

BOAF Bulletin Express

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Dear BOAF members,

As I'm writing this letter, I'm trying to recall what Allen's committee and I forgot to do for the Winter Bird Mart. By the time you read it, we'll all know. If you came to the mart, thank you; if you helped at the mart, a double thank you; if you didn't come, please let us know why you didn't.

The marts are important to BOAF as a means of balancing the budget. But, they are much more than that. They are an opportunity to meet with other bird people both from within BOAF, and without.

There are a number of BOAF members who don't come to the regular monthly meetings but do come to the special events. There are vendors who support aviculture but don't belong to a bird club. Here's an opportunity to meet with them and get their views on raising birds.

Please note that the entrance fee is waived for members who help out at the mart for at least a couple of hours. Why not come to the mart, cover for a few people while they take a break or eat lunch, and socialize for the rest of the day? And it doesn't cost you anything! (Unless, of course, you buy some of the fanatstic merchandise that is on sale at the mart.)

In case you didn't notice, last month's bulletin was dedicated to the theme of increased participation. To promote that concept at the March meeting, there will not be a charge for toymaking. If you don't need a toy for your birds, come make one for BOAF and we'll raffle it at a subsequent meeting or event. Now, what's your excuse for not coming?

I'm pleased to report that we are gaining

several new members each month. Some of the newest are from out of state, such as Florida, North Carolina and Arizona. We've grown from a local club to a regional club. How about striving to become a national club! What do you think?

Thank you again for your suggestions, help, donations and participation.

Sincerely,
Ray Schwartz

Meeting Agenda

7:30 - 8:15 BOAF Business Meeting

Old Business:

- 2001 Show update
- BOAF bylaws
- Bird Mart review
- BOAF Library update

New Business:

- Date & Locale for Summer Bird Mart
- 2000 Show Team
- Bring your concerns and voice them (please not too many at once)

Reports

- Treasurer's report
- Bird mart committee

8:15 - 9:00 Toymaking

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

Letter to the Editor:

Recently we've heard more about the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) than we probably ever wanted to hear. But, do you know what they really do? Most likely not! They don't confiscate anything; animal officers do that. They provide temporary homes for animals in need. Following is a letter relative to the birds and animals recently confiscated in Seabrook.

SPCA Update by Mary Tylicki

There has been a lot of information going around about the situation with a member of our club. Her animals are being kept at the NHSPCA in Stratham. I would like to clear up a few things so to set the story straight. Many of you think the SPCA was responsible for taking the animals. The SPCA does not ever take animals away from people. Those who do take the animals use the SPCA to house and care for them until the situation is straightened out.

Unfortunately, the SPCA gets a bad reputation because of this misinformation. I have been volunteering at the shelter and find that they take very good care of the animals. The employees I have been in contact with have nothing but love and compassion for these animals. They want to make their stay there as pleasant as possible. There are also many people who donate much of their time to help the shelter care for these animals.

At this present time they do have the birds from the club member staying there. They have been given wonderful care. Since the shelter runs on donations there is a need for more donations to help care for the birds as best as possible. There have been many donations sent to the shelter of food, toys, cages, etc. If

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A Bird Story
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Ginger Ambrosia

**The 1999 BOAF
Directory of Officers**

Elected Officers

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

Vice President

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

Treasurer

Steve Tanner.....(603) 647-2013

Secretary

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Membership Secretary

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

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Auction Chairperson

Open

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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

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1 Year Director

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Excerpt from the original BOAF By-Laws

Purpose:

- ◆ To unite people with bird keeping interests
- ◆ To inform aviculturalists on the proper care and breeding of birds
- ◆ To inform aviculturalists of Government legislation to hinder aviculture
- ◆ To educate and expand aviculturalists' interest
- ◆ To make available knowledge of new sources of supplies

Are they still relevant?

How are we doing in satisfying our original purpose?

They also reference an annual show and an annual picnic. The annual show is still in place. We've had a couple of picnics since I've been a member. Should we reinstitute this get together? The by-laws imply picnic in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. I'd recommend that if we decide to do it, we have it in addition to a monthly meeting. What do you think?

