



# THE CAPITAL FLYER

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## Movie “Winged Migration”

The movie “Winged Migration” will be shown at the March 6 club meeting. Directed by Jacques Perrin, this documentary film spans 40 countries and seven continents as it traces the migration patterns of various kinds of bird species. With no narrative and only limited narration, the film allows viewers the experience of just watching birds flying in their natural element.

## NCBC Donates \$300 to Amigos de las Aves USA

### Background Information on Organization

Amigos de las Aves USA is a US 501 (c)(3) corporation formed with the goal of promoting wild parrot conservation through innovative conservation research and support to education and avian medicine that furthers wild parrot conservation. Its first major initiative is the Amigos de las Aves Program in Costa Rica. The program objective is conservation of the two native Costa Rican macaws, the scarlet and the great green or Buffon’s macaw (*Ara macao* and *A. ambigua*) through captive breeding, repopulation of protected areas in portions of the macaws’ former ranges, and other related scientific, veterinary, sociological, and political issues. The Amigos de las Aves program has been very successful in its over 10 years of existence. The program has established a successful release site at Curú National Wildlife Refuge (Curú NWR).

In March 2003 a professional conservation biologist, Greg Matuzak, joined the Amigos de las Aves program in Costa Rica. He has extensive avian research experience in the Neotropics and is fluent in Spanish. During the last year, he has been the lead scientist and principal investigator on the Curú NWR Scarlet Macaw Reintroduction Project. In 2003-2004, Bird Clubs of Virginia (BCV) granted Amigos de las Aves USA \$1000 to help Greg Matuzak implement a research program in Curú NWR. With that funding, several research projects were initiated on food resource availability for the released macaws and their foraging ecology in the Curú NWR area. This proposal is for funding towards

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 6, 2005
- April 3, 2005
- May 1, 2005
- June 5, 2005 \*\*
- July 10, 2005 \*
- August 7, 2005
- September 11, 2005 \*
- October 2, 2005
- November 12, 2005 \*
- December 11, 2005 \*\*, \*\*

\* Date change

\*\* Different Location

**Next Meeting  
March 6, 2005**

# Bird News from Around the World

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## U.S. to Test Bird Flu Vaccine (2/24/05)

The federal government has stored two million doses of vaccine in bulk form for possible emergency use and to test whether it maintains its potency. For more on this, see <http://www.cnn.com/2005/HEALTH/conditions/02/24/birdflu.vaccine.ap/index.html>

## Groundbreaking for New Puerto Rican Parrot Aviary (2/18/05)

See page 6 for the entire article.

## NYC Celebrity Hawks Spotted Mating (2/17/05)

Pale Male and Lola, the famous red tail hawks who had nested for many years at a Fifth Avenue high rise apartment building in NYC, were observed mating repeatedly in the neighborhood. Late last year they were evicted by the apartment management and their nest removed but after public outcry they were allowed to return and a new nesting site was built. Fans of the hawk couple are hopeful that they will accept the new nest and continue to raise their young there. For more on this, see <http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/02/17/ny.hawks.reut/index.html>

## Scientists: Birdbrained Doesn't Mean Stupid (2/1/05)

Scientists who for more than 100 years have considered the avian brain primitive have admitted that it more closely resembles the human brain and an international group of avian experts is calling for a more realistic map of the avian brain. For more on this, see <http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/science/02/01/bird.brains.reut/index.html>

## WHO Confirms Vietnam Bird Flu Case (1/22/05)

A 42 year old Vietnamese man is the latest confirmed case of avian flu H5N1 bringing the total confirmed cases to 35 with 27 fatal. For more on this, see <http://www.cnn.com/2005/WORLD/asiapcf/01/22/vietnam.birdflu.toll/index.html>

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## Avian Classes in Partnership with Fairfax County

<http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/birds.htm>

Lake Accotink now offers classes and workshops in bird care and related topics. No matter what size or type of bird you may have, they all present challenges for their human caregivers. Given their long life expectancy, pet birds require a strong commitment and patient nurturing. Choose from the programs below to find one that best fits your situation. Classes are taught by members of Phoenix Landing, a parrot advocacy group. To register or to obtain additional information, call Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

