



NEWSLETTER

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At last, a Newsletter. It has been to long a time between them, and I guess there is no one to fault but myself. There is alot of information that has to be given out and so little time to do it, but here goes.

State of the Association

We have lost Diane Blackman as President of the Association. Diane is now with the San Jose Youth Science Institute, after a breif fling with the Campbell Police Department. At least, that is my understanding. This, of course, means that Vice President Tom Hofsoner is now the President of PRAC.

On Janaury 12, 1984, at the Administrative offices of Fremont Department of Parks and Recreation, the winter Executive Board Meeting was held. The Treasurers report showed that the Organization had over \$1200, but also had around \$400 in bills to be paid, so we are somewhat finacially fairly sound. Bruce Baker reported that we had 71 members on the rolls. Other items on the adgenda included "T" shirts and caps, planning for the annual conference, and the updating of our membership brochure. Several positions in the organization are up this spring. The office of President, Vice- President and treasurer, as well as the Representative to Region 2(Central). We have come up with the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the Annual Conference in Santa Cruz in March:

President: John Rameriz Ventura County

Vice President: Drew Mashburn Ventura County
Pat Hayes City of Fremont

Treasurer: Bruce Baker Los Gatos Park Department

Central Rep: John Escobar Mid Peninsula Open Space

Secretary: Appointed

If you wish to nominate anyone for the above posts, please contact me at (408) 867-2200 ext. 375

Annual Conference : The Annual Conference will be a joint affair with the State Park rangers and the Western Interpreters' Association, and will be held in Santa Cruz March 11-15. It will be at the Holiday Inn there, and as some of you will recall our conference a few years ago, the Inn was a great place, and alot of fun was had by all. Hope to see you all there.

Training News: A course " Law Enforcement for Managers" is in the planning stage for late spring or early fall. We will keep you well informed on the actual dates and costs.

Mother Nature Drops a Bomb

Lake Elizabeth in Fremont is not known for its present "wilerness" value. Heavy local development has reduced it to a small oasis in the desert of suburbia. However, on a calm day in mid-November, pedestrian visitors reported a trapped fish in distress in Mission Creek (which feeds and drains the lake). Ranger investigation revealed a 28" Steelhead isolated in a small draw down pool. Valiant staff efforts at re-location failed when the accumulated stress of isolation followed by entrapment, caused the fish's demise. (Many observers have commented that the animals attempt to return to Fremont was at least an indicator of bad genes so it probably wasn't any great loss). Since Mission Creek is not planted with trout, we surmise that this is a prior 10" Lake Elizabeth plant which has spent a few seaward years in development. Needless to say, once the press publicity was out, every fishing enthusiast in southern Alameda County concocted plans to enlarge our flood control network in an attempt to re-establish a sports industry to rival our great rivers to the north. All fun aside, this record does demonstrate nature's ability to sustain and rebound regardless of man's continuing planetary degradation. (Pat Hayes City of Fremont)

Privatization, an Ugly Word

In this day and age of tight budgets, and in trying to find ways to get out of fiscal messes, some agencies have been looking toward the private sector to answer their problems. With "tongue in cheek", West Valley College operated two Forest Service Campgrounds last summer with the Sierra National Forest. "Tongue in Cheek" meaning that we are not tied into privatization, and went into the experience as an educational one for students. It was a great learning experience for all of us, and we did make a substantial profit. How could we make a profit and not the Forest Service? It all boiled down to the elimination over overhead costs. We all know that sometimes we get very caught up in government with overhead. We also raised the fee one dollar for each campground. We went into the venture with several goals in mind:

1. to make a profit
2. To provide educational experiences for students
3. Because of the educational value, and because we are in the business of training students for the public sector, we wanted to operate the campgrounds as close as possible to USFS standards. Same uniform(sans patch) etc.

We were extremely successful in all aspects. If your agency is looking at privatization, we are very willing to share our experiences with you. You can contact either Tom Smith or John Nicholas at West Valley College 408-867-2200.

PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 1984 - FREMONT COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Hofsommer, Jim Boland, Bruce Baker, Tom Smith,
Pat Hayes.

