quarter. Come up and introduce yourself. Come enjoy a good time with your fellow breeders and exhibitors.

Looking forward to 2008 – I bet you are thinking – “Who is this guy? We are just coming up to the show and he's wanting to talk about 2008 !” Well, 2008 will be here before we know it. At our General meeting of the show on Friday evening, October 19, we would like to solicit our members to host our meetings in 2008. We have an Executive Board Meeting usually at 2 pm for the board members which lasting an hour or so, followed by a General Membership meeting that lasts approximately 1 ½ hours, which we are trying to include educational material each time. We have been successful with that endeavor this year. Our meetings are quarterly, in January, April, July and of course October is our show. We meet on Saturdays, usually in the afternoon. I am mentioning this now so you can think it over and we can set our schedule for 2008. We are flexible, meaning we don't have to meet on a specific Saturday of the month. If you want to host and the 1st Saturday doesn't work, but the 3rd Saturday does, we will work with you.

See you in October!!

Yours in the Fancy

Tom Hixson

Executive Board Meeting
July 28, 2007

Board members present:

Julio Valella
Felipe Sanchez
Tom Hixson
Gisela Behgooy
Patty Roberts

The meeting was called to order by Julio Valella at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hearn in Galveston, TX. The board wishes to thank Bill and Mary for opening up their home to our e-board.

Old Business:

The Secretary's report – Motion by Felipe, Second by Patty to approve the April minutes as published in the newsletter and online. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report was presented by Gisela. Motion by Tom to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Felipe. Motion carries.

The Secretary's report for the January meeting was revisited to clarify the "People's Choice Award. Minutes were recorded as a People's Choice would be awarded from Colorbred, Type and Song with a \$100 cash award and crystal for each. This was corrected to 1 crystal award will be given among the top ten division winners and no cash award given. Motion to accept the correction by Felipe. Second by Gisela. Motion carries.

Gisela, as Treasurer has asked Patty to assist in ordering the 2008 bands. These will be available at the show.

Annual Show:

A motion by Felipe, Second by Gisela to go ahead and pay Patty for one-half of the Spanish Timbrado judge's expenses she has incurred. The Tulsa club is responsible for paying the other half of the expenses. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Felipe to set aside \$300 to purchase raffle items. Second by Gisela. Motion carries.

The judges have confirmed their arrival.

The deadline for all catalog items is Saturday, August 11.

Catalogs will be mailed to each current member in September.

The menu has been selected and approved. It will be Texas BBQ. Reserve your dinner reservation by emailing webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com or calling Tom at 972-517-5782.

An "Early Bird Registration packet" was presented. The packet will contain the following:

1. All the tags requested by the exhibitor
2. Exhibitor registration form
3. Show entry form(s)
4. Catalog (first off the press)

The cost of this packet will be \$5. This is to cover our shipping and handling costs. This will allow the exhibitor to fill out the paperwork in the comfort of their home or aviary. This will also allow the exhibitor to carefully study their birds with the catalog to place them in the correct section. No more rush during the short registration time period. To receive a Registration packet, send an email to Tom at webmaster@lonestarcanaryclub.com or call 972-517-5782. When you come to the show, simply hand the paperwork to the registration people who will check over the paperwork and present you with your ballot for the People's choice award, any banquet tickets or any seminar tickets you have indicated on the form.

Also new this year will be a Special "Breeder's Auction". The birds will be earmarked for the auction as the exhibitor registers for the show. These will be single birds, pairs and trios. These birds will be judged in the regular show and then set aside for the auction. The judge will have no idea if he is judging a bird going to auction or not. The stewards will have a list of cage numbers of those birds going to auction and will set them aside after they have been judged.

Rules:

There is a \$10 fee to register for this auction

There are no refunds of the registration fee.

If you are the winner of an auction, your \$10 registration fee will be deducted from the auction price ONE TIME ONLY.

The score sheet and judge's comments will become property of the new owner.

The exhibitor will retain all awards (cash and crystal, if any) from the show

The seller will be available to the auction winner for a consultation

On Sunday, Mr. Geoff Walker and Mr. Sjaak DeJong will be presenting a seminar on birds. There will be a \$5 entry fee for the seminar. This is something we all will want to catch. Please make your plans to include the Sunday seminar. It is scheduled to begin at 9 AM.

Julio, in his travels around the country and active participation in the aviary chat clubs has sparked a lot of interest in our show. He has convinced a lot of top breeders that our show is THE SHOW to attend this year. Our selection of judges has generated a lot of interest and many breeders are willing to travel to Texas for the quality and selection of judges we have made. Thanks for all your efforts Julio.

New Business:

The board accepted the resignation of Bob Metheny from the Board of Directors. Bob has chosen to pursue other interests and travel with his wife Kae. The board would like to thank Bob for his many years of dedication and service to the club. We look forward to seeing Bob and Kae at the meetings and shows.

Motion by Gisela to elevate Claire Brammer to the status of Lifetime Honorary Member.
Second by Patty. Motion carries. This marks our second Lifetime Honorary Member. Mr. Bob Roberts is our other Lifetime Honorary Member.

