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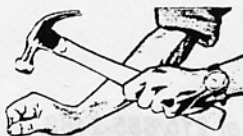
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ORNITHOLOGICAL TREASURES IN THE DVOC/ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Archives Committee member Ed Fingerhood writes:

Recent acquisitions by the DVOC/Academy of Natural Sciences Library Archives include the ornithological field note journals of Fletcher Street, Edward "Bud" Reimann and Richard F. Miller. These field notes are an invaluable resource on the natural history of the Delaware Valley. We urge all members who take field notes, or know of others who do, to take immediate steps to insure that those notes are properly maintained and that responsible people know to whom they go in the event you choose to place them in the custody of the Academy Archives. We urge you take advantage of this DVOC service to insure that your life's work is preserved in the state-of-the-art facilities at the Academy. In addition to field notes, the archives maintain DVOC artifacts, photographs, and audio and video tapes. For information on how to donate you notes or other artifacts, please contact either Phillips Street, DVOC Archivist or Ed Fingerhood, Archives Committee member.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: DVOC WEBSITE

Members Jack Siler and Emmerson Bowes have been hard at work developing an Internet presence for the DVOC. Soon, you'll be able to check the schedule of upcoming programs, field trips and more, all on-line. The Academy of Natural Sciences has graciously offered to let us attach our pages to their website. Jack and Emmerson hope to have the site up and running this fall. Stay tuned for more details!



1-800-FAR-BAND

Birders are often asked to report bands found on dead birds or color markers seen on live birds. Club member Roy Frock reports the Bird Banding Laboratory now has a toll-free number for reporting this information. If you see a live color-marked bird, or find a dead bird with a readable band, call 1-800-327-2263 to report the information on the band/marker and where the bird was seen or found.

You are cordially invited to the

DVOC Annual Banquet

Thursday, November 20, 1997

Dugan's Restaurant

7900 Roosevelt Blvd.

Philadelphia PA

Cash Bar: 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Arthur Morris

Artie's program for the evening: "Birds, Bucks and Beauty"
a spectacular photographic look at the world of birds and birding.

Reservations must be received by November 14, 1997. For more information, call Ed Fingerhood, banquet chairman, at 215-637-2741.

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Make checks payable to DVOC.
Please indicate dinner choice on check.

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<u>No.</u>		<u>Each Dinner</u>
_____	Stuffed Breast of Capon, Wild Rice	@ \$19.00
_____	Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus	@ \$24.00
_____	Flounder Stuffed with Crabmeat	@ \$24.00
	Total:	_____

Upcoming Programs

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, 19th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway. For information on programs, call Don Jones at 859-0281.

Parking is available at the Logan Square Parking garage, 1815 Cherry Street, at a reduced rate. This is an indoor, patrolled lot. Get your parking ticket validated at the Academy to get the reduced rate.

OCTOBER 2 - CAPE MAY STOPOVER PROJECT

Eric Stiles of the Endangered and Nongame Species Program will present the new Cape May Stopover project, a multi-agency attempt to preserve important habitat in lower Cape May County.

OCTOBER 16 - THE SHARP-TAILED SPARROW COMPLEX. The club's own Frank Windfelder will lead a study and discussion of the newly-split Sharp-tailed Sparrow complex.

NOVEMBER 6 - BIRDING IN THE AMERICAN TROPICS. Jan Erik Pierson, tour leader with Field Guides, Inc., will discuss birding in South and Central America.

NOVEMBER 20 - ANNUAL BANQUET. Arthur Morris, internationally renowned bird photographer, will present BIRDS, BUCKS AND BEAUTY, his look at the world of birds and birding.

DECEMBER 4 - TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED.

The club's own Earl Harrison, who has been photographing birds for years, will present a collection of his favorites.

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Upcoming Field Trips

For information about these trips, contact the listed leader or call field trip chairman Bill Murphy at 215/885-2488.

October 11 - Tuckerton Marshes, NJ for Sharp-tailed Sparrows. Led by Frank Windfelder; 215-673-6240.

November 1 - Raccoon Ridge (northwestern NJ) for raptor migration. Led by Tom Bailey; 609/426-4727.

Bill is looking for individuals willing to lead field trips next year. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have a suggestion as to a place to go, please call Bill at 215-885-2488.



NIKON/DVOC TEAM FINISHES 8th IN WORLD SERIES

The Nikon/DVOC World Series of Birding team rocketed to another top 10 finish this year, placing 8th with 198 species recorded in the 24-hour event. The team, composed of captain Paul Guris, Mike Fritz, Adrian Binns and Julian Hough, stormed from the marshes of the Great Swamp NWR north to High Point and Stokes State Parks, then curved south in a gigantic backwards "J", hitting rural stretches of Cumberland and Cape May counties, then swinging north through the oceanside communities to Brigantine. The team raised more than \$1100 in pledges. Those pledges, plus additional money from the club's conservation fund, went to three groups:

- the **White Clay Creek Watershed Association**, which is fighting the destruction of a large forested area along the creek. (Officials want to build a reservoir for Wilmington and the surrounding county);
- the **Nature Conservancy of Pennsylvania**, which used the money to help preserve a large stretch of uninterrupted forest near the headwaters of Marsh Creek (in the area known as the Wollman Tract);
- the **Nature Conservancy of New Jersey**, which used the money to finance the building of a seasonal shorebird observation platform at Gandy's Beach, one of the conservancy's newest Delaware Bayshore properties.

Many thanks to partner NIKON, which provided spotting scopes and binoculars for the event, as well as paying all entry fees and expenses.

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