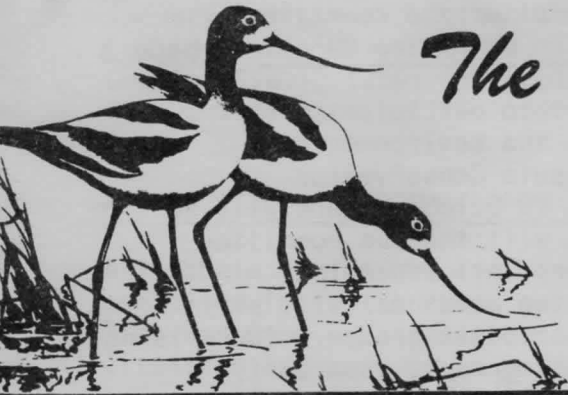


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 3 Yosemite National Park Field Trip, Saturday, 6 A.M. Meet where the entrance to Bridalveil Campground meets Glacier Point Road. Leader: Joe Greenberg, 328-7647.
- June 6 Bird Discussion Group, South County, Tuesday. Topic: "Birding at Hakone Gardens." Meet at 8 A.M. at Eve Case's home, 20537 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga, to pool cars. Latecomers meet at 9 A.M. at Hakone Gardens. Bring a lunch. For further information call Eve Case, 867-4748.
- June 7 Field Trip South--Santa Teresa Park, Wednesday, 8:30 A.M. South from San Jose on Monterey Road. Past I.B.M. Plant. Right on Bernal Road about a mile. Park is on left. Meet at picnic parking lot. Leader: Frank Farran, 252-3874.
- June 8 Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, 6 P.M. at the home of Diane Conradson, 4337 Miranda Ct., Palo Alto. This is the Installation Meeting with both incoming and outgoing Board Members.
- June 12 Santa Cruz Bird Club Offshore Birding Trip, Monday, 7:30 A.M. Departure will be 7:30 A.M. from Stagnaro's Landing on the Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz. Destination is about 12 miles out to look for pelagic birds. Return about noon. Tickets are \$2 each. Send check and stamped, addressed envelope to Viola Anderson, 227 Linden Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060. Leader: William Anderson.
- July Condor Trip to Fremont Peak. For information contact Joe Greenberg, 328-7647.
- Note: The Avocet will resume publication in September. Have an enjoyable summer.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE--A NEW DIRECTION

In the past few years requests for field trips and slide lectures have increased and volunteers from SCVAS membership for the Education Committee have decreased. (Only two people have volunteered in three years out of a membership of 1200!) These facts become even more grim when you realize that less than a handful of the committee is carrying the major portion of the work load. See Education Committee Report on page 3.

In March there came an opportunity to join in a larger effort to put volunteers into the classrooms and in the field with children. This is the Environmental Volunteers (EV) program organized and sponsored by the Peninsula Conservation Foundation and co-sponsored by the San Mateo Junior Museum. In October there will be a nine session training program given and those participants will then be committed for a certain number of hours for the rest of the school year. All Education Committee members will be urged to join this EV program and the remainder will still be kept busy with the additional requests from youth groups or adult groups. (Surprisingly only 14 of those field trips involving 265 children were youth groups, apparently classroom teachers are relying more than ever on volunteer help for conservation education.) Please call Nancy Holmes if you wish to volunteer or obtain more information, 948-3262.

Nancy Holmes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Los Altos - Palo Alto Area

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| Mr. William H. Carlton | 25935 Estacada Drive | Los Altos Hills, Calif. 94022 |
| Mrs. C. Richard Adelman, Jr. | 11860 Country Club | Los Altos, Calif. 94022 |
| Mrs. John S. Connolly | 67-D Escondito Village | Stanford, Calif. 94305 |
| Thelma Dodd | 754 Palo Alto Avenue | Palo Alto, Calif. 94301 |
| Eleanor L. Norris | 935 Elsinore Drive | Palo Alto, Calif. 94303 |
| Ed Riddell | Theta Delta Chi P.O. Box 5157 | Stanford, Calif. 94305 |
| Mrs. William J. Shaw | 2324 Branner Drive | Menlo Park, Calif. 94025 |
| Mrs. M. Shortleff | 118 Sunkist Lane | Los Altos, Calif. 94022 |

San Jose - Sunnyvale Area

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| Bruce P. Arnold | 829 Seabury Drive | San Jose, Calif. 95123 |
| Margaret Ercoline | 941 Sutter Ave. | Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086 |
| William S. Harrison | 3211 Rustic Drive. | Santa Clara, Calif. 95051 |
| Randall L. Homan | 897 Coe Avenue | San Jose, Calif. 95125 |
| David K. D. Loo | 348 S. 18th Ave | San Jose, Calif. 95116 |
| Stephen A. Makin | 205 Acalones Drive | Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086 |
| Adriana Mulder | 5340 Pearl Avenue | San Jose, Calif. 95123 |
| Mr. Gerald L Norviel | 640 S. 9th, #4 | San Jose, Calif. 95112 |
| Mr. Kent Saunders | 1535 Cherry Glen Way | San Jose, Calif. 95125 |
| Gary L. Shue | 1607 Edmonton | Sunnyvale, Calif. 94087 |

Other Areas

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| Lawrence R. Wilson | 20 McIntosh | Clarendon Hill, Ill. 60514 |
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OUR BIGGEST CHAPTERS

Counting the Michigan Audubon Society (which has just changed from an affiliate to a regular chapter), but not including Florida Audubon (which has a membership arrangement that belongs in a separate category), the National Audubon Society now has an even dozen chapters with more than 1000 members. Here's the list, ranked by January 1 figures: Golden Gate, 2715; Detroit, 2066; Tropical (Fla.), 2028; Los Angeles, 1901; Seattle, 1803; Michigan, 1486; Marin (Calif.), 1449; Collier County (Fla.), 1289; St. Louis, 1224; Santa Clara Valley (Calif.), 1153; Greenwich, Conn., 1133; Louisville, 1090.

