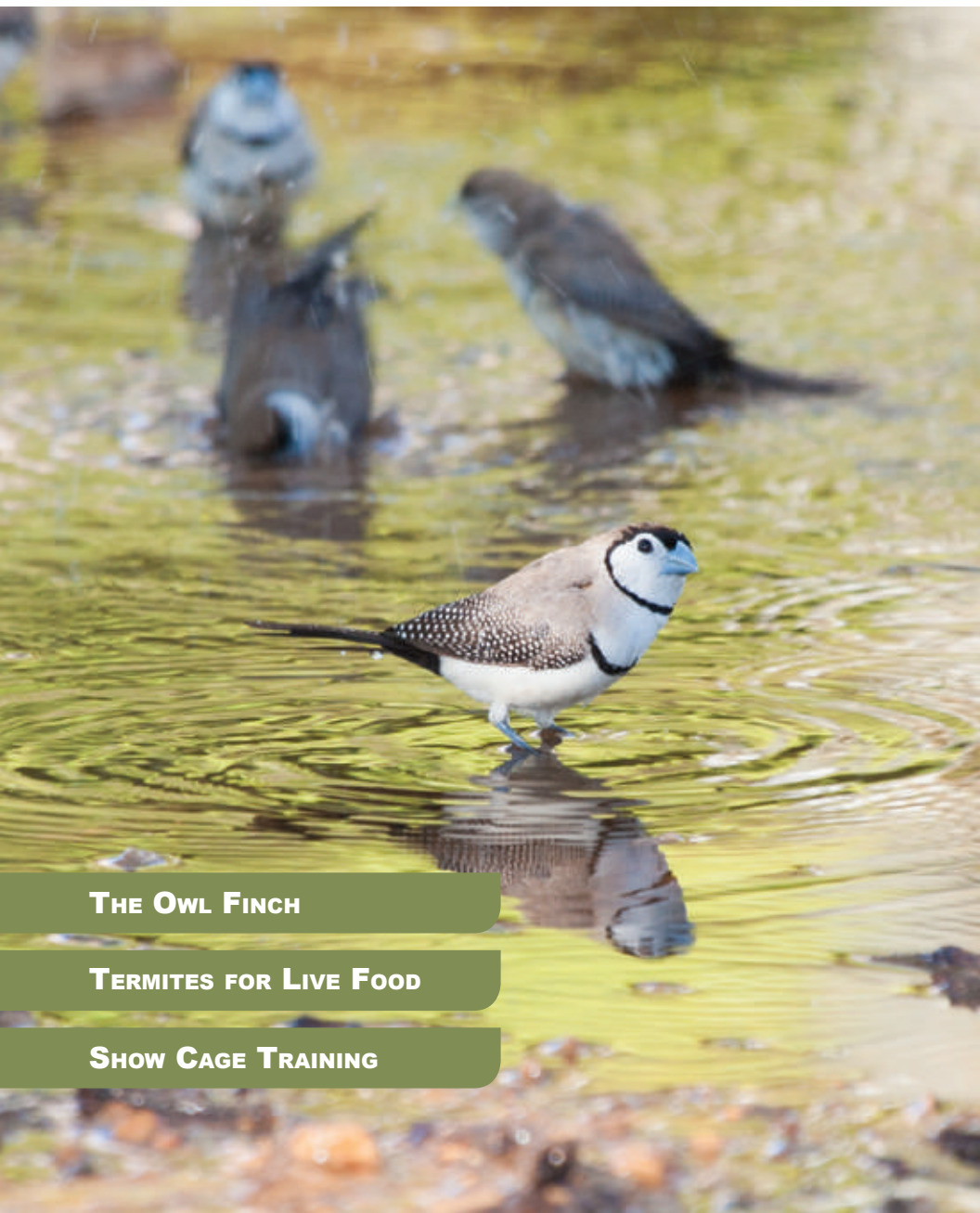




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## President's Message

Rebecca Mikel

### Another New Year!

We have lots of great memories from last year — and are excited about some of the things coming up in this one! One of the things we'll be providing more information about is NFSS's decision to participate and help support two very important avicultural events. The first is a Bird Show at the ASA Conference in Port Angeles, Washington on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Sally Huntington will be judging and the event is scheduled to be held at the Red Lion Inn. This is in conjunction with the Lory League and we hope as many of you as possible are able to travel to support, participate, exhibit birds, lend a hand, at this event. The second is the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual AFA Conference and Bird Expo, held August 4-6, 2016 at the Cromwell Plaza/Radisson, in Cromwell Connecticut. NFSS will be holding a Finch/Softbill Division show at this event as well. Laura Tinker will be judging finches and softbills. This event and is co-sponsored by the Triangle Bird Club, The Lineolated Parakeet Society, as well as the NFSS. Divisions include ACS, ALBS, NAPS, NCS, NFSS, SPBE, and Junior classes are available allowing those 16 and under to show free! Both events are worthy of our support and are great family events. We'd love to see the Finch/Softbill Divisions as large as possible . Please pencil those dates in on your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

