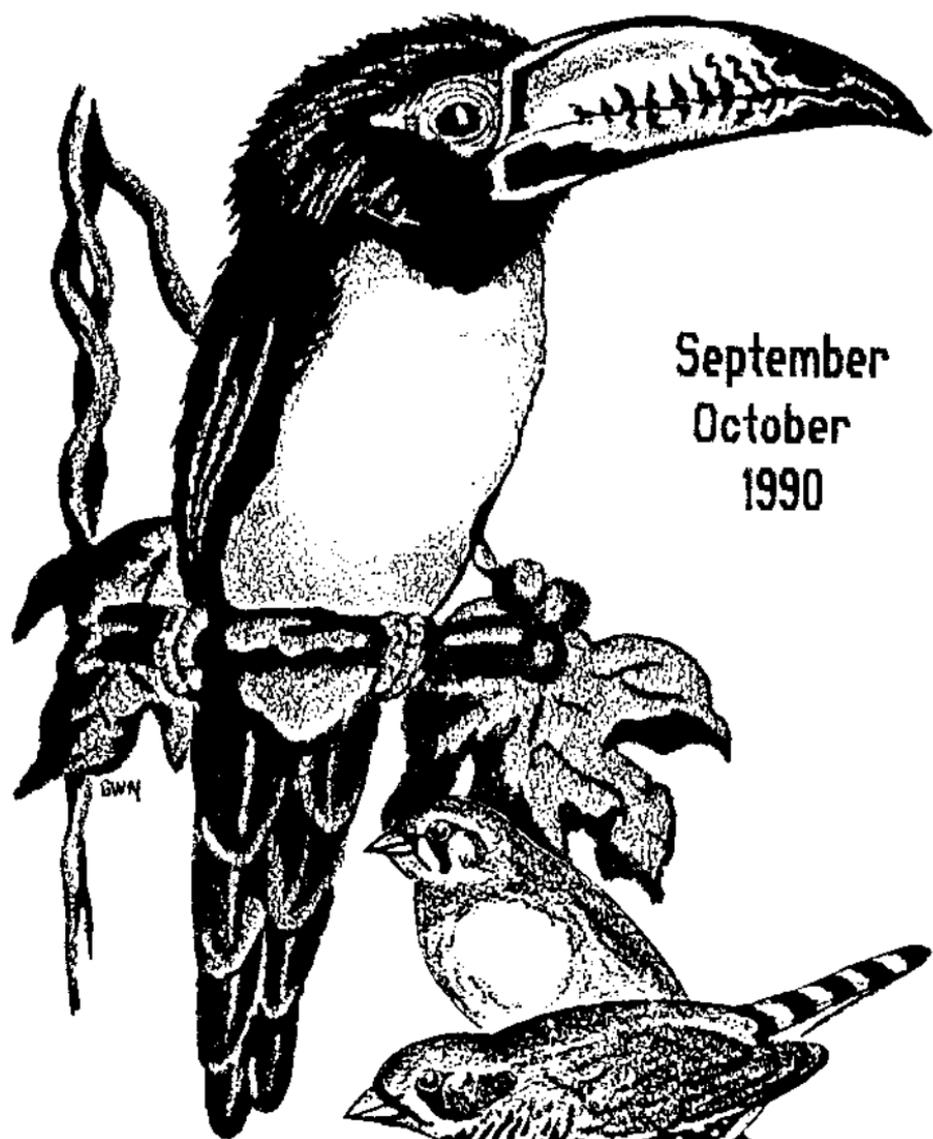


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DON'T MISS THE NATIONAL IN 1990 !
HOPE WE HAVE 350 ENTRIES !
BRING YOUR BIRDS...COME TO ATLANTA!
Look at the list of awards Tom Rood has gotten for NFS ! WOW !

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ARE YOU A BIT TIMID ABOUT WRITING ?

Jon Hoffman, our Second Vice President, and well-known BIRD TALK columnist, has volunteered to help you! In a letter to me Jon wrote, "since some people are shy about writing and aren't comfortable about their ability to write, perhaps they could submit the outline or sketch of what they want to say, and then I can put it into an edited-form of article for them. The procedure might be that a breeder sends me the information or calls me to discuss what they want to say. I then write it up and it goes back to the breeder for approval. The breeder makes notes of any clarifications or requests for changes and sends it back to me. I put it into a final form and send it to the bulletin editor for publication."

