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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please call Manette Wittgenstein, (408) 354-9420, and Dolores Norton, (415) 941-1666, or if no answer, call the leader if you can give a ride or if you want a ride. If you have any questions about a field trip please call the leader or the field trip coordinator for the month.

April 30 **Coyote River Park**, Morgan Hill. Half day, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot. Take Hwy 101 south to Cochran Road in Morgan Hill (this is where 101 jogs east at the Capri Restaurant). Continue east on Cochran to the well-marked parking lot. Bring liquids. We will be looking for woodland and chaparral species of the east foothills. Call in case of rain. Leader: Susie Formenti (408) 779-8694.

Field trip coordinator for May – Gail Cheeseman (408) 867-1371.

May 1 **Logan Ranch**, full day, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Smith Creek Ranger Station on Mt. Hamilton Road. From I-680 in San Jose take Alum Rock Avenue east to Mt. Hamilton Road; right on Mt. Hamilton Road approximately 14 miles. Moderate to strenuous hiking for about three miles. Bring lunch and liquids. We can expect over 50 species including eight species of warblers. Call leader for carpooling. Leader, rain or shine: Don Schmoltdt (408) 251-6133.

May 1 **Hidden Villa May Day Country Fair**, Call (415) 941-6119 for information.

May 7 **Birdwalk for Beginners**, Alum Rock Park, half day, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot across from the Youth Science Institute. From I-680 in San Jose take Alum Rock Avenue to the end of the road at Y.S.I. One mile of easy walking. We will be looking for migrating and nesting birds. Bring liquids and lunch; we will eat at the picnic area. Call leader for carpooling and if raining on trip morning. Leader: Bob Roadcap (408) 377-6020.

May 8 **Mines Road**, full day, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Meet at Tesla Road and Mines Road in Livermore. See March 26 for directions. Carpooling strongly recommended because of limited pulloff space and length of trip (up to 150 miles); please call leader or carpool coordinators. Bring lunch and liquids. Beginning birders also welcome on this trip. We will be looking for Lewis' Woodpecker, Phainopepla, Lawrence's Goldfinch, possibly Roadrunner and Costa's Hummingbird. Leader: Bruce Barrett (408) 268-7097.

May 10 **Bird Discussion Group**, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at home of Eve Case, 20537 Verde Vista Lane, Saratoga. Topic: Care of baby birds.

May 11 **Field Trip South**, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., half day. Chesbro Reservoir, Morgan Hill. To look for nesting birds: Warblers, Orioles, Flycatchers, Swallows, Wood Ducks, Raptors, etc. Take Almaden Expressway south from San Jose, left on McKean Road (which becomes Uvas Road), 11 miles south to junction of Uvas Road and Old Oak Glen Road. Lunch optional. Leader: Rae Schmuck (408) 356-4362.

May 14 **Pelagic trip (Shearwater Journeys)**, Saturday, 7:45 a.m. Monterey Bay, Fisherman's Wharf, return 3 p.m. \$24 per person. Reserve with a check payable to Shearwater Journeys, 362 Lee Street, Santa Cruz 95060 (408) 425-8111.

