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CSPRA NEWSLETTER



SET YOUR SIGHTS FOR SANTA BARBARA!

The Santa Barbara Miramar, ocean-front resort hotel, has been chosen as the location of the General Executive Council Session, CSPRA, October 7-9, 1966.

President Salzgeber has announced that Lloyd Lively, District 5 Superintendent, is general chairman. George Lynn, supervisor of Carpinteria State Beach, is vice-chairman. Jack Vilbrandt, District 5 headquarters, will attend to publicity.

"The Miramar facilities will fit our needs nicely," says President Al. "Also, the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau is ready to assist us in planning and staging a truly memorable meeting. And the ladies will not be forgotten when entertainment is arranged."

Chairman Lively informs all CSPRA members that details about the program and reservations will be forthcoming in due course. "Right now you should plan to attend your convention."

Special rates to State Park Rangers at the Miramar will be \$11.00 double and \$9.00 single. These moderate prices include the registration fee.

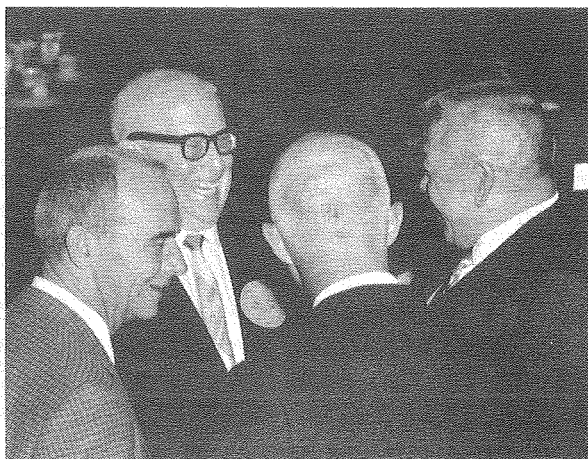
For those wanting to camp, two high standard State Beaches are nearby--Carpenteria and El Capitan. Usually October is tops for beach weather.

Santa Barbara is serviced by United Airlines, Pacific Airlines, Southern Pacific Railroad, and Pacific Greyhound Bus Lines.

The Miramar is an all-year 21 garden acre hotel resort, on the beach in "a beautiful city of superlatives."

PAGING RETIRED RANGERS

Who say Gene Velzy has retired? He seeks memberships for CSPRA from the ranks of retired employees, and will be pleased if they write to him at 34752 Doheny Place, Capistrano Beach, California, 92624. Or telephone Area 714--496-9549.



Lloyd Lively, General Chairman of the GEC Convention in Santa Barbara next October, is shown here with what must have been a good story-telling group. Clockwise: Henry Sadtler, Al Salzgeber and Jess Chaffee.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

(Editorial)

At this point in the affairs of CSPRA it is natural for members in the field--the rank and file--to ask the question above.

Unless we were expecting instant miracles, we realize that tangible results come only through creative leadership, supported by the membership, working on their own time, and still doing their jobs in the parks and monuments.

A quick review of the minutes of Directors' meetings, and items in the Newsletter, reminds us that the following subjects, among many others, have received attention since the first of the year:

- CSPRA Code of Ethics
- Ranger Training Center
- Uniforms
- Voluntary Memorial and Relief Fund
- Fair Exhibits
- Associate memberships (Park Attendants)
- Qualifications Appraisal Interviews
- Extension or other courses

The avowed purpose of CSPRA in essence, is to 'professionalize' Ranger status and to be a Voice for the 'Shock Troops'--the boys out there in Smoky Bear hats, trying tactfully to explain that the camp sites are filled.

It will be recalled that at the first annual council in Asilomar, Deputy Chief Earl Hanson declared: "...Park employees everywhere are truly dedicated. Certainly, they are deserving of professional status such as this organization is seeking...."

At the next Council in Santa Barbara, come October, it is safe to predict that officers and members present will take a close look at what has been accomplished to date, and be full of projects for the future.

Perhaps this is the place to say a word of appreciation to Phil Geiger, the executive secretary, of CSPRA, and to CSEA, for cooperation and facilities in connection with the publication of the Newsletter.

SACRAMENTO LUNCHEON GROUP

Several officers of CSPRA met at an informal luncheon at Posey's on May 25th to discuss tentative plans for the GEC meeting in Santa Barbara in October. Those present were President Al Salzgeber; Henry Saddler, Director Region I; Roy Gholson, Director Region II; Glen Jones, Alternate, Region III; Phil Geiger, Executive Secretary; and Carroll D. Hall, editor Newsletter. Most of the officers were in town for other park business and took the opportunity to meet for lunch.

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DICK BROCK NEW VEEP

The office of vice president, CSPRA became vacant when Al Salzgeber moved up to succeed President Griffith. In a recent letter to Board members, President Salzgeber announced that Dick Brock of Region II had "very graciously accepted the Vice Presidency Chair." Newsletter wrote to Dick for a photo, but he is apparently too modest or too busy to send one.

TIME FOR RESOLUTIONS

Now that the GEC convention date at Santa Barbara has been announced for October 7-9, it is time to give thought to any resolutions to be offered. Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution provides that a resolution intended for consideration by the annual convention must be in writing and in duplicate, signed by any delegate or by 5 or more active members of the Association; or proposed by a region, the board, or any standing committee at any officially convened meeting and delivered to the Executive Secretary at least 60 days prior to the annual convention.

DEATH OF MEMBER'S WIFE

The many friends of Cliff Bisbee, alternate director of CSPRA, Region II, extend sympathy to him and his two daughters, Carol and Bonnie, due to the recent and unexpected passing of Mrs. Effie Bisbee. She was a talented artist who had won wide recognition for her work.

DIRECTOR CHANGES IN REGION SIX

Orville G. Short has announced his resignation as Director of Region Six, owing to special projects and committee assignments demanding much of his time, in addition to his regular duties.

He has also appointed Eugene Velzy to succeed Alternate Regional Director Dana Long, who received a promotional transfer to Mount Diablo State Park in Region Four.

RANGER I PROBATIONARY STATUS UNCHANGED

By a negative vote of 126 to 96, CSPRA members in a recent special election decided not to change Article IV, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution.

The effect, as explained by Executive Secretary Phil Geiger, is to leave Rangers I who are on probationary status, without eligibility for membership in CSPRA. The Board should, he said, "consider authorizing Associate status for this category. This would, of course, be complicated by the need to acquire Active status upon completion of the probationary period. Question of procedure for implementing change from Associate to Active should be considered carefully.