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**The 2007 Show Results will be published  
in the next issue of the Journal!**

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the first part of next year!**

# Presidents Message



Over the course of this past year your Board of Directors has spent hundreds of manhours reviewing, conducting research and proposing changes to the Societies Bylaws. This has all been done in an effort to more efficiently run NFSS and make better use of our resources and manpower. A Bylaws amendment proposal and ballot to approve or disapprove the amendment are included in this journal. I urge all members to read the amendment and vote. I feel this amendment is a good proposal and will improve the way NFSS is run.

Circumstances in life determine the decision we must make and there are times when our hobby has to take a backseat to our families and work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank three volunteers who donated their time and talent to NFSS but are no longer able to continue in their positions on the board of directors.

Katy Dodd had been our editor for over a year and put out some very memorable journals, thank you Katy. Andy Mordoh was elected 2nd VP of Publications and revitalized the NFSS publications committee,

worked extensively on the website, and helped with the journal. And thanks to Gwynne Willison who had been our Advertising Manager. All three worked to provide a valuable service to the Society. NFSS had a new Editor for this issue. My thanks to Dan Milner for his new look and work on this Journal. NFSS is now looking for an editor. I would like to invite all members that may be interested in the opening to contact me at [r.peers@comcast.net](mailto:r.peers@comcast.net) or 630 740 7389 for more information on the position. In addition we will have a special election for the 2nd VP of Publications position. Tom Keegan has been appointed Pro Tem by the board and will be acting 2nd VP until the special election can be held. Gail Benson has once again assumed the position as Advertising Manager. The results of the recent special election were announced and I would like to welcome Vince Moase who has been elected Region 8 VP (Canada). No ballots were cast for a VP from region 5 (Mountain) and this position remains vacant. Any members interested in filling this opening are encouraged to contact John Wilson 1st VP at [jwilson153@aol.com](mailto:jwilson153@aol.com) or me.

I would also like to remind everyone of our upcoming National show and Annual Membership meeting in Lansing Michigan, November 20-23. I hope to see many of you there.

**Respectfully,  
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# West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 2008

*By Chryse Seeman*

On July 25th and 26th all roads led to the center of Sacramento, CA for the Third Annual West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show; a special event created and supported by west coast finch breeders, not to compete with other sanctioned shows out there, but to encourage more people to enter the show hobby with the two most common finches as well as putting an emphasis on improving show quality in all mutations of each species through friendly competition.

On Friday, the show committee members had their work cut out for them. Transform an empty room into a show bench, sales area, and raffle table, with space people and birds to be comfortable, and do it all before 5PM when the doors opened for business. But team spirit and hard work prevailed. Even the members who drove all day (or night) to get to Sacramento were willing to jump in and help once they arrived. When the doors opened the early-birds were ready and waiting to get the first pick of the birds for sale from some of the top breeders on the West Coast. Later on, special guest, and Judge for the Show, Garrie Landry, gave a presentation to the audience. The 44 finch fanatics who attended were a privileged few who could claim to have met Garrie away

from his Acadiana Aviaries in Louisiana. As a renowned breeder and importer with one of the most complete collections of Zebra mutations in the United States, in addition to Societies, Button Quail, and a menagerie of dove and pigeon species, finch breeders from all over the west coast, and even members from the Sacramento based club, Capitol City Bird Society flocked to the show to hear Garrie speak about his importation experiences and anecdotes regard his successes in building his bird business/hobby. He was an engaging, knowledgeable speaker and was willing to field questions from the audience once his talk had finished as well.

On Saturday, business was brisk at the entry desk with a total of 77 entries (56 Zebras and 21 Societies) from 13 exhibitors. In the group of exhibitors were five first time exhibitors four of which placed on the top bench, and one was the Best Junior Exhibitor. We will be looking for them to return, loaded with more entries, in 2009. Garrie began his judging systematically, and with a practiced eye he worked his way through the birds and had his top ten chosen in each of the four divisions, in short order. The quality of the birds on the bench was exceptional and the





*NFSS members Robert Black, Sally Huntington, and John Wilson socializing at the show.*

crowd was pleased with the results. The Eumos, Penguins and other mutations many of the attendees had not seen before in the Rare Varieties division were just as exciting to see as exemplary birds filling the Standard Zebra Finch Varieties division. There were also plenty of noteworthy birds in the two Society finch divisions, with some beautiful Pies stealing the show in Standard Division, and even some of the Japanese Frills showing up in the Rare Division. It was a treat to see so many birds of such quality, and some of the most uncommon mutations.

The afternoon and evening entertainment included a raffle, auction, and dinner out on the town with an ice cream social to follow. Sally and Vince Huntington were excellent auctioneers, rallying the crowd dol-

lars through laughter and good spirits, with a table full of Beautiful birds, cages, and an always useful SHOP-VAC to mention just a few items.

Between the boisterous auction and the raffle that even those on a budget could be a part of, enough of the necessary funds were raised to come back next year and do it all again! And with that knowledge in heart dinner and the ice cream social were all the merrier. Experienced breeder/author Robert Black and breeder John Wilson were present at most of the evening activities and, along with Garrie, they shared the good times and old stories with us all. It was a fun-filled weekend and was so nice to meet newcomers and visit all of our friends who share this hobby. It was a truly memorable weekend for all who came.

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 2008 Continued

Comments from participants included:

*"The Sacramento Show was a wonderful experience. I totally enjoyed being there and meeting all of the exhibitors and spectators. The quality of zebras and societies was outstanding. Its truly amazing to see how far both species have advanced in the breeding of show quality birds. Breeders should be commended on their efforts. If you like Zebras and Societies this was the show to be at and I do hope to return in the future."*

**- Garrie Landry**

*"Garrie has a very enthusiastic love of birds that was very apparent in his presentation. He seemed to enjoy giving it as much as we loved watching it."*

*"It was really great to finally put faces to many of the names and get to know some of the personality that doesn't always come thru on the Yahoo boards. And boy, do some you have personalities! (LOL)" "I am looking forward to next year. My first time as a novice was wonderful and I learned a lot. I hope to bring more entries next year!"*

**- Vicki Taylor**

**Best Junior Exhibitor Dezirae Lord, Judge Garrie Landry, and Grandmother Paula Hansen.**





**Sally Huntington's Division 2 Tenth Place Orange Breasted CFW Zebra**

*having a great time doing so. It is one of the better gatherings I've attended. As any bird event it reflects the spirit of aviculture. I can't say enough about being part of it."*

**- Paula Hansen**

### ***The Results:***

#### **Division 1 – Standard Zebra Finch Varieties:**

*"You might fall in love with a mutation you've never seen in the "feather" before. You will go home with new birds and be excited about coming back next year."*