- May 14 **Birdwalk for Beginners**, Rancho San Antonio, half day, Saturday, 8:15 a.m. Meet in the last parking lot at the end of Cristo Rey Drive. Exit I-280 at Foothill Expressway; south to Cristo Rey Drive; right on Cristo Rey to Rancho San Antonio County Park sign. Go through gate and proceed to last parking lot. Bring liquids. Three miles of easy walking. We will be looking for the typical woodland species, with emphasis on calls, songs, and breeding activity. Call if raining on trip morning. Leader: Pete LaTourrette (415) 961-2741.
- May 15 **Diablo Range Transect**, full day, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Meet at Smith Creek Ranger Station. See May 1 for directions. On this driving trip over Mt. Hamilton we hope to see Golden Eagles, landbird migration at its peak, and nesting of some of the rarer resident species. Carpooling highly recommended because of limited pulloffs and length of trip (150 miles). Beginning birders welcome. Bring lunch, liquids and a full tank of gas. Call leader for further information, carpool arrangements, and if raining heavily trip morning. Leader: Bill Bousman (415) 322-5282.
- May 18 **General Meeting**, Wednesday, refreshments at 7:30 p.m., program at 8:00 p.m., Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center. We have a special two-part program. Judy McEuen will present a slide program with discussion on the birds of Antarctica. Gloria Heller's program will be on the birds, habitats and natural history of the Falkland Islands. Both Judy and Gloria are Santa Clara Valley Audubon members.
- May 21 **Birdwalk for Beginners**, Stevens Creek County Park, half day, Saturday, 7:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot at the dam. From I-280 in Cupertino take Foothill Blvd west (it becomes Stevens Canyon Road) into park. Bring binoculars and field guides. Lunch optional. We hope to see all three vireos, Northern Oriole, Vaux's Swift, Lazuli Bunting, and many many others. Leader: Bob Dyer (415) 327-4787.
- May 21 **Pelagic Trip (Shearwater Journeys)**, Saturday, 6:00 a.m. Tide's Wharf, Bodega Bay. Destination - Cordell Banks, approximately two hours east of Bodega, to search for Pterodroma petrels. \$36/person subject to fuel surcharge. Reserve with check payable to Debi Love Shearwater, 362 Lee Street, Santa Cruz 95060 (408) 425-8111. Send stamped, self-addressed envelope. Leaders: Ted Chandik and Guy McCaskie.
- May 22 **Montebello Open Space Preserve**, half day, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Meet in parking lot of preserve. From I-280 take Page Mill Road approximately seven miles to parking lot on left side of road (just before Los Trancso OSP lot on right). Carpool at Park & Ride, Page Mill & I-280, at 7:15 a.m. Up to two miles moderate walking. Bring liquids, lunch optional. We will look for vireos, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Western Tanager, Lazuli Bunting, and Chipping Sparrow. Call if raining trip morning. Leader: Phil Hand (415) 851-2623.
- May 25 **Field Trip North**, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., the Page Mill Road area of the Monte Bello Open Space Preserve. Meet in the Park & Ride lot west of I-280 at Page Mill Road and Arastradero at 8:00 a.m. We will carpool seven miles up Page Mill Road and park in the new Monte Bello Open Space parking lot on the left. Probable Black-throated Gray Warblers. Leader: Phil Hand (415) 851-2363.
- May 28 **Hidden Villa**, half day, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot. From I-280 exit at Moody Road, El Monte, west on Moody Road four miles, left at Hidden Villa Road (sign) approximately ¾ mile. Lunch optional. We will be looking for Western Tanager, Luzuli Bunting, possible Golden Eagle, and others. Leader: Richard Newberry (415) 322-7810.
- May 28-29 **Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks**, two full days, Saturday and Sunday. Friday evening camping in Grant Grove, probably Azalea Campground depending on snow. Early arrival encouraged to obtain site. Bring food and gear for weekend of car camping. \$3.00 campground fee. Highlights include mountain warblers, Mountain Quail, Green-tailed Towhee and other nesting species. Up to ten miles moderate hiking. Please call Gail Cheeseman (408) 867-1371 for carpooling due to length of trip (approximately 250 miles one way). Leader: Mark Fenner (415) 962-0863.
- June 5 **Bair Island**, half day, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Meet at Redwood City Marina. From Hwy 101 in Redwood City take Seaport Blvd. east. LIMIT OF 15 PEOPLE. Reservations required, first come basis. Call San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (408) 946-6548, M-F 9-5 to reserve. \$5/person donation to SFBBO greatly appreciated for boat use and gas. Bring water and sun protection. We will visit nesting colonies of herons, egrets and terns including endangered California Least Tern. Leader: Mike Rigney, SFBBO Executive Director.
- June 15 **Annual Members Meeting/Potluck Dinner**, Wednesday Evening. More information in the next *AVOCET*.
- June 18,19 **French Meadow Reservoir, Placer County**. Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 a.m. each day. Meet at Coyote Group Campground at east end of reservoir. Take I-80 to Auburn. Two miles past Auburn take Auburn/Forest Hill Road exit. At Forest Hill (last gas fillup place) take Mosquito Ridge Road for about 36 miles to French Meadow Reservoir. Continue another 15 miles to campground. \$3-4/night fee. AAA Lake Tahoe region map recommended. Closest motels are in Auburn. Campground is in national forest; conditions are "primitive" — outhouses and cold water. Following Saturday's early morning birding will be breakfast and another meeting at 9:30 for late arrivers. Birding on return home after breakfast Sunday. Bring food and gear for weekend of car camping. Short walks of about two hours each. Anticipated species include: Mountain Quail, White-headed Woodpecker, Dipper, Townsend's Solitaire, Evening Grosbeak, flycatchers, warblers, and finches. Call for carpooling and questions. Leader: Ted Chandik (415) 493-5330 evenings only.

