

NBC Noticeboard

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NBC AGM 2019

The NBC will hold its 2019 AGM at the British Birdwatching Fair (Rutland Water, UK) on 17 August 2019. For details of time, place and agenda, please see the NBC website or the flyer inserted with hard copies of this magazine.

Amazon Smile

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Join the NBC community on social media

The Neotropical Bird Club is active on social media. The Neotropical Bird Club Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/31491408108/) has nearly 5,200 members, and new threads and images meeting the group's guidelines are posted daily. NBC's Twitter handle is @NeoBirdClub. We tweet NBC news and all things to do with birding, ornithology and bird conservation in the NBC region. Join us!

Members' e-mail addresses

With ever increasing postage costs NBC can save considerable money by using e-mail to communicate with members. We would like to move to sending membership renewals by e-mail instead of by post. If we do not have your preferred e-mail address or you have changed it recently it would help NBC if you could please send it to us at membership@neotropicalbirdclub.org.

NBC 25th anniversary celebrations

The NBC turns 25 in 2019. We are celebrating this milestone in a number of 25th-anniversary-themed ways.

1. Join us for a celebratory dinner on 15 August 2019 at the Wisteria Hotel, Oakham, UK – timed to coincide perfectly with the British Birdwatching Birdfair! The three-course meal, with after-dinner guest speaker, will cost £25 (or €/\$ equivalent). Book via the NBC website neotropicalbirdclub.org or e-mail secretary@neotropicalbirdclub.org
2. *Neotropical Birding 25*, published in September 2019, will feature articles celebrating the NBC's work since we published the first issue of *Cotinga* in 1994. Learn how the NBC was created; look back across a quarter of a century of Neotropical discoveries and books; and discover what has happened to species and sites featured in our early publications.
3. The NBC has made available, on a first come first served basis, 25 online 2019 memberships to anyone over 18 and under 25 (terms apply). If you know some qualifying person who is interested in Neotropical birds please either send their details to the Secretary or ask them to make direct contact.
4. The NBC will be holding a one-day joint conference with the British Ornithologists' Club on 26 October 2019 in the Flett Theatre, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London. Attendance is open to all and entrance is free. The conference will include a range of talks on Neotropical ornithology. The programme will appear on the NBC website in due course.
5. We are celebrating through a revamped anniversary logo, kindly designed by Anahi Plenge Pardo, see above, page 2 and page 61.

Johan Ingels

The NBC was very sad to learn of the passing of Johan Ingels in November 2018. Johan kindly served as our representative in Belgium, wrote regularly for *Neotropical Birding* and contributed much to the ornithological knowledge of French Guiana. He will be missed.

NBC at the British Birdwatching Fair in 2018

We were pleased to meet many NBC members during the British Birdwatching Fair (Rutland Water, UK, August 2018). Members were able to collect copies of *Neotropical Birding* 23 and *Cotinga* 41 – both hot off the press. We are grateful to the 'Birdfair' organisers for allowing us to hold our AGM during the Fair. Once again, we had a successful raffle – and thank both those who donated prizes and those who bought tickets. Ian Lycett scooped first prize – Swarovski EL 10x42 binoculars (courtesy of Swarovski Optik UK; Fig. 1). Sonia Jupp won second prize – seven days accommodation at Ecuador's El Séptimo Paraíso lodge (courtesy of El Séptimo Paraíso and Ana-Lucia Goetschel). Steve Pilkington won third prize – a copy of the book *Bird families of the world* plus a 1-year subscription to *HBW Alive* (courtesy of Lynx Edicions).



Sponsored Memberships

Every year we allocate a number of sponsored memberships to people in the Neotropical region who are unable to join the Neotropical Bird Club under normal circumstances. These are chosen from suggestions by NBC members. If you know of someone in the Neotropics who you think would benefit from being a member of the NBC, but who cannot afford to join, please e-mail ✉ secretary@neotropicalbirdclub.org. Please pass us their details and explain why you judge the Club should grant them sponsorship.

Please can members consider upgrading their membership to Sponsored Membership level? This will enable the NBC to allocate more sponsorships to deserving Neotropical ornithologists and birders. If you choose not to specify a recipient we will allocate one from the list of suggestions submitted by members.

Updated Privacy and Cookies Notice

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on 25 May 2018. GDPR enhances previous data protection legislation in order to improve protection of your personal data (such as your name and address). The NBC takes your privacy very seriously. We are committed to taking good care of your personal data. We never sell your personal data and only share it with individuals or organisations who need it to provide services for the NBC (e.g. to send NBC journals or merchandise to you). We are committed to meeting regulatory requirements: e.g. we will only e-mail or post to you specific information on fundraising trips, raffle tickets, volunteering opportunities and regional developments if you have 'opted in'; you can adjust your preferences at any time at neotropicalbirdclub.org/keeping-in-touch

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1 Ian Lycett (left) receiving first prize in the 2018 NBC raffle – a pair of Swarovski EL 10x42 binoculars – from Peter Antoniou of Swarovski Optik UK (middle) and NBC Chair David Fisher (right).

Donations – and making them regularly

We are grateful to John Caddick, John M. Dixon, Douglas Faulder, Keith Fisher, Ben Garmon, Stephen E. Gast, Alan Graham, Vicky Graham, Alan Dale Hands, John C. Harding, the late Johan Ingels, the March Conservation Fund of Tides Foundation, Bill and Jack Moorhead, Eric J. Pilcher, Gareth Rees, David R. Stoddard, Jens Thalund, Frank G. Witebsky and Barry Edward Wright for their recent donations to the NBC. We have made it easy for members to make donations on a regular basis. If you wish to help the NBC in this way, please e-mail ✉ secretary@neotropicalbirdclub.org for details.