NBS is busy making plans for the 2016 National Bird Show – scheduled to be held in the same location as last year – Pheasant Run Resort in St Charles, Illinois. Another date to add to your calendar – after the spectacular event in 2015 – I can't imagine what's being planned for THIS year! I can hardly wait!

One of the biggest changes on the NFSS Board this year is a change in the person serving in the position of Treasurer. Lisa Murphy, long-time Treasurer, has been instrumental in transitioning our new Treasurer, Sara Roberts, into this position. Sara brings a wealth of knowledge and a financial background from the banking industry, and also worked for H&R Block so we feel confident management of our Treasury is in good hands. We've changed our accounts to a new bank and moved our financial records to the Quickbooks Accounting System; while it was a bit unsettling at times coordinating all the changes in bank accounts, Pay Pal Accounts, etc. – we're through the worst of it and it's smooth sailing (so far!). These changes only provide us the means to continue to improve the way in which we conduct financial

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transactions while maintaining an above-standard level of transparency. Thank you to Lisa Murphy for her years of service to this organization. She stepped into the position at a difficult time and without missing a beat had things organized, bills paid, and finances moving in a positive direction. We thank her for her diligence, endurance, and the countless hours. NFSS will be forever grateful for the service she provided this society as Treasurer.

The Board will be suggesting our recommendations for a few changes to the NFSS By-Laws sometime later this year as well, so be watching your Journals for a Ballot to vote on whether you agree with these recommendations or not. Making changes to the By-Laws is not a simple process (for a good reason!) so when we DO decide to make changes, we want to do them all at one time.

Thanks to Roy Beckham and Tanya Logan for pulling together another great issue of the Journal for us!

Rebecca Mikel  
NFSS President



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# NFSS BOD – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 Meeting

- A quorum was present for the meeting.
- Doug Willis resigned as 2nd VP PRESIDENT

## GENERAL ELECTION

- There were no positions running with opposition
- Sara Roberts is replacing Lisa Murphy as treasurer
- Julie Lawson has resigned so we are without a Region 1 VP

## NCBS

- A fantastic event in St Charles (Chicago) at Pheasant Run Resort - where the event will be held for the next two years
- We did not find time for a BOD meeting but had membership meeting
- Awards given for year end points achievements, NARA, service, as well as Val Clear best softbill and Bill Parlee best finch

## BAND DEPARTMENT

- Ring collectors, e-z kits, bands and band cutters were ordered
- Complete end-of-the-year inventory was tallied and sent to Lisa (12/24/15 pending)
- Many changes and updates have been performed to the website.
- All authorizations needed for Sarah Roberts to take over as Treasurer have been completed.

## TREASURY

Balance: 7/1/15 – \$38,285.09

Income: \$3676.39

Expenses: \$7725.17

Balance: 9/30/15 – \$34,236.31

**Membership total : 387**

## NEW BUSINESS

- No committees are formed at this time, so there will be no committee reports.
- Rebecca Mikel asked to have her report on background checks postponed until the next meeting
- Rebecca Mikel asked for opinions on an idea to include a one page article in each journal about different species of finch. She asked for any volunteers to write such an article to contact her.
- Rebecca Mikel asked that the Finch Shop budget for next year be dropped to \$0 as we will be voting later in this meeting to change the bylaw and close the Finch Shop. (Comment: Tabled to next meeting)
- After discussion a motion was made to add \$500 to the budget for the ASA show, and also \$500 for the AFA show. Motion passed.
- After discussion, Sally Huntington motioned to decrease the lifetime membership price from \$1,500 to \$600. Motion passed.
- Michelle McKenzie asked to make a motion to increase the membership budget by \$150. Motion Passed.



