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Summer 2004 Newsletter

Proposed Bylaws Revision

In the Winter 2004 Newsletter and in a notice mailed to those people without internet access, a proposed revision of PBA Bylaw Article IX was published:

Presently our Bylaws read as this:

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by mail ballot of the Organization by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment is published in the newsletter at least one (1) month prior to the vote.

In compliance with existing Article IX, We are posting this Proposal for Amendment in the Newsletter and mailing a ballot to members as required:

Proposed Amendment to Article IX:

Amendments to these Bylaws shall require a thirty (30) day advance notice to all members. Advance notice shall be provided via the Organization's Email List, and paper notices shall be sent by postal mail for those members without subscriptions to the Email List. After the thirty (30) day notice period has expired, the proposed amendment(s) shall be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote using a vote/poll with the Organization's Voting List. Paper ballots shall be sent by postal mail for those members without subscriptions to the Voting List. Returned paper ballots bearing a postmark up to and including the date of poll closing will be accepted. Polls shall close two (2) weeks after opening.

This Amendment shall also provide for the Pyrrhura Breeders Association Vote List and Email List to be used for polling of the general membership, but shall exclude voting for elected office.

Don Harris, President
Tim Robertson, Vice President

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Proposed Bylaws Revision (cont'd)

Paper ballots were mailed to the entire membership on April 24, 2004. Polls closed on June 15, 2004. The results of the poll were unanimously in favor of the revision of Article IX. Twenty-five members returned their ballots. The vote to amend Article IX was therefore passed and implemented.

AFA Affiliate Renewal

The Pyrrhura Breeders Association has officially renewed with the Specialty Section of the American Federation of Aviculture for affiliate status for 2004.

Website Changes

Please take a moment to stop by the PBA website at <http://www.pyrrhurabreedersassociation.com>. There are soon to be several changes to the site. A membership renewal page has been added, in case you would like to renew ahead of time. **Elke Davis** will still send you a reminder notice via postal mail approximately 4 to 6 weeks before your membership is due to expire. **Bee Gee Bunch** is working on setting up a Paypal account so members can have the convenience of paying that way if they prefer. If members decide to pay via Paypal, the dues are \$21 to cover the fees charged by Paypal. If members send in a check, the dues remain \$20. There is also a new classified ads page that will be updated monthly on the first of the month. **Dennie Saul**, who has done a great job collecting and compiling the ads for our quarterly newsletters, has volunteered to do the same for the monthly information. She is working with **Judi Robben**, our faithful webmaster, who is putting all of the information up on the PBA website. If you have Pyrrhura or things related to breeding or raising Pyrrhura that you would like to sell, please send your ad to **Dennie** at celebirds@aol.com. The deadline for submission of your ads to **Dennie** is the 25th of each month so she can compile the information and submit the ads to **Judi** for updating the website on the 1st of each month.

Trial Membership Period

Previously, people could sign onto the PBA Email List and could remain on the list for 60 days, at which time they either had to officially join PBA or be removed from the list. It became a time- and labor-filled ordeal to keep up with which trial members were still on the list without having joined after the 60-day trial. It was the general consensus of the Board that people with an interest in PBA should go ahead and officially join the organization, so the 60-day trial membership period has been deleted.

Convention News / Fundraising Efforts

The 2004 American Federation of Aviculture Convention as well as the PBA Annual Meeting will take place August 4 to 7, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel in San Francisco, CA. The PBA Annual Meeting place and time is To Be Announced. Every member of PBA is invited and encouraged to attend. The PBA meeting will be scheduled to occur at a different time than the International Conure Association meeting, as our organizations share several members who would like to attend both meetings. Hotel rates are \$89 single or double, \$114 triple, and \$139 quad, which are excellent rates for San Francisco. Convention registration is \$235. And of course the PBA meeting is FREE! For more information on registration and hotel information, please refer to the AFA website at www.afabirds.org. Please bookmark the new AFA web address in your browser. The artwork this year will include a portrait of *Pyrrhura cruentata*, the Blue-throated Conure. Following the convention on August 8, there is a new AFA Fundamentals of Aviculture Certification course. I have emailed Natasha to inquire about the details (cost, times, registration application, etc.), and as soon as I get the information, I will post it on the PBA email list. There are also courses being offered on July 10 at the Holiday Inn Intercontinental Airport Houston and July 17 at the Holiday Inn Tampa-Busch Gardens. The cost is \$80 for AFA members and \$90 for non-members. For a registration application, please contact Natasha at (713) 862-5112 or conservation@prodigy.net.

