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MEETINGS:

April 6th BOARD MEETING at the home of President Newman. Board members
8:00 PM and Committee Chairmen should attend. Other members welcome.

April 13th 6:30 PM POTLUCK SUPPER at Roosevelt School, Broadway and
Thursday Vancouver Avenue in Burlingame. Please bring your own table
settings. Call one of the following Committee Members to
advise what you will bring:

Ruth Crotchett 343-5226
Marie Morgan 341-2552

8:00 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING at Roosevelt School (address above).
Members, guests and public invited. Our own entertaining
and knowledgeable Bonnie and Jed McClellan, who regularly
provide the "Plant of the Month" as a feature of our
monthly meetings have been persuaded to present a full
length program on "The Trees of San Mateo County." The
emphasis will be on the native trees but some introduced
species will also be included. Jed will do the narration
illustrated by slides from their vast collection.

FIELD TRIPS: Chairman: Jean Jones - Phone: 344-9339

April 8th SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN
Saturday LEADER: Enes Millar
9:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the intersection of Guadalupe
Parkway and Radio Road. From Mission Street, Daly City,
turn right (east on Market Street, Colma,) and continue
to Guadalupe Parkway. From Old Bayshore Highway, turn west
at the top of the hill north of Brisbane. Lunch is optional
for those who wish to stay longer. This may be our last
trip to see the many varieties of wild flowers on beautiful
San Bruno Mountain.

April 22nd CRYSTAL SPRINGS WATERSHED
Saturday LEADER: Al Bergeron
8:30 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the Edgewood Road entrance to the
Watershed, approximately two miles south of the Pulgas
Temple. Some cars will subsequently be parked at the
Temple to provide a shuttle back to Edgewood Road at the
conclusion of the trip. The field trip will pass behind
the Filoli estate through a series of normally locked
gates and conclude at Pulgas Temple where there is a nice
picnic area so bring a bag lunch.

FIELD TRIPS -- Continued

April 29th SUNOL REGIONAL PARK
Saturday LEADER: Lillian Montgomery
8:00 AM MEETING PLACE: Meet at the entrance gate to the San Francisco Water Temple at Sunol. Bring lunch and wear hiking shoes. To reach Sunol, go to Niles and through Niles Canyon. The entrance to the Water Temple is at the juncture of the Niles Canyon Road and Highway 21. Birding in the Sunol region is exceptionally good and there should be many wildflowers.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

GRIZZLY AND JOYCE ISLANDS -- February 26th -- Nick and Katherine Kroll, Leaders

Around 30 members met with Mr. Rolf Mall, Biologist with the California Wildlife Management Areas. After a briefing of the area we made a tour of Grizzly Island. There were numerous Pintails, Shovelers, Egrets, and White-tailed Kites. Burrowing Owls came out of their holes along the sides of the road and stood to be viewed through scopes. After lunch those who went to Joyce Island saw the Heron Rookery, American Bitterns, and even River Otters surfaced for viewing. Fifty-five species were sighted.

--Reported by Jean Jones

McLAREN PARK, SAN FRANCISCO -- March 4th

The fog eventually "burned off," but no one was too cold because there was plenty of exercise climbing the hills in the beautiful park. The group saw some twenty-five species in San Francisco's second largest park, which is more open and hilly than Golden Gate Park. A male Allen's hummer gave a very good close-up, but the big surprise was a Sharp-Shinned Hawk that dived and missed a Mourning Dove. There was also good viewing of the resident Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawks.

--Byron Davies, Leader

CONSERVATION NOTES

S.O.S. FOR SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN!

Attention of local conservationists focuses on San Bruno Mountain as its future as an ecological landmark hinges upon the outcome of political and developmental issues. Presently agriculturally zoned and the last open space area in the heavily populated north Peninsula, it is the site of a proposed housing development for 26,000 people by the owners, Crocker Land Division of Foremost-McKesson.

Although acquisition of 315 acres in the "saddle" area of the mountain has had high priority for several years in the San Mateo County Parks and Open Space Plan, this has not been implemented, and is now jeopardized by the housing development. San Mateo County Local Agencies Formation Commission (LAFCO) must decide to which city (if any) the mountain will be annexed if it is to be "developed." LAFCO has postponed the decision indefinitely pending completion of a \$10,000 "government study" to be made by its staff and consultants.

