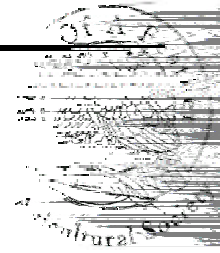


BOAF Bulletin Express



May 2000

Editor: Ray Schwartz

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Dear BOAF members,

At last month's meeting we had a fun presentation on performing Conures. It was somewhat unique in that Carmella is a BOAF member and Rose participates with her mom in our special events. It was one of only a handful of presentations by BOAF members. Jan's presentation on Exhibiting Canaries will also be a member presentation. So will Dr. Al's lecture in August on how show birds are judged.

This observation started me thinking about what the balance should be between member and outside speakers. Is there an optimum balance? If yes, what is it? What are your thoughts on this? Since this year's agenda still isn't full, we may be able to accommodate your wishes.

I'm trying to get an avian vet (for variety, one we haven't had recently) to fill one of the open slots. Personally, I'd like to hear a talk about the pluses and minuses of a home aviary. This would be an ideal topic for a member presentation. Any takers?

We used to set aside one meeting per year for round table discussions. Since time is now set aside during the business meeting for member discussions, I'm not sure a whole meeting of discussions would be beneficial. If, on the other hand, you do think it has merit and would like such a meeting, it can be arranged. Please let me know.

If anyone would like to assist in putting together the agenda, I'd appreciate the help. It could be for one, several or all meetings. Would someone like to be the agenda chairperson?

Sincerely,
Ray Schwartz

BOAF Social Events

This year we are trying to arrange some social events for the BOAF members to get together informally and discuss birds and other topics.

Last fall Karen Andersen suggested a trip to the New England aquarium in Boston. She likes penguins and they have a large collection of them. Besides, many of us have aquariums as well as birds. The trip will be May 14, 2000. Details will be finalized at the meeting.

If enough members will attend, we can resurrect our summer barbecue. Please fill out the form on page 3 and return it to me.

Meeting Agenda

7:30 - 8:15 BOAF Business Meeting

Old Business:

2000 & 2001 Show updates

Aquarium trip on May 14th

BOAF bylaws

Summer Barbecue

New Business:

Bring your suggestions (please not too many at once)

Reports

BOAF Library update

Treasurer's report

Bird mart committee

8:15 - 9:00 Backyard Birding Presentation

9:00 - 9:10 Break

9:10 - 9:30 Raffles

Meeting Place:

Monthly BOAF meetings are held in Villa Crest Retirement Center, 1276 Hanover St., Manchester, NH. (The home is 0.4 miles east of the Hanover St exit, Exit 6, from Interstate 93.)

Regular meetings are held in the Villa Crest Dining Room on the second Monday of each month and start at 7:30 PM.

Notes from the Editor:

I read an article in the local paper entitled "Animal Love." In it the author expresses her views on how dogs and cats show love for their owners. We bird owners know birds do that too.

Parrots are very sociable and affectionate. They are unique in that they greet their owners with spoken words in our own language. When I arrive home, even before the door is open, I get a loud **Hhiiiiii!!** Hhii and **Hi** follow in quick succession. Then its, "Let's get supper", "Kiss, kiss, I love you", "Want a peanut" or some similar phrase -- all spoken with understanding. Essentially it means we love you, glad you're home, come play and eat with us.

What do your birds do to show their love and affection? Do they have any unique calls or behaviors? Why not share them with the membership?

Ginger Ambrosio story continued from April

While I was overjoyed to have been the instrument of kindness for many of these birds, some of which were dangerously close to death from neglect and ignorance... My friend and I soon became overwhelmed with birds. I had to build an aviary just to contain the 'tiels and lovebirds, at one time there were about 175 abandoned pet birds at my house alone. And several calls a week came from an ad that was two months old!

This is the reason I now write. It just makes me sick to have to go and pick up someone's bird. The all too frequent reason for giving it up is that the owner found out the bird was 1, louder than expected, 2 messier than wanted, 3 too difficult to handle (because of initial neglect; the bird or birds got used to not being handled and got nasty) 4, boredom, they just got bored with having to keep up with it.