We have reserved a booth in the exhibit hall at the convention and have begun collecting donations for fundraising from the members. Your donations are welcome and appreciated! If you can donate any items, please contact one of the officers. Raffle items received to date include:

Grain mix

Atlas of Conures book

A Guide to Popular Conures as Pet and Aviary Birds books

"Pyrrhuras, The Quiet Conures" videos

Buddy digital egg monitor

Male cinnamon GCC and female normal GCC

Toys, snack dish, fruit holder

Toys

AviTemp heat panel

Don Harris

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Tim Robertson

Bee Gee Bunch and Nora Schmidt

Chris Kraum

Elke and Deryl Davis

Dennie Saul

We do need some assistance with unloading and setting up the raffle items on-site. **Bee Gee Bunch** has graciously volunteered to collect raffle items and drive them to San Francisco. Thank you, **Bee Gee**! Hopefully, we will fill her car with raffle items, so a little man- (or woman-) power after her arrival to help unload the items would be much appreciated. The lecture schedule has been published at http://www.afabirds.org/AFA_2004/2004_Speakers.htm. We would like to set up blocks of time for members to volunteer at the PBA booth. If you could spare a few hours, please take a look at the schedule and consider volunteering so that no one person is working the booth all the time and missing all of the great lectures and activities, although manning the booth can be fun too!

New Members

We'd like to take a moment and warmly welcome the following new PBA members who have joined us: **Jimmy C. Smith** of Grants Pass, OR, **Andrew Pike** of Glenbrook, NSW, Australia, **Vicki Miller** of Paducah, KY, and **Kathy Hernandez** of Granada Hills, CA. If you haven't received an invitation to join the email list, please contact one of the officers. Feel free to tell us about yourselves and your birds. We look forward to getting to know you and thank you for supporting the organization.

PBA Email List Polls

Several interesting polls have been posted on the PBA List:

What do you think of the idea of going to a printed copy Newsletter?

10 members responded, and 90% were in favor of going to a printed Newsletter. Therefore, every quarter you will receive a copy of *The Py Press* in your mailbox. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and welcome ideas for publication, including article submission with photographs.

How many are planning on attending the AFA Convention next August in San Fransisco?

12 members responded. 5 members said that they would be attending, 2 were thinking about it, and 5 stated that they won't be attending the convention this year.

What is your opinion of us producing a PBA pin for the membership? Also as a fund raiser at the AFA Convention?

10 members responded and 90% indicated that they would like to have a PBA pin. **Don Harris** is doing the legwork on manufacturing the pin, and hopefully we will have them available for our members in the near future.

Calcium Supplementation - Please indicate as many choices as apply to you.

12 members responded. The results were:

- I do offer my birds calcium.	10 votes	17.86%
- I add calcium in the water.	3 votes	5.36%
- I add calcium on soft foods.	6 votes	10.71%
- I use calcium at least once a week.	4 votes	7.14%
- I use calcium more than 4 times a week.	4 votes	7.14%
- I only use calcium during breeding season.	4 votes	7.14%
- I use powdered calcium.	6 votes	10.71%
- I use cuttlebone.	8 votes	14.29%
- I use mineral blocks.	4 votes	7.14%
- I use a liquid calcium.	4 votes	7.14%
- I use a form of calcium that isn't listed.	1 votes	1.79%
- I do not supplement calcium.	2 votes	3.57%



If anyone has ideas for future polls, please feel free to share them. Participating in polls might be a great way for us to share breeding tips and learn what is successful for some and not for others.

NAWA Update

Elke Davis

When the USDA agreed to regulate birds, they informed various bird-keeping organizations and asked for input in drafting the regulations since they had no prior experience with regulating birds. To facilitate a coordinated effort, The National Avian Welfare Alliance was formed of representatives from all bird specialty groups, including bird trainers, racing pigeon fanciers, waterfowl and pheasants, finches, softbills and parrots. These representatives have been working for more than a year to formulate reasonable draft regulations on birds to present to the USDA. For further information about NAWA and for a link to previous meeting minutes, please visit the NAWA homepage at <http://www.nawabirds.org>. Your thoughts and input about the regulation of birds under the Animal Welfare Act can be emailed to comments@nawabirds.org. Due to the volume of emails, questions will not be answered via this email forum, but your input is greatly appreciated. Individuals who have questions are recommended to contact Elke or Deryl Davis for further information on the draft regulations. A list of NAWA participating organizations is available at <http://www.nawabirds.org/Members.html>.