This is a very generous offer and I hope many members who have hesitated to write for the bulletin will be contacting you soon Jon! Thanks. The Editor.
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AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Tom Rood, Vice President for the Mid-West Region, is working on an international program with clubs in Europe and elsewhere. The object is to exchange rosettes and/or trophies between NFS and those clubs. Tom has been doing this for several years, on his own, and it's because of his efforts that we've had those nice rosettes at past National Shows. This year, NFS will help him expand his efforts. Tom says he has already received 3 plaques and 2 or 3 medals, including TWO GOLD MEDALS from the German National Club! We'll have more news about this in upcoming issues. To get involved, contact:

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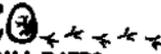
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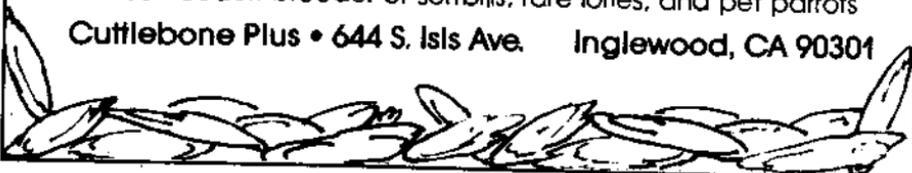
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TO ALL FINCHSAVE PARTICIPANTS

All of the statistics and correspondence are now (finally) transferred from the previous director to Jeff Brissette. The 1989 year-end report that the previous director did not do will be handled by Jeff. PLEASE HELP JEFF make this program work the way it was intended to work! Please write to, (please don't call), Jeff today and update your status. It doesn't need to be a fancy or lengthy report, just get in touch so he knows you're still there. Thanks.

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A LITHOGRAPH by ERIC PEAKE for NFS

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"In my art work, I have been able to add or subtract areas of development in the avian subjects I choose. Being an artist who loves birds, and having been fortunate to paint the things I love has been a rewarding achievement in itself.

Most of my years as an artist, I have been connected with the parrot family. But from time to time, I paint other birds, Raptors, Cage Birds, etc. When I painted the beautiful "Diamond Firetails" I tried to portray the beauty of this lovely bird, also to show its' character for bird lovers.

It has been my pleasure to have the "Firetails" issued by the National Finch and Softbill Society as a Limited Edition print. Please support the Society by purchasing a print. I will continue to paint one subject a year, if it proves successful."

Eric Peake (UK)

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**NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY
AFFILIATES, DELEGATES AND SHOW DATES**

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NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETYS' NATIONAL SHOW: November 15 - 17.
In conjunction with the 42nd Annual National Cage Bird Show, hosted by the
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Panel Judge: Joe Krader

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Show: November 2-4, 1990 Lawndale, CA Panel Judge: Brian Manderich

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Show: October 27 & 28, 1990 Denver, CO Panel Judge: Martha Wigmore

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Sunshine State Cage Bird Society; Dale Laird, (407) 657 7989
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Show: October 6, 1990 Des Moines, IA Panel Judge: Paul Milliams

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Show: October 13, 1990 Michita, KS Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby

LOUISIANA

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Show: November 10, 1990 Baton Rouge, LA Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Gulf South Bird Club; Evon Kruse, (504) 469 2435

Show: October 19-21, 1990 New Orleans, LA Panel Judge: Bill Parlee

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Show: November 10 & 11, 1990 Westland, MI Panel Judge: Or. Val Clear

Motor City Bird Breeders; Patrick Vance, (313) 443 0643

Show: October 27 & 28, 1990 Detroit, MI Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

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Greater Kansas City Avicultural Society; Chris Hunsberger, (816) 461 5582
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ABOUT FINCHES FLYING EXPRESS MAIL

by Jack Clinton-Eitniear
President, American Federation
of Aviculture

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A letter to the Editor.

I read, with interest, your article titled "Finches Flying Express Mail" on page 36 of the July/August 1990 issue.

The AFA Red Siskin Committee began talks with representatives of Morizon Micro-Environments, several months ago, in order to get siskins, canaries and finches added to the list of those species that can use the Express Mail service. I believe that once a container is designed and tested that the regulation will be amended. We are hoping this will come about within the year.

One activity that will spoil this for everyone is for people to abuse the service. Shipping birds not approved by postal regulations will undoubtedly stop the service for everyone. The postal representatives are very explicit about this. I realize that it is a real temptation to use the service for birds that are not approved but remember that you may well cancel the service for everyone. There is a special concern about Psittacines. Postal Officials are concerned over all such birds as they carry a number of diseases, some communicable to humans. Anyone shipping cockatiels or other parrots and getting caught would really stir up the Postal Authorities.