**- Janet Edmonds**

*"It's hard to improve on success! We've been so lucky to have premier judges each year."*

*"This was my first time exhibiting at the Specialty, my second time total. I'm not big on showing but I'm sure I will bring something again next year."*

*"Aside from the exhibiting, I've loved being able to put faces with names I've only known online or through email."*

*"The dinner and ice cream social after have become traditions that I hope will continue."*

*"And what about those bird sales! We're gonna need more room next year! Well done, all who had a hand in this year's production."*

**- Gwynne Willison**

*"This show is for those of us who love to gather just for the birds and*

- |      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st  | Sally Huntington<br>Normal Gray     |
| 2nd  | KJ Brown<br>Normal Gray hen         |
| 3rd  | Sally Huntington<br>Normal Gray hen |
| 4th  | Sally Huntington<br>Normal Gray     |
| 5th  | Sally Huntington<br>CFW hen         |
| 6th  | Sally Huntington<br>CFW             |
| 7th  | Chryse Seeman<br>Lightback hen      |
| 8th  | Chryse Seeman<br>Lightback          |
| 9th  | KJ Brown<br>Lightback hen           |
| 10th | KJ Brown<br>Pied                    |

#### **Division 2 Rare Zebra Finch Varieties**

- |     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 1st | Roy Beckham<br>Penguin             |
| 2nd | Roy Beckham<br>Continental CFW     |
| 3rd | Roy Beckham<br>Continental CFW hen |

West Coast Zebra and Society Finch Show 2008 *Continued*

4th	Roy Beckham Penguin hen	1st	Sally Huntington Chocolate & White Marked White
5th	R. Renshaw/J. Edmonds Black Breasted Gray	2nd	Gwynne Willison Chocolate & White Marked White
6th	Jami Arndt Penguin	3rd	Vicki Taylor Chocolate & White Mottled Pied
7th	Jami Arndt Penguin hen	4th	KJ Brown Chocolate & White Mottled Pied
8th	Laura Watkins Black-faced Lightback	5th	Richard Renshaw Fawn Self
9th	Sally Huntington Orange Breasted Gray	6th	Vicki Taylor Society Pair
10th	Sally Huntington Orange Breasted CFW	7th	Gwynne Willison Crested
		8th	Desiree Long - Fawn Dilute

**Division 3 - Standard Society  
Finch Varieties**

*KJ Brown's Division 4 Third Place Pearl Society*



**Division 4 – Rare Society  
Finch Varieties**

- 1st Sally Huntington  
Black Gray  
2nd KJ Brown  
Black Brown  
3rd KJ Brown  
Pearl  
4th KJ Brown  
Red Brown  
5th Richard Renshaw  
Pearl Gray  
6th Sally Huntington  
Mocca Brown  
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- 9th Sally Huntington  
Chiyoda Frill  
10th KJ Brown  
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*When together like this, red-headed male Gouldian finches (centre) are more aggressive – but also more stressed out than yellow-headed and black-headed males.  
Photo by Sarah Pryke.*

## Fiery Redheads Rule The Roost

*By Dr. Sarah R. Pryke*

Many people have shown an interest in the scientific research we are doing on the Gouldian finch. We hope that by keeping you informed we can repay some of the much appreciated support. In this first scientific newsletter, I will explore some of our recent research on the behavioural, physiological and genetic differences between the three head colour varieties (morphs) with regards to dominance. Not only does understanding how individuals compete for access to limited nest sites and food help us to understand the dynamics in wild populations, as you will see, understanding dominance is also crucial for effectively housing and breeding Gouldian finches in aviaries.

## Fiery Redheads Rule The Roost Continued

Alexander the Great, Billy the Kid, Eric the Red, Napoleon, Winston Churchill and even Vladimir Lenin was rumoured to be one before he went bald – all red-heads infamous for their fiery tempers. Recent work has revealed a similar pattern among Gouldian finches where, in the bird world at least, red-heads have an evolutionary advantage allowing them to rule the pecking order. Wild-type Gouldians (which form the basis of our study) have either a red, black or yellow head, and our studies on hundreds of birds have shown that red-heads are dominant to both the black- and yellow-heads.

Similar to hair colour in humans, head colour in Gouldian finches is genetically-inherited (from parents), but unlike us, the head colour of Gouldians is discreet, with no variation in between. This occurrence of different head colour varieties (morphs) in wild populations of a bird, or indeed any animal species, is very rare. This is because selection (e.g. from mates, predators) tends to produce only the single-best colour form for each species – as we see in pretty much every other animal species. From an evolutionary perspective, this makes the Gouldian finch a very unique and interesting species, and one of our major aims is to understand how and why these three head colour morphs coexist together.

To do this, we started by looking at behavioural differences between the different colour morphs. Since different genes control the expression of

the different head colours (red, yellow and black), theoretically, it seems likely that these different genes could also control (or be linked to) other genes which determine different behaviours. To test this theory, we looked at how dominance behaviours differed between the birds, because competition for access to food, nest sites and mates is a crucial component of a bird's fitness (reproductive success) – without any of these, birds are unable to successfully breed.

To begin with we staged unfamiliar males in competition over access to limited food, and watched to see who claimed control of the food. Red-heads won. Matched with either black- or yellow-heads, the red-heads strongly dominated, while black-heads outcompeted yellow-heads.

We then gave the birds a colour make-over by temporarily dyeing them red or black to determine whether head colour was a communication 'signal' between birds. The birds definitely paid attention to head colour as they were reluctant to compete with opponents that had red-dyed heads. For example, although yellow-heads are at the bottom of the pecking order, when yellow-heads are temporarily dyed red they gain the top spot –because none of the other birds will attack or fight them. This demonstrates that these birds do pay very close attention to the colour signal and use it to avoid getting into fights with red-heads.

Other birds avoid conflicts with red-



heads for a very good reason – red-heads are highly aggressive. Even when the red-heads had their heads blackened (i.e. red dominance status removed), they still managed to dominate the other birds, and they did this by initiating and sustaining more physical fights. This is because red-heads are truly very aggressive and therefore it pays black- and yellow-headed birds to avoid fighting with them – because they will lose.



### Why are red-heads so aggressive?

Some recent work carried out this year aimed to answer this question by investigating individual responses in different aggressive situations. For this experiment, males were placed in a range of different social environments, which varied only in the ratios of red-heads to black-heads, and we measured a range of behavioural, hormonal and health (immune function) parameters. What we found was rather surprising, because although male birds in a number of species are predisposed to aggression through their genetic make-up, in Gouldian finches it is their social

situation that actually influences the amount of aggression they display.