I now am "Mom" to a pair of Rainbow Lorikeets, two maxi Pionus, a normal Senegal, four Quakers, a Sun, a horribly demented Blue Crowned Conure whose former owner drove it crazy by

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Coming next month:

Your Bird Story
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Any member

**The 1999 BOAF
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NHAS Event:

The New Hampshire Avicultural Society in Nashua is hosting a special presentation of interest to bird people:

A Presentation by Dr. Irene Pepperberg
 Saturday, May 27, 2000
 Doors open at 10:00 AM
 Tickets are \$10 for non NHAS members (\$3 for members)

Contacts: Arlene Levin (603) 882-9393
 Karen Herman (603) 883-3121

Summer Barbecue Survey

We are (I am) interested k Yes k NO

How many people? ___ Adults ___ Children

Name: _____

Suggested Date(s) _____

Suggested location:

How run (charge per person or family, members bring things, BOAF pays, something else)? _____

Other comments/suggestions:

BOAF 2000 Breeder List

The BOAF Breeder list has been updated for 2000 and is now available on the web site. For those of you with access to the site, please feel free to download a copy if you so desire. For those without access to the web site, please let Allen or me know that you'd like a copy. We'll print it up and send it to you.

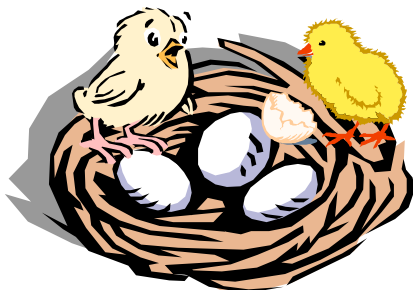
Director Appointed

Dave Smith has agreed to fill in for Doug Beardsley who had to resign due to personal problems. Dave will fill in until the December elctions when we elect someone to serve the remainder of Doug's term.

Clipping Clinic

Warm weather is approaching and we'll soon be leaving our doors and windows open. We might even take our bird for a walk in the fresh air. To minimize the chances of a bird flying away, Rena and Susan have volunteered to clip birds for BOAF members prior to the next meeting. Note that pet birds should be clipped even if kept indoors to prevent them from flying into windows and mirrors with serious injuries possible.

New Hatchlings



Claudia Siniawski
 Lynn, MA

Brian & Teri O'Reilly
 Riverside, RI

Liz Farrell
 West Boylston, MA

Jessica Larivee
 North Adams, MA

Heidi MacKenzie
 Hubbardston, MA

WANTED: Annual Show Team

I'm the chairman for the annual show on September 16, 2000. I know it sounds a long way off but it will sneak up quickly. Most positions are still available. Nicole has offered to run the kitchen. We have some secretaries and stewards. Does anyone else want to help?

Secretary's Report:**Meeting of April 10, 2000**

The meeting started at 7:45pm. The conure presentation went first because the birds couldn't wait too long; they would get tired. The conures were introduced. Their tricks included ring toss, basketball, carriage pulls and pushes, shell game and perch somersaults. After the presentation there were some questions about training. One needs patience above all. The presentation was over at 8:12pm and there was a quick break before the business portion of the meeting.

The meeting resumed at 8:24pm with a 2000 show update. The kitchen crew is in place. We still need help for set up. So far we have tables for the summer mart but not the show. The 2001 show contract has been signed and payments are on schedule. Katy is waiting for return e-mail from 3 judges. Katy is working on a lovebird judge from either Pennsylvania or Baltimore. There was discussion on the cost of judges and a rough vote taken on a third judge. Most hands were raised for including a third judge. By laws aren't typed up, they'll be put off for another month. Nothing is new with the library, perhaps we can sell off duplicate books. There was also discussion about having a Summer Bar-B-Q in the courtyard at Villa Crest.

Steve presented the treasurer's report. Our last pet mart made over \$1,800. The March report was presented. There was also discussion of advertising for the mart and how to get more people to hear about it. Swapping bulletins with other clubs is a good way. Signs for the mart will go up ASAP. The bulletin is available for view/download on the BOAF web site. We then had the raffle and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

A Request from the Raffle Chairman

Members it's time to bring items for the raffle table. We have used up most of our corporate donations so please don't hesitate to bring an item.

Thanks.