- Motion was made to approve the 2016 proposed budget. Motion Passed.
- Rebecca Mikel asked if we should continue to leave the DVD only accessible through the website, or if someone would be willing to take on the job of making it available to purchase once again.
- Motion was made to approve KJ Brown as an NFSS panel judge. Motion Passed.
- Motion was made to approve the audit of the 2013 financial records by Julie Lawson and Vince Moase. Motion passed.
- Motion was made by Susan Stieve to accept Rebecca Mikel's review of the 2013 financial records. Motion seconded by Amber Kincheloe. Motion Passed.
- After discussion, motion was made for leg band release date to remain as is. Motion passed.
- Motion was made to decrease the price of the dual lifetime membership to \$1100 to match the decrease in price made to the single lifetime membership. Motion passed.
- Kelsey Weyland presented purposed changes to the Advertising prices. After discussion, a motion was made motion to accept the new advertising rates. Motion passed.
- Motion was made by Susan Stieve to accept revised minutes, table remaining topics until next meeting, and adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Michelle McKenzie. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Kincheloe  
NFSS Executive Secretary Pro-Tem



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This is to serve as notice that the NFSS Board of Directors has received, via Certified Mail, a request for proposal to amend the By-Laws. The NFSS Board has voted on each and is proposing the following amendments to the By-Laws. A ballot which allows you to vote to approve or deny this change will be published in the following issue of the NFSS Journal.

Proposed Amendments are as follows:

### **#1: CURRENT BY-LAW:**

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Paragraph Three

Junior Membership will be available at a reduced rate determined by the Board to any applicant under the age of sixteen.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

Junior Membership will be available at a reduced rate determined by the Board to any applicant Under the age of eighteen.

### **#2: CURRENT BY-LAW:**

ARTICLE 5: TERM OF OFFICE, ELECTIONS, OFFICERS, Elected Officers, Paragraph Sixteen FINCHSHOP DIRECTOR: Shall be responsible for the inventory and sales of merchandise offered to the general public. He/She must receive and process customer orders, order from vendors, and work with the NFSS Journal Editor and the Webmaster to update the Finch Shop Catalog as needed. New products must also be sought and recommended to the Board of Directors for approval. Said officer shall be responsible for the forwarding of funds and reports in a timely manner to the Treasurer. Any Society inventory must be maintained in good order and forwarded in a timely manner upon resignation or when a newly appointed director has been appointed.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE**

Remove entire paragraph and close FinchShop

DISCUSSION: Sales in FinchShop have been steadily declining. Items with the NFSS logo are available through Café Press and "commission" on these sales is provided to NFSS. There has been no FinchShop Manager for several months and current Board members are filling any orders received with the remaining inventory items until it is depleted. The Board desires to remove this department from the bylaws and the budget.

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## Species Profile: The Owl Finch

Rebecca Mikel



**The Owl Finch** or Bicheno Finch is an Australian bird, that while not colorful, is an attractive bird with an entertaining personality. I've worked with them for a few years and have had fairly good breeding success. Sexing the Owl finch is not a "snap," but with a close study there are some differences noticeable, like the wider white breast band and the more brilliant circle of white around the eye on the males.

I feed my Owls a standard finch mix, and supplement with homemade egg food (softboiled eggs mashed with a dried commercial egg food mix, spirulina), very finely chopped greens (kale, turnip greens), and apple slices. Although I recognize there is little nutritional value, they do enjoy an occasional cucumber slice. In the summer all my finches enjoy raw corn on the cob which I offer in the outdoor

aviaries on cookie sheets. In an aviary with multiple pairs of birds, they will literally pick the cob clean of the corn within a day. They truly enjoy meal worms and will eat them voraciously whether sitting on eggs/babies or not, so I limit the amount available to them.

Although this may not be true for everyone keeping Owl finches, I've found they seem to thrive better in warmer, drier temperatures than what some of the other finches may require. When turning birds out into outdoor aviaries in the spring, I typically keep the Owls inside for an additional two weeks, and also bring them in a few weeks earlier in the autumn. We live in SW Michigan, so late spring and early fall can be very damp and turn cold without much warning.



I've used virtually every type of nest box with the owls and can't say they seem to prefer one over another. They do seem to have a preference for nesting material, though - they primarily select coconut fiber and white feathers from the choices I offer. Most of my clutches are 3-5 eggs and the parent who provides the most care of the young varies from pair to pair – sometimes it's the hen, sometime the cock.

While some breed Owls in colonies with success, I've always kept my Owl pairs separated from each other. During the summer months I house single pairs of Owls in large planted aviaries in which several other specie pairs are also placed. They are very good neighbors in a mixed aviary – never causing problems for any of the other species. That being said, they are normally the ones who will be picked on in a mixed housing situation because of their small size and non-aggressive behavior.

