

BOAF Bulletin Express

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Dear BOAF members,

I survived my first meeting as club president. To be honest, I had some trepidation prior to the meeting. There had been open hostility during the holiday party. There were a number of controversial issues to be addressed. I expected a revolt.

Instead you proved what a great group the BOAF membership is. We had detailed presentations on both sides of each issue. There was no shouting or name calling. In the end we reached decisions that were acceptable to everyone. We're off to a good start.

The by laws are being resurrected. Thank you Dave Smith. However, I'd like to defer a review of them until the March meeting since this is the last meeting prior to the Winter Bird Mart and we have yet to establish the Bird Mart Committee. Here is your opportunity to participate in a club event. Let's start now reversing the trend of less and less member participation in club activities. Some of the open positions are admissions, security, small lot plus donation sales (formerly the BOAF table), etc. Pick your position early while the choices are good.

While talking about reversing trends, how do we reverse our slide in membership? We've offered discounts to members who refer new members. We've sent out renewal reminders to former members. We provide membership applications on the web site. These things have helped but aren't enough. Any suggestions? Thank you also to the members who were entitled to the referral discount but didn't take it. We appreciate your donations.

Oops, I said that nasty "d" word —

donations. Since I now have to wash my mouth out with soap anyway, let me remind you to bring your meeting and mart donations. For the meeting we need donations for the raffle table. For the mart we need food item donations for the kitchen, as well as saleable items for the raffle table, the small lot table and the mini auction. Bird related items are preferred but not mandatory.

Thank you for suggestions, help, donations and participation.

Sincerely,
Ray Schwartz

Meeting Agenda

7:30 - 8:15 BOAF Business Meeting

Old Business:

2001 Show update

BOAF bylaws - defer until March meeting

Winter Bird Mart update

New Business:

Plan to update the BOAF Library

Bring your concerns and voice them (please not too many at once)

Reports

Treasurer's report

Bird mart committee

8:15 - 9:00 Presentation by Ira Frost: Carving Birds in Wood

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 on the second Monday of each month and start at 7:30 PM.

Regular meetings are held in the Villa Crest Dining Room.

The Winter Bird Mart will be held March 4, 2000 in the Nashua Armory.

Notes from the Editor

Member Bird Stories:

Help, I've run out of member stories and don't know where to find any. This is a threat: If I don't get any soon, I'll have to tell you more about Prism, Flower and Jade. To avoid that unpleasantry, please send me something about your birds, your aviary, your breeding program, your birds' special diet, your ... The membership enjoys reading about both failures and successes. If you've had a problem, maybe some other member can help solve it; or has already solved it. You won't know until you ask.

Bird Web Sites:

What happened to the web site recommendations? Every month we used to get several suggestions for visiting web sites that featured birds. Lately, I've gotten nothing. Does anyone have a favorite site to recommend?

Letters to the Editor:

In any group with two or more people there will be differing opinions. One way to voice your thoughts to the entire membership is a letter to the editor. Please feel free to make your opinions known. You can submit your letter by e-mail, snail mail or in person. I'll publish it as received without changes or corrections.

Member Participation:

When I had my president's hat on I asked for greater member participation. Now, I have my editor's hat on and am again requesting more participation. Allen is asking participation on the bird mart committee. Does anyone see a trend here? Please help. It takes more than the officers and directors to make the club function. It takes your participation.

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Coming next month:

Your Bird Story
 by
 Any BOAF Member

**The 1999 BOAF
 Dictory of Officers**

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Ray Schwartz.....(603) 362-6106

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Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

Treasurer

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Nancy Storey.....(603) 382-5720

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Open

Publicity Chairperson

Rena Fox.....(603) 635-1324

Meeting Raffle Table Chairperson

Nancy Storey.....(603) 382-5720

Show Raffle Chairperson

The Fox Family.....(603) 635-1324

Librarian

Ginny Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

T-Shirt Chairperson

Doug Beardsley.....(978) 363-5336

Sunshine Committee Chairperson

Ginny Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

Classified Ads

Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

WEBmaster

Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

Board of Directors

Permanent Directors

Dr. Al Decoteau.....(603) 672-4568

Nancy Storey.....(603) 382-5720

4 Year Director

Andy Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

3 Year Director

Doug Beardsley.....(978) 363-5336

2 Year Director

Susan Fellows.....(603) 887-4930

1 Year Director

Katy Secor.....(978) 251-3653

The Pet Mart is a Bird Mart

By a unanimous vote, the membership decided at the January meeting to restrict live animals at the marts to birds. Supplies for all other pets will still be permitted, but not the pets themselves. The flyer has been updated to reflect this change and is included herein. Please make copies and give them to all your friends. Colored flyers will be available at the meeting

Training you parrots

I got an e-mail telling me that there are two training techniques for getting your parrots to do whatever you want them to do exactly when you want them to do it. However, neither one works so they didn't provide details.

