

ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

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1980

JANUARY 3. Fifty members and three guests attended the 90th Annual Meeting held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

James K. Meritt, President
Frank B. Moody, Vice President
Harry Franzen, Secretary
Christopher Caracino, Treasurer
Richard Mellon, Councillor
Timothy S. Sterrett, Councillor

The Club's thanks and appreciation were extended to outgoing President Charles A. Wonderly for a job well done.

Edward S. Weyl was elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Armas Hill, Brian Moscatello, and William Tucker were elected Fellows.

The Julian Potter award was presented to Sid Atkinson for his past and ongoing work in connection with the Bluebird project at Tyler Arboretum. No Witmer Stone award was announced this year.

Reports were made on a number of local Christmas Counts, following which members and guests enjoyed the traditional round of food and drink.

JANUARY 17. Forty members and four guests were in attendance.

Serge LaFrance was elected to active membership.

The evening's program was the Club's annual slide contest, with the winners in the three categories being Richard Mellon (Birds), Ernest Choate (General Nature), and Richard Bell (Scenery).

FEBRUARY 7. Thirty-seven members and three guests were present.

Announcement was made of the recent death of Raymond Middleton, a member of the Club for fifty-three years.

The guest speaker of the evening was John T. Linehan who gave a very interesting and educational presentation concerning the problems and control methods associated with large blackbird concentrations.

MARCH 6. Forty-one members and four guests were present.

Philip A. Livingston presented a program on "A Bird Book is Born." His fine presentation of a somewhat technical subject was most informative and well received by the audience.

MARCH 20. Forty members and two guests were in attendance.

Announcement was made of the death on March 12 of Dr. Ernest Choate in Dallas, Texas. A moment of silence was held in Dr. Choate's memory. An Honorary Member and past President of the Club, he was certainly one of its most esteemed members. He will be sorely missed.

Russ Josephs was elected to active membership.

The guest speaker of the evening was Robert Worthing who spoke on "Birds of Europe." His slides of both birds and scenery were exceptional.

APRIL 3. Forty-six members and four guests were in attendance.

David Scheidly was elected to active membership.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. John Terborgh of Princeton University. His presentation on "Mixed Species Flocks Foraging in the Amazon Jungle" was one of the highlights of the year's programs. A lengthy question and answer period was evidence of the members' interest.

APRIL 17. Forty-eight members and three guests were present.

The program of the evening was presented by Robert Sehl. His slides and commentary on his Colombian trip were outstanding. Skins were on display of a few of the many species seen.

MAY 1. The evening's meeting was held at Mill Grove, Audubon, Pennsylvania. The Club's appreciation is extended to Edward Graham for his hospitality and courtesy. Members enjoyed a guided tour of Audubon's home and were able to see some of the famous Audubon prints safeguarded there.

No formal minutes were taken at the meeting.

MAY 15. Forty-seven members and three guests were in attendance.

John and Justin Harding spoke briefly on their recently published book, *Birding the Delaware Valley Region*.

The guest speaker of the evening was Harold Morrin. His slide presentation on Australia and Australian birds was of exceptional interest.

JUNE 5. Thirty-seven members and two guests were present.

The program of the evening centered on the annual May Round-up reports.

JULY 3, AUGUST 7, SEPTEMBER 4, and SEPTEMBER 18. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 2. Forty-five members and three guests were present.

Announcement was made of the death on September 25 of member Sid Atkinson.

President Meritt announced the resignation of Dr. Frank Moody as Vice President for personal reasons and the appointment of Harry Todd to that position.

Our speaker of the evening was Richard Mellon, who gave a most interesting and informative slide presentation on the birds of Churchill and other northern areas.

OCTOBER 16. The scheduled meeting was cancelled because of the Academy dinner in honor of Dr. Roger Tory Peterson.

NOVEMBER 6. Forty members and four guests were present.

The speaker of the evening was David Niles of the Delmarva Ornithological Society who spoke on "Nesting Records." It was an enjoyable and educational presentation.

NOVEMBER 20. The evening's program was the Club's Annual Banquet, held this year at Walber's-on-the-Delaware, Essington, Pennsylvania.

The speaker was Ben King, well-known tour leader and authority on the birds of Asia. His informal presentation of many interesting birding experiences set off a most enjoyable evening.

DECEMBER 4. Forty members and three guests were in attendance.

The evening's speakers were Timothy and Janet Williams of Swarthmore College. Their presentation of "Oceanic Migration of Land Birds" was outstanding.

DECEMBER 18. Forty-six members and three guests were present.

Philip Warren was elected to active membership.

The speaker of the evening was George Powell. His excellent slides and commentary on "Monteverde" were of interest to all.

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JANUARY 7. The Annual Meeting was held on a Wednesday because of Academy scheduling problems.

Fifty-one members and four guests were present.