So folks. . . consider the ramifications of your actions before you stuff that Magpie Jay in a box and mail it off to a friend.

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Thanks for your input Jack. In another letter Jack writes "I did discuss the regulations with the postal authorities in Washington, DC. They said the only way they would amend the regulation is if we had a container that we could prove scientifically would protect the birds and the postal workers. Thus I approached Morizon, and they were very receptive." The Editor.

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THE PEARL-HEADED SILVERBILL

Lonchura caniceps

(*Lonchura griseicapilla*)

by Marty von Raesfeld

The Pearl-headed Silverbill, at approximately 5 inches, is a mid-size member of the Estrilidae (waxbill) family. Sometimes this bird is referred to as the "Pearl-headed Amadine" which is really incorrect. The Pearl-headed Silverbill is not a representative of the genus *Amadina*, but rather, *Lonchura*. *Lonchura caniceps* belongs to the same genus as the Mannikins, Munias (Muns), Spice Finches, Silverbills and the domestic Bengalese.

The coloration is a subtle blend of earth tones; the head is gray with white spots; the maxilla (upperbill) is dark gray and the mandible (lowerbill) is light gray; the underparts are a light brown; the rump is white and the wings are a dark brown, almost black. *Lonchura caniceps* is a non-dimorphic species, meaning that the sexes look alike.

The native habitat of *L. caniceps* is the dry grasslands of Ethiopia, extending to Tanzania. Being adapted to the dry, desert like conditions of Africa makes *L. caniceps* an adaptive and hardy avicultural specimen. My birds are kept outside year round here in San Jose, California. The temperatures range from highs over a hundred degrees in the summer to lows in the twenties in the winter and the Silverbills have shown no ill effects.

My Pearl-headed Silverbills share a 4' x 8' x 8' aviary with a collection of other African waxbills, including Red-eared Maxbills, (*Estrilda troglodytes*), Blue-capped Cordon Bleus-us (*Uraeginthus cyanocephalus*) and Melbas (*Pytilia melba*). Other occupants include a pair of White-tailed Diamond Doves (*Geopelia cuneata domestica*) and Strawberry Finches (*Amadava amadava*). I have seen no signs of aggression from the Pearl-heads toward their own species or the other occupants.

I feel that the most important element in the care of my birds is the diet they receive. The birds are provided a varied diet consisting of seeds, fruits, vegetables and a high protein eggfood. The Pearl-headed Silverbills are offered both a finch seed mix and a parakeet mix as well as fruits and vegetables. These include chopped apples, grated carrots, corn, peas, a slice of orange and spinach. The eggfood that I give the birds consists of hard-boiled eggs with the shell, high protein baby cereal, wheat germ, Petamine, Roudybush Breeder Crumbles, brewer's yeast, Vionate and trace minerals. The eggfood mix is blended in a food processor. The eggfood, fruits and vegetables are given every other day.

In order to sex the Pearl-headed Silverbill it is best to start with

Pearl-headed Silverbill

a group of 4 to 6 birds. Band each bird with a different color plastic band. Next, observe the birds' over a period of time and take note of their behaviors. The males will court the females by singing and dancing. This behavior is similar to that of the Bengalese (*Lonchura domestica*). Once you have determined that you have true pairs, you may either separate the pairs or leave them in a group.

My birds exhibited signs of nesting soon after being placed in their aviary. They seem to prefer wicker nests which are placed above six feet. The nesting material that I offer my birds consists of *Berarda* and wild oat grass. The nests and nesting material is offered year round. When new nesting behavior is offered it seems to stimulate nesting behavior in most of my birds.

The first few clutches of eggs that my Silverbills had were infertile. This is to be expected with wild caught birds. I normally don't expect successful breeding from wild caught birds for a full year. This gives the birds time to acclimate to my activities and routines and the climatic changes. Another thing to remember with wild caught birds is to refrain from inspecting the nests. In most cases the birds will not sit tightly if disturbed frequently.

When the birds eventually settle down the hen will lay from 4 to 6 white eggs. Both parents will share the responsibility of incubation which lasts approximately thirteen days. After the eggs hatch both parents will feed the young diligently. The fledglings will leave the nest after approximately thirty days. They will be fed by the parents for another ten to fourteen days. During this time the whole family group will return to the nest at night. At four months of age the young will have attained their adult plumage.

The Pearl-headed Silverbill is a good species for the intermediate aviculturist. Anyone who has had success with the Bengalese should give *Lonchura caniceps* a try.