June 25-26 **Burney Falls**, Saturday and Sunday. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning in the parking lot near refreshment stand, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park. I-5 north to Redding. Hwy 99 east (Alturas exit) through Burney to Hwy 44. North to the park. Approximately 325 miles one way. Entrance and camping fees. Tickets for park camping through Ticketron. Many national forest campgrounds in area. Good motels in Burney (20 min. from park) and Redding (1½ hr. from park). Possible inexpensive moteling Saturday night at Old Station. Bring lunches (dinner if staying). Birds? — Black Swifts, Osprey, Bald Eagle, possibly Pileated and Black-backed three-toed Woodpeckers. Please call leader if you plan to go. Leader: Dave Nauer (408) 259-1283 (home) or (408) 247-8200 (work).

FIELD TRIP REPORT

Five brave birders tempted fate and were forced to endure one of the longest droughts the Bay Area had seen in the past four months . . . a 24-hour reprieve from those delightful showers which have washed much of the world into the sea.

Mines Road was one such casualty, so we altered our route, walking about one mile up Mines Road from the El Mocho Restaurant, then visiting Del Valle Reservoir, Sunol Regional Park and Calavaras Road. In all, we saw or heard 65 species of birds.

Highlights were a pair of **Wood Ducks** on Mines Road, about 1.5 miles south of the Mines/Tesla Road Jct., a singing **Canyon Wren** about 300 meters south of the El Mocho Restaurant, three **Rock Wrens** and one **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** about ¾ mile past the El Mocho on Mines Road, and a female "**Yellow-shafted**" **Flicker** and a male **Phainopepla** together at the south end of Del Valle Reservoir.

Also neat were first spring arrivals of "**Bullock's**" **Oriole** at the El Mocho and **House Wren** at Sunol Regional Park and Calavaras Road.

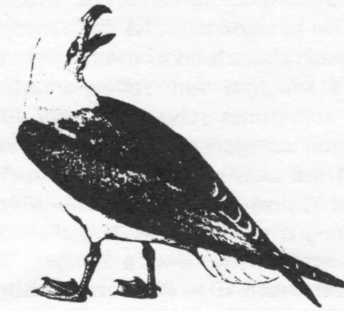
Don Schmoltdt

MROSD Plans Huge Picnic

High point of the Mid Peninsula Regional Open Space District's 10th Anniversary Celebration will be a gigantic picnic, "Day on a Hilltop", Saturday, May 14.

Over 500 are expected to attend the noontime event near the top of Black Mountain on the Monte Bello preserve.

A variety of activities are planned for children and adults. Van transportation from the Page Mill and El Camino Park and Ride Lot can be reserved. Carpooling is also planned. Call (415) 965-4743.



S J's Wildlife Plan is Unique

How many cities do you know that have a wildlife component in their master plans?

Those of you who answered "San Jose" may indeed be right if SCVAS recommendations are adopted in San Jose's new master plan, Horizon 2000.

SCVAS was recently asked for comment and suggestions on just such a wildlife component for Horizon 2000. Audubon members Bob Chapman and Frank Farran are participants on an environmental task force which is trying to answer such questions as: How can we design our city parks and industrial developments to encourage and support wildlife? What other factors need to be considered?

Frank provided the task force with a summary of four essential elements in wildlife habitat - adequate food supply, reliable source of water, adequate cover, and protection from undue harassment. Examples and problem solutions were included in the discussion of each item.

Thanks to SCVAS member and San Jose Councilman Jerry Estruth for encouraging Audubon's participation. And special thanks to both Bob and Frank for taking the time in their busy schedules to represent our furred and feathered friends.

That delicate balance between development and the environment has not yet been finalized in Horizon 2000. SCVAS appreciates the opportunity to participate in such land use planning and eagerly awaits the final draft.

