

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting - May 16 and 17, 1964

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Western Bird Banding Association was held on May 16 and 17, 1964 in the area of Jack London's "valley of the Moon," more specifically Glen Ellen and Sonoma, California. There were 38 members present, and with spouses, children and guests a total of 52 attended. Mrs. Richard W. Thomssen and Mrs. Marianne Shepard were hostesses.

Saturday, May 16, was rainy and the field trip from Jack London State Park did not take place as planned. Many members and guests, undaunted, did their own exploring of the beautiful countryside while others found their way to Dunbar (Glen Ellen) School Auditorium where a lively round table discussion took place. People continued to arrive all afternoon and at about six o'clock there was a bring-your-own supper with dessert and coffee furnished by our hostesses.

Emerson A. Stoner started the evening program with "Banding with a Camera." His bird slides were excellent, there being no question whatever about the identification of each species. He explained his system of focusing on a flower then holding the bird in a natural position by the flower, thus getting it in proper focus when working alone. His taste and good judgment in selecting flowers makes his slides especially attractive. He uses a flash for all these slides.

Lee Stallcup then spoke on "California Contrasts," illustrating with superb pictures that pointed up the wide variation in climate, terrain, habitats, bird life, plants, etc. Since we were running a bit late, further papers were postponed until Sunday.

On Sunday morning, May 17, the weather was fine, though still very humid. We met at the Shepard Ranch, part of the original Jack London Ranch, which adjoins the Jack London State Park. Marianne Shepard had hot doughnuts and coffee for us and showed us the nest of Red-tailed Hawks in a eucalyptus tree in front of the house. There was one young hawk in it. Later she led the group along a winding dirt road through the lovely ranch property to a made lake, birding along the way. A Lazuli Bunting was seen and heard by everyone, and the nest of a Solitary Vireo was seen by many. Both parents were feeding the young. Salamanders, millepedes, butterflies caught the interest of alert children and we all took a fresh look.

Meanwhile mist netting was producing almost nothing on another part of the ranch. A drive was organized, but only wet feet were collected. Birds just weren't moving and of course there were too many observers for good results.

At almost 11 a.m. we again gathered at Dunbar School to continue with the program of papers. Ken Legg was asked to introduce the speakers, and the following were heard.

Charles H. Feltes spoke on "Pine Giskin Banding at Modesto," telling of the remarkable influx of this species, variations in size and color markings he has noted, and the large number of repeats.

Dr. William J. Hamilton III, of the Zoology Dept., Davis Campus, University of California, spoke on "Starlings in California." He urged banders to work with starlings wherever possible, banding rather than destroying them, in order to build up information on just how the species is expanding its range, patterns of migration, breeding, feeding, etc. They cannot begin to do the job officially, he said, and would welcome help from other banders. He described studies with a resident population at Davis, but pointed out that it is all too little and that time for gathering data is short.

John Ralph spoke on "Meaningful Banding," describing a banding project he set up in the Hamilton Range for 16 days. By plotting his banding data on graphs and superimposing them on a map of the area with his net locations, he was able to draw some tentative conclusions, at least, as to the movements of crowned sparrows and the type of habitat apparently preferred by the gambelii and pugetensis races of white-crowned sparrows. Some golden-crowned sparrows were also involved.

Richard Stalloup then gave a paper on his banding experience in the Piute Mountains, Mono County, last summer. They did banding and populations studies of Mountain Chickadees, working in an area infested with needle miner and also in a control area.
and slides

Dr. L. Richard Mewaldt presented information/about Operation Recovery at Island Beach, New Jersey which he obtained from Elise and Stanley Dickerson who headed the banding operations there during August, September and October of 1963. Of added interest was a slide of his own, a hybrid Golden-crowned/White-crowned Sparrow which was captured at San Jose.

Ken Legg then talked about "Water Ouzel Sanitation," explaining that the fecal sack is also used by many warblers, robins, swallows, woodpeckers and titmice. He had a picture of a robin removing such a fecal sack from the nest — a rare shot indeed.

