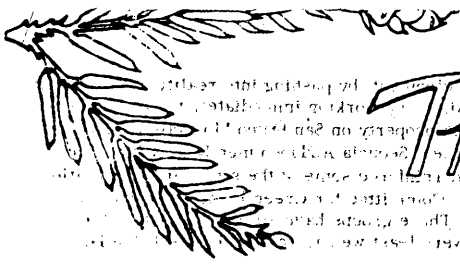


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Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcomed at field trips, bird walks and monthly general meetings. President, Dr. Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough 342-3620. Editor, Mr. J.L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The coming year, as in the past, presents many challenges and tasks to the Sequoia Audubon Society. The pressures, on communities such as ours, affecting conservation, open spaces and natural resources are constant. The officers and Board have met to form committees and begin to plan some of the work ahead. To be really effective, however, we need the energies and ideas of the entire membership. Members who wish to work with any of the committees are urged to contact the respective chairman, and all members are invited to the monthly Board meetings.

The needs that deserve special emphasis are many. This year will witness the re-inauguration of the Audubon Film Tours co-sponsored by the College of San Mateo. The Education Committee has been expanded to explore further the important area of community education regarding conservation and the preservation of flora and fauna. Efforts to increase our membership are anticipated. These are simply a few activities; others will be suggested during the year. We urge everyone to take as active a role as possible and we would very much appreciate your comments and thoughts.

Howard Gurevitz

MEETINGS

Sept. 7 BOARD MEETING at the home of President Howard Gurevitz, 1505 Oak Rim Drive, Hillsborough. Committee chairmen are requested to attend, and all members are welcome.

Sept. 14 REGULAR MEETING. The first meeting of the season will be our traditional KALEIDOSCOPE program, showing color slides of our members travels of the summer. Please call Program Chairman Newman (697-5601) to let him know what you will show, so he can arrange the program.

NOTE: This year we will have a new meeting place! Unless notified otherwise in the SEQUOIA, we will meet at the Burlingame Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Ave. Light refreshments will be served by our Social Committee, following the program.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Florence Richardson 345-4443)

Sept. 9 & 10 INVERNESS and POINT REYES PENINSULA
Saturday Two one-day trips in Marin County. There should be a good overlapping of summer and winter visitors and migrants. Those who stay overnight should make their own motel reservations in the vicinity.
LEADER: Florence Richardson (345-4443)

MEETING PLACE: Saturday - Inverness Motel, about 3/4 mile south of Inverness Village. Sunday - Audubon Canyon Ranch, on Highway 1, about 4 miles north of Stinson Beach.

Sept. 23 SALT PONDS in East DUMBARTON BRIDGE area, for all day
Shore birds.

A.M. LEADER: Bill Anderson, California Dept. of Fish & Game. (Call Florence Richardson, 345-4443, for any additional information).
MEETING PLACE: KGO Radio Station on north side of road, about midway on Dumbarton Bridge crossing. Bring lunch.

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CONSERVATION NOTES

Membership Increase: The Audubon Conservation Guide for July 15 had this interesting bit of news about the growth of National Audubon Society: Half-way through 1967, membership had attained an all-time high of 53,715; a 22 per cent gain over mid-July 1966 when the membership count was 43,940; a 48 per cent gain over July 1965. Reasons for the spectacular growth, says Exec. Vice President Charles H. Callison, include uneasiness among Americans about what is happening to their environment, as well as leadership offered by the Society on a wide range of issues. He mentioned such specifics as the Society's law suit to save the Everglades from salt water intrusion and the continuing fights to save wetlands and to ban the persistent pesticide DDT, and also the extensive Audubon conservation-education programs.

Conservation, Anyone? Among the new members of National Audubon who joined primarily because of their concern for "development" and "progress" vs. a healthy environment, there very likely may be some who are new members in Sequoia Audubon chapter who are eager to become active in local conservation matter. If you are a new member (or a long-time member) who has decided to devote more time to active conservation participation, please contact me to let me know. Phone 325-0517, evenings or weekends, or drop me a postcard to 1043 Sonoma, Menlo Park. We hope to compile a list of volunteers for conservation duties.

Desperate Need: Because of grave and important decisions to be made by public officials affecting the environment of San Mateo County, it is most urgent again this year for each member to devote thought, time, and energy in truly expressing the ideals of National Audubon Society at the local level. The time is NOW -- Tomorrow will be too late.

The excellent caliber of field trips and informative, enjoyable programs offered at our regular monthly meetings should, and MUST, be matched by enthusiastic and articulate involvement in local conservation by a substantial portion of the membership. Surrounding Audubon chapters have tangible evidence of their members' interest and activity; e. g., Marin Audubon's sponsorship of Audubon Canyon Ranch. Sequoia Audubon members have the opportunity now to contribute their share to construction of a lasting monument: a county saved from ticky-tacky slurbs, Bayfill garbage dumps, and bull-dozer, and the concrete juggernaut. This can be accomplished by strong support of Skyline Boulevard as a scenic parkway; by fierce opposition to even one more acre of bay-fill for commercial,

industrial, or residential development; by pushing into reality a "Coastline Conservation Study Commission;" by working immediately to boost public support for acquisition of park property on San Bruno Mountain before it is "sculptured" out of existence. Sequoia Audubon members' efforts are desperately needed to at least reinforce some of the stronger conservation groups, such as Sierra Club, Committee for Green Foothills, Save-Sa Francisco Bay Assoc., etc. These groups have spear-headed many monumental projects -- the very least we can do is to lend substantial cooperation and support.

If you feel overwhelmed by the multiplicity of the critical areas, why not select one area of interest -- the Bay, the Coast, San Bruno Mt., Skyline Blvd., Crystal Springs, etc. about which to become well-informed and actively involved, attend public hearings where decisions are formulated, spread the word to other members when their attendance or letters are needed. Try to interest one more person in your special project; if each member would do this, interest in conservation would snowball and our efforts would be multiplied by hundreds. We must attempt to influence public opinion; it is the only hope.

Big News: The biggest and best news of the summer for Peninsula conservationists was that Attorney Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey announced that he would be a Republican candidate for the Congressional seat of the late J. Arthur Younger. Mr. McCloskey is well-known to conservationists for his legal battle representing the town of Woodside against the Atomic Energy Commission's power lines to the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; he has also taken a staunch stand in hearings concerning the destruction of San Francisco Bay by developers. One of his stated goals will be to "work to revise a property tax law system which has become burdensome and ineffective to achieve today's goals in conservation, education and commercial expansion." It is suggested that each member give earnest consideration to supporting Mr. McCloskey and asking friends and neighbors to support him. We must try to elect conservation-minded men to represent us at local, state and federal levels.

Marian Lockwood
Conservation Chairman

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

Several thousand shorebirds will be banded and marked with varying bright color patterns this fall and winter by PRBO, and help in observing these birds is solicited from any persons with a spare day a month or more. Most of these birds will be marked in Drake's Estero, although it is expected that the birds will turn up in several other locations such as Bolinas, Tomales and San Francisco Bay, as well as other locations to the south. The Observatory is carrying out an intensive study of the movements of shorebirds in the Limantour Estero area on Point Reyes National Seashore and needs volunteer help to trace the local and long distance movements of these birds. Although observations of the painted birds will be helpful at any time, once a month the Observatory's volunteers will carry out an intensive banding session at Limantour Estero over a 24-hour period, and on these dates observations in other Pt. Reyes Peninsula areas are especially needed. Anyone interested in helping on this very important research project is encouraged to write to PRBO, Mesa Road, Bolinas for details and instructions.



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