### Avian Care Classes 6 Thursdays, Mar 31- May 5, 7-8pm

From budgies to macaws, birds present many challenges for their owners. Learn how to properly handle your pet bird and provide the proper nutrition, health care, toys and housing. Participants will also learn to avoid and handle many common pet bird behavior problems. An introduction to clicker

training will be given. Parrot behavior in the wild will be discussed to provide an understanding of parrots in the home. Birds should not be brought to class. Families are encouraged to attend together. Six classes, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. starting March 31, 2005. \$95 covers all six classes. For registration and additional information, call Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

### Basic Parrot Care & Behavior Awareness Workshop Saturday, March 12, 2-5pm

For new and experienced parrot owners alike, this workshop covers in condensed format the range of basic information you need to fully enjoy your parrot friend and excel in the important

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## Minutes from Feb 6th Meeting

The BCV convention is coming up on April 9-10 in Fredericksburg. The club will have a table at the connected Bird Mart. John Long will be working on getting a raffle item for the convention. Carol Rees will be coordinating volunteers for the club table.

The January meeting minute, published in the February newsletter, were accepted as is.

The club voted to donate \$300 to the Amigos de las Aves USA. This organization is working to reintroduce

the Scarlet Macaw and the Great Green (Buffon's) Macaw back into Costa Rica. The donation will be presented at the BCV Convention.

John Long briefly talked about a bill that was before Richmond that would have required all breeders of animals such as dogs, cats, and birds (including those who foster them) to be licensed. It also stipulated that all animals sold must be either spayed or neutered. Because of massive complaints it was pulled the next day.

New members will be listed in the

upcoming newsletter.

A raffle was held for several bird toys.

Elizabeth Moore will get a card to send to John Davey expressing the club's condolences on the death of his two parrots.

Tom Marshall brought two of his Caiques – Mango, a White Bellied Caique, and Hokie, a Black Headed Caique, to the meeting for his talk on the Caique Parrot. He first had a slide show and then talked about how friendly and comical these little clowns can be. Mango and Hokie both showed off for the attendees.



*Above "Hokie", Tom Marshall's Black Headed Caique*



*Above "Mango", Tom Marshall's White Bellied Caique*

## Avian Classes continued from page 2...

role of caregiver. You will learn about avian health, nutrition, cage essentials, and other aspects of care. You will also gain strategies for living with your bird's natural behavior. \$45 per person. For registration and additional information, call Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

### **Parrot Behavior Mngt Wkshop Saturday, April 9th, 2-5pm**

Biting, screaming, plucking... Many parrot owners confront these issues. Find out how to avoid these problems

in the first place, and learn the latest in behavior modification techniques that will help you and your parrot cope. \$45 per person. For registration and additional information, call Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

### **Cockatoo Conundrum Saturday, April 16, 2-5pm**

They start out as cuddly chicks but, without the proper training, a cockatoo might turn into a screaming and biting problem. Bird rescue groups are seeing

a rise in the number of cockatoos relinquished to their care. Learn to keep your bird from this fate and ensure its future as a meaningful companion in your home. Whether you have a cockatoo already or you are considering adding one to your life, this class is a must for you and every member of your family. \$45 per person. For registration and additional information, call Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285.

# AFA in Brief - February 2005

Carol Brasaemle, Editor

## AUGUST 3-6, 2005 – MIAMI, FLORIDA!

AFA's 31st annual Convention will be held at The New Radisson Hotel Miami. Great speakers, a trip to Parrot Jungle's breeding facility, great raffles and plenty of camaraderie await you in one of the world's most exciting cities.