When birds were kept in complete isolation (i.e. single bird per cage), there were no differences in hormones and immune performance between red- and black-heads. However, in socially competitive environments (i.e. when the frequencies of aggressive red-heads increase), red-heads responded aggressively,

elevating their testosterone levels to over five times their baseline, whereas black-heads reduced their testosterone levels in response to higher frequencies of red-heads. In other words, this means that as the frequencies of red-heads increase within a cage, red-heads

become very aggressive, while black-heads become very submissive. The high aggression (i.e. high testosterone levels) of red-head males gives them a huge advantage over black- and yellow-heads during competition for food, nest sites and mates.

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However, this high aggression in red-headed birds is not without cost. In these competitive environments, when there are high frequencies of red-heads, red-head males have a highly elevated stress response (this is indicated by the stress hormone corticosterone), and they also suffer severe health risks because they cannot maintain normal levels of immune function. This contrasts with the submissive black-head males that show little or no stress response or reduced immune function to socially competitive environments. Therefore, red-heads and black-heads respond very differently to aggressive environments. This is a very exciting find for us because this is the first study to show that aggression is socially mediated and not simply linked to genes.

### What does this mean for breeders?

These findings have a number of important implications, which will hopefully be useful for owners and breeders of Gouldian finches.

First, to maintain healthy, stress-free populations (i.e. multiple birds in a single cage), red-heads should be kept at lower densities than either black-heads or yellow-heads. It is important to note that variation in 'stress' is not an easily measurable index (without specific blood and hormone assays), but ultimately, stressed birds are more susceptible to pathogens, parasites and disease, and therefore are more likely to get sick. When breeding birds in large

populations it is particularly important to keep red-heads at lower densities, because breeding increases the normal stress load placed on birds – and this effect is exaggerated in red-heads.

Second, for breeders keeping mixed populations of Gouldian finches, it is important to get the balance between red-heads and black-heads right. We know that red-heads and black-heads respond very differently to aggressive environments: red-heads are very sensitive and become highly stressed at high densities, whereas black-heads are more passive and appear to be buffered against these social stressors. As a guide, mixed populations should contain no more than 30% red-heads. In fact, this is the frequency of red-head birds observed in wild populations (with black-heads making up 70% and the rare yellow-heads less than 1%) and is by the far the most successful breeding frequency across our large population-based studies.

In addition to the specific dominance effects between the colour morphs, there are also a number of general management tools which can help to reduce negative dominance effects in caged birds.

*Simply by looking at the head colour of birds we are now able to predict how they will respond to stressful and competitive environments.*

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First, it is important to provide 'unlimited' resources to avoid creating highly competitive environments when housing or breeding birds in populations. This means providing multiple food dishes to prevent one or a few birds dominating the food (and preventing subordinates from feeding), and also providing an excess of nesting sites (e.g. nest boxes) to avoid dominant birds disrupting other breeding pairs. As a rough guide, for every 5 birds there should be an extra food bowl, and during breeding, provide 20-50% more nest boxes than the number of breeding pairs.

Second, it is important to provide a number of 'safe houses' within a cage or aviary, so that subordinate individuals are able to escape from aggressive birds. In aviaries, this can be done by placing a number of vegetation thickets within the cage, creating sub-areas (e.g. joining multiple cages) and also by increasing the number of available nest boxes. Specifically designed perches with safe compartments to perch and roost, such as those provided by the

'de-stress perches' (see the photo below; all details on these perches are provided in Evans & Fidler 2005, *The Gouldian Finch*) are very effective for reducing stress Gouldians.

Lastly, although this may initially appear counter-intuitive, it is important to allow birds to successfully establish dominance hierarchies. Dominance is an important natural behaviour in all animals, used to resolve conflicts over access to limited resources. Birds have evolved a variety of methods to passively 'signal' their relative dominance status, without having to continuously fight with every individual (and hence wasting energy and risking injury). They may use signals such as a colour display (e.g. red head used to signal aggression), or more subtle behavioural cue, such as dominant (e.g. raised body) or submissive (i.e. crouched body) posturing. Such behavioural signals provide us with very important insight into how birds communicate.

For example, Gouldian finches (and probably a number of other birds)



characteristically attack from above and will not aggressively displace their opponents from a vertically lower position. As a consequence, dominant males typically occupy and defend the highest perch, nest box or position in an aviary. This means by simply looking at which bird spends most of their time on the top perch or breeds in the highest nest box, you will be able to identify the dominant birds. There are ways to aid birds in establishing a stable dominance rank by helping them to quickly and effectively establish a dominance hierarchy – contrary to expectations, this will actually reduce (rather than increase) aggression within a population.



For example, individuals who can simply signal their relative dominance status by where they perch or nest within a cage will substantially reduce the number of aggressive conflicts and fights needed to establish their dominance status. In contrast, birds which perch or nest in a

uniform environment (i.e. where all resources are the same height) are unable to passively signal their dominance status and will therefore have to engage in more aggressive conflicts or fights to determine the relative fighting ability of their opponents (i.e. this results in increased aggression and fighting). As a management tool, it is easy to create opportunities for birds to occupy their relative dominance position in an aviary by simply providing a range of perches and nest boxes along a vertical gradient, from very low to very high in the cage (see photo).

*Reduce aggression by helping birds establish dominance hierarchies, using perches and nest boxes positioned along a vertical gradient*

Overall, by using some of these simple guidelines, you should be able to reduce aggression within populations and in doing so provide a stress-free and optimal environment for housing and breeding birds.

### Future research plans

This article outlines some of our findings regarding dominance. Our work on the wild populations in the Kimberley is also continuing (with great success) and over the next year we will report on the threats and current management plans for these endangered populations. We also have big plans for the next few years (in some

## Fiery Redheads Rule The Roost Continued

new and very exciting areas) and they will no doubt be of interest to all Gouldian finch supporters and breeders – we will continue to keep you up to date with our research on this amazing little finch.