Classified Advertising

Rules for Classified Ads

Classified Ads are free for BOAF members

Classified ads for the June Bulletin must be received by Allen no later than May 30, 2000

Handfed Bronze Wing Pionus Babies

Currently handfeeding and socializing: Bronze Wing Pionus \$425 Pictures at www.parrotpages.com/cncaviary ; Contact: Rena or Allen; Pelham,NH; (603)635-1324 cncaviary@parrotpages.com

handfed babies- greys/ goffins

I have just a few babies that are not spoken for 1 goffin due to wean in about 1 month, 1 timneh grey and soon will pull congo grey to handfeed. Hatching soon more timnehs and goffins reservations suggested. may sell out of the nest to experienced handfeeder only contact me with your tax ID number for wholesale pricing. ; Contact: B&G Aviaries; Waterville Area,ME; 207-437-2038 feathers@uninets.net

Female Jardine

Female Jardines Parrot, 3 1/2 years old, vet checked, \$400 b/r/o Wanted: Male Senegal, young preferred under 1 year Proven Meyer's Parrots ; Contact: Elaine Packard; Manchester,NH; (603)623-5236

Baby Cockatiels

I have four baby cockatiels for sale. They are on two feedings a day. 2 greys and two pearls. \$45 each for the greys and \$65 each for the pearls. Or will sell all four together for \$200 or best offer. ; Contact: Adam; Merrimack,NH; 603-424-7096 mrant00@aol.com

Peachfaced lovebirds

Hatch date Feb. 18 and 21, not sexed. Normal green, need more training for pet quality. So cute!!\$40. each e mail if interested. ; Contact: Cathy; Kingston,NH; 000 cgott@nh.ultranet.com

Unwanted Birds Wanted Here !!!

If you are looking to get rid of your bird and want it to have a loving home, consider me your birds new best friend. I have a lifetime of experience breeding, raising, and showing birds as I am constantly expanding my bird horizons. Also experienced with emotional problems. My promise is to give every bird lots of TLC, time, and space to be themselves. I will take in any bird, no matter what the problem to give him/her a safe, calm, healthy, and stimulating environment. Guaranteed. ; ; Contact: Jessica; North Adams,MA; 413 663 7704 Moon-Fly@msn.com

Quaker Babies

Quakers are hatching! \$150 Taking deposits NOW! ; Contact: Carol; Gt. Barrington,MA; (413)528-3312 berkaviary@aol.com

Love Birds - Babies and Pairs

Handfed Love Bird babies available weaned around the beginning of May, Dutch Blues, Pies, WF Violets and Seagreen Violets. \$50 to \$70. Also, bonded proven pairs and unproven pairs '99 babies . \$120 and up. ; Contact: Mary; Amherst,NH; 603-672-6952 MTTYlicki@aol.com

moluccan cockatoo-dna'd male-import

Beautiful feather, lots of pink with large dark salmon colored crest, semi tame moluccan cockatoo...will trade for a young and handtamed Africian Grey or young handtamed Caique. will drive if on the upper east coast to pick up...call or email... ; Contact: Barbara; branford,CT; (203) 488-909 renaisswmn@aol.com

Handfed baby Indian Ringneck

Just nine weeks old and puppy friendly. This lovely little emerald beauty can be yours for just \$150.00 . Ringnecks are good talkers! ; Contact: Denise B.; Windham,NH; 603-893-8870 deniseb@mailcity.com

Pair of ready to breed handfed Rainbow Lories

Male is banded semi tame dna sexed and 5 years old. Female is 3 not banded but I have the birth certificate she is also dna sexed. This pair has been together for over a year and must be kept together. The pair both speak and could be made back to pets. The price is \$500 firm includes whatever nector and powder I have left at time of sale. Both are healthy and in good feather. Reason for sale... reduction of stock before moving birds to new aviary and have desire to stick to hook bills ; Contact: Laurel; Wilmington,MA; (978)657-7153 talt4@erols.com

ALEXANDRIANS

Breeding pair of Alexandrians with or with out there clutch make offer or trade for something of equal value.Also 2 year old congo name Bubba 800.00 with cage we just do not have the time anymore. Contact: Donna; Rollinsford, NH; 603-473-4347 Donna G2000@aol.com

pr.quakers

pr. quakers,dna sexed. not proven with me.\$225.00 or best offer.call after 5pm and before 9 pm. ask for Ken. Contact: ken ; nashua,NH; (603)889-5477 chirps3537@aol.com

Babies

Hand feeding green cheeked conures starting at 75. Lutino Ringnecks starting at 150. green Ringneck starting at 75. orangefaced peachfaced Lovebirds starting at 30. Visit www.parrotbabys for pictures. ; Contact: Debbie; Northwood,NH; (603)942-7130 parrots@tflc.net