Miami is America's most exotic city Americans can visit without a passport. Newsweek called the city "America's Casablanca," and it may be right. In addition to populations from Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and of course Cuba, there are also representatives from China, Germany, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malaysia, Russia, and Sweden – all speaking a veritable Babel of tongues and Miami is home to 118 nationalities and, it now celebrates this cultural diversity through languages, festivals, world-beat music, and a wealth of fantastic restaurants. Our hotel is near the water, near Parrot Jungle, near the action, and only a short trip to the Keys, in case you wish to have a few days of sun and sand before or after the Convention!

Please visit our website, [www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org) to take advantage of our online registration. It has never been easier. It is a secure site with the ability to use your credit card or to print out and mail the registration form to the AFA office. "Early Bird" registration ends June 25th and you don't want to miss that deadline. Something new this year, there is an "Early Bird" registration for DELEGATES. The website and AFA in Brief will have a detailed list of speakers, schedules and events as they become available.

AFA Room Rates: Single/Double \$85.00 – Additional Person N/C – Suites \$350.00 and up.

Reservations: Call (800) 333-3333 or the Hotel direct (305) 374-0000 for reservations. Be sure to mention the American Federation of Aviculture to ensure the discounted rates.

Transportation: There is an airport shuttle and it is the responsibility of each attendee to make arrangements for transportation from the airport to the hotel. If you are driving, AFA has arranged discounted parking rates of \$9, per day.

## Schedule

Wednesday, August 3rd	HOD Meeting, Exhibits, and Tour of "Last Chance Farm," Parrot Jungle's breeding facility
Thursday, August 4th	General Sessions, Exhibits, and Specialty Meetings
Friday, August 5th	General Sessions, Exhibits, and Specialty Meetings
Saturday, August 6th	General Sessions, Exhibits, Reception, Silent Auction and Banquet

For more Convention information, please contact the AFA P.O. Box 159, Rossville, TN 38066 E-mail: [ConventionCentral@idealbirds.com](mailto:ConventionCentral@idealbirds.com) or visit the AFA website: [www.AFABirds.org](http://www.AFABirds.org) Phone: (901) 853-6079 - Fax: (901) 853-8452

## PARTIAL SPEAKER LIST

Our theme, "Diversity in Aviculture," is reflected in the many talks and speakers. Here is a sampling of the fine speakers you will hear!

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## “The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill”



This documentary movie will be debuting in the Washington, DC area on March 11, 2005 at the E Street Cinema and the Avalon Theatre. The Avalon Theatre will be showing this movie March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Avalon usually has shows in the 5, 7 and 9 range and then additional matinees on the weekend around 1 and 3. It is located at 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20015. Their phone number is 202-966-6000. For more information, see

<http://www.theavalon.org/>

For more info on the movie, see

<http://www.wildparrotsfilm.com>

You can learn more about these amazing parrots at

<http://www.pelicanmedia.org/wildparrots.html>

To learn more about the book, see [http://](http://www.wildparrotsbook.com/)

[www.wildparrotsbook.com/](http://www.wildparrotsbook.com/)

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Diane Bock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Together for the Betterment of Aviculture From the Perspective of a Hobbyist</li> </ul>
Susan Clubb, DVM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feather Damaging Behavior - It's More than Just</li> <li>• Plucking After the Diagnosis - Living with PDD</li> <li>• Parrots Inside and Out</li> <li>• The History of Parrot Jungle</li> </ul>
Susan Friedman, Ph.D. Utah State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Natural Science of Behavior</li> <li>• Alternatives to Breaking Parrots</li> </ul>
Marshall Liger, AFA South Carolina State Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embracing Tomorrow's Aviculturists Today</li> </ul>
Sandee Molenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Business Like Show Business</li> </ul>
Matthias Reinschmidt Curator, Loro Parque Fundacion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Now for the Spix's Macaw?</li> <li>• The Conservation Of Endangered Parrots In Columbia</li> <li>• The Loro Parque Parrot Collection</li> </ul>
Laney Rickman Executive Director, Bird Endowment Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observations and Lessons From a Breeding Program Focused on Parent-Rearing Blue-throated Macaws</li> </ul>
Fred Smith, AFA Florida and Puerto Rico Regional Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2004: The Year of the Hurricanes!</li> </ul>
Mark Stafford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macaws, Etc. – A Multimedia Presentation</li> </ul>
Heather Wilson, DVM University of Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controlling Reproductive Behavior in the Companion Parrot</li> <li>• Cancer in the Avian Patient: Diagnosis and Treatment Options</li> </ul>

More speakers will be announced as time goes forward. Stay tuned to the upcoming AFA in Briefs and the AFA website ([www.AFAbirds.org](http://www.AFAbirds.org)).