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# Board Meeting Minutes

## *NFSS BOD MEETING 2nd Quarter 2008*

PRESENT: Bob Peers, Vonda Zwick, Lisa Murphy, Brian Nagle, Rebecca Mikel, Gunnar Nitzkowski, Gwynne Willison, John Wilson, Andy Mordoh, Ernesto Polidura, Doug White, Bill Parlee, Robert Mehl, Michael Gravely, Paula Hansen, Sally Huntington, Jason Crean, Roland Cristo, Laura Bewley, Sharon Dvorak, Tom Keegan, Cecil Gunby, Katy Dodd

- 2nd VP will investigate options for calendar to list upcoming fairs / shows / marts.
- Prior issues of Journal not rec'd were remailed; July/Aug Journal focus will be photography
- Advertising Mgr & Editor working on Advertising Kit
- Classified Ads now available - \$4/4 lines/1 month on website
- Volunteer from Publishing Committee will assist with website updates
- 2007 Census available at <http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census/CensusReport.aspx>
- Finch Save upgrading to new development system – tests will occur for software
- 3 Panel Judges removed – 1 for non-payment of Membership Dues; 2 recently deceased
- 1st Quarter Income: \$14,015.12; 1st Quarter Expenses: \$10,529.74
- Bank Balance: 1/1/08: \$16,696.50; 3/1/08: \$20,181.88; 5/1/08: \$20,220.40
- Upcoming Known Expenses: \$1345, not including May/June & July/Aug Journals and normal operating expenses
- IRS 990 form mailed on 4/21/08
- 2006 Audit presented; 2007 Audit of financial records assigned to Gwynne Willison & Bill Parlee
- NFSS Logo Pins ordered, rec'd, and being sold
- 711 current members, 33 current Affiliated Clubs
- Latest version of the Journal to be stored electronically for future access/back-up
- Exec. Secretary agreed to hold raffle items for NCBS and transport to event
- AFA & NCBS Advertising completed
- Judge's Handbook revisions provided to 4th VP for scan and electronic format
- Zebra Standard revision complete; new classification eligible for participation at 2009 NCBS
- Regional Show Assignments announced
- The topic of "refunds of membership dues upon request" is referred to Policies & Procedures Committee



**MOTIONS:****2008-18 BY: Hansen****2nd: Murphy RESULT: Pass**

Increase Band Dept. budget by \$3000

**2008-19 BY: Mehl 2nd: Keegan****RESULT: Pass**

Each January, Awards Manager, in consultation with Pres & Treas. Will establish awards pricing for that calendar year at a level intended to offset all associated costs to society. A margin, not to exceed 5%, shall be deemed sufficient to protect against losses

**2008-20 BY: Mehl 2nd: Mikel****RESULT: Pass**

To make it easier for clubs to be sure of a judge's status, Judge's memberships will be arranged so all expire on 12/31. The Membership Director will pro-rate memberships for all judges to accomplish this before the end of 2009 calendar year. Judges who have paid beyond that date, will extended to 12/31 of the year in which membership is scheduled to expire. Judges may continue to purchase multi-year memberships

**2008-21 BY: Mehl 2nd: Mikel****RESULT: Fail**

Beginning 2009 Calendar year, Judge's fees will be eliminated. Further, in the interest of maintaining clarity about a judge's active status, no fees beyond membership will be required of them.

**2008-22 BY: Murphy 2nd: Zwick****RESULT: Pass**

Approve Zebra standard as submitted by 4th VP

**2008-23 BY: Murphy 2nd: Zwick****RESULT: Fail**

Accept the By Law Revision as submitted by the Committee with changes as

requested by 3rd & 4th VP (Committee Chair requested this version be voted down while further changes made)

**2008-24 BY: Mikel 2nd: Mordoh****RESULT: Pass**

To accept revised Back Up Document form

**2008-25 BY: Keegan 2nd: Gunby****RESULT: Pass**

To form a committee that will make recommendations to the BOD during the 3rd quarter meeting on the development of a new annual award for the bird achieving the most exhibition points in a year

**2008-26 BY: Wilson 2nd: Hansen****RESULT: Pass**

To accept the 2006 Audit as submitted by Sharon Dvorak and Rebecca Mikel

**2008-27 BY: Zwick 2nd: Mehl****RESULT: Pass**

To amend motion #2008-25 to read: "To form a committee that will make recommendations to the BOD during the 3rd quarter BOD meeting on the development of a new award to benefit NFSS and its membership".

**2007-28 BY: Keegan 2nd: Zwick****RESULT: Fail**

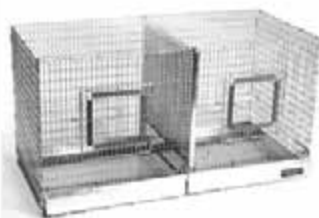
The Bylaws Committee will amend the current revision of the bylaws under consideration to indicate that non-voting (appointed) members of the BOD of NFSS will be made "Department Managers" and no longer be Directors on the BOD. Requirements for participation in BOD meetings on the part of appointed managers will be at the discretion of the BOD.

**2008-29 BY: Mehl 2nd: Murphy****RESULT: Pass**

To accept the minutes as written and adjourn the 2nd Quarter 2008 Meeting

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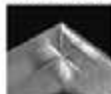
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# 2008 By-Law Revision

## *Important notes*



This not-so-short article is designed to explain the many revisions that were made by the bylaw committee. During the fall of 2007, after the Board elected me to Chair the committee, I carefully reviewed the bylaws. I updated them to bring them into the electronic age and made several other changes and corrections to make them more responsive to the members and functional for the Board. On January 2nd we started our committee work which included members President Bob Peers, Tom Keegan, Rebecca Mikel, Andy Mordoh, Lisa Murphy, Doug White, John Wilson, and myself as Chairman.

The revision was accomplished by revising each paragraph, one at a time, after complete discussion and suggestions were received from each member of the committee. Final decisions were made by a consensus of the opinions presented. The revision was then presented to the Board of Directors for its review and comments. After a consensus, those changes were also included in the bylaws. This article does not cover the many spelling, grammar, punctuation and numbering changes that were made or corrected.

**The mission statement** was not changed but the wording was

cleaned up. This was done to make the statement more coherent and to clarify our role in working with other organizations to preserve our hobby.

Throughout the document, when an officer may receive funds from any source, wording has been added to assure timely reporting and mailing of funds to the Treasurer.

**Article 2** was enhanced to include our calendar year for operations and tax reporting purposes.

**Article 4, paragraph 2** was changed to allow latitude in how dual membership votes will be submitted.

**Article 4, paragraph 4** was changed to define when a member's membership shall end and sets a time limit for members to renew and keep their membership number active as it relates to exhibition points and other related data attached to their membership number.

**Article 4, paragraph 6** is a brand new paragraph. Although the original bylaws defined Affiliates, the 2005 revision left out any definition or mention of Affiliates. This new paragraph details their membership status and benefits under their affiliation agreement and deals with voting rights.

Please note that the original bylaws had numbering errors in Article 5.

**Article 5, paragraph 1** spells out the voting rights of an appointed or Pro Tem officer. It also spells out that the Board of Directors may create or eliminate manager positions as needed.

**Article 5 paragraph 2** clarifies how and when an election ballot must be presented to the membership and when it must be returned. It also details how the ballots will be counted and how the election committee determines the winner of each office. The old paragraph was very vague and did not take into account how a winner would be determined should more than two candidates run for any particular office. The new paragraph also deals with how we break a tie for any elected position.

**Article 5, paragraph 3** has been changed to better explain situations pertaining to running for office. It explains that a member may not run for more than one office, that a presently elected officer may temporarily assume the duties of another officer as detailed by the by-laws, and how we handle submission of more than three candidates for any particular office.