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At the recent Convention of the American Federation of Aviculture, Marty von Raesfeld, (NFS Corresponding Secretary), received one of the "Avy Awards" for his terrific achievement of accumulating 220 points on the show bench in one year. Obviously, his management techniques work very well and it shows in the condition of his birds. Congratulations and thanks Marty. The Editor.
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OVERSEAS PATRONAGE PROJECT

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by Tom Rood, Shelbyville, Illinois

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My involvement with attempting to acquire exchange awards with various bird clubs throughout the world started several years ago as a project for my local club, the Illini Bird Fanciers. We were successful with exchanging a few patronage rosettes and diplomas with clubs in England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia. Since that time our project has really blossomed and is now an annual event.

Since I was the person doing all the writing and mailing of our Illini awards overseas, I decided to try and contact a few specialty clubs hoping to acquire a few awards for the Atlanta National Show. I found most of the clubs I contacted willing and anxious to exchange awards with me. Most of the awards I mailed overseas were my own personal awards but Brenda and I have already discussed sending some NFS awards overseas next year.

Below is the list of the overseas awards I have already received for this year's National Show in Atlanta, Georgia. I was able to get at least two nice prizes for each section in the show. I already have these awards in hand and they will be presented in Atlanta. Anything else I may receive between now and the National will be announced at the show. Some of the prizes I've received are quite unique to our shows and I think you will find them interesting. Plan on showing your finches in Atlanta and hopefully you will be taking some of these awards home with you.

SECTION 1 -- SOFTBILLS

Plaque -- Best Softbill

Rosette -- 2nd Best Softbill (Hampshire Cage Bird Society - George Warren)

SECTION 2 -- ZEBRA FINCHES

Plaque & Rosette -- Best Zebra (Zebra Finch Society)

Rosette -- Best Unflighted (Scottish Zebra Finch Society)

6 "Best of Color" Rosettes -- (Ulster Zebra Finch Society)

Best Normal	Best Fawn
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SECTION 3 -- AUSTRALIAN FINCHES

Plaque -- Best Australian (Australian Finch Society of Scotland)

(Overseas Patronage, continued from page)

Rosette -- Best Old (Australian Finch Society)

Section 3, continued.

Rosette -- 2nd Best Old (Australian Finch Society)

Rosette -- Best Unflighted (Australian Finch Society)

Rosette -- 2nd Best Unflighted (Australian Finch Society)

SECTION 4 -- INDO-PACIFIC FINCHES

Best -- Nest German Medal

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SECTION 5 -- SOCIETY FINCHES

Medal & Rosette -- Best Society (Nat'l Bengalese Fanciers Ass'n)

Rosette -- 2nd Best (Northern Bengalese Fanciers)

N.B.F.A. Diploma -- Best Unflighted

SECTION 6 -- FINCHES OF EUROPE

Plaque -- Best

Lapel Pin -- 2nd Best (Foreign Bird Breeder Ass'n)

SECTION 7 -- FINCHES OF AFRICA

Nest German Medal -- Best African

Lapel Pin -- 2nd Best (Foreign Bird Breeders Ass'n)

Cage & Aviary Diploma -- Best Unflighted (George Warren)

SECTION 8 -- FINCHES OF AMERICA

Plaque -- Best

Rosette -- 2nd Best (Midlands & Eastern Counties Foreign Bird Society)

SECTION 9 -- FINCH PAIRS

Medal -- Best Pair (Foreign Bird Society of Coventry)

Rosette -- 2nd Best Pair (Hampshire Cage Bird Society -- George Warren)

SECTION 10 -- DOVES & QUAIL

Plaque -- Best (Cumbernauld & District Cage Bird Society)

Rosette -- 2nd Best (Foreign Bird Society of Coventry)

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DO HOOKBILLS, FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS MIX?

by Marion (Miki) Spartzak

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Being a hookbill breeder for many years, I have always marveled at the beauty and variety of finches and softbills from an "Alice in Wonderland" approach. I would stand back and peer through my imaginary looking glass at the many species so foreign to me and wonder how I could even think of housing, feeding or raising these small, frail works of art.

As time went on, I was driven - more and more - to jump through that looking glass.

"Dare I enter a land that hookbill breeders fear to tread?" I asked myself. "This is like the old powerboat versus sailboat rivalry" I said to myself. "They just don't mix!"

Then the logical side of my self answered; "A bird is a bird is a bird. I have raised tiny little Parrotlet chicks from the egg. I'm not a fumble-fingered idiot - SURE - I CAN DO THIS!"

Which brings me to the topic of this article:

Finches and softbills are as rewarding and challenging as any hookbill, or more so.