## Groundbreaking for New Puerto Rican Parrot Aviary

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**February 18, 2005**

**Contacts:**

**Lilibeth Serrano, Office (787) 851-7297 ext. 239, Cell (787) 505-4397**

The endangered Puerto Rican Parrot will soon have a new facility to aid in its recovery. Today, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its partners, will break ground and begin construction of a new aviary.

About one acre at the Caribbean National Forest (commonly known as El Yunque) will be used to relocate operations from an old military installation to a state-of-the-art facility at a cost of roughly \$2.5 million. The facility will have a nursery, hospital, hurricane room, kitchen and outdoor cages. Congress appropriated \$1.7 million to build the aviary. Additional funds will come from private donations and other partners. As part of their continued partnership with the Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Parrot International and other organizations are working to raise the necessary funds.

The Service is working closely with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and the U.S. Forest Service to bolster the conservation and recovery of Puerto Rico's only native parrot species.

Bright green feathers, with a red forehead, white rings around its eyes and wings that flash blue-turquoise in flight, the Puerto Rican Parrot is the only native parrot in the United States. It is the most endangered parrot and one of the ten most endangered birds in the world. Currently, there are less than 200 parrots alive.

A captive breeding program set up more than three decades ago has helped lift the Puerto Rican parrot population from a low point in 1975, when only 13 wild birds were recorded. Thirty five parrots raised in captivity have been released into the wild.

Today, 158 captive parrots live in one of two aviaries, one managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service in El Yunque and the other managed by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources is located in Rio Abajo, Utuado Puerto Rico.

The Service aviary supports the only existing wild population of parrots through fostering, emergency care of sick and injured wild nestlings, and boosting the wild population through captive releases. However the management needs of the species have outgrown the management options available at the present location. Frequent landslides isolate the facilities, power failures are frequent, space is limited, and the environment is extremely humid affecting both the parrots and our dedicated staff.

The Forest Service prepared an Environmental Assessment and multiple surveys of the construction site. No threatened or endangered plant species were found in the area. The Forest Service did find two endemic tree species of special concern known as Tortugo prieto (*Ravenia urbanii*) and the Puerto Rican rain tree. These trees were relocated to the Forest Service Nursery or other nearby locations.

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## 21st Annual BCV Convention and Bird Mart

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### 21st Annual Convention of Bird Clubs of Virginia April 09-10, 2005, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Convention proceeds benefit avian research, conservation, and education.

*Join us for a wonderful weekend with great speakers!*

**Eric Peake**  
**Dr. Susan Clubb DVM**  
**Cassie Molnia**  
**Liz Wilson CVT**  
**Jonathan Reyman PH.D.**

**Jean Pattison**  
**EB Craven**  
**Janice Boyd PH.D.**  
**Dr. Jerry DePoyster**

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### **Puerto Rican Parrots continued from page 6...**

The site is potential habitat for endangered or threatened animals: the Puerto Rican Boa (*Epicrates inornatus*), the Puerto Rican Sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter venator*), Puerto Rican Brad-winged hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) and Chupacallos tree (*plendedron macranthum*). During construction contractors will ensure that if any of these species or new species are discovered the project will be held up for the safe removal of the species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses 544 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices, and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores national significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

More information and photos go to <http://southeast.fws.gov/prparrot/>

This article can be found online at <http://southeast.fws.gov/news/2005/r05-009.html>



## 21st Annual BCV Convention Registration Form

Mail check and completed registration form by 3/15/2005, to: **BCV, 7106 Club Road, Richmond, VA 23228**  
Confirmation notices will be emailed or mailed for registrations received by March 15, 2005. **No refunds will be given.**  
BCV is a non-profit organization and the registration fee will be considered a donation to projects of BCV.

**REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY 3/15/05 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING FOR  
BCV BIRD MART BUCKS. FOUR (4) LUCKY WINNERS!!!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Postmarked	By 3/15/05	After 3/15/05	Number Registrants	Dollar Amount
2-Day Convention*	\$65	\$70	x ____ =	\$
Saturday Sessions Only* **	\$35	\$40	x ____ =	\$
Sunday Sessions Only* **	\$35	\$40	x ____ =	\$
Buffet Dinner Ticket(s)	\$25	\$25	x ____ =	\$
Raffle Ticket(s)	(\$5 each or 5 for \$20)	x ____ Tickets =	\$	\$
<b>Total Enclosed (Make check payable to BCV)</b>				\$ ____

\* Each full day of registration includes admission to the Avian Products Mart and Public Seminars for that day.

\*\* A \$2 donation admits you to the Public Seminars and Avian Products Mart for a day.

Mail completed form and check (no cash please) to: **BCV**  
**7106 Club Road**  
**Richmond, VA. 23228**

## Adopt a Bird

**Phoenix Landing** has many birds currently in foster care that need a permanent home. If you are interested in making them part of your family, you can contact Vicky at [vicky@phoenixlanding.org](mailto:vicky@phoenixlanding.org)

For more information visit the Phoenix Landing Website to learn more about adoption -  
<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/>

The **Wilson Parrot Foundation** has birds that need adoption. If you are interested in volunteering or adopting, you can read more about what is required at [http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer\\_adopt.htm](http://www.wilsonparrotfoundation.com/volunteer_adopt.htm)

# Advertisements

Only bird related advertisements are accepted for publication in the newsletter. Both line ads and business card ads are free for club members. Line ads will only be printed for 1 month only unless otherwise requested by the applicant. Business card ads will be printed for the entire calendar year. If possible, please submit business card ads in electronic form. All ads must be submitted 2 weeks before the next club meeting at the latest in order to appear in that issue.



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completing the two-year research project. Upon conclusion, we will develop recommendations for future conservation measures and disseminate the program's findings to the Ministry of Environment and Energy, Curú NWR, and Amigos de las Aves. The project's results will also be published into the popular and scientific literature.

### Project Description

In this proposed work we will complete the assessment of the status and availability of the most common and important food resources for the Scarlet Macaws in Curú NWR, Costa Rica. We will finish the study of the species' diet and foraging ecology, the species' ranging patterns in the area, document the significance of the supplemental feeding program, and develop recommendations for conservation management of the population. We will implement a nutritional analysis study of the 29 main food items in the Scarlet Macaw diet, which will be the first comprehensive analysis of the diet of a species of macaw in Central America. We will begin taking action on the recommendations developed during this project, in conjunction with Curú NWR, immediately after the research program is completed.

# CLUB NEWS...

## Welcome New 2005 Members

Wendy Ernst
Alice L. Petersen
Georgi Higel
Susie Delgado
Tom Brooks
Della Jacot
Tamara Newman
Marguerite Smith
Linda B. DeMartino
Sally O'Dwyer & Family
Tom Brooks
Janet Dillon
Linda Lehman
Pamela Thompson & Family
Jean McCormick

## Treasurer's Report February 23, 2004

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1138.58</b>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$760.00</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$670.00</b>
<b>Raffles</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$196.00</b>
<b>AFA Membership</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Postage for Newsletters</b>	<b>\$46.20</b>
<b>Speaker's Fee</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,702.38*</b>

\*Notes:

1. We voted to donate \$300 to Amigos de las Aves USA. This will be shown

after the BCV convention because the donation will be made at the awards banquet.

2. There is unreported income from magazine and bake sales at the January bird mart. This will be shown in the next report.