Meeting Topics

We still have some open dates. I'm working with Wild Birds Unlimited to give us a presentation on backyard birding. I should have the speaker's name by next month's bulletin. Personally, I'd like a presentation on macaws, cockatoos and/or other large birds. Can anyone suggest a knowledgeable speaker? Does anyone else have any suggestions or requests?

New Hatchlings



Stanley McMullen
Salisbury, NC

Pedro Bonilla
Saugus, MA

Damars De Leon
Sierra Vista, AZ

Susan Lester
Sag Harbor, NY

Peggy Glanz
Amherst, NH

Annie Jefferson
Windham, ME

The Cost of a Second Opinion

A man holding a parrot came running and screaming into a veterinarian's office. The vet immediately brought him into an examining room.

The vet carefully examined the parrot, and then said to the man, "I'm sorry, but this bird is dead." The man began to cry, "No! No! That can't be true! I want another opinion."

The vet thought a second, then said, "okay," and left for the back office. He returned with a Black Labrador retriever. The Black Lab sniffed and sniffed the bird, finally letting out a low "woof" sound and looking up at the vet. The vet said to the man, "The dog thinks that the bird is dead too."

The man said, "I don't believe it! I want another opinion!" The vet then left with the Black Lab and came back with a cat. He placed the cat on the examination table. The cat walked over to the bird and sniffed and nudged it again and again. Finally, the cat shrugged its shoulders and walked away from the bird. The vet said, "The cat thinks it's dead too." The man sighed and said, "I guess you're right. How much do I owe you?"

The vet said, "That will be \$600.00."

The horrified man said, "Six hundred bucks! Just to tell me my bird is dead? That's ridiculous! That's outrageous!"

The vet then said, "Well, I was going to charge you \$50.00, but then I had to include the Lab fees and CAT scan."

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. Almost all positions are still available. I asked last month for someone to run the kitchen but got no response. Any volunteers for the kitchen or any other position?

Secretary's Report:

Meeting of February 14, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:44pm. We have all the rooms we need for the 2001 show at no extra cost. We now have the 2001T-shirts and other BOAF items from Ron. Steve has a copy of the by laws and will get them retyped. Ray Schwartz and Allen Fox are co-chairs for the Winter Bird Mart. There was discussion on the club library, it's getting old. We need to get current books and try to sell the old ones. Steve presented the treasurer's report and Allen presented his report on the Bird Mart.

- 1) Alan and Rena have been taking care of publicity.
- 2) We have a sign.
- 3) About a dozen vendors have already reserved tables.
- 4) Andy Gallien will take care of the financial proceeds at the mart.
- 5) Angela Gray will head up the kitchen.
- 6) The mini auction is still being worked on.
- 7) Nancy Storey will handle memberships and the raffle table.
- 8) Ginny Gallien will handle the admissions table & front door security.

Ira Frost's presentation on Carving Birds in Wood started at 8:26pm. He described his background as an artist and exhibited several fantastic carvings and art works. As a part of his presentation he showed some works-in-progress and how he details and pieces together his carvings. He explained that part of his success is due to his engineering and painting skills permitting intricate lifelike carvings.

Ira's presentation was over at 9:20pm; the raffle started at 9:30 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

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: Rainbow Lorries

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

Classified Advertising

Rules for Classified Ads

Classified Ads are free for BOAF members

Classified ads for the April Bulletin must be received by Allen no later than March 31, 2000

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 and cockatiels

HAND FED AND VERY TAME BABY COCKATIEL AND LOVEBIRDS FOR SALE . I HAVE WHITEFACE COCKATIELS ALSO ALBINOS AND REGULAR ORANGE PATCH GRAY ONES ALSO FOR SALE ARE BABY HAND FED LOVEBIRDS MANY VARIETIES AVAILABLE CALL PETE FOR PRICES THE BIRD HOUSE IN SAUGUS. ; Contact: pedro bonilla; saugus,MA; 781-558-1115 robinn21@aol.com

