



CCCBC December 2004 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
December 19	Mancini Hall	
January 16	Mancini Hall	

Mancini Hall is located at 718 Tuolumne Blvd., Modesto.

The potluck assignment for the December meeting is as follows:

A - F Main Dish
G - L Dessert
M - Z Side Dish or Salad h

Bring a dish; bring your own eating dishes and utensils. There is a one dollar charge for members to help pay for the expense of renting the hall. Lunch starts at 1:00 P.M. Feel free to bring a guest.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

This has been a good year and we have a new one coming up. We now have the opportunity to vote in all new officers.

I hope there is a good turn out for the voting. We need new officers. We need participation from all of the members to keep this club alive.

I have enjoyed the last three years, But now its time to turn the reins over to some one else

Robert Gomes, President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will have our annual election of officers at this meeting. It is important to have a good turnout and to get volunteers for each of the officer positions.

For your information we have 48 members on the rolls. Less than half of them are what would be considered locals; within a 45-minute drive of our meeting.

The Club has eight officer positions to fill. This is close to one-third of the local members. By now you should be able to tell how important each of the local members are the health, well being and operation of the organization.

All positions are unpaid in monetary terms. The benefit to you for participating as an officer or just by attending meetings is the fellowship of people interested in birds. That was what probably motivated you to join in the first place.

If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to run for an office, call either Bob Gomes or Naomi Cisper.

The local members must by the very nature of being local bear most or all of the responsibility for the operation of the club. This includes all of the monthly meetings and other fund raising activities. We need the financial support of all of the members and would appreciate any donations that any member can make no matter what form it is.

DECEMBER MEETING

In addition to election of officers we will hold a silent auction. Anyone who wishes to participate, bring wrapped items valued between \$5.00 and \$10.00. This can be a lot of fun. You never know what you are bidding on. Do your part and help make it so.

NOVEMBER MEETING

We had a nice turn out for our November meeting. Donna Gary from Davis was our very interesting speaker. Her topic was her trip this year to Guatemala and her volunteer work with a wildlife rehabilitation center. If you were there you were able to share in her experiences. If you missed it you were much the loser.

SHOW MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas! Now that the annual show is over and overall I think we earned an "A-" on our report card. The biggest shortfall was that we didn't have much to auction. Somehow the breeders must realize that for the show to survive--we MUST have some donated birds to auction in order to offset our expenses.

The good news is that we already have some Awards Sponsors for our 2005 show! I want to thank the kind breeders whom have honorably stepped forward.

Charles Long has pledged for 3rd Place and Judges Special in Type One.

Bob & Virginia King has pledged for Best in Show in Type Two.

Darrell Brewer has pledged for Judges Award in Type Two.

Val Garcia has pledged for Best in Show in Red Factor Liperchrome.

Joe Gill has PAID for Judges Award in Red Factor Liperchrome.

We still need sponsors for Red Factor Melanin and American Singers.

Thanks again for all your support. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy Holidays! Bennie Jones Show Mgr.

SPEAKERS NEEDED

Don't be bashful. Don't be shy. Be a speaker at one of our monthly meetings. We can learn something from your experience and we can share our experience with you. Both of us come out winners. Contact Naomi Cisper at 209-957-3117 or tomc26@juno.com to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have lost some members over the past couple of years for a variety of reasons. As members, we should be alert for opportunities to gain new members as a part of an ongoing membership drive.

We wouldn't dare ask you to go door to door soliciting people to join our club. That borders on the ridiculous. What we are asking you to do is to be aware of friends and acquaintances that have a mutual interest in birds. Just ask them to come to one of our meetings and meet other friendly folks with similar interests. We really need to increase the local membership.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2005

Just one of those friendly reminders to keep CCCBC in your plans for Christmas this year. We need to not only retain you as a member but also need for you to help us increase our membership. Although we have over 50 members, most of them reside too far away to help the locals do any of the work required to keep our club running. As with all organizations the grease that keeps us operating is money. The message is pay your dues promptly (\$20.00), include a little extra if you can afford it, and sign up others as members. We have included a membership application for your use.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CAGE BIRD CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 PER YEAR

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Sponsor _____

Date _____ Type Birds _____

Owned _____

**Send Check to C.C.C.B.C
% Robert Gomes
1653 Ohio Ave.
Modesto CA. 95358**

THE GOOSE STORY (Author Unknown)

Next fall, when you see the Geese heading south for the winter flying in formation you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way.

By flying in a V formation, the whole flock add at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

BASIC TRUTH #1: PEOPLE WHO SHARE A COMMON DIRECTION AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY CAN GET WHERE THEY ARE GOING MORE QUICKLY AND EASILY BECAUSE THEY ARE TRAVELLING ON THE THRUST OF ONE ANOTHER.

When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

BASIC TRUTH #2: IF WE HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS A GOOSE WE WILL STAY IN FORMATION WITH THOSE WHO ARE HEADED THE SAME WAY THAT WE ARE.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose then flies point.

BASIC TRUTH #3: IT IS SENSIBLE TO TAKE TURNS DOING DEMANDING JOBS WITH PEOPLE OR WITH GEESE FLYING SOUTH.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

BASIC TRUTH #4: WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE OUR LEADERSHIP. AT THE SAME TIME WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE SAY WHEN WE HONK FROM BEHIND.

Finally, and this is important, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay then do their launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

BASIC TRUTH #5: IF WE HAVE A SENSE OF A GOOSE WE WILL STAND BY EACH OTHER LIKE THAT.

FOR SALE

Cockatiels, society finches, pair scarlet chested parakeets and cages. Call Sherry Fisher 848-0700.

Bennie Jones has about 60 Fifes that he is beginning to sex and sell. If interested please call him. Fair \$\$\$ to all members! All will be gone by Jan.10th. 604-9839.

REMEMBER

At this time of year it is very fitting to remember those that are enduring problems probably larger than any of us have ever experienced. Please keep Altha and Jack Durao in your prayers. Altha just got home from the hospital after recently breaking her hip. Jack is making a slow recovery from breaking both of his legs. Also Don and Betty Fuchs are having some health problems. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRDCAGE RIDDLES

What birds spend all their time on their knees?
Birds of prey!
What do you call a woodpecker with no beak?
A headbanger!
When is the best time to buy budgies?
When they're going cheap!
How do you get a cut-price parrot?
Plant bird seed!
Why is a sofa like a roast chicken?
Because they're both full of stuffing!
What do you call a very rude bird?
A mockingbird!
Where do birds meet for coffee?
In a nest-cafe!
How does a bird with a broken wing manage to land safely?
With it's sparrowchute!
What is green and pecks on trees?
Woody Wood Pickle!
What do you call a bunch of chickens playing hide-and-seek?
Fowl play!