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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 Dr., Hillsborough 342-3620 - Editor, Mr. J.L. Morrill, 505 Costa Rica Ave., San Mateo, 344-5497.

MEETINGS

November 2 BOARD MEETING at the home of Vice-president
Thursday Charles Newman, 25 Corte Alegre, Millbrae.
8:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION.
Committee chairmen are requested to attend if possible. All members are welcome.

November 9 REGULAR MEETING, at the Burlingame
Thursday Recreation Center, 850 Burlingame Avenue.
8:00 p.m. Dr. John Thomas Howell, head of the botany department of the California Academy of Sciences, will present a program entitled, "California Wildflowers from Coast and Desert to Sierra Summit", illustrated by colored slides.

FIELD TRIPS

(Chairman: Florence Richardson
345-4443)

November 5 CAR CARAVAN TOUR - CRYSTAL SPRINGS
Sunday WATERSHED.
9:30 a.m. Leader: Maryann Danielson 342-6919
Meeting Place: Enter Sawyer Camp Road at the underpass just north of Millbrae Avenue and meet at the gate marked "private", east of San Andreas Dam. Here we will consolidate people and cars. We will not concentrate on the birds or even on wildflowers, but will look at the area (23,000 acres) as a whole.

November 19 LAKE MERCED, SAN FRANCISCO
Sunday Leader: Nick Kroll 697-2051
9:30 a.m. Meeting Place: Harding Park Golf Course, at the parking lot near the boat house. Wear warm clothes and hiking shoes. Lunch optional.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

DUMBARTON BRIDGE and PALO ALTO YACHT HARBOR
September 23. Skies were mostly overcast but the weather warm for the very successful trip led by Bill Anderson. 39 species were seen, including several hundred White Pelicans, 1 Brown Pelican, Great Blue and Black-crowned Night Herons, Common and Snow Egrets, 2 Greater and 1 Lesser Yellowlegs, and Forster's Terns. Godwits and Black-necked Stilts were plentiful. Highlight of the trip was the half-hour at lunch time, watching three Clapper Rails. A quick look at the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor at almost high tide added Semipalmated Plover and a Caspian Tern to our list.

Florence Richardson

NEW MEMBERS

Due to the volume of material we have had to present to our members through the bulletin, we have not been able to welcome some new members. However, we are glad to have them with us, and below we list the names of those who have recently joined SEQUOIA AUDUBON - and we hope to see them at our meetings and outings;

Mrs. D.R. Allison
Mr./Mrs. D.J. Fullager
Miss Annie Wishart
Mrs. D.W. Anderson
Mrs. B. Stewart
Miss Estelle Maggini
Mrs. Constance Parks
Mr. Arthur L. Maguire
Don Wobber

Mrs. Margaret Campbell
Mr./Mrs. E.A. Hapke
Charles Connaughton
E.P. McElhany
Mrs. Wendell L. Wylie
Catherine T. Mulhall
Patricia D. Hudson
Miss Ruth Anne Smith

CONSERVATION CALENDAR

Nov. 4 North Bay Conservation Cruise with Georg
10:00 a.m. Treichel. For reservation: send check with
2:00 p.m. name and address to: San Mateo County Jr.
\$2.50 each: Museum; Coyote Point; San Mateo. Call the
Museum 344-9911, for any other information.

Nov. 4 Conservation Workshop - sponsored by
9:30 - 4:30 Sierra Club. Audubon members especially
\$1.00 invited. Wilbur Jr. High School, 480 E.
registration Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Mail \$1.00 to
Tony Look, 411 Los Ninos Way, Los Altos

and/or

6:30 p.m. Dinner with film "Our Scenic Skyline Parkway"
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November 7 "Candidates' Night on Conservation Issues"
8:00 p.m. Sequoia Audubon Society, co-sponsor,
McKinley Jr. High School
Duane at James Streets, Redwood City

AS CO-SPONSORS, SEQUOIA AUDUBON NEEDS REPRESENTATION AT THIS MEETING. PLEASE ATTEND.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Our Conservation Committee members composed the following questions to ask candidates in the 11th District Congressional campaign. Replies of the candidates who responded are printed below in the order in which their answers were returned to the committee.

1. What proposal can you make for a national campaign to educate Americans to realize their individual roles in proper use and care of outdoor areas so that littering and polluting are adequately reduced?

