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MEETINGS:

OCTOBER 5, THURSDAY 7:30 PM -- BOARD MEETING at the home of President Bergeron. Board members and committee members should attend. Other members welcome.

OCTOBER 12, THURSDAY 6:30 PM -- POTLUCK DINNER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and Vancouver Avenue in Burlingame. Please bring your own table settings. Phone:

Mrs. Al Bergeron at 349-2960

and tell her what dish you plan to bring.

OCTOBER 12, THURSDAY 8:00 PM -- REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at Roosevelt School following Potluck Dinner. Our principal program feature will be THE BIRDS AND THE BEASTS WERE THERE, a film presentation by the nationally known cinematographer and lecturer, LAUREL REYNOLDS, on the 1971 East Africe safari taken by Mrs. Reynolds, her partner and co-producer, Mindy Willis, and their families. Mrs. Reynolds is the recipient of the Margaret Douglas Medal awarded in 1969 by the Garden Club of American and co-recipient, with her husband, the distinguished physician and ornithological authority, T. Eric Reynolds, of the California Conservation Council Award.

FIELD TRIPS:

OCTOBER 7, SATURDAY Phone 593-7941 or 591-9898 after 6:00 p.m.

on Thursday, October 5, for details as to meeting place and destination. This is the first of leaderless birding trips designed primarily for serious birders. The destination is not known until the final two days of the week. This allows for maximum flexibility. If anyone knows or hears of some rare birds in the area or knows of an area that is consistently good at this time of year, he should promptly report it to the phone members above so that it may be considered as worthy of one of these special trips.

These trips are generally not suitable for beginners unless they are very well prepared. This is because most people on these trips will not be satisfied looking at birds they already know.

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OCTOBER 14, SATURDAY -- Leader: Jean Jones (344-9339)

Rodeo Lagoon, Fort Cronkhite and adjacent areas. Meet at Vista Point at the north end of Golden Gate Bridge at 8:00 a.m.

Prior to the trip beginners should review shorebirds and hawks especially. There is a tremendous variety of birds in these areas so be prepared for anything.

OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY Call The Nelson's (593-7941) after

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, for information as to meeting place and destination.

OCTOBER 28 and 29, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Special weekend trip to San Luis National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at Canal Farm Inn at 8:30 a.m.

This is one of the outstanding waterfowl areas in California. The trip will be lead by Bill Anderson. To miss this trip is sheer folly.

Accommodations are traditionally at Canal Farm Inn in Los Banos. Reservations are advised. (Phone: 209-826-5121.)

Phone Peter Metropulos (591-9898) for further information.

CONSERVATION NOTES

With little over a month left before election day, battle lines on Proposition 20 are, by now, well drawn. The high-powered Public Relations firm of Whitaker and Baxter has been employed by opponents to fight the Coastline Protection Initiative. Its proponents, united in the California Coastal Alliance, will need all the help possible of both money and personal effort to get the proposition passed. Anyone wishing to contribute either or both can get in touch with Mrs. Janet Adams, 307 Blakewood Way, Woodside. Her mail address is Box 4161, Woodside, CA 94062. (Phone: 851-7418) or with Mr. Gil Workman, 2060 Sharon Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. (Phone: 854-5475)

County Proposition A, the County Parks Amendment, does not seem to have generated any particular opposition except that which any proposition might face if it involves expenditure of money in these days of high taxes. Many people will not realize that this proposition does not call for any increase in the tax rate but merely sets aside 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of present taxes to be used for acquisition of parks and open space. Work and funds will also be needed by those who want to assure passage of County Proposition A. Contact Mrs. William Alving, 409 Rolling Hills Avenue, San Mateo, 94403 (Phone: 341-6888). or Eleanore Wilkins, 1347 American Way, Menlo Park, 94025 (Phone: 322-8604).

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use 17,000 kilowatt hours of electricity to convert the bauxite to 1 ton of aluminum, create 3 tons of mineral wastes, and scar the environment with litter which will not disappear or degrade for thousands of years. (National Wildlife Federation Conservation News, August 15, 1972.)

-- Ruth Smith
Conservation Chairman

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH NEWS

Audubon Canyon Ranch is located near Stinson Beach and is sponsored jointly by Golden Gate, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies. Its most notable feature is the heronry which was visited by some 22,000 people this past season (March through June).

On August 1, the Ranch Naturalist, Clerin Zumwalt left to assume new duties as manager of the 17,000 acres of watershed lands for Marin Municipal Water District. During his six years at the Ranch, Zummy has made many friends. His dedicated and competent services will be sorely missed. Mrs. Zumwalt and son, Bob, also contributed many valuable hours of volunteer work and added substantially to the pleasure of a visit to the Ranch.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

THE COMMITTEE FOR GREEN FOOTHILLS has an intriguing message on the membership acknowledgement -- a quotation from Terrance O'Flaherty of the San Francisco Chronicle:

"It may be that the heroes which future generations will look back upon will be the conservationists of today -- the experts as well as the thousands of unsung citizens who have dug in their heels and said 'Stop' to the bulldozers and Bay fillers and the concrete pourers"

THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT reports 57 young brown pelicans out of 262 nesting attempts on offshore islands this year compared to 7 young from 600 attempts in 1971; one -- only one -- young bird from 552 attempts in 1970. Brown pelicans were placed on the state and federal endangered species lists because of poor reproduction at their principal nesting area on Anacapa Island west of Oxnard.

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN -- President Bergeron is seeking a volunteer as Social Chairman for the ensuing year. The principal duties will consist of coordinating the potluck suppers which are held every other month. Please contact Al Bergeron if you are willing to help out.

DEADLINE FOR THE SEQUOIA is the fifteenth of each month.
BOARD MEETINGS are held on the first Thursday of each month --
September through June -- at 7:30 p.m.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the second Thursday of each
month -- September through June -- at 8:00 p.m.
POTLUCK SUPPERS are held every other month at 6:30 p.m., preceeding
the REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. (October, December, February, April,
June.)

FRIENDS OF ALICE STEELE JOHNSON will be happy to know that she is
making a satisfactory recovery from her recent illness.

ALBINO CALIFORNIA THRASHER. Jed McClellan reports that a lady,
a competent birder, residing in western Redwood City has observed
a partially albino California Thrasher. The bird's head is white
as is the back and part of the tail. The balance is grayish
brown.

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