The group then adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomssen for a barbecue luncheon, after which the business meeting was held. We were glad the rain did not come on Sunday and rob us of the beautiful luncheon and meeting spot their grounds afforded.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Mrs. Lillian Henningsen. After greeting the members and guests she reminded them that Eugene Kridler had been elected president last year, but that his transfer to Hawaii had made it necessary for her,

as 1st Vice-President, to assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term.

The minutes of the May 31-June 1, 1963 meeting in Oregon were read and approved as read.

Tom Balch gave the Treasurer's report showing a total balance on hand (in checking and savings accounts) of \$1,203.80 on May 15, 1964. There are 206 Active and Associate Members, 13 Sustaining, and 12 Life Members, a total of 231. Dr. Sherwin F. Wood of Los Angeles is a new Life Member. The report was accepted and given to the secretary to file with the minutes.

A letter from Jack Garles of the Pacific International Chapter was read, telling of the death of Mrs. H. L. (Della) Schumacher after a long illness.

Mrs. Enid Austin, Membership Chairman, reported that she continues to work, and that it is gratifying that the membership has grown from 205 in 1961-2 to the present 231. Dr. Mewaldt pointed out that when the W.B.B.A. cast adrift from the Cooper Ornithological Society it lost members, and there were critical years, but now we are not only holding our own but creeping back a bit.

The Editor, Bill Kirsher, reminded banders that the report to the State of California is due if they have not already sent one in.

Mrs. Henningsen, on behalf of the Association, thanked Bill Kirsher warmly for his excellent work as Editor of the Western Bird Bander. Appreciation was also expressed to Tom Balch for his work as Business Manager and Treasurer.

Under new business, Mrs. Henningsen asked for the report of the Nominating Committee which consisted of Eugene Kridler, Clyde Channing and Dick Mewaldt. Acting for Gene Kridler who was in Hawaii, Dr. Mewaldt presented the following slate:

President: Mrs. Lillian Henningsen
1st Vice-president: John G. Garles
2nd Vice-president: William K. Kirsher
Secretary: Mrs. Dorothy Hunt
Business Manager: Tom E. Balch

At this point Dr. Mewaldt took the chair as president pro tem and asked for other nominations from the floor. There being none, Capt. Hurlbert moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Otis Smith. Mrs. Smith asked that the motion be amended to add: "and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for all candidates." The amendment was accepted by Capt. Hurlbert and Mr. Smith.

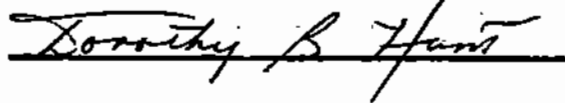
Dr. Mewaldt mentioned a suggestion made by Gene Kridler that instead of having one nominee for each office there should be two, giving a choice. The committee had felt that it was not pertinent to our type of organization to have a contest, but he asked if there was any discussion. There was nodiscussion and the question was put.

On the motion that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for all candidates, all answered "Aye" and there were none opposed.

Lillian Henningsen resumed the chair and read an invitation from the Pacific International Chapter to have the annual W.B.B.A. meeting near Blaine, Washington, in 1965. This idea met with good support. It was pointed out that the Cooper Ornithological Society will have its meeting in British Columbia next year and that it may be possible for many people to attend both events. Bill Kirsher felt it would further the feeling of participation and would point up our sponsorship of Pacific International. The question: "Are you in favor of having our 1965 annual meeting in Washington?" was answered in the affirmative by all present.

Capt. Elgin Hurlbert, who had postponed his paper on "Pine Siskins in Monterey" when time grew short, was asked to present it. Since Mr. Feltes had covered the Pine Siskins in considerable detail, Capt. Hurlbert deftly covered the observations in which they concurred and those which differed. Feltes had birds that repeated again and again, but Hurlbert said only two birds came back twice after the original banding, and of 385 banded birds only 39 returned once. Although there were two or three thousand Siskins around, he was able to band no more than 10%. Sex differences, he said, were very marked.