CONSERVATION NOTES S.O.S. FOR SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN! Continued

Concerned citizens need to learn more about the ecological and environmental assets of San Bruno Mountain in order to express their opinions to elected representatives at the local and county levels. An extraordinary opportunity is offered by a series of informational lectures and field trips sponsored by the Sierra Club for the public.

Scheduled for April are:

April 14 - 8PM - An illustrated lecture by Elizabeth McClintock, (*)
Little Theater, El Camino High School, South
San Francisco

April 23 - 9:30 AM - Field trip to view wildflowers. Meet at
junction of Guadalupe Parkway and Radio Road.

(*) Elizabeth McClintock is co-author of the definitive study,
"A Flora of the San Bruno Mountains," published in the Proceedings
of the California Academy of Sciences, vol. 32, 1968 (\$2.75 from
the Academy, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.)

For more information watch local newspapers or call Bette
Higgins, Co-chairman of Save the Mountain, phone: 583-5369.

(Also see notice of our field trip on April 8th.)

ECOLOGY FAIRE IN SAN BRUNO

On Saturday, April 8 (and possibly continued on Sunday,
April 9) the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will sponsor
its annual Ecology Faire, at Tanforan Shopping Center, San Bruno.
Sequoia Audubon has accepted the AAUW invitation to arrange and attend
a display booth publicizing Audubon activities and promoting interest in
joining National Audubon Society. Sequoia Audubon volunteers are needed
to share hours of attending the booth. Will anyone who can assist please
call Marian Lockwood, 325-0517, evenings.

PESCADERO MARSH -- TRAIL PROJECT

Three work parties have made a good start on trail construction. The growing list of willing workers now includes:

Bill Anderson	Leroy Nelson	Al, Jeff, Gene Ulm
Al & Ted Bergeron	Charles Newman	Tommy Thompson
Cliff Daniels	George Niederhofer	Bill Tatomer
Tom Dye	Howard & Kurt Rathlesberger	Bill Shields
Marty Miller	Barry Sauppe	

April 1 will see Leroy Nelson leading a San Mateo Scout
Troup to the scene. Other work parties will be mobilized as time and
leadership permit. Contact Al Bergeron at 349-2960 if you are anxious to
take part.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

Our March Bulletin stated that we would provide hosts in
June. This was incorrect. May is our month. A. E. Montgomery (344-
4249) is handling host assignment and will welcome your call to volunteer
for this pleasant and rewarding work.

Autographed, first editions of "THE LEAF BOOK, A Field Guide of Plants of Northern California," by Ida Geary, author of "Marin Trails," are being sold for the benefit of Audubon Canyon Ranch. "THE LEAF BOOK" is illustrated with 360 of the plant prints which have appeared in Audubon Magazine, Pacific Discovery, etc. The prints, like the book itself, combine scientific accuracy and artistic beauty. It covers Marine Algae; Fungi, Lichens and Mosses; Ferns and Fern Allies; Grasses, Sedges and Rushes; Wildflowers; Shrubs and Trees. It is an original and effective guide for students and naturalists of all ages.

Signed copies will be sent post-free to our members or as gifts to their friends by Audubon Canyon Ranch, Coast Highway 1, Stinson Beach 94970. Only orders accompanied by a full payment at the rate of \$4.75 plus 24¢ tax (\$4.99) per copy can be accepted.

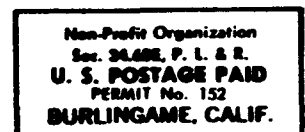
AUDUBON CAMP OF THE WEST -- Sequoia Audubon will sponsor the attendance of two promising young "birders", Barry Sauppe and Mark Zumsteg, at the annual camp in Wyoming this summer.

NEW BOARD MEMBER -- Liv (Mrs. Howard) Gurevitz was elected by the Board of Directors of Sequoia Audubon to fill the vacancy created by Jack Morrill's resignation.

MYRA BROWNE -- We are saddened to take note of the death in early February of Myra (Mrs. George C.) Browne. Mrs. Browne was a member of Golden Gate Audubon Society and of the board of directors of Audubon Canyon Ranch. She was a dedicated and effective conservationist.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES -- Sequoia Audubon is presently represented on two advisory organizations. Dr. Ruth Smith represents us on the Environmental Quality Coordinating Council and Bill Tatomer on the San Mateo County Citizen Advisory Committee to the State Parks and Recreation Department.

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