BOAF Table Renamed Small Lot Table

The BOAF table at bird marts is now the Small Lot table. Most people knew we sold club donations at this table. Some even knew we sold small lots for a minimal registration fee and commission (like the bird sales room at the show). The name has been changed to emphasize this latter function. Now if you only have a couple of birds or cages to sell, you can do it without the expense of buying your own table.

Membership Update

I am pleased to announce that memberships are running ahead of last year at this time but still behind the few years ago level. Thank you to both the members who renewed and to the new members. If you know a former member who forgot to renew, please remind them to do so because they did not get this bulletin. Also, if you know a bird person who is not already a member, please encourage them to join. For every new member you refer, you save \$4 off your renewal cost (but not less than free). However, it is up to you to claim this credit on your renewal form.

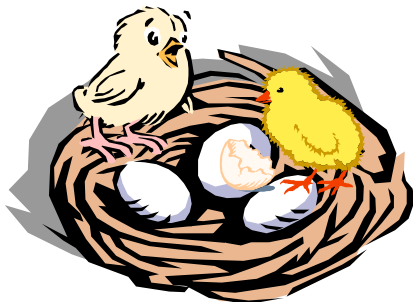
SPCA Confiscates Birds and Animals

The birds and animals of one of our members were recently confiscated by the NH SPCA in Stratham. Allegedly, she was too sick to care for them. Contact Nancy Storey or Susan Fellows for details about supporting this member's efforts to retrieve her birds and animals. Contact Mary Tylicki for info on their current

WANTED: Kitchen Help

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. With Denise and Don moving to California, we have no one to run the kitchen at the show. We need something besides hot dogs. Here's your opportunity to create a new menu and fill an important show position. Any volunteers?

New Hatchlings



Howard Teaf
Canterbury, NH

Gina Savary
Wareham, MA

Patrick Sleeper
Salem, MA

Ginger Ambrosio
Apopka, FL

Thomas & Judith Taylor
Worcester, MA

Gerry Aronson
Burlington, MA

Bird Mart Committee

Allen Fox will become bird mart chairman after the winter mart in March. He will solicit committee members at the next meeting. We would be especially appreciative of help from members who are not officers or directors. Please see his article on page 6.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting of January 10, 2000

The meeting started at 7:45pm. We started with an update on the status of the 2001 show. BOAF will make only a \$500 deposit to the Center of New Hampshire until the rental contract for the 2001 show is signed. Mike Fournier and Dave Smith each have copies of old club by-laws and amendments. They will find them and we can then revise the by-laws, if necessary, based on the old ones. There was further discussion about allowing sales of other animals at the bird marts. After extensive discussion, a vote was taken on permitting other animal sales at the bird marts. The result was 18 members present voting against selling other animals besides birds and 5 members abstaining. There was discussion about getting more club members to help out at events. There was also discussion on getting vendors at meetings to compensate BOAF. A motion was put forward to require vendors that wish to sell merchandise at the meetings to put a donation on the raffle table. The motion passed with 18 voting yes with 5 abstentions. The club would also like a monthly financial report included in the bulletin. Steve said that wouldn't be a problem. Discussion was started on the club buying an amplifier for use at special events. However, the membership decided to table the discussion until a later meeting. Mike Howatt offered us the use of the Villa Crest PA system and we will use it at the Winter Mart.

Larry DeLorenzo's presentation started at 8:48 and lasted until 9:09. Besides his finches, he showed slides of his indoor-outdoor aviary, his other birds and his friend's outdoor aviary.

The raffle started at 9:24 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

<p>Do you need a car?</p>										
<p>If yes, consider purchasing it at LA Wholesale in Hudson NH. Mike Fournier has arranged for a \$50 donation to BOAF if you or any of your friends buy an auto there and mention BOAF. For additional details contact Mike at (603) 889-2100.</p>										

Classified Advertising

Rules for Classified Ads

Classified Ads are free for BOAF members

Classified ads for the March Bulletin must be received by Allen no later than March 1, 2000

There are four ways to submit ads:

1. E-mail to webmaster@boaf.com.
2. Use the online classifieds.
3. Mail the ad to: **Allen Fox**
44 Irene Drive Pelham, NH 03076
4. Hand deliver at the meeting.