The National Avian Welfare Alliance has been working on developing a set of draft regulations and minimum standards for birds as is now required under the Animal Welfare Act. Since the group has worked via an internet list and have scheduled their meetings at the AFA conventions, they were able to continue their work without having to raise any additional funds for meetings, etc. Ultimately these regulations will be presented to the USDA. NAWA is very close to finishing this draft and will have a meeting at the AFA convention. The USDA has changed their due date to August 3rd for submission of comments to the Rulemaking Announcement Docket No. 98-106-4 Animal Welfare: Regulations and Standards for Birds, Rats, and Mice. Even though NAWA is just about finished with their work, we are requesting an extension for a date past the convention to obtain input from individuals at the convention. Therefore each specialty group has been asked to write a letter asking for the extension and I have mailed the below letter to Regulations@aphis.usda.gov and CC: Jerry.D.Depoyster@aphis.usda.gov.

RE: DOCKET NO. 98-106-4

To: Regulations@aphis.usda.gov CC: Jerry.D.Depoyster@aphis.usda.gov

Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700

River Road Unit 118

Riverdale, MD. 20737-1238

Dear Sirs:

The Pyrrhura Breeder Association is writing to request a 45 day extension on the due date for submission of comments to the Rulemaking Announcement Docket No. 98-106-4 Animal Welfare: Regulations and Standards for Birds, Rats, and Mice, which presently has a due date for submission of August 3, 2004.

A 45 day extension would make it possible for the aviculture community to bring together a larger number of the many affected parties to obtain broader consensus on the proposed regulations.. The American Federation of Aviculture is holding its 30th Annual national convention August 4 through August 7, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency at the San Francisco Airport. The convention brings together aviculturists from all across the U.S. and thus provides the opportunity to entertain discussions and obtain input from a wider group of individuals than would normally be possible. Following the convention, comments and suggestions from this larger group would be reviewed and assimilated into the draft regulations presently being completed by the National Avian Welfare Alliance (NAWA).

Achieving a broad consensus within the avicultural community in regards to the proposed regulations would maximize the objectives of the AWA.

Since there are at present no regulations in place regarding inspecting birds, there would be no harm to anyone

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Elke Davis

due to delaying the deadline date for submissions.

In conclusion, we believe an opportunity to gather at a workable meeting location with adequate time for discussion is critical for full consideration of the serious issues facing all the affected parties. The AFA convention would provide just such an opportunity.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely

Pyrrhura Breeder Association

Don Harris (President)

Tim Robertson (Vice President)

BeeGee Bunch (Treasurer)

Elke Davis (Secretary)

Elke and Deryl Davis of Rockport Roost in Texas are PBA representatives for NAWA.

Birthday Cards

We will continue to send out cards to our members to commemorate their birthdays. Of course, a Pyrrhura is the inspiration of the card. Please send your birthdate as well as any pictures you feel might make great candidates for the posterbird to **Tim Robertson** at Tim@HatchingPost.com or by snail mail at PO Box 752, Dumas, TX 79029. You'll be sure to get at least *one* card on your special day!

Treasurer's Report

Bee Gee Bunch

As of May 31, 2004:

Beginning Balance:	\$4,423.76	
Expenses:	-\$125.00	(Affiliation dues)
	-\$59.95	(Website)
Income:	\$145.00	(Membership dues)
Ending Balance:	\$4,383.81	

Roseifrons: A Breeder's Journey

June DiCiocco

Once upon a time, there was a consortium for *Pyrrhura conures*. One of the species that the consortium imported into the United States was *Pyrrhura picta roseifrons*, the rose-fronted or rose-headed conure, which is an 8 ½ inch conure from the upper Jurua' Valley in Northwestern Brazil as well as Eastern Peru. The consortium flourished with F1 birds from the foundation stock. There was more than one consortium, and the foundation stock was scattered across the USA.

Judi Robben sent a pair of F1 *Roseifrons* to me on August 12, 2003. I had completed the requirements for the consortium and was approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, but these birds are F1 and the chicks cited in this article are F2, so they are not technically in the consortium. The parent birds are:

Male: Band CB009-442 hatched in 2002 (no record of what month) by

Richard Cusick

Female: Band JAR KS 02 #196 hatched January 12, 2002, by **Judi Robben**;
parents of the female were Ralph (JAR RF RVOI 99 #21) and
Terry (TEI 99 #20).

A contract was signed and sent to **Judi** on August 15, 2003. I agreed to pay \$2000 or give back two babies from this couple. And so the journey began....

