

DVOC NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAMS

- October 2, 1975 "Guatemala" - Harry Franzen (Panel Chariman)
The March 1975 DVOC Expedition
- October 16 Annual Dinner - R. Dudley Ross, Honored Guest and Speaker
- November 6 "Northwestern Venezuela" -
A movie by Bill Williams
- November 20 "Northwestern Venezuela" -
A bird skin study by Stephen Harty
- December 4 "DVOC Tall Tales from Texas" - Stephen Wing (Panel Chairman)
- December 11 "Great Gull Island a Natural Laboratory" - Helen Hayes,
(DVOC Ladies' Night) Exchange speaker from the Linnaean Society
- December 18 Sound Contest - George B. Reynard (Program Chairman)
Bring three sets of sounds-- 3 birds, 3 natural history and
3 others for not more than 15 minutes of sounds. Judging
and prizes, but mostly fun, so don't be intimidated!
- January 8, 1976 Christmas Count Reports and Annual Meeting
(Second Thursday)
- January 15 Photo Contest - Alan Brady (Program Chairman)
Bring three sets of slides from each of three topics --
3 birds, 3 scenes and 3 general natural history. Judging
and prizes, but, again, don't be modest.

Please note the exceptions to our traditional first and third Thursdays of the month meetings. In December we meet on the first, second and third Thursday, while in January we meet on the second and third Thursdays.

All meetings at the Academy of Natural Sciences at 8:00 P.M. Stephen Harty, Program Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS

The Julian K. Potter Award to Charles H. Rogers.

The Witmore Stone Award to Keith Russell for his Cassinia article, "Breeding Birds of the Upper Wissahickon."

Elected Honorary Member of the DVOC: Joseph M. Cadbury.

Elected Fellowsof the DVOC: Harry Franzen, Frank Gill, John LaVia

New Councillors of the DVOC: John LaVia, Walter Lipski, Keith Richards

FIELD TRIPS

BRIAN 65 1/2 lbs
57"
LORIE 42" 47 lbs
DAVID 43
SE 2.

- September 7, 1975 Bombay Hook
 Meet at Refuge Parking Lot - 8:00 A. M.
 Leader, Keith Richards

- October 4- 5 Barnagat Light to Cape May Point
 Meet at Lighthouse Parking Lot - 8:00 A.M.
 Leaders, Harry Todd and Alan Brady

- November 2 Bake Oven Knob
 Meet at the Knob. Rain date, November 9

- November 23 Shark River
 Meet at Pat's Diner (Bellmar/Neptune) - 8:00 A.M.

- December 20-21 Christmas Counts *BEIGNANT*
 Information later

Advance Note: Alan Brady is already planning a sea trip for May.

For directions to the various rallying points and for up-dated information on any trip contact our Field Trip Chairman, Harry Todd - (215) SU 9-9046.

STEPHEN R. WING: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I welcome this opportunity to say "hello" to all members of the Club particularly those whom I don't see too often. If you reside in the Greater Philadelphia area, I hope you will make a special effort to attend our 85th Anniversary Banquet on October 16th to renew old friendships and make new ones (see details elsewhere). Circle the date as a reminder.

Several noteworthy developments occurred during last year:

1. A Birding Hotline -- (215) 236 BIRD -- was established last fall in the Philadelphia area under the joint sponsorship of the Academy of Natural Sciences and the DVOC. This has been an instantaneous success; in fact during the first few weeks of operation, incoming calls exceeded the capacity of the equipment. A large vote of thanks is due Frank Gill and Keith Richards for their continuing efforts in making this undertaking so successful.

2. A financial budgetary system has been installed to better control income and expenses. Temporary surplus and reserves have been invested in savings funds and/or savings certificates to earn interest. The Club is in excellent financial condition and has had no problems in financing the current edition of the Cassinia.

3. On January 23rd, a discussion was held to consider whether membership should be open to women. Bob Sehl's committee had studied this subject for several months. After hearing the committee's report outlining the pros and cons the members voted overwhelmingly in favor of continuing to have an all-male Club.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone for his support in all phases of our activities. Please remember it is essential to attract new members if our Club is to continue as a viable organization. If you know of anyone who is interested and would be a good member, please bring him to a future meeting. New and interesting experiences in birding await him.

MATTERS FINANCIAL

Our new treasurer, Walter Lipski (485 Willow Road, Cinnaminson, N. J. 08077), would like to see a return to an old DVOC tradition; namely, the payment of dues for the coming year at the annual meeting. Our by-laws, in fact, state that dues are payable at the annual meeting, January 8 next year. If everyone surprised Walt and greeted him at that time with a check for 1976 dues, he wouldn't have to send out expensive notices later in the year. Maybe those few members who still haven't paid their dues for 1975 could lead the return to this tradition by presenting or mailing Walt \$20 checks covering both years at once!

Bob Sehl has even a better suggestion: Life Membership in the DVOC is only \$150 and can be paid in installments over a four year period. Bob oversees this income-producing fund which helps cover our current expenses, and he would like to see it reach the point where it would be self-sustaining. Obviously, Life Membership benefits both the individual and the Club; Bob or Walt will be glad to accept your checks.

One last financial matter concerns a proposed change in the by-laws to be discussed at the October 2 meeting. A recommendation was made to eliminate the provision extending free membership to members of the Armed Services. In the days of a volunteer army with high rates of pay, such a policy seems no longer necessary.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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