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FAREWELL TO BEVERLY WARBURTON

Beverly has left Fallbrook, moving to Albuquerque to be closer to family. We will miss her quiet, friendly ways and her willingness to help our Chapter.

We hope she will return for Picnics and birding trips. She will always be welcome.

Perhaps the feelings of all who know Beverly are most aptly expressed by the following, written by Doug Walkley:

BEVERLY!

Such warmth and comfort is felt by your presence. For certain a void will be felt by many with your absence.

Things not said. Things left undone.
Yet time, space, and you, move on.

A move to new country, terrain, weather, and adventures. All of these, Beverly, you, in your unassertive humble way, have constantly taken on. So, we know you will make the very most of this change in your extraordinary way.

For you new relationships will be found quickly, be it through the church, the library, birding, or just on the street.

We'll be thinking of you as you once more venture forth.

Keep flying high,
Doug & Diane



ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

Our nominating committee has done its job by presenting our membership with a slate of Officers and new Board Members to be voted on at our next General Meeting on Thursday, May 22. The PAS membership must now do its work by voting on this slate, and we encourage a full turnout for that purpose. Here IS a list of the nominees:

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Doug Walkley



IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN!
RESERVE JUNE 8TH FOR THE PICNIC!
SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4.



(picnic site photos at
Lawrence Welk Village)



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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Jeff Ebright

Our annual request for financial support continues and I wish to thank all those who have sent in contributions. For those who have not decided yet, remember that most of our members have National Audubon memberships and Palomar Audubon receives less than \$3 a member from National. Please read the appeal letter and the article on San Diego Foundation's "Big Day" in this newsletter. Your contributions are 100% tax deductible.



In March, Trysten Loefer gave an impressive program on the Birds of England. For those who don't know, he is one of two teens we are providing scholarships so they can attend an ABA Youth Birding Camp in Colorado this summer. The other teen is Ryan Andrews. I'm proud that we are able to provide this opportunity, since they are both so deserving.

On April 12th I led a bird walk sponsored by the Escondido Creek Conservancy along a stretch of the Escondido Creek that flows through a concrete flood control channel. The Escondido Creek Conservancy hopes to build support to restore the creek to a natural environment. Several Board members recently met with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and a biologist for the Pala Tribe about assisting them in bird surveys. These are examples of Palomar's strategy to partner with local conservation groups for the improvement of our community.

I wish to welcome our new members from Temecula. They recently became part of our chapter with the realignment of Audubon chapter territories for Palomar and San Bernardino Valley.

Remember that our program and meeting on May 22nd is when you'll have an opportunity to vote on the slate of Palomar Audubon Officers and Directors.

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Hey, All You Birders!

If you have Internet access and haven't yet visited the PAS website, www.palomaraudubon.org, you are missing out on some FREE, WHOLESOME FUN! (Cain't hardly git none o' that online NOHOW nomore!!)

For example, if you are now reading a hard copy of this issue of **Band Tales** you probably think all those grey boxes are boring. WELL, visit us online and you just might be pleasantly surprised! I kid you not, "it's a beautiful thang when it's in COLOR!"

Signed, yer friendly editor

FIELD TRIPS

Jim Beckman

Whether a seasoned birder or a beginner, you are welcome to join us. For more information call the trip leader shown below. Heavy rain cancels trips. Locations in Thomas Guide Coordinates are shown in parenthesis as (Page-Column Row). Ratings: 1=easy, suitable for all levels, 2=moderate, a bit more walking and possibly some hilly terrain, 3=challenging, longer hikes and may involve some steep terrain.

Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.

Daley Ranch

Escondido

(1110-C3) Rating: 2-3

From I-15 in Escondido, exit at El Norte Parkway and drive east approximately 3 miles. Look for the "Daley Ranch/Dixon Lake" signs and turn left (north) on La Honda Drive. Continue on toward Dixon Lake and on to the free Daley Ranch parking lot on your left. Meet at the kiosk.

Leader: Sally Sanderson

760-749-6995

Saturday, May 10, 8:00 a.m.