**Article 5, paragraph 4** specifies with more accuracy and clarity as to how we count ballots.

**Article 5, paragraph 5** details with more clarity how long an appointed officer to an elected position may serve.

**Article 5, paragraph 6** better defines the order of succession in accordance with our bylaws.

**Article 5, paragraph 8** gives the responsibility from the Advertising and Promotions Manager to the Second Vice President.

**Article 5, paragraph 9** adds detail as to the financial responsibility of this office. This same statement was added to all paragraphs where the officer has some responsibility to provide reports and or send monies to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

**Article 5, paragraph 12** was revamped to more accurately explain the Treasurer's responsibility as it pertains to IRS filings, the handling of funds, the paying of bills, and how and when audits of our accounts must be completed.

**Article 5, paragraph 14** Title changed to Affiliate/Awards Director.

**Article 5, paragraph 16** details the responsibility of the Finchshop director as it pertains to Society inventory and property.

**Article 5, paragraph 17** more clearly defines the Regional Vice Presidents' responsibilities with regard to assisting with legislative matters, holding meetings, and the necessity of reporting to the Board their activities within their region which they have taken part in to benefit NFSS.

**Article 5, paragraph 18** was enhanced to include a statement regarding the timely delivery of the Journal to members.

## 2008 By-Law Revision Continued

**Article 5, paragraph 20** Changes to include the Web Site in duties, and cooperation with the Journal Editor.

**Article 5, paragraph 21** was completely rewritten, it basically says the same thing but in a more coherent way.

**Article 5, paragraph 22** was totally rewritten to better detail responsibilities, both locally and nationally. It also defines the responsibility to report negative efforts to the Board and more coherently explains that we will work with other organizations as it relates to pre-legislative or legislative actions that may not be in our best interest.

**Article 5, paragraph 25** is a totally new paragraph dealing with the newly appointed position of Parliamentarian.

**Article 6, paragraph 2** has been updated to include the electronic or face-to-face meetings held by the Board. It also states when the 4th quarterly meeting may start.

**Article 6, paragraph 3** explains how and when agenda items must be presented.

**Article 6, paragraph 4** has sub paragraphs that are numbered 4.0, 4.1, and 4.2. These are new paragraphs that clearly detail how we conduct our meeting in an electronic era. This section also details a Board member's responsibility to monitor email and provides for penalties that may be imposed for missing meetings. Further it details how we handle electronic failures.

**Article 6, paragraph 5** changes emergency meetings from without notice to requiring a 24 hour notice.

**Article 6, paragraph 7** is a totally new paragraph. This paragraph limits the responsibility of Board members from being personally responsible for Society debts. It also states that no member may receive any benefit from any asset of the Society and that no monies will be used for personal use.

**Article 7, most paragraphs** were re-worded to be more coherent.

**Article 7, paragraph 7** now has sub paragraphs 7.0, 7.1 and 7.2. The paragraphs have been totally rewritten to clarify how a judge is accepted to the panel. 7.1 also now requires the retention of all documents relating to a judges acceptance to the panel. There is also wording that forbids a judge from judging if they are not in good standing.

**Article 8, paragraph 2** has been totally rewritten.

Article 8, paragraph 3 has been changed to allow for a year to date financial report and suggestions for the next budget year.

**Article 10 paragraph 1** now includes a statement that allows the Board of Directors to deny consideration of any proposed amendment to the bylaws that it feels is injurious to the society or that is in violation of our mission statement or other provisions of the by-laws.

**Article 10 paragraph 2** states when

proposed amendments must be published and how the ballots are counted.

There were several other small changes not covered here. For a comparison to the existing bylaws, please see the NFSS web site or you may request a hard copy from Executive Secretary Rebecca Mikel.

The Board of Directors voted on this final draft and approved sending it to the membership for a vote. Please vote your approval or disapproval as your opinions are important to the Board.

Regards,  
**Bill Parlee**  
**NFSS President Emeritus**  
**Bylaw Revision Committee**  
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# NFSS Annual Census

*By Vonda Zwick*

## 2007 Census Results

I am pleased to inform membership that the 2007 Census was successfully launched online at the end of last year. A total of 7,213 birds were entered by 112 participants. This data included data for 224 different species of finches, softbills, and doves and quail. All results are available online at <http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census/CensusReport.aspx>. The new online Census allowed users to log in, set their privacy settings, and enter their birds via a quick and user-friendly interface. The Census Report page tallies the statistics and displays the results. Results can be viewed by overall results (all types of birds entered in the Census) or filtered by any of the following: Breeding Programs Only vs All Programs, Bird Type (finch, softbill, or dove/quail), Species, Mutation, NFSS Region of Participant, and Bird Region of Origin (Africa, Australia, Europe, Indo-Pacific, and South America). The report also generates the average / mean / mode / min / max number of birds or species per participant and produces a list of keepers of any given species/mutation (this list includes only those participants who chose to disclose their personal information). When we have data from multiple years available, a new section of the report will be added to illustrate trends over time.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Census and to encourage everyone to participate again or anew in the Census in the fall. I am currently working full time on the Finch and Softbill Save program with the hope that we can revitalize the conservation effort by bringing it online.

## 2008 Census Is Here

The 2008 online census will be open from Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2008. I want to encourage everyone with the means to participate in the Census online to do so. The online system takes only a few moments to complete, the data is collected and tallied immediately, and you can log in at any time to change your data as long as the Census is open. You will also be able to view the overall totals as they come in. Your personal information is not disclosed unless you choose to share contact information with other fanciers.

While online participation is encouraged, mail-in Census forms will also be accepted for those without Internet access.

The Census is an important function of the NFSS. The data collected will help us assess the state of aviculture in the US and Canada, as well as analyze trends over time. Everyone's participation is encouraged no matter how many birds you keep, whether you breed or just enjoy,



whether you are an NFSS member or not. The more data we get, the better we can understand our hobby.

### 2008 Census Instructions.

To participate in the Census online (preferred), simply visit [www.nfss-fss.org/Census](http://www.nfss-fss.org/Census) between November 1st and December 31st, and follow the instructions to create an account, log in, and submit your data. Returning participants may choose to log in with their previous account information or create a new account.

To participate in the Census via mail, fill out the form included in this journal and mail it to me at the address below.

Tracking mutation data is not a goal of the Census. Limited mutation data is collected only to help connect breeders. Mutation combinations are not supported, so you must choose which mutation to enter such birds under. You are free to enter all your birds as Normal (or Other) rather than enter them by mutation to keep the process simple.