Sue Lickovec

APRIL SCVAS BOARD ACTIONS

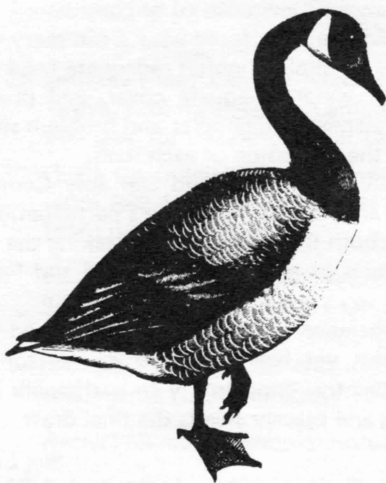
The Board voted unanimously to give a special grant to Friends of Redwood City for the Redwood City Baylands Discovery Month program.

Also unanimous is Board support of the California Wilderness Bill, 55 and HR 1437, with no amendments and specifically including the Pincushion Wilderness Area. Letters in support will be sent to appropriate representatives.

FIELD NOTES

May is the height of courtship and breeding of our resident species even though migration is still going on. Birds are most visible at this time of year and it is the best time to find breeding rarities. I've looked over the Santa Clara County records and there are some real questions as to the breeding status of some species. So, here is the challenge. This May and June we'll be on the lookout for these species and in September I will summarize our results. I'll separate my list into five categories. The first category is species that seldom (once?) have bred in the county: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cassin's Kingbird and Yellow-breasted Chat. The Sharp-shinned sometimes stays until early June, but does he nest? Second category are species that nested here 50 years ago and are now unrecorded or nearly so: Lesser Nighthawk and Willow Flycatcher. The Willow Flycatcher is a very rare migrant. Do Lesser Nighthawks still hang on on gravelly streams in the Diablo Range? Third category is known breeders from 10 to 20 years ago (sometimes rare): Great Egret, Green-backed Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Common Merganser, Long-eared Owl, Bank Swallow, Swainson's Thrush, Grasshopper Sparrow and Black-chinned Hummingbird. The egrets nested in eucalyptus near Agnews in the 1950's and the other herons nested along Coyote Creek. Is there any undisturbed riparian area left in the county that harbors any of these species? The fourth category are birds of the Santa Cruz Mountain association that like summer fogs sometimes creep over the range and drop down on the west side of our valley: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush and Hermit Warbler. The last category is Common Poorwill. Does he breed west of Mount Hamilton anymore? Are the breeding numbers down?

March has not been a good month for sightings, the rain has done both the birds and us in. Have the heavy rains



LAND USE SYMPOSIUM

The Committee for Green Foothills is the chief sponsor of a day-long Santa Clara County land use symposium to be held at the University of Santa Clara on Wednesday, May 18.

For registration materials send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Green Foothills, 1153 Park Blvd., Palo Alto, 94306, by May 4.

Bill Bousman

reduced prey numbers? A **Red-shouldered Hawk** east of Middlefield in Menlo Park 5 March is unusual. The introduced **Wild Turkey** is rarely seen, so the sight of two males displaying to four females along Calaveras Road (above the reservoir) on 17 March was a surprise (Bill Brandow). A **Greater Roadrunner** calling outside his house in the hills east of San Jose woke Don Schmoltdt on 31 March. This species is a rare resident anywhere in the Diablo Range and is occasionally found on the east side of the valley. A **Rufous Hummingbird** at a feeder in Ladera 16 March is in a typical location for this rare migrant (Mercedes Williams). A **White-throated Sparrow** was found at a feeder in Palo Alto on 18 March (Shirley Shepard); we have had more feeder sightings of this species this winter. For the most part the swallows and summer resident species that arrive in March are showing up in their usual spots (at least those that we can get to) at the expected times.

If you see an "uncommon to rare" please drop me a note or call: Bill Bousman, 321 Arlington Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (415) 322-5282.

Avocet Logo — It's Extra Special

Did you ever wonder where the drawing of the two Avocets that adorn the cover of our newsletter came from?

Harry Adamson, one of the most sought after waterfowl artists in the United States today, a resident of Lafayette, designed it in the mid-1950's.

Last year Adamson was selected to make a special presentation of one of his own wildlife paintings to the President in the White House. He has received many honors from such organizations as Ducks Unlimited and publications such as *Field and Stream*.