Wanted: Peach Face Lovebirds

I live in the New England area and I am looking to purchase a young Peachface Lovebird. Specific color is Blue Pastel Pied. I would like to see a picture before purchase. The bird does not have to be a baby but must be under 2 years of age. ; Contact: Gina; Cape Cod,MA; (508)291-0070 ccavacas@capecod.net

Wanted: Lovebird

Looking for Splitcinnamnino male Lovebird. Under a year old. Thanks. ; Contact: Catherine; Kingston,NH; cgott@nh.ultranet.com

Directors Meeting Report
Meeting of April 17, 2000

The meeting started at 7:45pm. Present were Karen Andersen, Steve Tanner, Alan and Rena Fox, Ray Schwartz, Susan Fellows and Katy Secor (by telephone). We reviewed our club affiliations and selected levels that provided the most cost effective awards package. We reduced the affiliation expense with minimal impact on awards. Karen filled out the paperwork for NCS, SPBE, NFSS, ALBS and the AFA. Karen will receive the affiliated journals and awards and will forward the journals to the club library and the awards to the show committee. [The journals are available for all members to read and enjoy.] There was a show judge discussion but nothing new has come up yet. We still have to get tables and chairs for the show. We'll remove the small lot area at the mart and revert back to a BOAF table to sell donated and consignment items. The mention of mini-auctions will be removed from the BOAF web site. There won't be any silent auctions at the mart but we will have hourly raffles. Ray is going to donate a et related gift certificate for a door prize drawing at the mart. We discussed kitchen expenses. To enhance income, the club should buy only soda, coffee and hot dogs. Other food items should be donated. We further discussed publicity for our events with the possibility of advertising on radio station and vendor web sites. There was also further discussion on managing the bulletin on the BOAF web site. Allen will work on refining this. The meeting was over at 10:08.

Bird Mart Committee Update by Allen Fox

We're working on getting publicity organized for the event and we are looking for help. We always receive suggestions, like contact different radio or TV stations, papers and other clubs. If you have a suggestion, a contact, a paper, any media outlet that can be used to promote our events, please pass them along to the committee. You can email or call with the information. We would also like any members who belong to other clubs to submit our events to their clubs. Nicole is painting us a nice sign to help bring the public in. And as always we are looking for help the day of the mart. I will be contacting previous helpers to ask for their support again. A full list of positions will appear in the June bulletin. The March Bird Mart was one of our best ever and with the continued support of the members we can have more successful fund raising events and some fun too.

Webmaster's Report by Allen Fox

The bulletins have been placed online on the 'Bulletin Express' page on our web site. Have you taken a look? Please drop me an email letting me know you took a look. It will be good to get feedback from the membership. Viewing Tip: If you view the pdf files and the colors look funny make sure your Windows PC is setup for High Color (16 bit) or higher. Remember we are trying to save the club money and also allow you to get your bulletin early, so take a trip to www.boaf.com and take a look.

Next Directors Meeting

Date: May 15, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Steve Tanner's home [NOTE location!!!]

Agenda: A decision will be made concerning which judge will be added for the fall show. Plans for the summer mart will be reviewed. Initial planning for the annual show will begin in earnest

If you can not make the meeting but would like to provide input on a particular topic, please notify a board member so he/she can present your views.

Meeting Raffles

At every meeting we have both a raffle table and a fifty-fifty cash raffle. Support your club by bringing a raffle prize to the meeting as well as by buying raffle tickets at the meeting. Bird related items are especially appreciated. Let's restore this income generator to its former high level!

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forcing it into a breeding situation without first DNA sexing it; (he had it in with another male who was far more dominant and drove the "female" who is not female into the nest box where it shredded itself;) and that is not even the worst.

The guy I got the bird from told me that the bird shredded itself. Then he went on to tell me how he and some friend of his sprayed the bird with topical anesthetic and literally pulled out every feather the poor bird had, except for what he had on his head. I got sick and threw up from disgust. I had to call the guy back. That was the worst thing I have ever personally experienced. I had to pay the guy a fortune just to rescue the poor thing. Now he is feathered out and happy, but the end is not in sight "Spaz" as I lovingly named him still shreds himself the moment he gets stressed, but at least he is in a large cage alone and free to get around the house every day.