ABSENT: Joan Ramirez, Jeff Ohlfs, Doug Bryce

GUESTS: Greg Armes, Charles Miller

Call to order - 7:50PM

1. Vice-President Hofsommer initiated discussion and by-laws investigation on replacement of President Blackman. Board concluded that Vice-President must automatically assume the duties of the President until the next annual meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report - Baker reported that our accounts total \$1,250.61 as of January 6, 1984. Major outstanding bills include two printing/mailings of the California Ranger and a second installment to the Executive Manager. The Board directed the Treasurer to investigate use, transfer, and returns on a variety of interest earning accounts and report back at the annual meeting.
3. Membership Report - Bryce reported by phone that current membership roster is 71.
4. T-Shirt Inventory - Hofsommer discussed financial conflict of resigned President Blackman on T-Shirts. Secretary was directed to investigate any Board minutes authorizing expenditure. Hofsommer and Baker will meet with Blackman to discuss inventory, receipts, and re-purchase plans. Hofsommer to report back at annual meeting.
5. Hat - Incentive Program - Board discussion re-clarified policy on using the logo hat as an incentive to recruit members. Motion to authorize Hofsommer to contract for 72 more hats in time for conference was seconded and passed.
6. Annual Conference Update - Bryce was contacted by phone. Two "scholarships" are available for student members who will volunteer for registration duty. All paraphernalia sales will be inventoried and consolidated for sale at a central location. Hofsommer will report to Bryce on prices and arrange inventory transfer. Smith will include a nominations slate and ballot in the upcoming Signpost.

7. Board moved to request Secretary to send out copies of Board minutes to all Board members after each meeting. Seconded and passed.
8. Ohlfs contacted by phone to request clarification on "Agency Membership" policy. A committee of Smith, Baker, and Hayes was appointed to review policy and conflicts and report recommendations to the annual meeting.

Adjournment - 9:55PM

Patricia E Hayes 1-18-84

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L.P.N.F.

Atmospheric Stability and Instability	Once the Fire is Out
Bad Day at Pleasant Valley	One Match Can Do It
Building a Fire Line	Pinchot - You're Fired!
Chain Saw Safety	Quest for Balance, A
Common Ground	Science of Fire
Crew Boss	Sector Boss
Critical Area	Smokey Bear Story
Elfin Forest, The (Chaparral)	Smokey the Bear
Environmental Awareness	Spark Arrestor Inspection
Eternal Forest, The	Standards for Survival (10 firefighting)
Fire Behavior, Introduction to	Survival
Fire vs Fire	Tree Planting
Fire Weather	Water on the Fire
Firetruck Driving Skill	Watershed Wildfire
Greenbelt U.S.A.	
Habitat	
Handtools for a Wildfire	
Helicopters and You	
Helicopters in Fire Management	
Helicopter Management	
Help Woodsy Spread the Word	
Heritage, The	
Horse Sense	
Horse Travel, Techniques and Equipment for	
Islands of Green	
Know the Cause	
Lands of Learning	
Little Flame, A	
Man Against Fire	
Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West	
New Alaska, A	

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For information on film availability, contact Public Information office at the above address.

SLIDE/TAPE PROGRAMS - L.P.N.F.

Subject: General Interest

- "Evolution of the Forest Service" (1)
- "Inland Chumash Indians" (2)
- "Islands in Time" (The National Wilderness System) (2)
- "Land, Stewards and Shareholders" (Intro. to LPNF and Land Management Planning) (2)
- *"Lopez Canyon and the Santa Lucia Wilderness" (2)
- "Loving Us to Death" (1)
- "Santa Ynez Recreation Area and the Santa Barbara Backcountry" (1,2)
- "Spiritbird" (1)
- "Trailbike Riding in the National Forest" (2)
- *"Water and Santa Barbara" (The history of water development in Santa Barbara) (2)
- "Wilderness and Watershed" (1)
- *"Wildflowers-Springtime in the Los Padres" (Music only) (2)
- "Without a Trace" (No-trace camping) (1)
- "Penny Pines" (The Penny Pines Plantation story) (1)

Subject: Fire

- "Romero Fire" (1)
- "Marble Cone Fire" (1)
- "Fire and Fuel" (The relationship of fire and chaparral) (2)
- "Fire Ecology" (2)
- "Fire Resistant Environments" (Prevention design for urban areas) (1)

Subject: Training

- "Clouds" (Cloud identification) (1)
- "Fire Information Officer" (1)
- "Fuel Moisture Sampling" (1)
- "Getting It Together the Forest Service Way" (1)
- "Night-flying Helicopter Operations" (1)
- "Produced With You in Mind" (1)
- "Recreation Area Care and Policing" (1)
- "Responsibilities and Conduct" (2)
- "ICS General Familiarization" (1)
- "FIRESCOPE - Strike Force Leader" (1)
- "Orientation to Fuels Management" (1)(3 mods)

Subject: Miscellaneous

- "Sylvatic Plague - Its Detection and Prevention" (1)

() One or two carousel program

* Requires 3M Sync II tape player equipment

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Mail in Ballot

Please vote for one in each office
Ballots are due prior to March 11 to be counted.

President John Rameriz Ventura County Parks
Vice President Drew Mashburn Ventura County Parks
 Pat Hayes City of Fremont Parks
Treasurer Bruce Baker Town of Los Gatos
Central Rep. John Escobar Mid Peninsula Open Space District

Other nominations Please nominate any other people that you
would like to see on the ballot. Votes are to be counted
at the Annual Conference.

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Dues are due. Check your membership card to make certain you
have renewed for 1984.

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