Wilderness Gardens Preserve

Pala

(409-E6) Rating: 2

This small wilderness area represents a fine example of oak woodland habitat. Meet in the Wilderness Gardens parking lot, which is about 10 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76, on the south side of the highway. Parking fee required, but free with senior County pass. Bring a lunch for an after-birding picnic. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Michael Beeve

209-247-5237

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.

Kit Carson Park

Escondido

(1150-C1) Rating: 1

From I-15 in Escondido, exit east on Via Rancho Parkway (which becomes Bear Valley Parkway) and drive about 1 mile to the Park Road entrance on your left – at the fire station. Proceed on Park Road about ¾ mile to the amphitheater parking lot on the right. Woodland, riparian, and open-area habitats usually get us a nice list of resident birds.

Leader: Jeff Ebright

858-484-3932

Saturday, May 24, 8:00 a.m.

Lindo Lakes

Lakeside

(1232-B3) Rating: 2

From North County, take I-15 south to Highway 52 east to Mission Gorge Road Turn left and continue east to

Woodside Avenue. Go under the Highway 67 overpass staying on Woodside Avenue (into Lakeside) to the end, with the parking area on the left. From San Diego, take I-8 east to Highway 67 north, and take the Riverford Road exit. After exiting, turn left on Woodside Avenue (into Lakeside) and continue to the end with the parking area on the left.

Leader: Doug Walkley
310-387-8190

Saturday, May 31, 8:00 a.m.

Sweetwater River Gorge

Rancho San Diego

(1271-J6) Rating: 2-3

From I-5, I-805, or I-15, take Highway. 94 east; stay on Highway. 94 as it becomes Campo Road, then turn right on Singer Lane, and then an immediate left onto the dirt parking area near the old steel bridge. This area is a rich stream habitat surrounded by native chaparral and sage scrub. There are no restrooms or drinking water available, so plan accordingly. Expect warm weather. **It's a PAS tradition to eat lunch at close-by Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill after birding.**

Leader: Jack Friery
619-218-7342

Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m.

William Heise County Park/Santa Ysabel Mission

Julian

(1156-C5) Rating: 2-3

From Escondido take Highway 78 east (from San Diego take Highway 67 east) to Ramona, then Highway 78 toward Julian, past Santa Ysabel. At Wynola start looking for the sign on your right for William Heise County Park (1 mile west of Julian). Turn right on Pine Hill Road and drive south for 2 miles to Frisius Road. Turn left (east) onto Frisius Road, and drive another 2 miles to the park entrance. We will meet in the parking lot. There is a parking fee, but free with a senior County pass. We will also drive to Santa Ysabel Mission to look for orioles and other spring/summer migrants. Bring a lunch for an after-birding picnic. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Jeff Ebright
858-484-3932

Saturday, June 14, 8:00 a.m.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

Julian

(429- L3) Rating: 2-3

From San Diego, take I-8 east and exit north on Highway 79. Continue approximately 12 miles to the Paso Pacacho Campground on the left. From the North County, take Highway 78 (or Highway 67) to Ramona, and then continue on Highway 78 just past Julian, to Highway 79. Take Highway 79 south approximately 10 miles to the campground on the right where we will meet. There is a day use fee. Bring a lunch for an after-walk picnic. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Hal Benham
858-679-7904

Saturday, June 21, 8:00 a.m.

Agua Dulce Creek

Laguna Mountains

(430-B5) Rating: 2-3

We will meet at the old parking area for Agua Dulce Creek Group camp. Driving east on I-8, and after Pine Valley, look for signs indicating the Sunrise Highway Exit and Laguna Mountain Recreation Area. Go north on Sunrise Highway. (S-1) approx. 8 miles to Wooded Hill Road, the first road on the left and directly across the road from Morris Ranch Road. Restrooms, picnic tables and water are available in the Lagunas near the General Store at Burnt Rancheria Picnic area. A Forest Service Adventure Pass is required for day-use parking and is available locally in San Diego County at major sporting goods stores and at other areas in the Lagunas. Bring a lunch for an after-walk picnic. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Sally Sanderson
760-749-6995

Saturday, June 28, 8:00 a.m.