The following officers and councillors were elected:

James K. Meritt, President

Harry Todd, Vice President

Harry Franzen, Secretary

Christopher Caracino, Treasurer

Roy Imsick, Councillor

William Stocku, Councillor

Christopher Walters, Councillor

The Council terms of William Stocku and Christopher Walters are to expire January, 1984. The Council term of Roy Imsick is to expire January, 1982.

Robert Sehl was elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Robert Scheibner and William Stocku were elected Fellows.

The Julian Potter award was presented to Henry Armistead. Henry is book review editor for the American Birding Association as well as a regional editor for *American Birds*. This year's Witmer Stone award went to John Harding, co-author of *Birding the Delaware Valley Region*.

Christmas Count highlights and summaries comprised the remainder of the evening's formal program, following which members and guests enjoyed the traditional food, drink, and good fellowship.

JANUARY 15. Thirty-one members and two guests were in attendance.

The evening program was the annual slide contest. Winners in the three categories were Marvin Hyett (Birds), Raymond Davis (General Nature), and Richard Mellon (Scenery).

FEBRUARY 5. Forty-one members and three guests were in attendance.

The evening's speaker was Dr. George Reynard. His pictures and exceptionally fine recordings of many birds of the Dominican Republic provided the membership with an enjoyable evening of neotropical birding.

FEBRUARY 19. Forty-six members and six guests were present.

Raymond Davis was elected to active membership.

The speaker of the evening was Clay Sutton who gave an excellent slide presentation on "The Kites of the Santee."

MARCH 5. The scheduled meeting was cancelled because of snow conditions.

MARCH 19. Thirty-eight members and five guests were present.

Warren Els, George Ferguson, and Sidney Lipschutz were elected to active membership.

The speaker of the evening was Sidney Lipschutz. His excellent slides and informative commentary on "African Adventures" were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

APRIL 2. Forty-one members and four guests were in attendance.

Arthur Bergey was speaker of the evening. His film on "Backyard Feeders" was well received by the membership.

APRIL 16. Forty members and five guests were present.

Gerard McChesney and Clem Shemanski were elected to active membership.

The speaker, Len Soucy, presented a program on "Owls of New Jersey." With several live owls on hand to examine and with an obviously thorough knowledge of his topic, our speaker treated the audience to a most informative and educational slide presentation.

MAY 7. Forty-six members and four guests were in attendance.

The speaker of the evening was Thomas Davis of the Linnaean Society and well known as the voice of the New York "Hot Line." His timely program on shorebird identification was educational, rewarding, and of great interest to all.

MAY 21. Forty-one members and four guests were present.

Announcement was made of the death on May 10 of a long-time Club member, Howell Peniston. It was also announced that his family had requested that memorial contributions be made to the Club.

Our speaker of the evening was Hart Rufe who gave an excellent movie presentation on "East Coast Birding from Quebec to Key West."

JUNE 4. Forty-four members and five guests were present.

Field trip chairman Armas Hill presided over the evening's activities, which concentrated on the May Round-up reports. Thirteen parties reported a total of 229 species in areas from the Poconos to Delaware. Detailed written compilations and

analyses were distributed to all present, and the gratitude of the group was expressed to Armas Hill for an obviously time-consuming job well done.

JULY 2, AUGUST 6, SEPTEMBER 3, and SEPTEMBER 17. Informal summer meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 1. Fifty members and five guests were present.

Armas Hill distributed a listing of Bird Hot Lines in existence throughout the country.

Charles Wonderly gave an interesting and educational talk on "Confusing Fall Warblers." A number of warbler skins were on display, and written notes on key identification points were made available to all.

OCTOBER 15. Thirty-six members and two guests were present.

Frank Windfelder was elected to active membership.

After the business portion of the meeting Dr. Frank Gill was host to a bird room open house. Members enjoyed seeing the new Academy facilities and the modern storage methods being employed. Refreshments were served.

NOVEMBER 5. Fifty-four members and five guests were present.

Scott Derrickson of the Patuxent Research Center spoke on the endangered species program. Particular emphasis was placed on the Whooping Crane. This informative and timely presentation was of great interest to the membership.

NOVEMBER 19. Ninety-three members and guests attended the ladies night Annual Banquet held at Walber's, Essington, Pennsylvania.

After the traditional introduction of past presidents, Armas Hill gave a slide presentation on a 1980 trip made by a number of Club members to California. The current status of the California Condor was also discussed.

DECEMBER 3. Forty-eight members and eleven guests were present.

One of the most exciting local notes in years concerned the November 27 discovery of a white Gyrfalcon near New Holland, Pa., by two Club members.

The speaker of the evening was Joel Citron, exchange speaker from the Delmarva Ornithological Society. His excellent slide show was entitled "Ten Thousand Miles through the Summer Period Birding the Southwest."

DECEMBER 17. Thirty-one members and three guests were present.

Announcement was made of the tragic death of Ronald Logan on December 12. Several Club members spoke in tribute to him.

Sidney Lipschutz presented part two of his fine African slide show. The quality of the pictures of many mammals and birds was outstanding.