The parent birds are very flighty temperament-wise. They are skittish and very cautious. I gave them a nest box when they arrived, as **Judi** said they had one. They went into it and hid for weeks. I had to keep checking on them to make sure they were ok.

I moved their cage so that two sides were blocked from view of the other birds (all *Pyrrhuras*) in the room. The nest box opening faced a wall, which I thought would give them a secure feeling. I would place their veggies in the cage each morning, and they never ate them. I continued the routine every day. Finally one day in late November, I was pleased to see one bird on the perch outside the nest box, and the veggies were eaten. I guess they decided life was not that difficult here, and no one was going to harm them.

Gradually I found the pair sitting outside the box, but as soon as I approached the cage, they would retreat to the safety of the nest box. I had tried early on removing the box, but they were thrashing inside the cage and looking for a place to hide, so I gave them back their box. Once I did, they retreated and stayed there.

I noticed the food supply, cuttlebone, millet, and egg food being eaten at greater amounts. I checked the nest box. Bingo.....eggs! They flew out of the box so fast I was afraid they would scatter the eggs. I marked the calendar and decided not to look again for two weeks.

The time went, and I checked and there was one chick and several eggs in the box. I left them alone. I checked again the next day.....two chicks. The next day there were three chicks and two fertile unhatched eggs.

I checked the chicks, and they were not being fed very well. I decided to take them and feed them. I checked the box daily for the hatching of the other two eggs. One hatched a full week after the hatching of the first chick. I decided to see if they would feed it. They did, but only sparsely. The other egg did not hatch yet. I decided to gamble and see what would happen. Four days later, chick #4 was not being fed properly, so I decided to take it. The other egg was missing.

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Roseifrons: A Breeder's Journey (cont'd)

June DiCiocco

I took chick #4, added it to the clutch in the brooder, and decided to go to the nest box to search for the fifth egg. I knew it was fertile. I carefully began removing the bedding from the nest box. I removed the nest box from the cage so I could search without upsetting the parent birds. Way at the bottom under all the shavings, there was a tiny chick, #5, who turned out to be the sole male in the clutch.

Today I have two chicks for my labor, and the parent birds that I hope will go to nest again some day. I thank **Judi** for the opportunity of having these birds. **Judi** explained that apparently there are two different-size chicks produced from different stock that was imported. My parents are a blend of both lines, and **Judi** said these chicks resemble the smaller chick side. They weigh 88 grams now, and they are sweet birds. That is the weight of my Painted (*Pyrrhura picta picta*) adults.

Bear with me here as I describe my handfeeding routine. The tools for a day one feeder are a good gram scale and a 3-cc syringe with a #16 stainless steel tube. I use Vanodine as a disinfectant. I feed a thin formula from the first feeding until they are on 3-hour feedings. Then I increase the thickness. I use Kaytee Macaw Handfeeding Formula. Kaytee has been my choice forever. A 6- to 10-gram bird gets 0.5 cc every hour, increasing after day two by 0.1 cc at a time. The brooder temp starts at 99 degrees, decreasing gradually.

This clutch of *Roseifrons* conures was difficult at best. I had to feed all night for two nights, and they had dispositions like terriers for the first few days. They are hyper and never satisfied. To top it off, they hatched in two groups with eight days between the first three and the last two. I never had that before in any conure.

The following is the diary I kept on this clutch:

Roseifrons hatched on February 26, 27, and 28, 2004.

February 28, 2004: First pictures. Left to right 1 – 2 – 3 in hatch order. God, they are so active!!!!!! 0.4 cc every hour so far.... Parents went back on the two remaining eggs. Here's hoping they don't destroy them. My observation is that usually day 1 conures calm down and go to two-hour feedings in 24 to 36 hours. These chicks are very active and their crops empty very quickly. I have fed every hour since noon 2/28/2004. At midnight I will sleep for 3 hours and then feed at 3:00 a.m., get up at 6:00 a.m., and start every hour again.



February 29, 2004: The above schedule did not do well for the smaller chick. Every hour or two all night on these

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June DiCiocco

babies until they become less active had to be the schedule. Their metabolism was through the roof. Cannot get a three-hour break yet at night. Weights 12 grams, 12 grams, 8 grams. The two bigger ones, #1 and #2, are on two-hour feedings as of noon today on 2/29/2004.

March 5, 2004: 22 grams, 4-hour feedings. March 9, 2004: 48 grams, 6-hour feedings. They are finally settling down and I can sleep 6 hours at night.