Palomar Mountain

San Diego County

(409-G7) Rating: 2

This field trip will start from the parking lot at Doane Pond. Leave the Escondido area before 7 a.m. From I-15, take Highway 76 east to Highway S6, north to Palomar Mountain. Or from Escondido, take Highway S6 to Palomar Mountain. At the mountaintop, at the S7 intersection stop sign, turn left and continue for 3 miles on State Park Road to the Palomar Mountain State Park entrance. There is a day use fee. Proceed 1½ miles to the Doane Pond/School Camp area. Bring a lunch for an after-walk picnic. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Jim Beckman
858-205-2819

Saturday, July 5, 8:00 a.m.

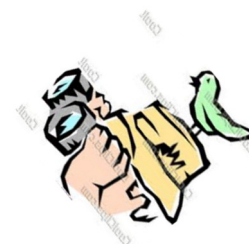
Lake Murray

La Mesa

1250-E6) Rating: 1

Take I-8 east to the Lake Murray Blvd. exit (right turn) and proceed 1 mile north to Baltimore Drive. Turn left and drive about 1 mile to Jackson Drive. Turn left again, proceed ¼ mile and make another left turn onto Golfcrest Drive. Continue about one mile on Golfcrest Drive to the Mission Trails Regional Park entrance on the left. Meet in the parking lot near the softball field bleachers. This location is at the northwest end of Lake Murray. Expect warm weather.

Leader: Jim Beckman
858-205-2819



REMEMBER THE '50s: PAS ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, June 8TH



Let's go back to the 1950s with this year's picnic at the private Lawrence Welk Champagne Village Park. Listen to the great sounds of the Lawrence Welk Band and the new kid on the block Elvis Presley. How about champagne bubbles, Edsel Cars, Tuna Casserole, and Jello Salads?

Did you know you could get a steak dinner, dessert, plus tip for only \$2.00 in the '50s? Sad to say, but this year's steak dinner will cost you \$25.00. Beer, wine and soft drinks are included in the price. Once again we will have our wonderful Filet Mignon steaks, chicken, assorted salads, Root Beer Floats or ice cream sundaes, but no tips will be necessary.

The photo contest this year will be a little different. Please bring a photo of yourselves in the 50's, or if you weren't born yet, one closes to those years. We will see who can correctly match pictures with people. Be sure not to share your pictures with anyone else until after the contest.

Besides your pictures, please bring a piece of cut up fruit for the ever popular Friendship Salad.

A wonderfully crafted Canada Goose has been donated by the Doug and Mickey Nail as one of our raffle gifts and we welcome other gifts if you have something you would like to donate.

Aloha Shirts - now called Hawaiian - and Pedal Pushers or any brightly colored clothing was popular in the 1950's. Come in anything comfortable and enjoy all the fun.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC:

FROM THE SOUTH:

Go I-15 to Deer Springs/Mountain Meadows Rd. exit.
Turn right after Deer Springs Rd. exit
Take the first left onto Champagne Blvd.
Go 2.1 miles
Turn right on Champagne Village Dr.
(Someone will open the gate for PAS members)
Turn right immediately on Live Oak Lane
Park will be on the left.

FROM THE NORTH:

Go I-15 S to Gopher Canyon/Old Castle Rd. exit.
Turn left onto Gopher Canyon Rd.
Take the second right onto Champagne Blvd.
Go 5.5 miles
Turn left on Champagne Village Dr.
(Someone will open the gate for PAS members)
Turn right immediately on Live Oak Lane
Park will be on the left.

\$25 per person – Please make your check out to PAS and mail it with this form to
Sunny Christiansen – 12480 Pomerado Place, San Diego, CA 92128

Name: _____

Number of People _____ Phone (just in case) _____

How many of each: # _____ Steak # _____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian

I would like to help with setup _____ or cleanup _____.