I have had occasions when a young pair may toss or abandon their first clutch of eggs or babies, but typically I've found them to be very good parents. I've had mixed success with disturbing pairs to band the babies and, instead, wait until they fledge to place the leg bands on them.

I find them an attractive little bird and love having them in the bird room as part of my collection. I was reminded of the creative imagination of children when doing a public presentation with some of my birds at a local library in our community recently. None of those in the audience had seen many of the Finches I had with me that day. When it came time for me to introduce the Owls I asked the audience

to tell me what animal these little birds reminded them of – none of the adults answered. However, nearly every child in unison, shouted “An Owl, they look like an Owl!”

*Rebecca lives in SW Michigan with her husband, Andrew; her dog, Toby; several finches & parakeets, chickens, horses, and 2 cats – Frieda and Freddy The Freeloaders. She serves as President of the NFSS, is a member of the BOD of NBS, a member of the Michigan Society of Canary and Finch Breeders and Michiana Bird Society.*



Owl finch nest in the wild.



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# Live Food: A Guide to Termites

Rancel Borges



One of the key elements to the successful breeding of wild finches is live food. In the wild our birds have natural triggers that drive them to breed. It is our job as breeders to try and replicate these key elements that activate our birds breeding cycle. The two biggest triggers in my opinion are green seeds and live food. In this article we will focus on the live food aspect of our birds' diet, specifically termites.

Termites are found throughout the United States and can be harvested fairly easy. They are eusocial insects that live in colonies governed by a caste system. All three castes differ dramatically in appearance and responsibility.

## Termite Castes

The worker termites are the most numerous and most destructive members. These are white in appearance. Their moisture content is about 62.55 percent, crude protein 25.38 percent, vitamin A 1.80 mg/kg, vitamin C 1.045 mg/kg.

The soldier termites are pale yellow-brown in color and have enlarged heads and mandibles. Their moisture content is about 71.30 percent, crude protein 54.69 percent, vitamin A 2.40 mg/kg, vitamin C 0.001 mg/kg. Although the Vitamin C level is lower, these offer the most nutrients to our birds.



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The queen termites are enormous, sometimes up to 100 times the size of the workers. Their moisture content is about 92.40 percent, crude protein 31.94 percent, vitamin A 7.67 mg/kg, vitamin C 0.528 mg/kg.

***“I’ve been able to successfully breed many wild species using termites as their source of live food.”***

Over the years I’ve been able to successfully breed many wild species using termites as their source of live food. Many wild caught birds go to nest fairly easily, but those who are a bit stubborn can easily be persuaded through the use of live food.

The main obstacle we face with wild caught birds comes when the chicks hatch. Tossing is a breeder’s biggest fear when working with hard-to-breed species. We have to try and understand why these birds are tossing. There are many variables to take into consideration when this happens. For example:

- Lack of proper food.
- Lack of competition.
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- Lack of ability to adapt to substituted food source.
- Lack of ability to express natural behavior in their captive enclosure.

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In my opinion lack of proper food, specifically live food, is a main concern, particularly when working with exceedingly insectivorous finches like Blue Caps and Pytilias.

After I started feeding termites I was able to significantly reduce tossing rates. The high protein level of this live food encouraged the parents to feed their chicks. Live food also serves another purpose; not only does it provide higher protein levels that help stimulate parents to feed, but it also aids by keeping the males busy. From personal experience I would have to say that 99% of the times males would do the tossing. In order to avoid this I would add small clumps of tree trunks that had cavities filled with termites in them. This would allow males to express natural behavior in their captive enclosure. Once the eggs began hatching, males would occupy themselves with searching frantically for these termites throughout the day, allowing the females to properly care for the chicks.



Termites were added to each cage twice a day (early morning and afternoon) to keep parents busy. Although seeds and homemade egg food along with freeze dried mealworms and bloodworms made up a huge part of their diet, it seemed that for the first 5-7 days of life the chicks were mainly fed with termites.

In order to keep up with the high demand of termites that my birds were consuming I would make 1-2 trips a week out to our local forest and gather buckets full of dead tree trunks. The termites remained alive for weeks in these rotted tree trunks and would be available for use as needed.