### Supported mutations are as follows:

**Gouldians** (body color only): Normal, Blue, Dilute, Powder Blue, Silver, Yellow, Other.

**Red Throated Parrotfinch:** Normal, Pied, Seagreen.

**Society Finch:** (All White, Chestnut and White Pied, Chestnut Self, Chocolate and White Pied, Chocolate Self, Crested (any color), Euro

Black Brown, Euro Grey, Euro Red Brown, Fawn and White Pied, Fawn Self, Pearl, Other.

**Star Finch:** Normal, Isabelle (Any Head Color), Pied (Any Body/Head Color), Yellow-faced.

**Zebra Finch:** Normal Grey, Black-breasted, Black-cheeked, Black-faced, Chestnut-flanked White, Cream, Crested, Dominant Silver, Eumo, Fawn, Fawn-cheeked, Florida Fancy, Lightback, Orange-breasted, Other, Penguin, Pied, Recessive Silver, White.

**The Census is open to both NFSS members and non-members in order to get the most accurate portrait of the birds we are keeping in the fancy.**

Please help to contribute to the success of the program by participating and spreading the word! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the Census.

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# 2007 Census Results

*Full Detailed Report Is On Our Website*

<b>Common Name:</b>	<b>Number:</b>	<b>Common Name:</b>	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Finches</b>			
African Citril	9	Grand Mannikin	5
African Silverbill	9	Green Singer	144
Black And White Mannikin	4	Green-backed Twinspot	14
Black And White Seedeater	8	Green-winged Pytilia	9
Black Siskin	9	Grey Singer	89
Black-bellied Firefinch	5	Grey-crowned Mannikin	2
Black-cheeked Waxbill	18	Grey-headed Mannikin	8
Black-crowned Waxbill	4	Grey-headed Silverbill	4
Black-faced Firefinch	5	Heck's Shafftail	78
Black-headed Nun	9	Indian Silverbill	29
Black-headed Siskin	5	Jacarini Finch	2
Black-rumped Waxbill	23	Jameson's Firefinch	2
Black-winged Bishop	6	Japanese Grosbeak	1
Blue-billed (African) Firefinch	2	Java Rice Finch	68
Blue-breasted Cordon Bleu	10	Lavender Finch	72
Blue-capped Cordon-bleu	179	Lemon-breasted Canary	6
Blue-faced Parrotfinch	25	Linnet	3
Brimstone Canary	1	Madagascar Mannikin	4
Bronze-winged Mannikin	41	Magpie Mannikin	8
Brown Twinspot	9	Masked Grassfinch	18
Canary	315	Napoleon Weaver	17
Chaffinch	2	Orange Bishop	19
Cherry Finch	16	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	142
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	16	Orange-winged Pytilia	14
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	11	Owl Finch	251
Chinese Grosbeak	2	Owl Finch - Black Rumped	4
Combassou	6	Painted Firetail	112
Crimson-winged Pytilia	9	Paradise Whydah	44
Cuban Melodious Finch	53	Parson Finch	42
Cutthroat Finch	130	Peales Parrotfinch	11
Diamond Firetail	67	Peruvian Meadowlark	2
European Goldfinch	49	Peters' Twinspot	28
European Greenfinch	13	Pin-tailed Nonpareil	6
European Serin	2	Pin-tailed Whydah	14
European Siskin	10	Purple Grenadier	35
Five-colored Munia	3	Quail Finch	8
Goldbreasted Waxbill	393	Red Siskin	61
Golden Song Sparrow	42	Red-billed (Senegal) Firefinch	199
Gouldian Finch Blue Body	143	Red-billed Firefinch	14
Gouldian Finch Dilute Body	63	Red-capped Cardinal	17
Gouldian Finch Normal	873	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	72
Gouldian Finch Powder Blue	5	Red-collared Whydah	3
Gouldian Finch Silver Body	10	Red-crested Cardinal	3
Gouldian Finch Yellow Body	161	Red-crested Finch	7

Common Name:	Number:	Common Name:	Number:
Red-faced Crimson-wing	14	Zebra Finch Dominant Silver	13
Red-faced Pytilia	4	Zebra Finch Eumo	2
Red-headed Finch	9	Zebra Finch Fawn	32
Red-headed Parrotfinch	94	Zebra Finch Fawn-cheeked	2
Red-headed Quelea	2	Zebra Finch Florida Fancy	30
Red-throated Parrotfinch Norm	59	Zebra Finch Normal Grey	238
Red-throated Parrotfinch Pied	23	Zebra Finch Orange-breasted	22
Rosy Twinspot	16	Zebra Finch Other	35
Rosy-rumped Waxbill	32	Zebra Finch Penguin	15
Saffron Finch	8	Zebra Finch Pied	21
Scaly-crowned Weaver	2	Zebra Finch Silver Isabelle	1
Shafftail	69	Zebra Finch White	6
Siberian Goldfinch	2		
Society Finch All White	67		
Society Finch Chest. & Wh Pied	23	<b>Finch Totals</b>	<b>6534</b>
Society Finch Chestnut Self	8		
Society Finch Chand Wh Pied	118	<b>Softbills</b>	
Society Finch Chocolate Self	89	African Black Crane	3
Society Finch Crested	28	African Yellow White Eye	7
Society Finch Euro Blk Brown	68	Allen's Gallinule	2
Society Finch Euro Grey	19	Amethyst Starling	7
Society Finch Euro Red Brown	15	Bali Mynah	13
Society Finch Fn and Wh Pied	84	Bananaquit	2
Society Finch Fn Self	58	Barbary Shrike	2
Society Finch Other	22	Bearded Barbet	7
Society Finch Pearl	47	Black-faced Dacnis	1
Spice Finch	45	Black-spotted Barbet	4
St. Helena Waxbill	25	Black-throated Laughing Thrush	2
Star Finch Isabelle	16	Blacksmith Plover	2
Star Finch Normal	87	Blue Dacnis	2
Star Finch Pied	17	Blue Tit	7
Star Finch Yellow-faced	13	Blue-gray Tanager	9
Straw-tailed Whydah	5	Blue-naped Mousebird	1
Strawberry Finch	82	Blyth's Hornbill	1
Sweet Waxbill	26	Burnished-buff Tanager	3
Timor Zebra	7	Chestnut-eared Aracari	1
Tri-colored Nun	15	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	2
Tri-colored Parrotfinch	36	Cissa	6
Violet-eared Waxbill	31	Collared Aracari	2
Western Bluebill	18	Collies Magpie Jay	3
White-bellied Canary	4	Common Mynah	2
White-headed Nun	36	Crimson-rumped Toucanet	2
Yellow-rumped Seedeater	1	Double-toothed Barbet	2
Zanzibar Red Bishop	8	Eastern Yellow-billed Hornbill	3
Zebra Finch Black-breasted	20	Emerald Starling	3
Zebra Finch Black-cheeked	66	European Blackbird	2
Zebra Finch Black-faced	16	European Roller	4
Zebra Finch Chest.flanked Wh.	87	European Song Thrush	2
Zebra Finch Cream	2	European Starling	7
Zebra Finch Crested	8	Garden/black Eye Bulbul	1
		Golden Tanager	6