The clutch is pictured at right on March 21, 2004. They weigh 68 grams, except for the two small ones, #4 and #5.

April 1, 2004: Started to wean today at five weeks in. The oldest three are pictured below. The other two are still not feathered up. I really like the maroon and green coloration of the juvenile birds. Weight 80 grams.



April 5, 2004: Chick #4 (HFA 110) aspirated at the 3:00 p.m. feeding. They were in the weaning process. I never had chicks feed this rapidly. They became almost invisible, as their feeding response was so fast. We missed a beat somewhere in the process. She was gone in a few minutes, and there was no way to save her. I was devastated. So much work, so much care, and in all the years I have raised chicks, I never had one aspirate. To lose one this close to being fully weaned was totally a shock to me.

I kept my wits about me and decided to draw blood on the dead chick for DNA and testing. It was a female. All were sexed, and including the dead chick there were four females and one male.

I shipped the two babies as per the contract agreement to **Judi Robben** on May 13, 2004. I sent two female chicks. I retained one male and one female. The male was the last one hatched, and he had a time catching up.

So that is my story. I hope you enjoyed the journey, and I will look forward to next season. Maybe someone will choose to trade a bird with me from a different breeding and line so I can set up another pair. If that does not happen, I will attempt to sell these two youngsters and start again.

Meet The Members



June DiCiocco

Hideaway Farms
North Augusta, SC
<http://www.hideawayfarms.com>

I have been actively breeding birds since 1974, for breeders mainly and for the pet market occasionally. I've been very successful in breeding conures and parrotlets. I hold and maintain a CBW permit PRT-833286 for the Queen of Bavaria conure (*Guaruba guarouba*), and currently have three pair set up in a breeding program. I had my first successful hatchings in 2002.

I am very dedicated to helping the forgotten Finsch's conure (*Aratinga finschii*) regain its place in the bird world. This bird has little commercial appeal because of its plain coloration as a juvenile. Some of the largest breeders in the US have given up this species.

I gave a presentation on the Finsch's conure at the 1999 Denver AFA Convention and had an article published on the Finsch's Conure in the March/April 1999 issue of the AFA *Watchbird*. In the August/September 2000 issue of *Australian Bird Keepers Magazine*, I have an interview and photos that were done by noted author Ray Dorge. There is also a subsequent article in the *UK Parrots* magazine on the Finsch's that was done in collaboration with Ray Dorge. I also assisted him on seeking information for his book on conures published by ABK.

I began in parrotlets in 1993 with one pair of nominates that I bought off the back of a seed truck. I began with the yellow mutation in 1996. I also have been importing mutation Pacific parrotlets (*Forpus coelestis*) since 1999. I have been very successful in breeding the blue, yellow, gray-green, and pastel mutations of this *coelestis* species of *Forpus*. I hold 23 domestic-bred *Forpus xanthops* (Yellow-faced parrotlets), very rare in the USA. I have written small articles on the *Forpus* species for various publications and web sites for noted organizations. I am on the Board of the Parrotlet Alliance, an AFA specialty affiliated group since 2001.

I was one of 5 people who in 1990 began the Aiken Bird Club, an AFA affiliated organization for which I served as AFA delegate and also their Vice President. This club has worked to donate thousands of dollars to aviculture, research, and zoos. I also was a member of CSRA Exotic Bird Association, a Georgia-based AFA affiliated group that I helped to organize. I am a member in good standing with AFA since 1995.

I was Public Relations Officer for the Pyrrhura Breeders Association (PBA) and one of their delegates for two years. I took the office of Treasurer for PBA in 2002. I applied for their 501(c)3 non-profit recognition and received it in 2002. I recently was approved by USFWS to be part of the Pyrrhura breeders consortium that is now sponsored by PBA. I attended the Tampa AFA convention in 2002 as an officer and delegate for PBA.

I presently breed Green-cheek conure mutations, the *Roseifrons* and Painted conures, Black-capped conures, and Sounce conures. I truly love the Pyrrhuras.

Meet The Members (cont'd)

Pauline S. Lane

The Feather Ranch

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After raising bantam chickens all my life, I got seriously interested in breeding birds not long after I got my Yellow-naped Amazon, Rudy, in 1994. My first experience with hand-feeding was in 1982 when I got my cockatiel, Meshach, and was given a recipe for homemade formula. Meshach had to be fed for a few weeks after I got him. Meshach died last February at the ripe old age of 21.