Roger and his wife, Betty, are noted for one of the most successful back-yard bird feeding stations in the Bay Area, not to mention attracting raccoons and skunks — intentionally! Their home-studio backs onto a creek and years of nurture with their proven methods have resulted in the attraction of an unusual assemblage of birds on almost any day of the year. They have also kept careful records of their bird patronage.

SCVAS is indeed lucky to have the privilege of displaying the work of such a noted artist and naturalist every month.

Info Needed

Information is needed on past and present status of breeding **BURROWING OWLS** in California for a paper about their apparent population decline. Include exact location of colony; date of observation; number of birds; evidence of breeding; current status of site, if known; reason for abandonment, if known. Send to Jules Evena, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, 4990 Shoreline Hwy, Stinson Beach, CA 94970. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

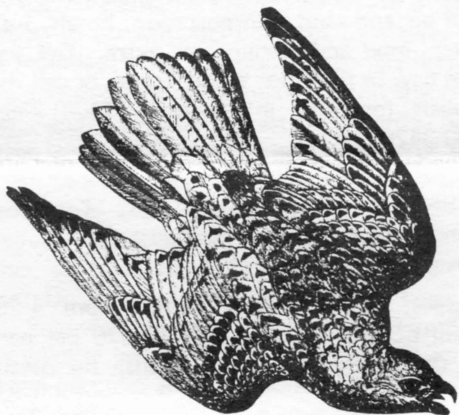
Education Grants Available

A scholarship and grant program for high school, college, and graduate students has been announced by the National Audubon Society Expedition Institute. The 1983 awards are designed to defray a student's expenses while attending school or completing a project, internship, or summer program of the student's choice.

Application forms and instructions for grants up to \$500 are available until July 15, 1983. Send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope to: Scholarship Committee, National Audubon Society Expedition Institute, RFD No. 1, Lubec, Maine 94652. Applications must be received by August 1, 1983.

Past Audubon Expedition Institute scholarships have made possible for many deserving students the fulfillment of immediate education and career goals, including attending seminars, conferences, workshops, travel programs, interning in conservation organizations, or participating in the Expedition Institute.

The Expedition Institute, a B.S./M.S. travel/study environmental education program, uses social and natural environments as a classroom. The Institute is one of many educational programs sponsored by the National Audubon Society.



WESTERN REGIONAL BLUEBIRD CONFERENCE

The North American Bluebird Society's (NABS) Western Regional Conference at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, June 17-19 welcomes Audubon members to attend.

Informative speakers from five western states and Canada will highlight Saturday's session. Banquet speaker that night will be Dr. Lawrence Zeleny, founder of NABS and author of the book, *The Bluebird: How You Can Help Its Fight for Survival*. On Sunday, participants will take an all-day field trip to bird and picnic in western bluebird trail areas. A bus tour on Monday will include a historical and geological description of the Columbia River Gorge. Stops will be made at major waterfalls and other scenic points. Lunch will be at the historic Columbia Gorge Hotel.

For more information and registration forms, please contact: NABS Western Regional Conference, c/o Portland Audubon House, 5151 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, Oregon 97210, Ph. 1-(508) 292-6855 (from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Pre-registration deadline is May 15th.

Threats to Black Bears

That corpulent comedian of American forests, the black bear, now confronts a menace even more deadly than sports hunters, traps and poisons. Its claws, paws and gall bladders are in great demand as aphrodisiacs for wealthy Asians. One gall bladder will bring \$3,000 in the Orient. Certain parts of the mountain lion and velvet deer antlers are also highly prized. In California alone many hundreds of bears fell victims to poachers before Department of Fish and Game investigators brought ringleaders into court, where fines most inadequate for the extent of damage and the poachers' profits were levied.

Ursula Fassii of the Wildlife Conservation Coalition has asked our chapter (Golden Gate) to publicize this growing menace to our bears and other big game. The presence in our forests much of each year of hounds and owners "for training purposes" had led to frequent collaboration with the poachers as the prices offered are hard for many to resist. We hope soon to offer more information on what steps are being taken by the Department of Fish and Game and other agencies in this crisis.

Poacher leads can be phoned toll-free to 1-800-952-5400. Reward offered.

*Paul F. Covel
from "The Gull", Berkeley*

Conservation News

Turtle Excluder. The National Marine Fisheries Service has developed a device to prevent sea turtles from being drowned in shrimp fishermen's nets. In the past there has been a significant number of such drownings. The excluder is a cage-like device. Placed in the net, it catches large creatures, including turtles, and holds them separate from the shrimp so they can be released unharmed.

