



THE CAPITAL FLYER

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Dec 2: NCBC Holiday Party

December's meeting is the Holiday Party on December 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Tom and Barbi Marshall's house in fashionable Leesburg. The club is providing a ham, rolls, and drinks. Club members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and to please RSVP to Tom or Barbi at 703-777-3252.

Directions to the party:

Enter Leesburg from Rt. 7 Business (East Market Street) or Rt. 15 Business North King Street. Go to the old Court House in the center of town at the corner of Market and King Streets. Proceed two blocks on North King Street (Rt. 15 Bus) to North Street. Turn left. North Street bears to the right by the School board Office and becomes Old Waterford Road. Go about two long blocks and turn left on Ayrlee Avenue (opposite the back of Union Cemetery). Go near the end of the second block to 315 Ayrlee Avenue on your left.

NCBC Board Elections

We will be voting and counting votes for the new Board at the Holiday Party. In this newsletter you will find a ballot (family memberships will receive two ballots in their newsletter), which you are to use to vote with. You will either mail this ballot to Tom Marshall, our Nominating Committee Chairperson, or you may bring the ballot with you to the Holiday Party. The ballot will be printed on a separate page that is self-addressed, allowing it to be folded in thirds into letter form, stapled, and mailed. See the specific instructions on the ballot for more details.

Because the November meeting and December Holiday party are so close together, the December newsletter will be mailed out early on November 21st. Ballots will need to be received prior to the December Holiday party unless you plan to handcarry them to the party. It is recommended that as soon as you receive your copy of the December newsletter that you take out your ballot, vote, fold and staple it, put on postage, and then drop it in the mail. Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as illness or bad weather, it is recommended that you vote by mail to ensure that your vote is counted.

It is also suggested that you mail your ballot not in an area that is affected by anthrax. Currently there are mail problems in the District so I would try to mail it outside of DC if at all possible.

Descriptions of the offices up for election are given on page 2 along with descriptions of the standing committees.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

December 2***
January 6

** Note date change
*** Different Location

Next Years Meeting Dates

January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 14
August 4
September 8
October 6
November 10
December 8

National Capital Bird Club Offices

Descriptions & Duties

Officers

The following officers are up for election. The next two-year term starts in January 2002 and ends in 2003.

President

Presides at all meetings, appoints all committees, approves all bills, and signs all checks in the absence of the Treasurer. Is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Vice-President

Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President and is Chairman of the Program Committee. Also arranges for speakers for the monthly meetings.

Treasurer

Keeps all records of income and disbursements and pays by check all expenses authorized by the Club. Also receives all monies earned or due the

Club, collects all dues, notifies members delinquent in payment of dues, notifies the Secretary when a member should be dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, and makes a Financial Status Report at each monthly meeting and an Annual Financial Report at the end of the year.

Secretary

Keeps the minutes of the Club and Executive Board meetings and has custody of same, as well as conducting all of general correspondence of the Club.

AFA Delegate

Attends AFA meetings and reports back to the club about issues discussed.

Standing Committees

These positions are also available, and everyone is eligible to volunteer for them as well. Standing Committee positions include:

Hospitality Committee

Recruits new members, greets new members and guests, and coordinates refreshments.

Library Committee

Proposes acquisitions of books for the library, receives donations of books, and has custody of the Club Library.

Publicity Committee

Handles all outside publicity for Club activities.

Ways & Means Committee

Plans and conducts ways and means for raising money to finance Club projects and expenses.

Audit Committee

Performs an annual audit of the Treasurer's records and reports the results.

NCBC Membership Renewal

Your 2001 NCBC membership ends at the end of December 2001. Membership forms for 2002 are provided in both the November and December newsletters. Please don't forget to renew your membership.

Newsletters will continue to be sent to current members through February 2002. After that period, members who have not renewed their membership will be dropped from the rolls but will be reinstated upon payment of dues.

I have changed the membership form to include a questionnaire. The information that you provide will hopefully enable me to put together a new members booklet, which will include information about local avian veterinarians, local bird stores, local bird breeders, local sanctuaries, and other resources that would be local to the Washington, DC area. I encourage each member to fill out the questionnaire. Thank you for your assistance.