FOR SALE

BLACK CAPPED CAIQUE FEMALE VERY FRIENDLY BIRD TAME,NEEDS A HOME WHERE SHE CAN RULE THE ROOST AND BE OUT ALOT. TO A PET HOME ONLY NO BREEDERS PLEASE.REASON FOR SALE,JEALOUS OF OTHER BIRDS AND NOT ADAPTING TO NEW MOVE WELL.500. NEGOTIABLE TO RIGHT HOME. ALSO FOR SALE RED FRONT PIED KAKARIKIS 200.EACH ; Contact: AMBER GRISE; GOFFSTOWN,NH; 603 497 3948 KAKARIKIMOM@CS.COM

For Sale: Cages

Large double side by side free standing breeder cage, w/ nestbox doors. Ideal for small parrots, conures, cockatiels. \$50.00 very good condition. Very large durable parrot cage ideal for cockatoos or macaws. cutout for breeder box if needed . Made of chainlink fencing. Approx. 2ft w., 5ft h, 4ft long. \$50. Also, misc. cockatiel breeder cages. ; Contact: Denise; Windham,NH; (603)893-8870 deniseb@mailcity.com

For Sale: Cockatiels

Bonded pair Whiteface cockatiels Cock is normal whiteface, split to pied maybe pearl , Hen is a heavy cinn.pied whiteface. Have been doing "the wild thing" recently should have fertile eggs soon. . \$150.00 Proven Pr. very heavy cinn. pied/pearl. May not feed youngsters so it is best to set surrogate parents to hatch out and feed. \$50. for pair. well worth it for the chicks!!! ; Contact: Denise; Windham, NH; (603)893-8870 deniseb@mailcity.com

Love Birds Proven with cages

Two pair of lovebirds great parents both fed wonderful and have had two clutches each, each had five chicks last time. Ready to bred . Please call for more info.

Proven Pair White Eyed Conures with cage

Excellent parents beautiful birds with cage and nest box. Wonderful birds need a good home. Reason for sale no longer able to take to work to hand feed. Contact: Linda Lewis; Waterville,ME; 2074454047 lmlewis@mint.net

For Sale: Blue Head Pionus Pair

BH Pionus Pair proven for previous owner. Vet sexed/tested. Need quieter home my quakers/ conures bother them. \$1200 OBO! Also, 5mo old parent raised Peachface Lovebird Make an offer!!! ; Contact: Carol; Gt. Barrington,MA; (413)528-3312 berkaviary@aol.com

For Sale: Umbrella Cockatoo

"Baby" a friendly 10 yr old cockatoo needs a new home, comes with wrought iron cage. No breeders please. \$1200/bo. ; Contact: Don Masson; Ayer,MA; (978)448-6025

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: Indian Ringnecks

Indian Ringnecks for sale! 1st Pair: Approx. 3 1/2 yrs. Hen cinnamon parents albino H., Blue C. , Cock, blue parents both blue. Bonded for 2 years. w/cage,box, \$450. good feather. 2nd Pair. Approx 3 1/2 yrs. Hen Albino parents unk. , Cock Green sibling to cinn. hen above. Hen has layed eggs earlier in year. Very bonded. w/cage,box \$450. Also very good feather. Also, Grey male Ringneck tame and talks nice bird. \$400. firm. Moving across country. must sell. ; Contact: Denise; Windham,NH; (603)893-8870 deniseb@mailcity.com

For Sale: Baby Gouldian Finch-Baby Diamond Dove

Normal red hd. purple chest baby \$75 Diamon Dove Baby \$50 ;

For Sale: CAGES \$25-\$175

Good size regualr cages for Finch Parakeets Cockatiels or lg. Birds Contact: ; MV,MA; sidcou@direpc.com