Mr. Mc Closkey: I am presently a member of the six man advisory committee to the State Board of Education on conservation education. When we have devised an education plan for California conservation education, I would hope to use that experience and research at the federal level. One idea I have been thinking about is a 1¢ tax on beer cans with a 1/2¢ bounty per can to kids who will turn them in at a central location point.

Mr. Archibald: I don't think that "a national campaign" is the answer to this problem, if you mean some program designed and financed by the federal government. Of course the federal government has a role and could use such things as special stamps and posters in federal buildings as well as in national parks and forests. All levels of government have to work at this problem.

Mr. Draper: This problem of littering and pollution boils down to attention and legislation at the State or County level. Education by conservation and civic groups and most particularly in the schools can do the most successful job in the fastest way.

Mr. Keating: I would introduce legislation to finance an educational campaign directed to children, and having special reference to local, neighborhood parks. I would also introduce legislation to require automobile manufacturers to provide a litter container in all automobiles as an integral part of the automobile.

2. Would you initiate or support a bill to repeal the present unjust law which jeopardized the tax-exempt status of non-profit organizations which expend funds and effort to influence legislation related to conservation issues?

Mr. Mc Closkey: Yes, but with limitations. Preparations of this bill will take some care so that ostensible "non-profit" enterprises cannot come under the same umbrella. I strongly believe that conservation organizations should have the privilege of attempting to influence legislation, without loss of the tax-exempt status.

Mr. Archibald: You cannot change the law to exempt simply those non-profit organizations which are interested in conservation issues. I happen to work for a non-profit organization (National Education Association) which has faced the same issue as the Sierra Club. Non-profit "trade associations" also fall into the same position. I've been involved already in trying to change this law. It is very difficult to do and the knife can cut both ways. I'm sympathetic, but I have not yet seen an adequate proposal yet.

Mr. Draper: Very definitely I would if there is a practical way to re-write the law to eliminate unjust provisions. Here again conservation organizations are supporting measurer for the benefit of the general public, i.e., the taxpayer who deserves to have recreational facilities, wilderness areas and parks (State, County, and National) in return for their tax dollar.

Mr. Keating: Yes, I would certainly initiate and support a bill which assures tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. However, I would support such legislation only with the proviso that the causes such organizations are designed to aid cannot be turned to the benefit of a clearly defined profit-oriented industry.

What would you do at the federal level to improve and protect the quality of San Francisco Bay?

Mr. Mc Closkey: I favor local-regional government which will obviously require funds other than local property taxes or regional bond issues. This means a share of the federal income tax and I would hope to start a move in the Congress to permit allocation of larger shares of federal funds for the encouragement of regional conservation plans.

Mr. Archibald: This is a very complicated question, but in brief, my present thinking is that Housing and Urban Development grants should be used for planning and for eventual acquisition of that part of the Bay which apparently is in private ownership. Such acquisitions would be made by local governments with federal help and would in the process test the titles which the private owners claim.

Mr. Draper: I think it is extremely important to preserve the Bay and those wildlife areas that can never be replaced. I am against filling in the Bay and I am for maximizing utilization of the Bay Shore Line by better access, better marinas and a well designed shore line.

Mr. Keating: I would introduce legislation to abolish all bulkhead and pier lines, establish an outline for San Francisco Bay along the existing water's edge, and make San Francisco a Federal Preserve. In addition, I would have the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers refer all bay fill applications to a comprehensive planning organization, such as the Bay Conservation and Development Commission for approval.

4. Would you initiate and support action to create a Redwood National Park? If yes, which plan would you choose to support?

4. Mr. Mc Closkey: Yes. I have not yet had the opportunity to examine the new compromise bill sponsored by Senators Kuchel and Jackson. I think a conservationist must accept compromise from time to time and face the political realities that conservationists cannot achieve everything in one fell swoop.

Mr. Archibald: Yes, I would. Senator Kuchel's proposal seemed a good one to me, from a political point of view. I would hope that we could continue to work for amendments to bring it up to the standards of Senator Lee Metcalf's proposal.

Mr. Draper: Yes. I favor the plan which will give us the largest and best redwood preserve that we can possible afford without jeopardizing jobs of the people who live in that area. This goal may be a combination of plans proposed thus far.

Mr. Keating: Yes. I believe that the phased compromise plan warrants support. It may be appropriate to introduce legislation supporting a long-term staging process for the creating of a larger Redwood National Park system.

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