Anyway, I started out with a pair of Hahn's Macaws and a pair of Nandays around 1995 and from there, I ended up finishing off an upstairs room to accommodate a small aviary of my favorite species that grew and grew. I didn't start raising Pys until about a year and a half ago, because a friend of mine had raised them for years and I always tried to stick with species she didn't have.

I am working with Green-cheeks and their mutations, White-eareds, and Painteds right now. I am not a morning person so I'm sure my routine is different than most. I have about ten full spectrum lights placed around the room and also have a sun tunnel in the ceiling for those mornings when I am slow getting the lights turned on and they can still get good light from that. Since space is limited, the largest cages I have are Safeguard 36 X 24. It works for me. Smaller birds have smaller sizes, with the Pys using a 24 X 24 size. I like Grandfather-type nestboxes for Pys and they are usually 10" X 12" and 16" deep. My breeders get mineral blocks, oyster shell, and an occasional cuttlebone. They all have a low perch, a high perch and one awesome swing. If they don't have a box up, I provide them with some type of sleeping bed, usually a Happy Hut. I rarely ever give toys to the breeders unless I feel like they need to chew. Then I sometimes give wood pieces. On the other hand, the babies in the sunroom get lots of wiffle balls! I mostly use the screw-on plastic dishes for food and water. Ceramic bowls with fresh veggies and fruits sometimes go on the floor because most of it ends up there, anyway. I only use supplements when I feel it is needed for specific problems such as molting, recovering from chick care, egg laying, etc.

The breeders are usually checked on briefly in the morning to see if all is well and remove any soiled dishes. Also if any pairs are feeding chicks, they get soft food. In the evening or late afternoon, I spend a lot of time with them, cleaning, feeding, watering, etc. We all enjoy some good loud music while I work. There are no visual blinds between my breeders. I did try it once and saw no difference.

I feed my birds Sunseed Vita Parrot and Vita Tiel and always mix in some dried fruits. My favorite fruits are Higgins Snack Attack Fruits and Veggies and also Sunseed Fabulous Fruit. I don't trust the peanuts in the seed mixes so I

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Pauline S. Lane (cont'd)

buy human grade peanuts for the birds and they get one for a treat with their fresh seed in the evening. I serve them either thawed-out veggies, fruits, cooked bean/rice/veggie mix or something fresh like carrots, corn on the cob, or broccoli every day. They all have a bowl of Exact Rainbow pellets and some eat them and some don't. The Pys always eat theirs!

When I pull babies depends on the parents and the size of the clutch. Good parents are allowed to keep chicks 3 weeks. I had a wonderful sunroom built about 2-3 years ago and after they stay in a Petiatric Nursery/Brooder for awhile, the babies all go to the sunroom to live until they get new homes.

I have a website I invite you to visit, but unfortunately it hasn't been updated in a while.



Dennie and Jack Saul

Cele Birds

Cele, TX

<http://www.celebirds.com>

We are retired school teachers, who both owned birds as children. We began with Lady Gouldian Finches, and grew into small parrots. Our main breeders are Green Rump Parrotlets, Pyrrhura Conures, and Mutation Quakers. We particularly like the Cinnamon Yellow-sided Green Cheek Conures referred to as Pineapples, the Crimson Bellied Conure, and the White Eared *Leucotis* Pys. We have large pet birds with 3 African Greys, 3 cockatoos, 1 B&G Macaw, a White Front Amazon, and a Brown Throated Poicephalus, which used to be called Cape. Most of our Pys believe they are our pets as well! We ship about 50% of our birds, and have shipped to nearly every state. We both enjoy the birds we breed, but find ourselves needing more time.

All our birds are in California cages, kept indoors, with nest boxes made by Birds, Etc. along with their Bird Butlers. We have an abundance of toys in all cages, as well as play gym areas in all breeding rooms. We feed sprouts, 2 tablespoons of seed mix, and chopped veggies/fruit from a food processor most every day. We alternate 2-3 days with frozen mixed veggies, or soak-n-cook. Roudy Bush pellets are fed on the side, with ZuPreem Fruit Blend as a treat. All our birds can see each other, and are out together at least once a week if they are compatible or not aggressive to other birds. Our birds seem to be the number one priority in our household--at least they get the most attention.