I have a pair of orange winged amazons, one is 44 years old with a 43 year old unset broken wing... She is the typical amazon; she bonded to her owner and attacked everyone else in the house including two kids. I got her two years ago, only moments from my friends husbands freeing the bird to the wild where for sure she would have been killed by either starvation or one of our many raptors.

Then there's the Mollucan Red Lory. I paid \$300. for him just so I could get him out of a 18"X18" 52"high cage... imagine that, a big bird in a finch sized cage...

There is much more, I finally was forced to turn my "friend" into the authorities because of neglect too.

I went to visit her one day and caught her off guard. I had never been to her house before and when I got there one of the kids let me in and what I saw was fit for Hollywood, it was so awful.. I smelled the birds' water from the front door it was so spoiled, when I inquired if she needed any help with teh birds she got very angry and told me to leave and not come back. Well, on the way out, I passed her pasture where I noticed her two horses, they were emaciated!!!

I stopped at a pay phone on the way home to call the local humane society... I can't believe it, but they did nothing. Nothing! It seems that they won't act until they get multiple complaints. I am mortified. So there it is; the good, the bad and the ugly... All I can say now is know who you do business with, know who you sell babies to, and for heavens' sake, keep your perspective. If you are motivated by money to breed pet birds, be responsible and don't sell just to get cash, think of the pet will you? I am appalled at the ease I got all these poor birds, and I hear that there is even more out there. I have had to close my doors. I have had to pay thousands of dollars to test and cure all kinds of illnesses mostly incurred by neglect.

Let's please be more responsible pet owners and breeders! Surely you must realize the pain our pets must endure when they are in bad situations, don't allow this to happen to any of your Feathered Friends, if you can help it.

[Ginger's e-mail address is avianenterprises@mindspring.com. She would like to make contact with other bird people in Florida]

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2000 Calendar of Events

May: Meeting 5/8/2000
 Pre-Meeting: Clipping Clinic
 (Call for appointment)
 Presentation: Backyard
 Birding
 by Chris Burger of
 Wild Birds Unlimited

June: Meeting 6/12/2000
 Topic: Exhibiting Canaries
 by Jan Stachurski

Summer Bird Mart

June 24, 2000
 Nashua Armory

July: Meeting 7/10/2000
 Topic: Rehabilitation and
 Exhibition of Wild Animals
 by Soso Whaley and Donna Harned

August: Meeting 8/14/2000
 Topic: Judging Show Birds
 by Dr. Al Decoteau

September: Meeting 9/11/2000
 Topic: Ice Cream Social

Annual Show: 9/16/2000
 Nashua Armory

October: Meeting 10/9/2000
 Nominations
 Topic: TBD

November: Meeting 11/13/2000
 Nominations
 Topic: TBD

Fall Special Event (auction or
 Mart): TBD

December: Meeting TBD
 Elections
 Annual Party

2000 BOAF Membership Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Tel: (____) _____ — _____

E-Mail Address: _____

New Member: ____ Renewal: ____

Please check the birds in your collection:

____ Finches ____ Softbills ____ Parrots ____ Budgies

____ Canaries ____ Cockatiels ____ Other: _____

In the annual directory, please include my

____ Name ____ Address ____ Phone No. ____ E-Mail

____ Do not list me in the directory

Annual Dues: \$20 regular or dual (less referral bonus)

\$10 junior (under 18) or senior (over 60)

Referred to BOAF by _____

Make checks payable to: **BOAF**

If not joining at the meeting send to:

Nancy Storey**90 Hunt Road****E. Hampstead, NH 03826****(603) 382-5720***For office use only:*

Paid by: ____ cash: ____ Check No. _____

Check out the updated Birds of a Feather web site at

WWW.BOAF.COM

Next Meeting

*Monday, May 8, 2000 at 7:30 PM
in Villa Crest Retirement Home Dining Room*

*Topics: Business Meeting
Presentation: Backyard Birding
by Chris Burger — Wild Birds Unlimited*

*PreMeeting: Clipping Clinic (Please make your appointment with Susan or Rena)
No Charge but a donation to BOAF would be appreciated*

Please don't forget to bring something for the meeting raffle table

Upcoming Events — Make a Note!!!

Summer Bird Mart: June 24, 2000 in the Nashua Armory

14th Annual BOAF Show September 16, 2000

National Caged Bird Show November 15-18, 2001 — "2001 A Bird Odyssey"