For Sale: rod iron cages- brand new

24x24x70 rod iron cage with seed guard, breeder door, s/s locking crock dishes and feeder service doors perch on top 5/8" bar spacing available in black or white can deliver to BOAF mart on March 4 also have 18x18x23H parrot cage with covertable top black accepting visa and m/c ; Contact: Bobbi; Waterville Area,ME; 207-437-2038 feathers@uninets.net

For Sale: Lories, Senegal, Cockatiels, and Lovebirds

Hand Fed Baby Black Capped Lory, very tame and likes to play on it's back in your hand, \$600. Hand Fed Baby Rainbow Lory, \$300. Hand Fed Baby Senegal, \$350. Hand Fed Baby Cockatiels, \$45.00 to \$75.00 each. Double Factor Violet Hand Fed Baby Lovebirds, \$85.00 each. ; Contact: Roger; Dracut,MA; (978)441-0374 rrrhamelin@efdnorth.navfac.navy.mil

For Sale: Umbrella Cockatoo

Wonderful tame 4 year old Umbrella Cockatoo. Talks, sings and is not a screamer. Ideal for a companion bird. Is fearful of other birds and prefers human contact. Large white Cockatoo Playtop cage included for \$1200. Please call eves/weekends. ; Contact: Judy; York,ME; (207)363-2452 jmartin0101@aol.com

For Sale: Bonded Pair of Quakers

Bonded Pair of Quakers \$250; ; Contact: Rena or Allen; Pelham,NH; (603)635-1324 cncaviary@parrotpages.com

Directors Meeting Report
Meeting of February 21, 2000

The meeting started at 7:45pm with a discussion and review of plans for the bird mart on March 4. We went over table placement, assignments, small lot sales and raffle tables. For the raffle, the winner must be present to win. Ray will pick up the PA from Villa Crest. We also gathered the by laws for the March business meeting. Steve will get them retyped. There was discussion about hiring a third judge for our fall show. A motion was put forward to ask Dr. Al to investigate getting another judge for one of his divisions. Al's response is to be presented at the March director's meeting. The motion passed unanimously. There was also a discussion of affiliations and which ones do we really need. Presently we have affiliations with AFA, NCS, SPBE, NFSS and ALBS. The board also started establishing an annual budget and proceeded by going over the previous year's expenses. A preliminary meeting/membership budget was established. The events' budget was deferred until the next meeting. Katy Secor made a motion to adjourn at 10:40pm, Andy Gallien seconded and it passed unanimously.

Thank you!!

The club has been fortunate in finding sponsors to support BOAF by donating merchandise for our raffles. Please return the favor by supporting them and buying their products. Their generosity helps keep your dues at the low level they've been for the past several years.

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!

Next Directors Meeting

Date: March 20, 2000

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Allen Fox's home

Place:

Agenda: At this meeting the Board of Directors will review the March bird mart financials. Based on this, we will decide where to hold the summer mart. We will also address any other problems relating to the March mart. (To increase our profit we need to increase attendance.)

Adding a judge for the fall show will be discussed.

We'll also continue our attempt at establishing an annual budget by addressing the special events. A preliminary Meeting/Membership budget has already been established.

Time permitting, we'll also address our legal status as an organization and determine what has to be done to incorporate as a not for profit corporation. (This relieves the board from personal liability for BOAF debts.)

If you can help with any of these topics, we'd appreciate it. Allen owns a large house so we have room for lots of members to participate.

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.

Treasurer's Report
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Mary Tylicki Letter continued:

any of you would like to send a donation(s) to help care for the birds (or any of the other animals they have there) it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember it is costly to feed and care for the animals properly. We all know just how expensive it is to take care of our own birds.

Donations may be brought to the shelter on Rte 108 in Stratham. Or you send donations to NHSPCA, P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885. The telephone number is (603) 772-2921. You may also visit them on the web at www.nhspca.org.

[Ed. Mary, thanks for the clarification.]

2000 Calendar of Events

March: Meeting 3/13/2000
 Business Meeting
 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

Summer Bird Mart
 Date & Venue TBD

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

Coming soon: Backyard Birding

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