Collection of Feathers for Indian Tribe

Please bring molted parrot feathers to club meetings. Elizabeth Moore will be collecting them and will send them to the Zuni Indian tribe that was written up in the World Parrot Trust newsletter "Psittascene."

Although macaw feathers are the primary species wanted, feathers from any parrot will suffice. Also, feathers from all parts of the bird are needed, not just the tail feathers.

Adoption: Birds That Need Homes

Birds for Adoption

The increasing number of birds needing new loving homes is becoming a major issue in the avian community, with the twist that most pet birds will live much longer than a domestic cat or dog. Unwanted cats and dogs have reached epidemic proportions in the U.S. and the concern is that unwanted birds may eventually join them in numbers.

There are many reasons why birds need to find new homes including allergies, owner's death, owner moves out of the country, excessive noise, neglect, abuse, and abandonment. Owning a pet bird is a serious commitment that may last past the owner's lifetime. Many larger parrots will probably outlive their owners and will need to find new homes.

A previously owned bird can be a great blessing and addition to your family. Please consider adopting a bird in need of a home. Every pet bird deserves a loving home. Before purchasing a bird, consider if the needs of the breed are compatible with your own lifestyle and living arrangements.

If you own a bird that needs a new home, you can contact me to have it listed for adoption in the newsletter and also on our new webpage. All I ask is that you notify me when the bird has found a new home so that I can remove the reference to it from the next newsletter and the web page.

I am trying to gather information about parrot sanctuaries in the Washington, DC area. Please let me know if you know of any. I can be reached at (301) 277-9846 or you can email me at carol.rees@usa.com

Due to her son's serious allergies, his specialist has recommended that the family give away their pet cockatiel. She believes that it is a female and is about 3 or 4 years old, having had her for 2 years. She has a brass cockatiel cage. She lives in Leesburg, but would be happy to drive in the area to give the bird away. She wants to find it a happy home. The previous owner was somewhat neglectful but the bird warmed up when it came into their home, especially because they had another bird (a male cockatiel) that was housed next to her in a separate cage. The male cockatiel died a few months ago of old age.

1 female cockatiel

Call Lisa Masini (703) 443-2912 or email Helen Goff at goffh@erols.com

Three birds were given to wildlife rehabilitator Eva Bell. None are hand tamed. All are 1 year or older. She has cages if needed.

1 male parakeet (budgerigar)

1 female peach-faced lovebird

1 male cockatiel

Eva Bell can be contacted at (703) 356-8845. Please leave a message.

Elaine Baughman needs to find a loving home for her pet birds.

Blue-headed Pionus pair

Email Elaine Baughman at baughmans@reginacoeli.org or call (703) 573-2023.

NCBC member Shirley Coggin has developed severe allergies to her 11 month old female pet Senegal. Her allergist has recommended that she not live with the bird. She is trying to find a loving home for her pet and would like to sell her to someone who would provide a loving environment.

1 female Senegal (11 months old)

Call Shirley Coggin (703) 793-9800 or email her at shirleycog@hotmail.com

CLUB NEWS

National Capital Bird Club Meeting Minutes 11/18/01

The business meeting was held first by Tammy Ellison before Dave LaVoy the speaker made his presentation. Tammy announced that the meeting schedule for 2002 has almost been finalized with the McLean Government Center and a tentative schedule will be printed in December's newsletter.

The next meeting is the December Holiday Party and will be held at Tom Marshall's house in Leesburg, Virginia. Directions to his house will be provided in the December newsletter. Members are to bring a side dish or dessert, with the club providing a ham, rolls, and utensils and Tom Marshall providing beverages.

Renewal of membership in the Association for Aviculture (AFA) for the next year was approved. The \$125 dues will be sent in for the next year for the club.

The election process for the NCBC two-year term from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003 was discussed. Members will be receiving ballots in the December newsletter. They can vote and mail the ballot to Tom Marshall, the Nominating Committee Chairman or they can bring the ballot with them to the December Holiday Party, which will be at his house on December 2. Because of the close timing between November's meeting and December's meeting, Carol Rees will mail out the December newsletter on Wednesday, November 21, in order to give members enough time to vote and mail their ballot back.