I enjoy the change. Going from my hookbill room where the mood is - I stand back and watch - something might happen to my finch room where something is always happening. The finches don't care if you watch. They carry on with what they were doing; building nests, courting, feeding chicks, etc. Busy, busy, busy but all in a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere.

I must admit - I didn't think I could get so involved with my finches and softbills! I have enjoyed being a novice all over again. Questions, discoveries and more revelations are a part of my new finch and softbill world.

I know that good basic care, a good diet, and common sense are the answers to any successful breeding operation. So much of what I already know has carried over to my new little charges. If any person who is already "into birds" will trust their already acquired knowledge and instincts in bird husbandry, a new and exciting field can be opened to them.

Hookbill keepers and finch and softbill keepers seem to cross over and overlap from group to group more than any of the other of the "species specific" groups in the bird world. This is a benefit to all of us. Who - but a hookbill person - would call the president of The National Finch and Softbill Society and exclaim, "Hey lady, I have a Mynah egg!!! What do I do now?" After warm congratulations were heard from the other end of the phone, I was told what to expect and the chain of events that would probably follow.

Forgive me, but I don't think I would have gotten the same warm response from the other societies.

Hookbill and finch people seem to share a common willingness to educate and welcome new people. I find this very nice to experience.

In closing, I would like to say: Branch out. You can do it. You too can enjoy the best of two worlds. Think of how exciting it will be at shows, running back and forth to two different divisions!

Do hookbills, finches and softbills mix? Sure they do. It's fun.

As a powerboat owner, maybe I'll try sailing tomorrow!

Miki is the Band Secretary for The Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors and she's a Board Member and Advertising Manager for the National Finch and Softbill Society. She successfully raised that Mynah egg. He (or she) wears a SPBE band which is registered with NFS. The Mynah and Miki epitomize all the best of the cooperation between societies which are dedicated to the preservation of all the birds. Miki has lots of experience with successfully managing critters of all kinds. She used to train race horses and had one run in the Preakness. Now she has one of the largest collections of breeding pairs of Parrotlets in the USA, and MORE Mynah eggs! The Editor.

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NEWS FLASH !

The first Mynah egg is now (September 13th) six-weeks old, saying "hello" and has been to his first show! Miki promises a SECOND CHAPTER !!!

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WANTED !

PLEASE HELP ! I am in need of plaques, trophies and other awards to exchange with other overseas bird clubs. If you have any unwanted awards of any type lying around collecting dust, please send them to me. (You can even send the dust!) I can clean and refurbish them for use in our Overseas Exchange Project. You can send one or many; we'll take what you have. Your help is needed and appreciated. THANKS ! Please send to:

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Sometimes I get calls from members who're unsure about who is their Regional Vice President (see inside front cover), because they're unsure which region they're in. Here they are...thanks Russ !

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A BELATED SHOW REPORT

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The following show was inadvertently omitted from the previous list of NFS affiliated shows. To my friends in Alabama and to the exhibitors in this show - I am sorry and I'll see that it doesn't happen again! The Editor.

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CENTRAL ALABAMA AVICULTURE SOCIETY Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
September 2, 1989 Montgomery, AL 7 exhibitors 63 entries

1	Cecil Gunby	137	7	Superb Starling
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	6	Shafttail
3	Sarge & Eva Duffey	467	5	Red-headed Parrot Finch
4	Cecil Gunby	137	4	Pagoda Mynah
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Red-headed Gouldian
6	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Royal Starling
7	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	1	Pied Blue-cap Cordon Bleu
8	Cecil Gunby	137	-	Saffron Finch
9	Cecil Gunby	137	-	Pied Java
10	Cecil Gunby	137	-	Magpie Mannikin

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Overseas Patronage,

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50th Anniv. Rosette -- Best 1990 NFS Bred & Banded (Llanelli Royal British Legion Cage Bird Society)

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ALSO....Our Region 2 Vice-President, Stephen Hoppin, just returned from a trip to Australia. While there, he visited and spoke to the New South Wales Finch Exhibitors Society. They sent a lovely horizontal banner/ribbon home with him and he will be bringing it to the National to present to "The Champion Finch of Show".

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STEPHEN HOPPIN	59 POINTS
GENE MILLER	59 POINTS

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NFS welcomes these new members!