Arctic Pollution. A University of California study of air pollution over the Arctic found that an air filter that turned totally black from soot in a day in New York City turned totally black in a week in Barrow, Alaska.

Acid Rain Data. The proceedings of the International Symposium on Acidic Precipitation and Fishery Impacts in Northeastern North America, held in Ithaca, New York, in 1981, is now available. The hard cover book includes twenty-five papers complete with figures, references and appended discussions. The price is \$25, from the American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Trees as Fuel. A 26-minute film produced by Cornell University last year, "Fuel from the Forest", has won a top award from the National Association for Environmental Education. The film, undertaken because of concern about the effects of increased use of firewood on forests — particularly forests near urban areas — discusses such subjects as how to select trees when culling and cropping, safe wood-cutting, when to harvest, and how to dry wood properly. For rental and sales information on this and other Cornell films, write to: Cornell AV Center, 8 Research Park, Ithaca, New York 14850.

Classes and Field Trips

Bird Song and its complexities seminar sponsored by the Sequoia Audubon Society on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Dr. Luis Baptista of the California Academy of Sciences will discuss the nature of bird songs and identifying birds by ear May 14, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Allstate Savings & Loan, 1820 S. Grant, San Mateo; May 15 field trip 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call Donna Kirsacko at (415) 592-7888, leave a message at (415)344-4577 or send name, address, phone number, and a check payable to Sequoia Audubon Society to Sequoia Seminars, P.O. Box 1131, Burlingame 94010. Cost is \$10/person, \$15/couple.

Natural History of East Africa, Foothill College Community Services class, May 21, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Doug Cheeseman, instructor. Slide presentation on the ecology, predators, raptors, birds, herbivores, etc. of East Africa. \$20. Call (415) 948-2587 to register.

Natural History of the Sierra Nevada, June 23 - June 28. Doug Cheeseman, instructor. Tuolumne Meadows campground will be base camp. Emphasis will be on life zones, behavior of animals observed, adaptations of animals and plants for extreme environments. The life zones and habitats from Mono Lake to coniferous forest, oak woodland, red fir forest, giant sequoia forest, and alpine life zones will all be studied. Credit available from De Anza College. Call (408) 996-4657 or (408) 867-1371 for information.

Golden Trout Workshop, three one-week Golden Trout Workshops will be held in the Sierra July 24 through August 13, 1983. They are sponsored by members of the Pasadena, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino Valley, San Fernando Valley, and Tulare County chapters of the National Audubon Society. An informal field natural history program, consisting of naturalist-led hikes by resident naturalists, will be offered, with visiting guest naturalists at some sessions. The camp is located in the Golden Trout Wilderness, in the southern portion of the High Sierra, on the eastern watershed, at an altitude of 10,000 feet. For details, write or call: Mrs. Cindi McKernan, 40 Sherril Lane, Redlands, CA 92373, (714) 793-7897. Your editor also has some extra brochures, and is happy to share information. Call Shirley Shepard (415) 493-6209.

Western Ed Center Programs. Films, lectures, and walks covering bird study, geology, marine mammals, photography and wildflowers are scheduled for May at Audubon's Western Education Center at the Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary for May. Lynn at the chapter office has a detailed schedule of the events. Contact her at (415)329-1811 for information.

Yosemite Natural History Courses. Birds, botany, Indians, Geology, and photography are all subjects of field classes being offered this summer by the Yosemite Association. All trips involve camping, either car camping or backpacking. Lynn at the chapter office has their brochure. Call her at (415) 329-1811 for more information.

Bay Adventure Seminars, non-profit educational organization sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Fremont, and the Coastal Parks Association in Point Reyes, has scheduled dozens of courses and field trips and classes for this spring. Details available through Lynn at the chapter office, (415) 329-1811.

Travel

Vacation with Trogons. Richard Cachor Taylor is again offering field seminars on the coppery-tailed trogon in Arizona. The participants become researchers in an important project involving a rare and beautiful bird and can also enjoy watching other species in one of the nation's choice birding areas. There are four five-day sessions this year, in May and June, and the charge for each is \$150. For information, write or call Taylor at P.O. Box 122, Portal, Arizona 85632, (602) 558-2352.