Motion by Patty to start using Pay Pal as a convenient way for members to pay for items through our web site. This will include items such as bands, membership, caps, etc. Patty has experience setting up Pay Pal for the USTF web site and has it been well received by their members
Second by Tom. Motion carries. . Patty will be working with Gisela as Treasurer to assist with the connection to the bank and working with Tom as webmaster to set up what is needed on the web site.

Motion by Patty to obtain a debit card for the Treasurer. This is to facilitate the payment of judge's airline tickets, hotel expenses incurred from the show, band orders to the manufacturer, payment for the catalog, etc. Today's marketplace finds the paper check becoming more and more obsolete and sometimes it takes a check 10 days or more to clear. This can be a problem when we need a rush shipment on an item such as bands. Second by Felipe. This motion will be voted on in October.

Motion by Felipe, Second by Gisela to accept the Expense report of Tom Hixson for postage expense of \$32.76 for the April newsletter mailing. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn by Felipe. Second by Patty. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hixson

General Membership Meeting.

July 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Julio Valella. Julio thanks Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hearn for their generous hospitality in hosting the Board meeting and the General meeting in their home in Galveston. Approximately 20 members and guests were present for the meeting. We really appreciate our Houston area members for coming to the meeting.

The minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting were read.

Julio discussed some of the new aspect of our show this year. He explained the Breeder's Auction and the people's Choice Award as well as the Sunday Seminar.

Bill Hearn and Jay Burzlaff led a joint presentation on bird genealogy. It was quite interesting with a lot of audience participation. It was very interesting and quite informative.

After the presentation we were treated to some great food and were able to visit The Hearn's aviary. That alone was worth the trip to Galveston. Bill and Mary have done a great job setting up their aviary. Now we know why they are raising the level of competition for breeders and why they are consistent winners.

During the General Membership Meeting it was announced that Ray Terrazas was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors.

Again, many thanks to all our members who made it to Galveston to attend our meeting. Your attendance and active participation shows you like what we are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hixson

From your President....

What a wonderful 3rd quarterly meeting we enjoyed at the Hearn's ! Thank you Bill and Mary for your wonderful hospitality and delicious food. We all enjoyed everything and what a treat to see and experience your Texas Sized comfortable aviary, Wow!! I took several ideas for my next bigger aviary... I'll be moving by year's end and hope to build a bigger aviary next year!

We had a good turn out yet missed many old friends unable to attend!

Key changes to let you know about; we regrettably accepted the resignation of our dear friend and long time active member Bob Metheny from our Club Board of Directors. Bob and Kae Metheny will be relaxing, traveling, and attending to their health and fitness with less stress! We wish them well and hope to see them now & then at Shows and Club events.

We are delighted to announce that Ray Terrazas agreed to serve as replacement Director for the remainder of Bob's term. Ray is a valued member and avid hobbyist and will be a great contributor, please help me welcome Ray to our Club Board.

Felipe Sanchez our 2007 SHOW Manager reported all four judges have confirmed and provided us their travel details. Three will come with their spouses and add a bit of sight seeing here in Texas. Please make them welcome!

AUGUST 11 – That is the final deadline to buy and submit Ads in the Show Catalog. DO NOT be left out, there is still room to add your Ad, contact Tom Hixson our Webmaster!

We are in excellent shape approximately 10 weeks before our 2007 Show! Please make time to think about AND help your Club prepare and conduct a great SHOW. Groom your birds, clean your Show cages, and Bring'em to compete and WIN!

All my best to on and all ! Cheers, Julio Valella

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Welcome to all canary fanciers. As you all know this year we are having 4 European judges who will be giving us the best opportunity to learn if our birds are good enough to take to a National Competition.

It takes a great effort to have a show like this, but our officers, board members, and some of you breeders have helped to make it **the best it can be**. I appreciate your efforts.

In order to facilitate our registration process this year, we are sending to all fanciers who request them ahead of time, a package for a minimal fee to get you organized and ready before you come to our registration table.

Also remember individual entry forms are needed for each division: Type, Colorbred Lipochrome, Colorbred Melanin and Timbrado canaries. If you have entries in each division you will need 4 different show entry forms.

Get your entries in well before the 8:30 a.m. deadline on Saturday. No entries will be accepted after 8:30 a.m. Judging will start at 9:00a.m. By starting at 9:00 a.m., the judges will have plenty of time to evaluate your birds.

Also remember Friday night during set up we need all the help we can get from our members and visitors. With the effort of all of us we can have a very good show. We have a chance to show our guests from around the country what we as members of Lone Star can do. It reflects on each one of us.

“If we don’t get our act together and support this show with a few minutes of physical help at the beginning and end of the show, we could lose some of our annual shows. I trust all fanciers will support the idea and we won’t have any prima donnas who think it is up to someone else to do the work.”

“Want to keep our annual shows? Then it is up to all of us.”

Thank You,

**Felipe Sanchez
Show Chairman**