## Membership Report February 23, 2004

<b>Exchange Memberships</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Single Memberships</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Family Memberships</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>67</b>

## National Capital Bird Club 2005 Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be published in the roster? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Individual \$20.00 Family \$25.00

(If you are joining after June, your annual dues are one-half the above amounts for the year.)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If family membership, names of other family members: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of birds you own: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: Pet Owner Breeder Other \_\_\_\_\_

List any other societies, clubs, or bird magazines you subscribe to: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about NCBC? \_\_\_\_\_

List the topics you would like to see covered by speakers or articles: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider volunteering on a committee for special projects or serving in a leadership position? Yes No

Would you be willing to serve as a guest speaker or do you know someone who would make an interesting guest speaker on pet bird-related topics? Yes No  
 If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

### ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR

Mail your check, made payable to NCBC:

4615 Harvard Road, College Park, MD 20740-3752

Meetings are normally held the first Sunday of the month

At the McLean Government Center, 14537 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, VA

# CLUB INFORMATION...

## NCBC Officers and Board Members

President .....	John Long .....	703-771-9678.....	<a href="mailto:jodo@eswis.net">jodo@eswis.net</a>
Vice-President .....	Kitty Miller .....	703-914-1050.....	<a href="mailto:kittibel@hotmail.com">kittibel@hotmail.com</a>
Treasurer .....	Wayne Porter .....	703-751-5717.....	<a href="mailto:ponypair@hotmail.com">ponypair@hotmail.com</a>
Secretary .....	Carol Rees.....	301-277-9846.....	<a href="mailto:carol.rees@usa.com">carol.rees@usa.com</a>
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Hospitality Committee Chair .....	Elizabeth Moore .....	703-751-5717	
Library Committee Chair .....	OPEN		
Newsletter Committee Chair .....	Carol Rees.....	301-277-9846.....	<a href="mailto:carol.rees@usa.com">carol.rees@usa.com</a>
Publicity Committee Chair .....	Jeanne Nathanson ...	301-263-0770	
Ways & Means Committee Chair .....	OPEN		
AFA Delegate .....	Tom Marshall .....	703-777-3252.....	<a href="mailto:tmarshall@cbmove.com">tmarshall@cbmove.com</a>
AFA Delegate .....	John Long .....	703-771-9678.....	<a href="mailto:jodo@eswis.net">jodo@eswis.net</a>
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BCV Delegate .....	OPEN		

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:** Please donate your old magazines to the Club Librarian when you are finished with them. The club resells these at bird marts and it really helps out in raising money.

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**March 19, 2005 (9am-5pm)**  
**Susan Friedman Behavior Seminar**  
Location TBA  
Registration is \$50

<http://www.phoenixlanding.org/seminars.htm>

**April 1-3, 2005**  
**Super Pet Expo**  
Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA  
Admission \$10  
Contact 301-564-4050 or [info@superpetexpo.com](mailto:info@superpetexpo.com)  
<http://www.SuperPetExpo.com>

**April 9-10, 2005**  
**Bird Clubs of VA 21st Convention**  
Holiday Inn Select, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA  
<http://www.birdclubsva.org/2005.htm>

**May 15, 2005 (9am-4pm)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Bird Mart**  
Tysons Corner VA. Westpark Best Western Hotel  
Admission \$3.00  
Contact John Long at 703-771-9678 or [jodo@eswis.net](mailto:jodo@eswis.net)

**May 21, 2005 (9am-4pm)**  
**Baltimore Bird Fanciers Bird Mart**  
Tall Cedars of Lebanon Hall  
2501 Putty Hill Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234  
Admission \$4.00  
Contact (410) 628-2051 or (410) 256-9326 or  
[baltbirdfanciers@aol.com](mailto:baltbirdfanciers@aol.com)

**August 3-7, 2005**  
**AFA 2005 Convention**  
Miami, FL  
<http://afabirds.org>

**August 29, 2005 (9am-4pm)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Bird Mart**  
Tysons Corner VA. Westpark Best Western Hotel  
Admission \$3.00  
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