For Sale: Sun Conure Baby

Home Raised and Hand Fed Sun Conure, hatch 12/99 \$300; Quakers hatch 1/00 \$150 Visit our site for info www.parrotpages.com/cncaviary ; Contact: Rena or Allen; Pelham,NH; (603)635-1324 cncaviary@parrotpages.com

For Sale: Red-Belly , Meyers, & Jardines

Handfed DNA sexed female Red Belly \$450; Bonded Pair of Meyers feather plucked \$400; Male Jardine 2 yrs old \$400/BO; Female Jardine 3 yrs old \$400/BO ; Contact: Elaine; --,NH; (603)623-5236

For Sale: Finches

Gouldian Finches, Normal, Redheads, Yellow Heads, Blue Bodies, Yellow Bodies, plus splits to blue and splits to yellow. \$60/ea. White fawn Zebra Finch, \$8/ea ; Contact: Charley Call; Plaistow,NH; (603)382-9754

For Sale: Ringneck Breeders

Selling out all Ringneck Pair 1 pr Normal Green Proven 1 pr Male Normal Green Female Lutino 1 pr "African" Indian Ringnecks Proven \$300/pr or \$1,000/3prs. with cages. ; Contact: Dawn Brooks; Sanford,ME; (207)490-1795 Kertra@aol.com

For Sale: Rainbow Lories

2 HF/HT Rainbow Lory babies for sale with cages \$250 call 207 929 3935 ; Contact: Tracy ; Hollis,ME; (207)929-3935

For Sale: Baby Peach Face LoveBirds

Hand tamed, Banded, Vet checked, DNA sexed Lovebirds, Have 1 female born November, knows up up and to lay on her back. Parents: Hen is Am. Cinnamon and Cock is Green. Cock and Hen are talkers. Sell \$45.00 each or single sex pairs \$75.00. New England Area or will drive to other areas to meet half way. www.geocities.com/FlyingGems ; Contact: Gina; Cape Cod,MA; (508) 555-5555 ccavacas@capecod.net

Proven Pairs - Babies

Blue Gold Macaw Babies....\$650.00. Proven Congo Grey Pairs.....\$1,500.00; Timneh Grey Pairs.....\$1,000.00; Any on eggs are fine for sale but eggs stay. Also, willing to trade for Macaw, Congo, and Cockatoo babies no older than 5 weeks old; Reason for sale: Several pairs of Cockatoos are coming in and no place to put them. ; Contact: Melissa; Rochester,NH; (603) 332-141 crash@nh.ultranet.com

For Sale: Handfed Baby Cockatiels

White face pearl \$60. Lutino \$60 ready early March Normal split to pied large friendly baby sex \$45. Pies in nest reserve yours now. ; Contact: Laurel; Wilmington,MA; (978)657-7153 talt4@erols.com

For Sale: Lovebirds

Orangefaced Lutino PF hatched 8/26/99. Possible male! Handfed. RARE! \$100 ; Contact: Debbie; Northwood,NH; (603)942-7130 www.parrotbabys.com

For Sale: BH Caique Pair

Bonded/Eggglaying BH Caique Pair for sale. First/Last clutch was last Fall. Vet checked/tested/sexed. \$1500 and will ship.

For Sale or Trade:

Baby Blue Quaker and 2 pairs of proven Cockatiels. Will ship if necessary. ; Contact: Carol; Gt. Barrington,MA; (413)528-3312 berkaviary@aol.com

For Sale: Lories, Senegal and Brown Headed Parrot

Hand Fed Baby Black Capped Lory, very tame and likes to play on it's back in your hand, \$600. Hand Fed Baby Rainbow Lories, \$300. each. Hand Fed Baby Senegal, \$350. Hand Fed Baby Brown Headed Parrot, \$400. Brass parrot cage and stand \$150. Large finch flight cage and cabinet \$125. ; Contact: Roger; Dracut,MA; (978)441-0374 rrhamelin@efdnorth.navy.mil

Looking to Trade Sugar Gliders

Looking to trade an unrelated pair of sugar gliders for breeder birds. Or will sell them for \$300. ; Contact: Adam; Merrimack,NH; 603-424-7096 mrant00@aol.com