**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A PIECE OF FRUIT
FOR THE FRIENDSHIP SALAD.
ALSO, PLEASE BRING A DIGITAL CAMERA IF YOU OWN ONE.**



PROGRAMS

Please join us for our interesting monthly program and refreshments at the Remington Club, 16916 Hierba Drive, Rancho Bernardo. There is a social period beginning at 7:00 pm with the meeting and program getting under way promptly at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, May 22

Trish Boaz

"The Citizen Science Program"

Trish Boaz is currently the Executive Director of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. She has over 25 years of experience with conservation and environmental programs. The San Dieguito River Park watershed consists of 94,000 acres with the goal of developing a 70 mile "Coast to Crest Trail" from Del Mar to Volcan Mountain near Julian. Over 75% of the River Park land is located in areas served by our Palomar Audubon Society. The goal of the San Dieguito Citizen Science Monitoring Program is to create a sustainable multiple species monitoring protocol specifically for the San Dieguito River Park that can be carried out by volunteer citizen scientists.



PALOMAR AUDUBON SOCIETY WELCOMES THESE NEW AND RENEWING CHAPTER-ONLY MEMBERS

Walt and Sandy Bates
Al and Gray Church
Robert and Toni Crisell
Mike and Meredith Dow
Harold Dunn
Jeff and Vicki Ebright
Sam and Sandy Farrow
Elinor Foulke
Gary and Cheryl Grantham
Laura Hunter
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John and Pam McCoy
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AND WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM THESE DONORS:

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Dear Members and Friends,

A great **BIG THANKS** to those who have already responded to our 2014 fund raising letter. If you have not donated yet and no longer have the envelope from the last Band Tale mailing, please send your donation to the address above. The suggested donations are \$20 -Single, \$25- Family, \$55-Sponsor, \$100-Sustaining, and \$300 -Conserving. With Palomar Audubon now a part of the San Diego Foundation, you also have the option of donating to Palomar Audubon during their "BigDay" event on May 6. See article in Band Tale for more information on this event. PAS only receive about \$2 for every National Audubon membership so your donations are our biggest funding source. You are helping make it possible for us to continue these programs.

Some of our accomplishments in 2013 and plans for 2014 are:

BIRD WALKS— We had 48 Saturday bird walks with over 900 participants. On average over 50 bird species were observed on each walk and all areas of San Diego County were visited. We continue to look for new areas to bird and to develop new walk leaders. Palomar Audubon is building a positive reputation for the variety, quality, friendliness and encouragement of new birders on its bird walks.

PROGRAMS— We had 7 programs on a variety of subjects presented at monthly membership meetings. Presenters ranged from experts in their field to PAS members.

SCHOLARSHIP— Trysten Loeffke and Ryan Andrews are the recipients of the PAS 2014 Scholarship Awards. They will attend a week long ABA Young Birders Conference in Northern Colorado in July. Both of these 14-year old boys are excellent birders and very deserving of the scholarship.

BIRD COUNTS— We participated in the Escondido Christmas Bird Count to gather yearly census information. PAS provided lunch for all the participants. We work to promote participation in The Great Backyard Bird Count and the recording of bird sightings in eBirds. We are working on projects to do bird counts for several scientific studies.

PUBLICATIONS—We continue to publish "Band Tales", our newsletter, which keeps our membership informed of our meetings, programs, weekly bird walks and items of environmental interest. We are now providing an Online color copy of "Band Tales" at our website. We completely redesigned our website last year and plan to add additional features this year.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT.— We donated to the following organizations in 2013: San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC) and Wilderness Gardens. We have prodded stuffed birds for display at the Elfin Forest Visitor Center. We plan to continue to support these organizations in 2014.

BIRDING TRIPS OUTSIDE COUNTY— We plan to continue offering these binding trips to our members. We had a very successful trip to Salton Sea in February.

We are successful as an organization only with your help. The **MAJOR** support for all of our programs and activities comes through your generous donations. If every one of our members donates only \$20. We can meet our financial goals and be able to continue to provide a vibrant and interesting organization for your enjoyment. We hope we have made our case and you will respond. Please make your check to Palomar Audubon Society. We are a 501 (c)3 organization, so your gift qualifies as a charitable donation.

Thank you for your support.