Meet The Members (cont'd)



Vicki Miller

Paducah, KY

I live in Western Kentucky and joined PBA earlier this year. I breed lovebirds and cockatiels and just recently got interested in the Green Cheek Conures. I have one female (Emmie) that is a pet. I acquired a young pair of GC's (Sadie & Spanky) this past winter and they have produced 4 babies in their first clutch for me. These babies are just a little over 6 weeks old now and beginning to wean. Sadie & Spanky are on their second clutch with 4 eggs so far. I then acquired a second pair (they are older, the male is about 6 years old). They started laying but were eating the eggs. Sadly to say, the female prolapsed in process of laying an egg and died June 7, 2004.

I am interested in the GC mutations and some of the other Py species in the future. I breed my birds indoors in separate breeder cages that are 30" x 18" x 18". They are on a stand with a cage on top and a cage on the lower shelf with full spectrum lighting fixtures attached to the stands.

Their diet consists of Kaytee Fiesta cockatiel seed mix, ZuPreem Fruit Blend pellets, mixed veggies, grains, and a bean/rice mixture along with our own soak mix which consists of Whole Grain Wheat, Whole Grain Rye, Oat Groats, Pearled Barley and Mung Beans. We get this at the health food store and mix enough for about three days and soak in the refrigerator overnight. This is given to all the lovebirds and cockatiels as well.

I have toys in the breeder's cages along with a bowl of water to bathe in. The GC's really make use of it quite often. I am looking forward to learning more about the Pyrrhura species and expanding my flock in the future.



Curious George (Baby Greencheek)

Meet The Members (cont'd)

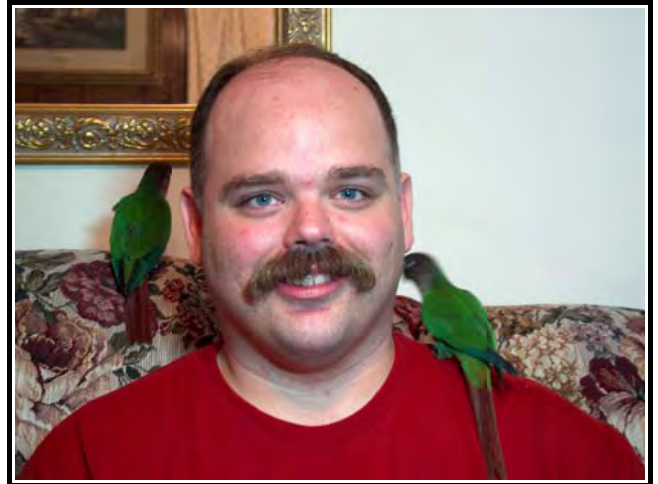
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I am a relatively new breeder and consider myself lucky to be able to interact with the many veteran breeders here in the PBA. I really do appreciate each and every one of the members' willingness to share their wealth of knowledge and experience. I currently breed Painted, Pearly, Crimson-bellied, Green-cheek (normal, cinnamon, yellowsided, turquoise, and combinations/splits), Hoffmann's, White-eared (*Griseipectus*), and Queen of Bavaria conures. I also breed Buffon's, Scarlet, Blue & Gold, Blue-throated, Hyacinth, and Greenwing macaws. I love feeding the baby Py's and watching their personalities develop.



I am a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner in my "spare" time and work in a neonatal intensive care unit, directing the care of critically-ill babies, many of whom are premature. The similarities between my duties at work and raising baby birds is striking. All of these babies, human and avian, require meticulous care in their assessment, feeding, thermoregulation, infection control, and socialization. Both of my jobs are a lot of fun.

My breeding Py's live in 2' x 2' x 5' double-stacked flight cages. The wire is 1/2" x 1" GAW. There is a door in the center front of each cage with a 3-bowl feeding station to the right of the door. The nestbox is hung on the right side of the cages. The nestbox is 8" x 12" x 17" with a viewing platform behind the entrance hole. The breeders get a variety of food, including sprouts, cooked grain mix, bird bread, fruit and veggies, and ZuPreem and Scenic pellets. I give CalciBoost twice a week year round, and five times per week during active egg laying. Babies are generally pulled at 2 weeks for hand-feeding. I use ZuPreem Embrace Plus or Scenic High Energy handfeeding formula. I give Instant Ounces or Formula Plus for the first couple of weeks. The babies are weaned onto the same diet as the breeding birds.

I was elected Vice President of PBA this last year and have enjoyed my work with the organization and the Board. I hope I am doing a good job for the members. I will be a delegate, along with **Mona Tuomi**, for this year's AFA convention. I welcome constructive suggestions for the direction you wish PBA to evolve. We all have different strengths, and I encourage all the members to use those strengths in ways to improve the organization.