WOLVES STILL BEING SHOT FROM AIRCRAFT

A loophole in the new law banning the shooting of wildlife from aircraft is being exploited in Alaska where permits to shoot wolves are still being issued. The Alaska Fish and Game Department contends PL 92-159 allows permits for "administration of wildlife" and says it is not intending to eradicate the species as in the older program of predator control. A first step: The Department has now banned aircraft shooting or trapping of wolves on certain public lands there. Moreover, pressure is mounting on Congress to exercise its oversight authority on the problem. Your letters are also solicited to Governor William A. Egan, Juneau, AK, requesting consideration by Alaska Fish and Game of its program, which is so clearly against the spirit of the new federal law.

YOUTH SCIENCE INSTITUTE WALKABOUTS

As a means of celebrating Alum Rock Park's centennial year, Youth Science Institute is beginning a summer series of week-end Walkabouts. These guided nature walks will originate at the Junior Museum in Alum Rock Park every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 P.M. beginning April 22nd and continuing all summer. The Walkabouts will follow easy trails along the park's famous mineral springs and through the lovely canyon. Audubon member Mr. Clark Champion is the Assistant Director of Youth Science Institute and Audubon members Lily Estrada, Liz Karren, and Aletha Powers are taking part in the program as guides. Youth Science Institute invites you to join them on a Walkabout and enjoy a day in the park. For more information, phone 258-7382 or 338-6589.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: JUNE 1971-MAY 1972

During the last year the Education Committee participated in 57 lectures and fieldtrips for 1330 children and 112 adults, 6 lectures for 620 children, and 18 lectures for 924 adults.

Our thanks to the following committee members for their tremendous work: Lloyd Case, Mrs. Joan Combs, Mrs. Courtney Dawson-Roberts, Mrs. Janet Fisher, Bob Gill, Mrs. Mary McPherson, Mrs. Yvonne Kortum, Mrs. Florence La Riviere and Mrs. Carol Zabel.

Nancy Holmes

BOARD NOTES

The Board authorized Nancy Holmes, of the Education Committee, to participate in the Environmental Volunteers program. See note on page 4 for more information.

The Board authorized expenditure of \$600.00 to defray cost of expenses for Henry Weston of San Jose State College, who will be conducting an investigation of the effect of certain non-protected birds in cleaning up edible residue left by hikers and campers in the High Sierra.

JUNE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Of the many items on the June ballot, several are of great interest and importance to Audubon members. Following are brief descriptions of important environmental propositions on the ballot:

Proposition A: The measure asks: "Shall the California Toll Bridge Authority be permitted to construct the Southern Crossing Bridge without further specific approval by the California Legislature?" Passage of the proposition would give a go-ahead to construction of a \$556 million Southern Crossing Bridge. The bridge would be located five miles south of the present San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Its western terminus would be at India Basin near Hunters Point in San Francisco. The "Y" shaped eastern terminus would be in Alameda and San Leandro.

State Senator Alfred E. Alquist, chairman of the Santa Clara County NO on Prop. A Committee, urged Santa Clara County voters to vote "NO" on Prop. A. Committee co-chairmen are Santa Clara County Supervisor Victor Calvo, San Jose Councilwoman Janet Gray Hayes, Saratoga Mayor Jerome Smith, Gilroy Councilman John Pate, Morgan Hill Councilman Wayne Wengert and John Lambert, president of the Modern Transit Society of Palo Alto. For further information, call John Keplinger, 986-5545.

Proposition B: A YES vote on "B" will create a county-wide Transit District which will: 1) Develop a balanced system of public transportation that will serve all parts of the county. 2) Reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, by providing a convenient alternative to the automobile. (Also eliminate the need for a second car, thereby saving at least \$1500/year). 3) Bring \$7 million of state transit funds into the county economy. (Last year the State for the first time imposed a 2 1/2¢ sales tax on gasoline to raise funds for transit. Our county's share of these funds is approximately \$7 million per year, but the law makes it virtually impossible to use these funds unless the county-wide district is formed.) 4) Impose NO taxes above those already being levied. (The law creating the district has been amended to eliminate all power to levy local taxes.)

Proposition C: A YES vote on this county Charter Amendment would: 1) Require the Board of Supervisors to set aside 10¢ per year of county property tax for ten years in a special trust fund for parks and open space. 2) Produce, with state and federal matching funds, from \$44-\$60 million for desperately needed parks. 3) Put parks on a pay-as-you-go basis, thereby saving millions of dollars in bond interest. 4) Help control growth and spiraling taxes, by buying up land that would otherwise be developed. (Studies have shown that it is cheaper to buy open space than to pay the costs of servicing development.)

Further information on Propositions B and C can be gotten by phoning 288-6378.

State Proposition #9: Proposition 9 would impose stringent regulations on gasoline and diesel fuel production, offshore drilling, pesticide use, and nuclear power development. Some of these activities would be totally banned. Paul Howard, Western Regional Director of Audubon, said: "Legislative environmental apathy has infuriated the electorate. An extremely harsh reply has come through the citizens' initiative process--Prop. 9 . . . It not only lacks sound ecological reasoning; its sweeping attempts to be all-inclusive disqualifies it for support." Page 4 of the May 8 issue of the San Jose Mercury contains more information on Proposition 9.

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