Dr. Mewaldt moved for adjournment, it was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting did then adjourn at 4 p.m.



Dorothy B. Hunt, Secretary

WESTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEETING

SONOMA - KENWOOD - VALLEY OF THE MOON, Calif. May 16-17, 1964

Members and Guests registered as follows:

Enid K. Austin, 1116 Mandana Blvd., Oakland
Muriel Kaminsky, 1213 Robertson Way, Sacramento
W. E. Mack, 1140 Riebli Road, Santa Rosa
Wini Hurlbert, 675 Mermaid Avenue, Pacific Grove (Box 123)
Bill Kirsher, 340 Elm Street, Menlo Park, Calif.
Celeste Kirsher
Florence Henderson, 6000 Sacramento Blvd., Sacramento
Viola Anderson, 1015 Connely Street, Salinas
May Richardson, 647 Crowson Road, Ashland, Oregon
Louise M. Hatton, 200 Galera Canyon Rd., Salinas, California
Ken Legg and Florence Legg, Box 696, Tahoe City, Calif.
Elgin B. Hurlbert (Oxy), Box 123, Pacific Grove, Calif.
Emerson A. Stoner and Mrs. Stoner, 285 East L St., Benicia
Sylvia L. Thomssen, 168 Loma Vista, Sonoma
Otis H. Smith 207 Alexander Avenue,
Anna Margaret Smith Larkspur, Calif.
Charles and Inez Feltes, 437 Myrtle Ave., Modesto, Calif.
Lillian K. Henningsen, Box 554, Diablo, California
Carl Richardson, 647 Crowson Rd., Ashland, Oregon
Dorothy and Ray Hunt, 4111 Trout Gulch Rd., Aptos, Calif.
Eve and Lloyd Case, 2586 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, Calif.
Gerald F. Klingenberg, 12901 Boron Avenue, Boron, Calif.
William Hamilton III, 1419 Madrone, Davis, California
and Marian, John and Susan
C. John Ralph, 1043 Merced, Berkeley, California
Barbara O. Ramos, 352 Magellen, San Jose, California
Mary Ann R. Linsdale and sister, Mrs. Cork, 657 Kirkwood Ave,
Salinas, California
Jean Stallcup and Lee Stallcup of Oakland
Hal Clark
Tom Balch and Margene Balch
Bill Mewaldt
Fran Mewaldt
John Mewaldt
Dick Mewaldt
Rich Stallcup
Jan Kroesen and friend
Marianne Shepard and daughter

WESTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

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SONOMA - KENWOOD - VALLEY OF THE MOON - CALIFORNIA

Eric K. Austin	1114 Mendocino Blvd Oakland
Muriel Kaminsky	1213 Robertson Way Sacramento
W. E. Mack	1148 Riebli Road Santa Rosa
Wini Kuehler	675 Mermaid Ave. - Pacific Grove Box #123
Bill Kercher	340 Elm St - Ukiah Park Cal
Celeste Kercher	6000 Sacramento Blvd. Sacramento
Florence Henderson	1015 Connelly Salinas
Viola Anderson	647 Crowson Road Ashland Ore
May Richardson	200 Calera Canyon Rd - via Salinas Calif 196.
Louise M. Hutton -	Box 696 Yuba City
Ken Egg	Box 123, Pacific Grove, California
Ely Kuehler (Oxy)	285 East L St Benning
Emerson A. Stoner	168 Loma Vista Sonoma
Sylvia L. Thompson	207 Alexander Ave Larkspur
Otis H. Smith	437 Myrtle Ave, Modesto, Cal.
Anna Margareth Smith	Box 554 - Ukiah - Calif
Charles & Inez Fettes	647 Crowson Rd. Ashland.
Lillian K. Hummer	4111 Trout Gulch Rd. Aptos Calif.
Paul Richardson	2586 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, Calif
Dorothy & Ray Hunt	12901 Boron Ave, Boron, Calif.
Eve & Lloyd Case	1419 Madrone, Davis, Calif.
Merald F. Klingenberg	Marion, John, and Susan
William Harnett	A. John Ralph 1043 Merced, Berkeley, Calif.
	Barbara E. Rame 350 W. Weyellen San Jose Calif.
	Marianne K. Smith 157 Kerkwood Ave Salinas

WESTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION

Jean Stallcup
Lee Stallcup
Pat Black
Tom Balch
Margene Balch
Bill Mewaldt
Fran Mewaldt
JOHN MEWALDT
Thence Legg
Dick Mewaldt
Rick Stallcup

Jan AND FRIEND.
MARIANNE SHEPARD
AND DAUGHTER

TREASURER'S COPY OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending March 31, 1964

The report is made up of 3 pages.

Page 1. Simple picture of net gain.

Page 2. A full accounting of all funds, held, received, or expended during the year.

Page 3. A comparison of expenses for the current year (3-31-63 to 3-31-64) to the two previous years. This is included for the record and may help as a guide if income or disbursements should be adjusted in the future.

A detailed breakdown of all, or any part of the account will be made upon request.

MEMBERSHIP

1961 - 1962	205 members
1962 - 1963	216 members
1963 - 1964	231 members

206 Associated or Active members to date: May 15, 1964

1963 - 1964	13 Sustaining members
1963 - 1964	12 Life members.

T. E. Balch
Treasurer

INCREASE IN ASSETS - TWELVE MONTHS - ENDING MARCH 31, 1964

Checking account balance 3-31-64	\$568.87
Checking account balance 3-31-63	572.96
Checking account balance 3-31-62	656.97

1964 Decrease \$4.09

Savings account balance 3-31-64	\$634.93
Savings account balance 3-31-63	524.55
Savings account balance 3-31-62	500.00

1964 Increase \$110.38

Total 1964 Increase \$106.29

Total income, 12 months	} See page 2	\$810.13
Total disbursements, 12 months		<u>703.84</u>
		<u>\$106.29</u>

March 31, 1963 - March 31, 1964

RECEIPTS -- PREVIOUS BALANCES DISBURSEMENTS -- PRESENT BALANCES

RECEIPTS

Checking account balance ... 3-31-63	\$572.96	
Savings account balance 3-31-63	524.55	\$1,097.51
Interest on Savings ..6-31-63 to 12-31-63	9.80	
Deposits to Savings	100.58	
Dues and Miscellaneous receipts	699.75	810.13
	TOTAL	\$1,907.64

DISBURSEMENTS

"News" Expenses April, 1963	\$164.93	
" " August, 1963	123.23	
" " November, 1963	115.99	
" " January, 1964	126.50	\$ 530.65
Deposits to Savings Account	50.58	
Annual Report Forms	84.76	
Treasurer's Miscellaneous Expense	29.60	
Membership Chairman - Enid K. Austin	7.50	
Bank Service Charge75	173.19
		\$703.84

Balance on hand March 31, 1964

Checking account	\$ 568.87	
Savings account	634.93	1,203.80
	TOTAL	\$1,907.64

T. E. Balch
Treasurer

TOTAL EXPENSES For Service & Material Of	YEAR ENDING 3-31-62	YEAR ENDING 3-31-63	YEAR ENDING 3-31-64
News from the Bird Banders	\$432.17	\$534.10	\$530.65
Annual Report Forms	67.05	76.78	84.76
Treasurer's Expenses	22.49	16.90	29.60
Membership Expenses	.00	10.15	7.50
President's Expenses	26.73	79.56	.00
Subscription to "The Ring"	.00	.00	.00
Net Duty Memo.	.00	.00	.00
New Application Forms	2.00	3.00	.00
Advertisement "The Ring"	.00	.00	.00
Contributions or Assessments N.A.C.B.B.A.	.00	.00	.00