# 2008 Census Form

*Full Detailed Form is On Our Website*

Common Name:	Number:	Common Name:	Number:
<b>Finches</b>			
African Citril	<input type="text"/>	Grand Mannikin	<input type="text"/>
African Silverbill	<input type="text"/>	Green Singer	<input type="text"/>
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Indian Hill Mynah	<input type="text"/>	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<input type="text"/>
Jackson's Hornbill	<input type="text"/>		
Japanese White Eye	<input type="text"/>	<b>Doves &amp; Quail</b>	
Kikuyu White Eye	<input type="text"/>	Bare-faced Ground Dove	<input type="text"/>
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White Head Black Bulbul	<input type="text"/>		
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Personal Information  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1740	

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*Liaison Officer - Club Delegates/Show Dates — Mr. Robert Mehl*  
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RobertMehl@aol.com

*Note: Events may be held in states other than the home state of the club. Regional affiliates are those with no steady location, but should be checked for events near you.*

## ALABAMA

### Central Alabama Avicultural Society

Delegate: Jorge & Carmela Juez  
Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month  
Location: Montgomery Zoo/Quality Inn and Suites  
Info Contact: tedsexton@bellsouth.net

## CALIFORNIA

### Central California Cage Bird Club

Delegate: Chryse Seeman  
Club website: www.mycccbc.org  
Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month  
Location: Manchini Hall, Modesto, CA  
Info contact: Chryse Seeman  
chryse95320@yahoo.com

### Finch Society of San Diego County

Delegate: Sally Huntington  
Club website:  
www.sandiegofinchsociety.com  
Meeting Schedule: Sundays  
9/28, 10/26, 11/23  
Location: Elks Lodge 13219 Poway Rd. Poway, CA 92064  
Info contact: Sally Huntington  
sallych@san.rr.com

### Herbert Ibarra Elementary Bird Club

Delegate: Scott Golden - teacher  
Club  
Email: scottgoldensd@hotmail.com  
Meeting Schedule: Open  
Location: Herbert Ibarra Elementary

### Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club

Delegate: Shanna Dollarhide  
Club Email: scvcebc@yahoo.com  
Club website:  
www.santaclarabirdclub.org  
Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the Month  
Location: Santa Clara, CA  
Show/Expo: Annual Show Dec. 6, 2007  
Info contact: Shanna Dollarhide,  
Shanna@coloronthewing.com

## COLORADO

### Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture, Inc

Delegate: Lisa McManus  
Club website: www.rmsa-birds.org  
Show/Expo: Fall Show, Nov 8-9th 2008  
Location: National Western Complex, Denver, CO  
Judge: Al Decoteau & Conrad Meinert

## FLORIDA

### Cage Bird Club of Charlotte County

Delegate: Sue Pacheco  
Club Email: pmhill@comcast.net  
Club website: www.caged-bird-club.com  
Meeting Schedule: 1st Friday of the Month  
Location: 20271 Tappen Zee Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL

### Suncoast Avian Society

Delegate: Mari Howard  
Club website:  
www.suncoastaviansociety.org  
Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month - Location: Moccasin Lake Park, Clearwater FL

### **Treasure Coast Exotic Bird Club**

Delegate: Timothy McCormick, email: tm50et@yahoo.com

Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month 2 PM

Location: Port Salerno Civic Center, Stuart, FL

### **Tri-State Avian Society**

Delegate: Barry Laster

Club website: Tristateaviansociety.org

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Saturday of Month

Location: Tallahassee, FL

Info contact: Barry Laster, BarryL7523@comcast.net

## **ILLINOIS**

### **Finch & Softbill Breeders & Exhibitors Club**

Delegate: Gail Benson

Club website: www.fsbec.finchfiles.com

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thurs. of the month

Location: Palatine, IL

Information contact: Gail Benson gailsgouldians@comcast.net

### **Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club**

Delegate: Diana Federl

Club Email: info@gccbc.org

Club website: www.gccbc.org

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Friday of the Month

Location: 215 S. Riverside, Lombard, IL - Show/Expo: GCCBC 77th Show Nov 1, 2008

Location: DuPage Expo Center  
Information contact: president@gccbc.org

### **The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland**

Delegate: Jason Crean

Club Email: tascchicago@aol.com

Club website: www.tasc-chicago.org

Meeting Schedule: Months with 5 Fridays at 7:30PM

Location: Lombard Log cabin, Lombard, IL

Info contact: Jason Crean tascchicago@aol.com

### **National Institute of Red Orange Canaries**

Delegate: Steve Hopman

Show/Expo: NIROC Annual Show November 29th 2008

Location: Waterford Banquet & Conference

Center, 933 S. Riverside Drive, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Info Contact: James Fessel jdcafessel@sbcglobal.net

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asociación de Criadores de Finches de Este Inc.**

Delegate: Ernesto Polidura

Contact: Rurico Vidal

Phone: (787) 653-7322

Show: 2008 Winter National Show

November 7 - 9, 2008 Place: TBD

Judge: Mrs. Martha Wigmore

### **Canadian Finch and Softbill Society**

Delegate: Vince Moase

Club Email: vmoase@rogers.com

Show/Expo: TBA

### **Essex-Kent Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: Alfred Mion

Club website: www.essexkentcbs.com

Windsor, Canada

Information contact: Alfred Mion, julianne@mnsi.net

## **IOWA**

### **Mid America Cage Bird Society**

Delegate: John Thielking

Club website: www.MACBS.org

Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month / Location: Des Moines Botanical Center 909 Robert D Ray Drive

Info contact: John Thielking,

Thielking@lowalink.com

## NFSS Affiliated Clubs Continued

**MARYLAND****Baltimore Bird Fanciers**

Delegate: Robert Mehl

Club website:

[www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org](http://www.baltimorebirdfanciers.org)

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month except May &amp; Oct 2PM

Location: Towson Public Library, Baltimore County

Info contact: Robert Mehl,  
[robert.mehl@verizon.net](mailto:robert.mehl@verizon.net)**Maryland All Canary Club**

Delegate: Jonathan Smith

Club website:

[geocities.com/heartland/3575/macc.html](http://geocities.com/heartland/3575/macc.html)

Meeting Schedule: 4th Sunday of the Month

Location: Varies

Contact info: Jonathan Smith  
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Delegate: Tom Keegan

Club website: [www.masscagebird.org](http://www.masscagebird.org)

