

### THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was held at the Clear Lake Oaks home of vice-president and Mrs. Balch, May 16 and 17. 1959 As the banders gathered from distances up to six hundred miles nets were put up in Mr. Balch's back yard and surrounding areas so that members, new to mist netting, might observe techniques. Many helpful suggestions as to types of poles used, location of nets in relation to the terrain—different methods of extracting the birds — were exchanged. All laughingly agreed that patience was the most needed attribute for mist netting.

At 5:30 p.m. many of the thirty-five members and guests were at the bounteous supper table of the hosts.

The evening meeting took the form of a Round Table, with members giving some highlights of their year's banding.

Dr. Mewaldt reported on obtaining Zonotrichia banding records from Patuxent. Waterfowl and Dove statistics are well documented at the banding office in Patuxent but Passerine records are not very easily obtainable. He was surprised at so few recoveries.

Mrs. Reinelt is working on the establishment of a private beach area for some extensive shore bird banding. She hopes to report the results at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Felt from Whittier told of banding 18 of five species of woodpeckers by the use of the Lakafia tree trap. With the efficient help of Mr. Eben McMillian Mr. Felt was able to band a great number of birds including ravens, a grey-headed junco, band-tailed pigeons two of which returned from 30 to 50 miles.

Mr. Baker was introduced as the printer of our "NEWS FROM THE BIRD-BANDERS"

Mr. Balch had had Kinglet, white-crowned and Harris sparrow returns.

Mr. Kridler was surprised at the abundance and variety of species taken in his first year of mist netting. He had more Western than trail flycatchers; nets had produced more than he thought possible.

Dr. Mary Erickson does not do much banding now but is to begin mist netting soon.

Mr. Stoner had had Tanagers among the four hundred plus birds that he has trapped and netted since the first of the year. Nets have been a great stimulus to his banding.

Dr. and Mrs. Linsdale from the Hastings Reservation reported a Kinglet in their traps for the first time, the return of White-throats and a fourteen year age record for a Wren-tit.

Mr. Klingenberg is still awaiting his banding permit. He had seen white-tailed kites near Glenn.

The highlight of the picture show time was Editor Kirsher's excellent slides of young Flickers and young Sparrow Hawks occupying his attic at the same time. Both had been in nests in opposite sides of the attic and neither adults had interfered with the other.

Meeting adjourned to Sunday

At 10:30 a.m. May 16 the business meeting was called to order by President Cogswell.

Minutes of the 1958 annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurers report showed total income as \$1100.09 Total disbursements \$966.87 leaving an increase of \$133.22 Dues paying members number 214 and Life members 8 A vote to accept the report for filing was passed.

The Amendments to the Constitution as published in the April "NEWS" were passed. The secretary placed the slate of officers for the ensuing year as follows:

For President	Dr. L. R. Mewaldt, San Jose State College, San Jose, California
Vice-presidents	T. E. Balch, Glenn, California Don Bleitz, 2047 Castilian Dr., Hollywood 28, California W. K. Kirsher 1167 Lynbrook Way, San Jose, California Eugene Kridler, Sacramento Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Willows, Calif. Mrs. Zella Schultz, Mountlake Terrace, Washington Mrs. Otis H. Smith, Larkspur, California
Business Manager and Treasurer	Lee Stallcup, 6227 Buena Ventura Ave. Oakland 5, California
Secretary	Edd K. Austin, 1116 Mandana Blvd, Oakland 10, California

Mr. Felt made the motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the slate as read. Dr. Linsdale seconded. Passed.

Non-elective members of the Council are,

J. McB. Robertson, 623 Sunset Dr. Paradise, Calif.  
F. G. Crawford, 3279 Radio Canyon Rd, Altadena, Calif.  
Dr. H. Elliot McClure, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya  
Emerson A. Stoner, 285 East L. Street, Benicia, Calif.  
Howard L. Cogswell, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Kirsher expressed the appreciation of the association to Mr. Cogswell for his two years of service as president. He will continue to serve on the Council. Dr. Mewaldt took the chair and asked for a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Balch and their two efficient helpers for their hospitality. It was voted with loud applause from the members.

Announcement was made of the A.A.A.S. meeting to be held in San Diego June 18-19. Mrs. Reinelt was appointed observer at that meeting.

The American Ornithologists Union will meet in Regina, Sask. Canada, August 25-30 It is hoped that many western banders will be able to attend.

Mr. Felt of Whittier reported on the predation of Hawks and Owls by Falconers in Southern California. Misuse of the present code regulations in the granting of permits to minors and lack of enforcement of the code when violated was depleting the hawk population. After discussion it was decided to take no group action on this difficult situation.

The business concluded, Mr. Stoner gave a short paper on his many years of banding using a map chart with colored map tacks to show his returns. He had had few returns for the number banded. Both Dr. Mewaldt and Dr. Maler suggested that perhaps lack of observers of banded birds was the reason. Mr. Stoner's decorative chart keeps interest in banding high.

President Mewaldt introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Peter Marler, Dept. of Zoology, University of California. His Subject "Aspects of Bird Behavior". He stressed the opportunity of amateur banders to make accurate observations on bird hierarchy at the feeding stations, trapping stations and territories. He talked on Fighting Behavior, Territorial Behavior, Song Behavior and ways the amateur bander could contribute to these studies. Dr. Marler has done extensive work on bird song so at the conclusion of the talk he took the group outside and demonstrated the use of his tape recorder. He taped the song of a western flycatcher in a tree nearby then played back the song to attract the bird.

Meeting adjourned,

*Ernie Auster, Sec.*

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THREE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Mr. Leonard Peyton. P.O. Box 960, Anchorage, Alaska

For Alaska

Mr. Wm. M. Highes, 8755 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C. Canada

For B.C.

Mr. D.E. Payne, 1460 G. Street, Springfield, Oregon

For Oregon.

All banders within the above areas are invited to communicate with the directors on their banding activities and for any information on banding they may require.

Other regional directors will be announced in the next "NEWS".

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DR. PETER MALER'S YOUNG BIRD FOOD RECIPES

For very young birds \_\_\_\_\_ Soaked crushed rape seed add white of egg or whole egg.  
Meal worms cut in half and squeezed into mouth of bird.

For downy young \_\_\_\_\_ Hard boiled egg yolk water or milk added.

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