Tour of Galapagos Archipelago, featuring backpacking ascent of Volcano Alcedo to view tortoises. Also tropical regions of Ecuador and magnificent bird viewing at Tinalandia. Depart San Francisco 6/15 - 7/3, \$2,987. Limited to 10. Led by Stanford biologist, Dr. Donna Peehl (415) 327-6922.

Hawaiian Natural History. Lee Van Fossen, instructor of natural history, De Anza College, will lead a trip to two islands August 15-23, for 9 days and 8 nights. Oahu and the Big Island will be the focus of this trip. Emphasis is on biotic communities, marine life, human history, and geological phenomena. Tidepooling, snorkeling at Hanauma Bay, Polynesian Cultural Center, Volcano National Park and Kilauea, rain forests, and deserts will be visited. \$857 includes all air and land transportation, hotels, instruction, and tours; food and gasoline are extra. Get your \$150 deposit in now to Eastridge World Travel, or call the following numbers for more information: (408) 238-6161 or (408) 238-3428.

Queensland, Australia, August 4-18, one space left on trip by Cheeseman's Ecology Safaris, Inc. Total cost including airfare is slightly under \$3,000. Call Doug or Gail Cheeseman at (408) 867-1371 for details.

Galapagos, Andes, and Amazon, April 4-25, 1984. Cheeseman Ecology Safaris, Inc. \$2,675 per person plus airfare. Call Doug or Gail Cheeseman for details, (408) 867-1371.

National Audubon Expedition Institute. A variety of credit and non credit experiences are offered to teachers and students in field trips across the continent. Check with Lynn at the chapter office, (415) 329-1811 for more information.



Chapter Elections May 18

Audubon members present at the May 18 General Meeting will vote on a slate of officers for 1983-84. Following are capsule profiles provided by each of the nominees:

President — Sue Liskovec: President SCVAS '82-'83. Treasurer for three years previously. Partner in Augment Associates providing consulting services to non-profits and public agencies in areas of fundraising and organization management. Backpacker, skier.

First Vice-President — Kevin H. C. Monahan: Long time birder and SCVAS Board member for the past two years, recently as a director. Professional training in archeology and electrical engineering. Has participated in preparation of environmental impact reports and national register of historical places nominations. Employed by Lockheed Missiles and Space Company.

MROSD to Give Dogs a Chance

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) will soon embark on a trial study to allow leashed dogs on some of its properties.

SCVAS representative Frank Farran gave written and oral statements to the MROSD Board of Directors. Significant points included: the questionable compatibility between wildlife and dogs; owner compliance and enforcement procedures; and a specific request that Rancho San Antonio and Deer Hollow Farm not be included as trial sites. It was recommended that San Jose State University be contacted to see if field biology students would be interested in assisting with the wildlife inventories.

Three sites selected for a one-year trial period are Fremont Older, Windy Hill and Foothill Open Space Preserves. Between now and the July 1, 1983 implementation date, a wildlife inventory will be conducted and there will be pre and post user activity studies to determine the success of the program.

Anyone interested in further information should contact the District office at (415) 965-4717.

Sue Liskovec



LIBRARY REQUEST

Any copies of *American Birds Magazine* which members would like to donate to the Audubon Library will be gratefully accepted. Especially needed are June issues that feature Christmas Bird Count compilations.

Second Vice-President — Don Schmoltdt: Past Field Trip Chairman for Redwood Audubon Society, Eureka. Two years as Consulting Ornithologist for California Department of Fish and Game. Teaches occasional classes on bird identification.

Treasurer — Bob Houghton: CPA interested in contributing his effort to the financial side of SCVAS. Associate Registrar at Stanford University.

Recording Secretary — Donna Zetterquist: Recording Secretary SCVAS '82-'83. Director for two years previously. Sales Engineer. Naturalist and field trip leader.

Corresponding Secretary — Jean Clark: Long time Audubon member. Docent at Stanford's Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. Co-author of bird list for Searsville - Jasper Ridge Area. General outdoor enthusiast.

Directors for 3 Years: (1983-86)

Betsy Blais — Administrative Assistant to State Assemblyman, Byron Sher. Member of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Commission. Formerly on the staff of Sempervirens Fund.

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- The Audubon Society Handbook for Birders* 1981
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