Chaco Blue Amazon Male

Male Chaco Blue Amazon, has been w/female but she does not like him. Vert healthy, beautiful boy, about 8 10 years old. \$350. 9 Huge Flight cages 3'w x4'd x6'h incl. 3'stands, no trays. Food falls to floor easy to clean. Applewood perches w/some extras. built by professional cage builder. Practically new, buy the lot \$400, or \$75/ea Female Proven Timneh 10yrs Call for Details; **Wanted:** Male Adult Red Fronted Macaw, or will trade female for male, around 4 6 years old. ; Contact: Deanna; Hudson,MA; (978) 562-6496

Webmasters Report:

It has been quite a while since there has been a report. If you haven't visited the site lately I have placed pictures of our 1999 Bird Show on line. These include the top 5 birds and lots of others nice pictures. Take a look, your birds may be there. The 2000 scheduled events are there too. If you want to know what's coming up at the meetings take a look.

Are you familiar with AOL Instant Messenger? AOL users have it and it is also available to anyone who has access to the web. It revolves around the buddy system. You first tell the program about yourself and create a screen name. After that you can build up a list of buddies. The fun part is this. Whenever your buddy goes on line, you know it. Then, you can chat directly with that buddy on line. You can create chat rooms, too. Now, to get to the point. I want to see if the membership is interested in building up a BOAF Buddy List. The Web Site could be updated so members can register their name. Then, whenever a member wants to contact another member online, they just add a new buddy and away you go. Here's a couple you can start with. Rena and I are cncaviary and Ray is prismsdad. Give it a try. To learn more about Instant Messenger go to <http://www.aol.com/aim/>. And best of all, it's free to download and use.

Bird Mart Update by Allen Fox

The Winter Mart will be here in 4 weeks. I have volunteered to Chair the Bird Mart Committee after this mart. Ray and I will share this for the Winter Mart. The Bird Marts are great fund-raisers for the club but they don't happen by themselves.

I would like to put together a Bird Mart Committee of 3-4 people including myself and non-board members to make sure everything is planned and we have the needed support from the members for this and future events. At the February meeting I am hoping that we have a couple of new volunteers. Are you a new member and not sure how you can help? It's easier than you think. If you can't make the meeting and want to help, my number is in the bulletin. Please don't hesitate. Remember, any and all help is appreciated, whether one hour or the whole day. I know many members get tables and are tied up selling. Since you're there, see if you can fill in for a little while. The person getting the break will be happy.

The Bird Marts are for members and the public to buy and sell and also to just hang out and talk with others that have the same interests. Obviously the club needs the proceeds to fund our meetings and events. So, even if you can't help out, just by coming to the mart, paying admission, buying a few raffle tickets, never mind that new bird toy, you are still supporting BOAF and having a little fun too.

A few more items, Ray and I built a 7'x3' A-Frame sign for the mart. We will use poster board to put on the sign for the event the week before. This is our permanent sign for all future events. Thanks Ray for donating the funds to buy the materials. [Ed.: Thanks Allen for the use of your truck and tools.]

Next Directors Meeting:

Date: Mon. February 21, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Allen Fox's home

Agenda: At this meeting the Board of Directors will finalize plans for the Winter Bird Mart. Particular attention will be placed on advertising the event. Staffing the various positions required to operate the mart will also be addressed. Copies of the by laws will be distributed and any open items remaining from the prior meeting will be considered.

The club has never operated with a published budget. However, a budget is required to control costs and plan expenses. We will take a first pass at the 2000 budget.

If you have any other comments or suggestions, we'll address them. Please feel free to join us and present your viewpoints at the meeting.

If you are not an Officer or Director, but have a topic to be addressed and can't make the meeting, please notify one of them prior to the meeting.

2000 Calendar of Events

February: Meeting 2/14/2000
 Business Meeting
 Topic: Bird Carving in Wood
 by Ira Frost

Winter Bird Mart: 3/4/2000
 Nashua Armory

March: Meeting 3/13/2000
 Topic: Toymaking

April: Meeting 4/10/2000
 Pre-Meeting: Bird Sexing
 Clinic (Tentative)
 Topic: Performing Parrots
 Carmela Cannata & Rose Adler

May: Meeting 5/8/2000
 Topic: Rehabilitation and Ex-
 hibition of Wild Animals
 by Soso Whaley and Donna Harned

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

July: Meeting 7/10/2000
 Topic: TBD

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
 Topic: TBD

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

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 expanded Birds of a Feather web site at

WWW.BOAF.COM