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1186	FASSOLD, TAMI	CLAREMORE,	OK	74017
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1190	KOWALIK, KAREN LYNN	RAWLINS,	WY	82301
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1200	FOSTER, KENNETH	NEW YORK CITY,	NY	10009

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As promised, here are "Intros" to two more NFS persons. They are Tom Rood, NFS Vice President from Region 3 (Mid-Central) and Census Chairman, and Jerry McCawley, who takes care of membership services, which includes operating "Finchshop." As we all know, aviculturists are a diverse lot, and I think it will be interesting to see what the backgrounds, professions, and other characteristics are among the people we highlight in the "NFS Bios."

Roddy Gabel

Tom Rood first became interested in birds when, at age 10, he rescued a wild pigeon chick that had fallen out of a barn. He was soon into breeding and showing fancy pigeons and attended his first show in 1966. While in high school, he began keeping cage birds and tried to continue exhibiting them and the pigeons. However, because of the demands of showing both types of birds, and because he felt greater kinship with the cage-bird people, Tom eventually gave up the pigeons.

Like many of us, Tom tried all types of cage birds, from budgies to canaries and cockatiels to finches. He notes that, even though other types of birds came and went, the finches persisted. While successfully showing Gloster canaries, Tom found himself gravitating to the finch section during the show and only returned to his canaries at the end to see how they did. Finally, the other birds went and Tom concentrated on the finches.

Tom modestly states that he doesn't breed anything "exotic or rare," but appears to have bred a broad range of species: shafttails, cutthroats, green singers, Gouldians, zebras, and societies are among those he lists. His "absolute favorite" is the shafttail, but he also has a soft spot for zebras, especially the English-type birds, and societies, particularly the dilutes. Tom's breeding philosophy is to limit himself to only a few species at a given time and to shoot for quality versus quantity.

For Tom, show season is a time to renew old friendships and make new ones, which he considers more important than showing the birds. In spite of this admirable attitude, Tom's birds excel on the show bench: he won a Kellogg

trophy in St. Louis in 1986 for Best in Division (with a pair of zebra finches) at the Kaytee Great American Bird Show and has also won three other Kaytee Awards in 1986, 1987, and 1989. Tom has received NFS Championship Exhibitor Awards in 1986, 1988, and 1989.

Foreign aviculture is a further interest that Tom has. He rates highly the English publication Cage and Aviary Birds--he reads it cover-to-cover and finds it always contains useful, interesting information. Tom has several "bird pen-pals" around the world and enjoys corresponding with aviculturists in other countries. In recent issues of the NFS Bulletin, you will notice that Tom is acting as liaison between NFS and foreign bird clubs to establish a trophy-rosette exchange program, which appears to be very promising.

As his membership number (#043) indicates, Tom has been a member of NFS since the first year it was formed. In addition to his current positions of Regional Vice President and Census Chairman, Tom has also served on the Nominating Committee.

In addition to the birds, Tom does have a home life--with his wife Jane, who teaches mathematics at Eastern Illinois University, and their two children, Lori, 18, and Tom, 16--and he teaches elementary school (2nd-3rd grade level). Tom and his family reside in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Jerry McCawley, of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, is another NFS-er whose interest in birds began while he was in grade school. Although Jerry feels that the birds were a logical extension of his general interest in animals, the birds persisted as other things came and went. As his "bird fever" grew in intensity, Jerry read every bird publication he could find in the local library, book shops, pet shops, etc. When Bird Talk Magazine started publication, Jerry sent correspondence to every "organization or bird seller in print." As his interest in birds expanded, he acquired a small collection and began to make contacts among local aviculturists.

In high school, Jerry was hired to work in a pet shop that had a specialty in birds. There he worked with a large variety of species and learned about their general care, training, and health problems.

Jerry attributes the introduction of "bird ban" legislation in Pennsylvania with his becoming involved and more informed about aviculture on a broader scale. A person

he considers key in this experience is current NFS President Brenda Geesey, who spearheaded efforts to oppose the proposed legislation and introduced Jerry to the world of finches--until then he had been interested only in psittacines. About his early visits to Brenda and partner Bruce Evanick's aviary, Jerry describes the birds as "incredible" and Brenda and Bruce's enthusiasm as "addicting." They introduced Jerry to exhibition, and he has been smitten since.

Although he left for a semester to attend George Washington University, Jerry soon returned to work at the pet shop, established his breeding collection, and went to college locally. (Jerry is majoring in marketing, with a minor in management of nonprofit organizations.) He again became active in the battle to oppose the bird ban and became involved in a number of avicultural organizations.

Jerry's current collection consists of about 80% finches. He continues to work as assistant manager of a pet shop, attends college full time, and is active in both local and national bird organizations. He is an appointed officer of NFS (Membership Services), is on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Pennsylvania Aviculturists, and is vice president of his local club.