The Board of Directors, Palomar Audubon Society

CONSERVATION NOTES

Richard Fowler



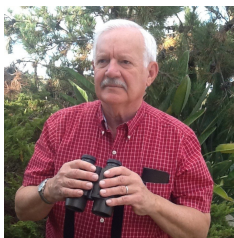
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give BETTER.
24 HOURS
300+ NONPROFITS

MAY 6, 2014

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REMEMBER THE DATE!

Palomar Audubon is partnering with the San Diego Foundation's Center for Charitable Giving for this year's **GIVE BIG** event. This is the first year that our organization has participated in this event and we will be one of 350 San Diego nonprofits that can receive donations through this program. The first Give Big event was launched in December 2011 and yielded over \$ 2,100,000 for the San Diego non-profits.



The San Diego Foundation has a distinguished history dating back to 1975 in providing leadership for effective philanthropy in San Diego County. It has had tremendous growth over the past 38 years and last year reported assets of \$620,000,000 and grants to the community of \$47,000,000 for fiscal 2013.

Palomar Audubon welcomes and encourages support from our members for this event. **This year's on-line event will last from 12:00 AM until 11:59 PM on May 6, 2014.** All contributions between \$25.00 and \$1,000.00 will help us receive part of the \$150,000 the Foundation has committed to a pool that will be divided up by the non-profit organizations according to their success in obtaining contributions. We are also hopeful of establishing new relationships with donors who are not currently members of Palomar Audubon.

Because Palomar Audubon is an organization run exclusively by volunteers, our overhead is very low. This past year our administrative cost was less than 20 % of revenue. The remainder went to our education and environmental programs. These included our speaker's program, scholarship program, and support for other environmental programs. Currently, we are actively seeking out environmental programs that we think deserve support in the future. These include opportunities with the San Dieguito River Conservancy to complete the river park from "Coast to Crest." We are also supportive of other conservation organizations, such as The Escondido Creek Conservancy, Friends of Kit Carson Park, and Daley Ranch conservancy. We will keep you informed about any developments on this front.

Give Big is an on-line event that can be accessed through the San Diego Foundation website (sdfoundation.org/givebig.) Contributions must be by credit card, either MasterCard, Visa, or Amex. All donations are fully tax deductible and donors will receive an e-mail receipt. Unless you chose to be anonymous, your donation information will be forwarded to Palomar Audubon Society.

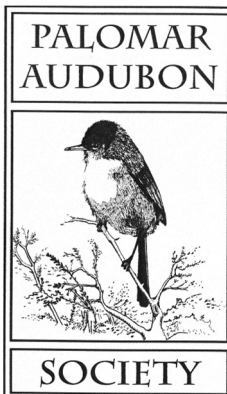
We are hopeful that our participation in this event will help us expand our conservation and educational programs to the benefit of all of our members and the north inland community by earning matching funds for our Chapter,

Richard

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May-June, 2014

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Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, May 1st

7:00 p.m. at the Remington Club

16916 Hierba Drive

Rancho Bernardo

*Note: All Palomar Audubon Society members are welcome at
 Chapter Board meetings.*

No Board of Directors' Meeting In June

QUICK CALENDAR

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|-------------|-----------|--|
| <i>May</i> | <i>3</i> | Daley Ranch Walk |
| <i>May</i> | <i>10</i> | Wilderness Gardens Preserve Walk |
| <i>May</i> | <i>17</i> | Kit Carson Park Walk |
| <i>May</i> | <i>22</i> | General Meeting: "The Citizen Science Program" |
| <i>May</i> | <i>24</i> | Lindo Lake Walk |
| <i>May</i> | <i>31</i> | Sweetwater River Gorge Walk |
| <i>June</i> | <i>7</i> | William Heise County Park/Santa Ysabel |
| | | Mission Walk |
| <i>June</i> | <i>8</i> | Annual Picnic |
| <i>June</i> | <i>14</i> | Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Walk |
| <i>June</i> | <i>21</i> | Agua Dulce Creek Walk |
| <i>June</i> | <i>28</i> | Palomar Mountain Walk |
| <i>July</i> | <i>5</i> | Lake Murray Walk |