Breeder Ads

Suzi

Southern California

E-mail address: mommabyrd@webtv.net

(661) 947-1588

Male green cheeked conure. Not for breeding...is very aggressive to mate.

Was pet, talks a lot. No shipping. Must pick up. -- \$125 each

June DiCiocco

South Carolina

E-mail address: June@hideawayfarms.com

<http://www.hideawayfarms.com/aviary>

(803) 593-9500

Female Cinnamon Green Cheek from YS & Cinn. parents 2/04 hatch

Roseifrons would like to trade for opposite sex 2/04 hatch

Black cap pair bonded 03 birds

Cinnamon Green Cheek Pair Proven 01 (need new stock to pair with their chicks)

All birds in excellent feather and condition.

All were hand fed.

Write or call for complete details and prices.

Serious inquires only please

Will ship -- weather permitting.

Pauline Lane

South Carolina

pslane@sc.rr.com

www.thefeatherranch.com

(803) 469-2724

I do not ship.

FOR SALE:

Pair of Black Capped Conures, 3 yrs old.

Proven to have good fertile eggs, but as of yet, they haven't fed the babies that hatch. \$425 pair.

2 young unsexed Black Capped Conures from above pair. 2003 hatch. \$225 each.

WANTED: Female White eared Conure (Griseipectus) for breeding.

Breeder Ads (cont'd)

M. Covault
Feathered Companions Aviary
Texas
E-mail address: birdcompanions@juno.com
<http://www.birdcompanions.com>
(512) 250-0442

Hand feeding now (DNA-sexed by mid-March):
Crimson-bellied (2 sold, 3 available) -- Might trade for unrelated CBs, or for cinn-turq or cinn-blue GCs
GCs (normals (males split), cinnamon M&F, YS, 1 pineapple female).

Kathy
Nevada
moiamoreaves7@aol.com

Hand feeding 3 crimson belly conure babies which will be ready to go to new homes end of July or beginning of August. Will be sexed. Prefer to sell males as pets and females as breeders but not written in stone. E-mail me privately for more info at Kathy in Reno moiamoreaves7@aol.com
Will ship at buyer's expense.

Dennie Saul
TX
celebirds@aol.com
<http://www.celebirds.com>

Cinnamon Yellow-sided "Pineapple" Green Cheek Conure Two Pairs for \$1350 pair
Black Capped Conures (3/12 thru 3/18/04) - \$175 each – two remaining, just weaned
Crimson Bellied Conures (3/23 thru 3/30/04) – 2 DNA males \$850 each & 1 pair of CBs for \$1700 pair
Will ship. Take money orders, cashier's checks or PayPal. Health guaranteed.
Well socialized, on excellent diet of sprouts, chopped veggies/fruit, pellets & measured seed.

Breeder Ads (cont'd)

Henry Roman
TX

androsc95@aol.com

Pr #1 Normal/Cinn. X Yellow-sided (proven)	\$300.00
Pr #2 Cinnamon X Normal	\$200.00
Pr #3 Normal/Cinn/YS X Yellow-sided (proven)	\$400.00
Pr #4 Lime X Yellow-sided	\$400.00
Pr #5 Normal/Cinn. X Normal	\$200.00
Pr #6 Normal/Cinn. X Cinnamon (feeding baby)	\$250.00
Pr #7 Yellow-sided X Yellow-sided (both proven with other mates)	\$450.00
Pr #8 Turquoise X Normal/ (supposedly to Turq.)	\$900.00
Pr #10 Normal/Cinn/YS X Cinnamon (proven)	\$300.00
Pr #11 Cinnamon X Cinnamon (proven)	\$300.00
Pr #12 Normal/Cinn. X Cinnamon	\$250.00

Singles:

Normal from pair #12	\$ 75.00
Normal/Cinn/YS from pair #3	\$150.00
Normal/Cinn/YS from pair #3	\$150.00
Yellow-Sided from pair #3	\$200.00
Normal/Turq from pair #8	\$300.00
Cinnamon/Turq from pair #8	\$400.00
Cinnamon/Turq from pair #8	\$400.00
Normal/Cinn. Proven male	\$125.00

Most all birds are banded. Oldest bird is 6 yrs. most all others vary from 1 1/2 to 3 yrs.

Other than Singles all were hatched this year. With the exception of one single not listed above.

Will make a package deal on all birds.

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Female Normal Greencheek Conure split to turquoise – \$500

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Breeder Ads (cont'd)

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Email privately for complete product listing and price list. Visa, MC, Discover accepted.



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