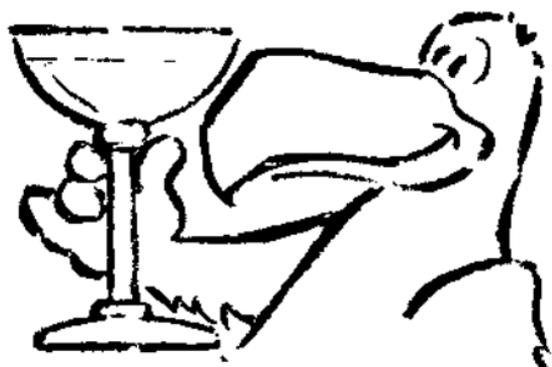
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A final note...I'm still looking for additional bios, particularly from officers whom I've contacted. I will be calling on judges next, but am looking particularly for information on anyone who has inspired beginning finch and softbill enthusiasts, through their unselfish encouragement, sharing of knowledge and sportsmanship. There are many unsung heroes out there--let's give them their due recognition. Write about that special person that inspired you.--R.G.  
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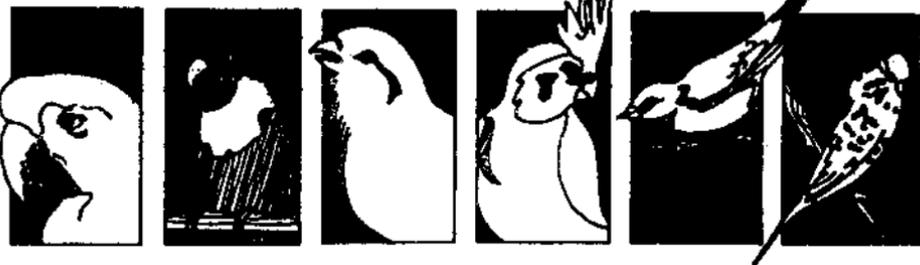
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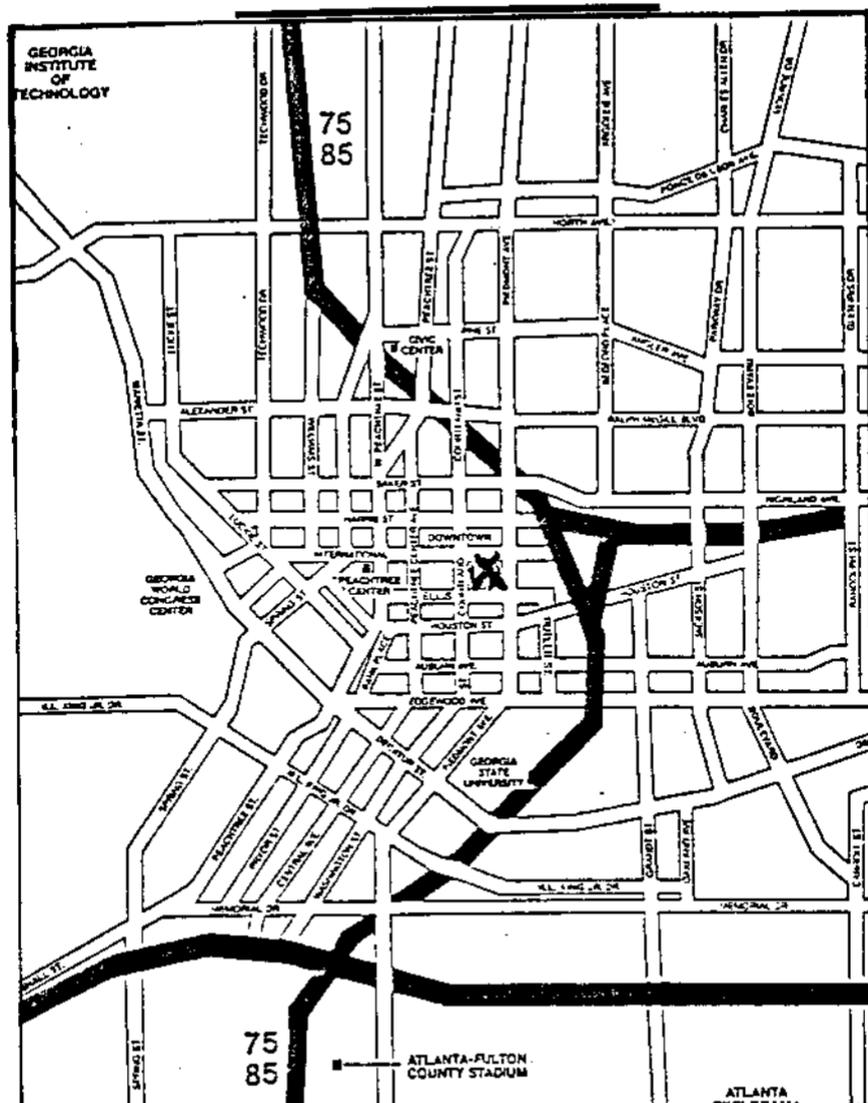
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NFS NEWS & NOTES