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were taken and are Tammy Ellison for President, Tom Marshall for Vice-President, Carol Rees for Secretary, and Wayne Porter for Treasurer. Wayne Porter was nominated rather than his wife Elizabeth Moore, who is our current Treasurer, because according to the by-laws members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in an office. However, Elizabeth will still be doing the work of the Treasurer if Wayne Porter is elected. For those who wish to see a copy of the club bylaws, they are available on the club web site under the Club Info section.

Member Shirley Coggin related that she has developed an extreme bird allergy and must part with her 11 month old Senegal. It is very distressing to her but she hopes to be able to find a good home for it soon.

Dave LaVoy and his wife Lauren are the owners of SweetTweets, a home business that breeds birds. Besides giving the presentation at the November meeting, they brought approximately 25 birds to the meeting including members of the Poicephalus parrot family (Cape, Brown Headed, Meyers, and Senegal parrots). They also brought some Amazons, Timneh African Greys, Parrotlets, and Bourke Parakeets. The birds were remarkably quiet (no screaming at all). Dave and his wife believe in breeding pet birds that will make good family pets and strongly advocate the African parrots, whom they believe as a whole are better suited as pets than other parrot species due to their quietness, sociable-

ness, and independent character. They stated their beliefs of matching the bird to the person and that they do not believe in selling birds to people whom they do not trust will take care of them properly. Besides being in the bird breeding business, they have also permanently adopted around 30 parrots that needed homes.

They really exemplified the ideal breeder of parrots in not only their philosophy but also their handfeeding technique of using spoon feeding rather than a syringe. Most of their birds (except for the Amazons) are ideally suited to people in apartment situations and were extremely well socialized. They have focused in on parrot species that are easy to handle, will bond with more than one person (family birds), have a good disposition, are not overly nippy, and are not loud.

NCBC Membership IDs

Over the holidays Carol Rees will be redoing the NCBC membership database and will attempt to print up membership ID cards for members. A few bird stores and other entities have indicated that they would give a discount to NCBC members. At this time it is expected that the membership ID card will be included in the January newsletter for those who have paid their NCBC 2002 dues. After that time membership ID cards will be sent along with the next newsletter after the members dues were paid.

CLUB INFORMATION

President

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Vice President

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Treasurer

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Secretary

Carol Rees 301-277-9846
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Audit Committee Chair

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Publicity Committee Chair

OPEN

Ways & Means Committee Chair

OPEN

AFA Delegates

Tom Marshall 703-777-3252

NCBC is affiliated with the American Federation of Aviculture, Bird Clubs of Virginia, and Bird Clubs of America. NCBC is dedicated to education and aviculture with respect to all types of birds.

Annual **DUES** are payable on January 1 of each year: Individual - \$20; Family - \$25. After June, dues are one-half the above amount. Make checks payable to NCBC and send to: National Capital Bird Club, 4615 Harvard Road, College Park, MD 20740.

Club **MEETINGS** are normally held the first Sunday of each month at 3:30p.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA; (703) 356-0551.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETINGS:

From Capital Beltway (I-495): Exit onto Rt. 123 EAST (toward McLean). Follow Rt. 123/Dolly Madison through watching for small blue sign that says "police substation." Turn left onto Lewinsville Road. Take immediate right on to Balls Hill Rd.

BIRDS are normally welcome at meetings; however, NCBC assumes no responsibility for their safety or welfare.

REFRESHMENTS: Please bring a snack to share at the meetings whenever you can. It doesn't need to be fancy or handmade, store-bought is fine.



DONATE USED MAGAZINES:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9, 2001

Mid-Atlantic Bird Mart

Tysons Westpark Best Western
McLean, VA (703) 771-9678

January 16-20, 2002

International Aviculturists Society Convention

Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel, City Place
West Palm Beach, FL (901) 218-4320
<http://www.funnyfarmexotics.com/IAS/2002conv.htm>

January 25-27, 2001

Parrot Festival 2002

Marriot North/Greenspoint
Houston, TX (281) 353-8062
*Sponsored by The National Parrot Rescue and
Preservation Foundation*
<http://www.parrotfestival.org/>

February 6-10

The Gabriel Foundation Symposium 2002

U.S. Grant Hotel at Horton Plaza
San Diego, CA (877) 923-1009
<http://www.thegabrielfoundation.org/education1.html>

February 24, 2001

Liz Wilson All-day Seminar

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