

# Lone Star State Canary Club

October Newsletter

Dear Fellow Canarians,

For you new members, welcome to the club. For you recurring members, glad to be communicating with you again.

Speaking of communicating, do I have your email address? It is a quick and efficient way for your club to communicate if we need to get a message to you in short time. Feel free to send me an email if you are in doubt that I have your correct email address to [webmaster@lonestarcanaryclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcanaryclub.com).

**Congratulations Winners !** As you know, the Annual Show is now in the history books. It was a great time to see faces we haven't seen for quite some time and also to make new friends locally, from across the country, and around the world. Thank you all for coming and making our show a success. Your show committee has been working practically since the 2006 show to evaluate your suggestions and implement them the best we knew how. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and are looking forward to **the 2008 show, Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show.**

Personally, for me, the show was a chance to put a face with so many of you I've talked to this past year either on the phone, or by email. It was a pleasure to meet all of you. Thank you for coming up and introducing yourselves.

I don't know if you are aware of it or not, but it is in our by-laws to begin the site selection process for next year's show at our annual show. There is further discussion about this in the Executive Board Meeting Minutes.

Have you paid your 2008 dues yet? This year, we were able to get each member 10% off at Kookaburra Bird Shop in Carrollton, TX. Just show the sticker attached to the back of your 2008 membership card. AND you can pay for your membership online. Just go to our web site – [www.lonestarcanaryclub.com](http://www.lonestarcanaryclub.com) and click on the GO LSSCC SHOPPING link. You can save your club and in a round-about way, save yourself money by going ahead and paying your dues rather than wait for a reminder notice after the first of the year. It will save your club postage for each time we send a reminder. Thank you if you have already taken care of this matter. We appreciate it.

Are you getting ready for breeding season yet? Now is a good time to check your breeding cages for any needed repairs maybe a little fresh paint on that cage stand and it probably wouldn't hurt to give those cages a good dusting of Sevin or some type of insect powder to get rid of, or prevent any mites or lice that might have staked a claim as

their home while your cages were stored away or might want to take up residence now that cooler weather has finally come to town..

It is also a good time to check those timers and light bulbs for those who use artificial light in your bird rooms.

One last thing – I have received several requests from members to list the types of birds our members have in the roster. I think I got the new members as they signed up, but if each of you could send me the types of birds you are interested in, it would be a great help to me. Just email – [webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.com) or regular mail – 1301 Berkeley Ct. Plano, TX 75023  
THANKS !

### 2007 Show Winners

#### Division Winners

Division I	Border Fancy	Bill & Mary Hearn	Galveston
Division II	Glostors	King Aviary	San Antonio
Division III	Type ( Stafford was the winner)	Biers & Cromwell	Florida
Division IV	Old Variety(Lizard was the winner)	Bill & Mary Hearn	Galveston
Division V	Hartz	Ron Rattray	Broken Arrow, OK
Division VI	Fife	Bill & Mary Hearn	Galveston
Division VII	Lipochrome	David & Yudith Cabrera	South Carolina
Division VIII	Classic Melanin	David & Yudith Cabrera	South Carolina
Division IX	New Color Melanin	Ricardo Sanchez	Dallas
Division X	Song(Spanish Timbtado)	Susan Kuhne	New York

#### Best Novice Awards

Type	Robin Holden, Sr.	Mesquite
Song	Susan Kuhne	New York
Lipochrome	Dawn Willsher	Denison
New Color	Jack Page	Texarkana
Classic Melanin	Dawn Willsher	Denison

#### Best Lone Star Banded

Type	Gisela Behgooy	Crossroads
Colorbred	Ricardo Sanchez	Dallas

#### People's Choice Award

**Biers & Cromwell - Florida**

## **Executive Board Meeting**

October 19, 2007

### **Board Members Present:**

Julio Valella	Felipe Sanchez
Tom Hixson	Gisela Behgooy
Ricardo Sanchez	Patty Roberts
Ray Terrazas	

### **Board Members Absent:**

Doyle Johnson  
Gavin Mullan

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Felipe Sanchez. Felipe thanked the board members for coming and welcomed all to ‘The Big Show’,

Minutes from the July 28 Executive board meeting were amended and approved by a motion from Ricardo Sanchez. A paragraph was omitted from the publication. The new minutes will be posted on the internet as well as published here.

The Treasurer’s report was presented.

### **Old Business**

The early registration packet was well received by those who requested them.

Patty made a motion to vote for approval of the July motion to eliminate the request of 2 signatures on checks and to get a debit card. Motion Carries

### **New Business**

Gisela, as Treasurer, requested an audit of the Treasurer’s books. Patty and Felipe will audit the books and report to us at the January Board Meeting

2008 Show –

Felipe made a motion to have the show in the Dallas/Ft Worth Area. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Motion carries.

Motion by Felipe to wait until March and report at the April meeting on the selection of judges. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Motion Carries Meanwhile, you may nominate the judges of your choice. Feel free to email to the webmaster or to contact Felipe. His phone number and address are in your current roster.

January Meeting –

Ricardo Sanchez volunteered his home for our January 26 meeting.

The executive board will meet at 2 pm followed by the general meeting at 3 pm.

His address is  
7963 Glenway Dr  
Dallas, TX 75249

Motion by Patty to Adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Felipe. Motion Carries.

## **General Meeting**

October 19, 2007

The general meeting was called to order by President Julio Valella.

Julio thanked everyone for coming.

Julio explained the changes in the July minutes and that they will be posted on the web site and sent in this newsletter.

Julio also told about the 2 signatures no longer needed on checks as well as the debit card being approved.

For our 2008 show, it is planned to be in the Dallas / Ft Worth area. Nominations for judges are being accepted by email to [webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com)  
Julio has nominated Albert Silva of California as one judge.

Julio announced the next meeting will be at the Ricardo Sanchez home –  
7963 Glenway Dr  
Dallas, TX 75249

Julio closed the meeting and invited everyone to stay for hospitality time.

Thanks to the many who brought food items to the hospitality suite. We certainly do appreciate your time and efforts. AND EVERYTHING WAS GOOD !

Respectfully submitted

Tom Hixson  
Club Secretary

# 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 Burzlaff led a lively discussion on genealogy. I think we all learned something from the meeting.

It is hard to believe The 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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@lonestarcanyclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.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, I 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday doesn't work, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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 \$432 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 arrived.

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@lonestarcanyclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcanyclub.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 and email to Tom at [webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lonestarcnaryclub.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.

In light of the motion for obtaining a Debit Card, Motion by Patty, Second by Felipe to eliminate the need for two signatures on checks. This motion will be voted on in October as well.

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