Feeding termites to our birds has great advantages, but it is a double-edged sword. Once accustomed to this source of live food, these birds may not want to breed the following year without the same food source. Another problem that can arise is worms. We have to remember that termites could be hosts to other parasites that could infect our birds. So be prepared with proper medications to worm your birds both before and after the breeding season.

# Collecting Termites



*Gathering termites in the local forest. Termites can be found in dead tree trunks or rotting wood.*



*Keep termites in plastic or metal containers. Kept with chunks of the rotted wood, the termites remained alive for weeks.*



# Show Cage Training

By Dave Pauls



A lot of people take steadiness in a bird for granted. They think that either a bird is comfortable in a show cage or it flies around wildly, and that is that. Yes, some times when you put a bird in a show cage, it feels right at home, sits on the perch and does what you want it to do. Most of the time not, though. Usually the bird flaps around wildly, clings to the front, breaks its tail, sits on the floor, etc.

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**“It's difficult to win on the show bench if the judge can't get a good look at the bird.”**

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There are a lot of things you can do to train a bird to sit well in a show cage. With a bit of work, even the most flighty bird will sit well in the cage and show the judge everything it has.

The biggest thing most people don't do is train the bird to enter the show cage on its own. If you have a bird that you have kept singly, given bathwater daily, sprayed twice daily, made sure every feather is just so, then why on earth would you want to catch it in your hand on the day of the show? That is the day you have been working for the whole year, and now you are going to mess up the feathers by catching it, chase and frighten it, and possibly even risk losing those oh-so-valuable tail feathers. So why not train the bird to enter the cage on its own? Doing this is actually a lot easier than you would think.

The most important thing is to make the bird feel comfortable going in and out of a show cage, followed by getting it used to the feel of being in that cage. I always start them really young. As soon as they are independent of their parents, all my birds go into a weaning cage. This is a larger cage than the breeding cages. The birds learn from other youngsters what to eat, how to eat, and what flying is all about so that when I put them into the aviaries with the older birds, they don't freak out quite as much. On one of the doors of the weaning cage, I hang a show cage. I don't put any treats in it or anything, I just have it there. The birds start going in and out of it, and before long, they start diving into the show cage when I put my hand in to feed and water them. That is what you want them to do. They should feel secure in that cage.

After that, they go into the aviaries, and forget about the show cage until much later when I start getting them ready for show season. At that point, I separate all the

birds that I plan on showing into separate breeding cages so they can rest, feather in, and get into perfect show condition. At that point, I hang the show cage on the nest door of the cage again. If the birds go in and out on their own, that is perfect. If not, putting some spray millet, or a few mealworms in the show cage usually entices them in there.

Now the trick to this is to never catch them from the show cage. The show cage should always be a safe place for them to go. Usually after a week or so, the birds will jump into the show cage to get away from you while you are feeding them, and if not, gently chasing them in works well. As soon as they are in that show cage, there are no hands chasing them, so they feel secure. At that point, you can remove the show cage and go on to train the next bird. Once they are trained, they usually remember this forever. And getting them into the show cage is as simple as putting it over the nest door, and putting your hand in the cage. Some birds won't even need the hand in there. Simply presenting them with the cage is enough.

Usually when they're trained to enter the cage, they will sit on the perch and act relaxed. In that case, they don't really need much more training. Just put them in the show cage from time to time and move them around the house. Wearing a variety of clothing and hats helps them get used to seeing different things and helps prevent a freak-out on show day. Most birds hate red hats, for instance, so getting them used to that is a good idea. Poking at them with a stick is also a good idea, because most of the time, a judge will use a small stick to move the bird around the cage. If the bird panics at the sight of a stick inserted into the cage, try just resting the stick in there for an hour or two. The bird will soon figure out that the stick won't hurt it.



Some birds will sit on the floor of the cage and refuse to get on the perch, or get on the perch for just a second, and back on the floor. I find that the more the bird is in the show cage, the more it gets used to the perches, but if not, there are a couple of things you can do. One is to put a piece of cardboard across the front of the cage blocking the whole view up to the height of the perches. Then set the cage at the side of the bird room and go on with your chores. As you work,

the bird will want to see what is going on, and will hop up onto the perch to see. Another trick is to simply place the cage on a high shelf where the bird has to look down to see anything. Then it will jump up onto the perch to see what is below.

Training the birds is not hard, but the little extra effort really goes a long way to improving your chances on the show bench. Just trying to simulate a show in your house and thinking of all the things that are going to be different is all it takes. Move the birds around in the show cages, and get them used to anything that they might encounter, and you will have a much more solid show team in the fall.

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