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Before I forget AGAIN, one of our Panel Judges has had a baby! Nartha Wigmore has a new "1990 hatch". Congratulations Nartha! This is not something that is taught in the apprentice program! I don't know of any other Societys' judges accomplishing this in 1990. Pretty special!

Now a quick rundown on the August Board meeting. Unfortunately the tape recorder quit again so these notes are from my memory. The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries reports were accepted and Marty von Raesfeld was enlisted to help Dr. Decoteau with the correspondence between him and the Judges Panel. Thanks for letting us "volunteer" you Marty. The treasurers' report indicated that we had \$9980.64 in the bank but WE DID NOT VOTE TO HAVE A BIG PARTY! Russ cautioned against this since the awards will bring this balance down well below \$4500. Bulletin is up to date and so are the renewal notices. Standards committees are back at work on revision to the Lavender and the Diamond Sparrow, (both need only minor changes, according to the Board.) The Pekin Robin committee now consists of: Chair - Marty von Raesfeld and members Ken Gunby, Clayton Jones and Brenda Geesey. The Fire Finch Committee Chair is still open and Martha Wigmore and Roddy Gabel have volunteered as members. If you have an interest in either of these two, call or write to Dr. Decoteau, (address on Judges Panel page).

(I'm going to quit typing "Dr. Decoteau" and just call him "Al" as I usually do.) Al suggested a revised program for the NFS Judges Apprentice Program. The majority of Board members approved these revisions but there were so many thoughtful and interesting comments that Al has agreed to revise and present them again at the November Board meeting in Atlanta.

The Board has voted to create a position of "Judge Emeritus" for judges that are not able or willing to be active but who wish to remain on the Panel in an advisory capacity. The first nominee for this position, Juanita McLain, was approved by majority vote.

Jon Hoffman has devoted quite a lot of thought and time to the handbook revisions and is now in the midst of editing the Standards grammar. We owe him a lot of thanks for this tedious job.

The promotions are going well - selling two styles of T-shirts, new NFS Logo water bottles and new Gouldian pins. Look for them on the show circuit or through FINCHSHOP. The Peake lithographs are still available through FINCHSHOP.

The booth we had at the AFA Convention in Washington netted about \$490. We offered a "Special", which will be available again at Portland and Atlanta. One year membership, mug, pin and T-shirt for only \$ 30! We will need members to help MAN THE BOOTH AT ATLANTA. We have a good time doing this - join us if you can.

Although this was the third consecutive Board Meeting with no report on the FINCHSAVE project the information has now passed from the former director

to the new director. This is good news and we hope that this important program is now going to be back on track.

Denises' Leg Band report was another piece of good news. She does a great job at this and she has sold 17,940 bands for a profit of \$ 413.36 ! GREAT ! The Board voted to follow the annual rotation of colors as used by our band manufacturer, A. C. Hughes of England.

Chris Voronovitch, in the new position of Awards Director, is doing a fine job. All of the past awards are delivered, all of the 1990 Affiliated Clubs awards are in the hands of the Club Delegates and Chris has a new Affiliation Agreement ready for 1991. Nice work and Thanks!

Miki Spartzak, our new Advertising Manager, has sent out letters to potential advertisers and has gotten some positive responses. We needed someone who was organized and aggressive in this job and Miki fits the bill perfectly. Thanks.

The Band Study Committee submitted a detailed, interim report, and promised a final report in November. Many members responded to the questionnaire and there will be some revisions made in the suggested sizes.

Tom Roods' International Exchange Report is printed in this issue. WOW ! What a success this has been! At least one additional award, (sometimes two) for each section in this year's National Show. Tom deserves a LOT of credit for this effort. REMEMBER - the "KAYTEE" award for the best Unlighted (a bird hatched in 1990 and closed banded) is also awarded at the National Show!

In response to several inquiries the Board voted to permit registration of closed, traceable bands other than NFS bands. Specifically:

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