Show/Expo: Show Oct. 18, 2008

Location: TBD

Judge: Nizam Ali

**MICHIGAN****Great Lakes Zebra and Society Finch Club**

Delegate: Rebecca Mikel

Club website:

[greatlakeszebra&societyfinchclub.com](http://greatlakeszebra&societyfinchclub.com)Info contact: Jim Heffernan,  
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Delegate: Jeanne Murphy,

[pinataminiatures@yahoo.com](mailto:pinataminiatures@yahoo.com)Club website: [canaryclub.su.com](http://canaryclub.su.com)Information contact: Darlene Witt,  
[pinataminiatures@yahoo.com](mailto:pinataminiatures@yahoo.com)**MISSOURI****Gateway Parrot Club**

Delegate: Christine Kinkade

Club website: [gatewayparrotclub.org](http://gatewayparrotclub.org)

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month, 2PM

Location: Kirkwood Community Center, 1111 S Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO

Info contact: Phyllis Cotton  
[vicepresident@gatewayparrotclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@gatewayparrotclub.com)**Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society**

Delegate: Anthony Day

Club website: [www.kcas.org](http://www.kcas.org)

Show/Expo: GKCAS Bird Fair Oct. 18th 2008

Location: Coronation of Our Lady Church, 1300 Bennington, Grandview, MO 64030

**NEW HAMPSHIRE****Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society**

Delegate: Raymond Schwartz

Club website: [www.boaf.com](http://www.boaf.com)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of the Month

Location: Villa Crest Retirement Center, Manchester, NH

Show/Expo: 21st Annual Fall Show &amp; Mart Oct. 25th 2008

Location: NH National Guard Amory, Nashua, NH

Info contact: Ray Schwartz,  
[president@boaf.com](mailto:president@boaf.com)

## NEW YORK

### Empire Finch & Canary Club

Delegate: John Lund, (516) 564-4692,  
email: IRMANPEREZ@aol.com

Show/Expo: Show Nov 8, 2008

Location: St. Marks Methodist Church,  
200 Hempstead Ave, Rockville  
Center, NY

Judge: Robert Vargo

Info contact: Gabe Dillon 516-593-  
2841

Other Divisions: Colorbred, Type, Fife,  
and Gloster Canaries

### NewYork Finch & Type Canary Club

Delegate: Stan Kulak

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the  
Month except holidays

Location: Averill Blvd. Park, Elmont  
(Long Island), NY

Info contact: Stan Kulak  
barstand@aaahawk.com

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Raleigh-Durham Cage Bird Society

Delegate: James Dvorak

Club website: [www.RDCBS.org](http://www.RDCBS.org)

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the  
Month 2:30 PM

Location: Glen Eden Pilot Park, Ra-  
leigh

Info contact: John Marquis,  
[john@jamcosys.com](mailto:john@jamcosys.com)

## OREGON

### Columbia Canary Club

Delegate: KJ and Linda Brown

Show/Expo: Bird Show Nov 8-9 2008

Location: National Guard Armory,  
10101 SE Clackamas Rd, Clackamas,  
OR / Judge: Alfredo Bruguera

Info contact: Linda Brown 503-266-  
7606

[JeepersPeepers55@aol.com](mailto:JeepersPeepers55@aol.com)

Other Divisions: Type and Colorbred  
Canary

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### Chester County Bird Club

Delegate: Doris Rickards

Club Email: [Info@ccbirdclub.com](mailto:Info@ccbirdclub.com)

Club website: [www.ccbirdclub.com](http://www.ccbirdclub.com)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sun. of the  
month / Location: East Whiteland  
Township Bldg

Show/Expo date: 20th Annual Show &  
Mart November 8th, 2008

Location: Church Farm School, 1001  
East Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA

Info contact: Doris Rickards  
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## TENNESSEE

### SE Tennessee Aviculture Society

Delegate: Susan Murphy

Club website: [www.stasbirdclub.com](http://www.stasbirdclub.com)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the  
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Location: Niota Elementary School  
Niota, TN

Info contact: Lisa Murphy  
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## TEXAS

### Canary & Finch Society

Delegate: Mary Hearn

Club Website:

<http://canaryfinchsociety.tripod.com>

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the  
month / Location: See Website for  
directions

Info contact: Mary Hearn

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### Fort Worth Bird Club

Delegate: Clarence Culwel

Club website: [www.fwbc.org](http://www.fwbc.org)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Sunday of the  
month / Location: Botanical gardens,  
Fort Worth TX

Show/Expo: 55th Annual All Bird  
Show Region 4 NFSS Show  
11/27/2008

## NFSS Affiliated Clubs Continued

Location: Grapevine Convention Center

Judge: Ken Gunby

Info contact: Jerry Casor  
show@fwbc.org

### Texas Bird Breeders

Delegate: Clarence Culwell

Club website:

ww.texasbirdbreeders.org

Meeting Schedule: Quarterly

Location: Varies

Info contact: Clarence Culwell,  
coculwell@wccs.net

## VIRGINIA

### Pennisula Caged Bird Society

Delegate: Peggy Duval

Club website:

www.vapennisulacagedbirdsociety.org

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the Month

Location: Columbia Center, 12742 Nettles Dr., Newport News, VA  
Show/Expo: Fall Bird Mart Cockatiel & NFSS Show Nov. 1st, 2008

Location: Columbia Center, 12742 Nettles Dr., Newport News, VA  
Info contact:  
finchbreeder@earthlink.net

## WASHINGTON

### Cascade Canary Breeders Association

Delegate: Janel Johnson

Meeting Schedule: 3rd Sunday of the month / Location: 120 West Sunset Way, Issaquah, WA 98027

Show/Expo: Finch & Canary show  
Nov 29-30 2008

Location: Evergreen State Fairgrounds,  
Monroe, WA

Info contact: Janel Johnson,  
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### Central Wisconsin Cage and Exotic Bird Connection

Delegate: Marlene Minor

Club website: www.cwwcbc.us/bc/

Information contact: Marlene Minor  
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## REGIONAL/NATIONAL

### American Dove Association

Delegate: Denny Stapp

Club Website: www.doveline.com

Show/Expo: ADA @ the Nutritional Young Bird Show Oct. 18th, 2008

Location: Fair & Exposition Center,  
Louisville KY

Judge: Smith - Ringnecks Ken Becker-Diamonds

Info contact: Stapp  
secretary@doveline.com

### Avicultural Society of America

Delegate: Sheri Hanna

Club Website: www.asabirds.org

Info contact: Sheri Hanna  
turacoldy@aol.com 805-208-1759

### Southeast Bird Fanciers

Delegate: Ginny Allen

Club website:

www.members.tripod.com/sebfg/

Location: Varies

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