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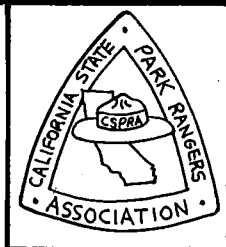
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NEWS FOR



ALL POINTS

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President's Message

By the time you read this, your new officers and delegates will have been elected. If I can judge by the nominations committee meeting here in Region VI, an increased interest is being demonstrated in Association affairs. Two-thirds of the areas in Region VI were represented and the meeting resulted in a number of nominations, particularly for delegate.

OUTSTANDING JOB

Our REPORTER Editor, Oren Welch, has announced his resignation. It won't be easy to replace him for it's not every day one can find someone with Oren's enthusiasm, dedication and ability. The REPORTER editor post is a rather thankless job, time-consuming, frustrating in the face of scant material submissions and deadlines. Oren has been through it all and has done an outstanding job as editor, as manager of our advertising campaign, and as one of the main honchos in promoting our Morro Bay Convention. Thanks Oren, from all the membership and success and happiness in your future endeavors. Our new REPORTER editor will be member Lloyd Geissinger from Lake Oroville Area. He and Doug Bryce will work with Oren to assure a smooth transition.

I am interested (and I'm sure you are) in forming a committee who will work towards securing professional and personal benefits for our members. As a first goal and one which is of primary importance to our ranger members, I want the committee to begin working on the issue of safety or patrol member retirement status. As early as September, 1972, Director Mott went on record by saying: "our State Park Ranger class series should have

"Safety Member" status. Our several hundred State Park Rangers, who are peace officers, are presently classified as "state miscellaneous members". This employee group should be brought under the early retirement provisions of the retirement law."

How about it? Anyone interested in chairing and appointing members to this committee?

What have we been doing in the past few months?

We have opposed lengthening of the Grand Teton National Park airport so it can handle large jet aircraft.

We have supported AB 594, the Boatwright-Dixon "bottle bill", and have urged Director Mott to support it throughout the Department.

Our Bond Program Chairman, Jerry Henderson, is actively laying the groundwork for our support of this 1974 issue.

We have signed a three-year agreement with Common Remitter Systems, Inc., to participate in group insurance programs which will soon be presented to the members. We have already endorsed a group dental plan and I assume each of you will soon receive information on the plan.

DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT

We have expressed to Director Mott our support of the District Superintendent's recommendation to Chief Knight that all State Park Peace Officers should be issued defensive equipment on successful completion of P.O.S.T. Director Mott's response: "A questionnaire is being prepared on this subject which will be submitted to all rangers for a reply. This is a very important decision which cannot be made lightly or emotionally, and I am therefore taking the nec-

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Editorial

President Nixon just delivered a Nationwide broadcast outlining his steps to relieve the present "major energy crisis." In the morning this issue of the Reporter will go to print. Then by the time you read this the guidelines will have been imposed and the consequences developing.

At this point one can only speculate but it's logical that recreation will be the hardest hit industry of all. Which probably means such things as pleasure boats, snowmobiles and dune buggies will vanish from our recreation scene-or nearly so.

Undoubtedly "Project Independence 1980" will continue to effect our visitor use patterns and activities for years to come. How must we, as managers of people who desperately need to release pent up emotions to remain sane, adjust our methods of providing recreational outlets?? (continued on page 3)

DIRECTOR MOTT - POLICY

Ed. Note: the following letter was submitted by President Jack Welch.

Dear Jack:

In the July/August issue of the "California Rangers Association", I note in the column entitled, "E.I.C. Reports" by Bill Krumbein, a statement concerning a TV ad for Kool cigarettes which apparently has as its background McArthur-Burney Falls. Krumbein raises the question, "Do we really need advertisement money from cigarette companies?"

As you know, we require all commercial photographers to secure a permit and we would not permit the photographing of areas within your State Park System for commercial ads. However, we frequently do not know how photographs will be used. Furthermore, since areas within the State Park System are public parks, people can take photographs and frequently do without our knowledge. These, then, are probably made available to advertising agencies for background material such as the Kool ad. I am quite sure that no District Superintendent would provide a permit to a commercial photographer for photographic purposes to promote advertising a product that might be degrading to the health of people or the natural environment.

/s/ William Penn Mott, Jr., Director

MINUTES

California State Park Rangers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Santa Cruz, California
September 8, 1973

President Jack Welch called meeting to order at 0905.

Board members present:

Jack Welch, President
Herman Schlerf, Vice President
Joe Hood, Region I Director
Mel Badger, Region II Director
Ron McCall, Region IV Director
Jerry Henderson, Region VI Director
Dick Brock, Region VII Director
Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary

Committee Chairman present:

Jerry Johnson, Insurance Studies Committee
Bill Krumbein, EIC
Oren Welch, REPORTER Editor

Guests present:

Don Hoyle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Jerry Henderson, approve minutes of May 12, 1973 meeting.

SECONDED: Joe Hood
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGION V DIRECTOR VACANCY

President Welch announced that the redistricting created a vacancy in Region V and that the Board has to nominate a replacement.

MOTION Joe Hood, that Jim Geary be appointed to Region V Regional Director.

SECONDED: Jerry Henderson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region I Had a busy summer. People seemed to stop earlier for the gas shortage.

The bond issue program was started in the Region in August to reach the campers that were not expected back.

In July a question was sent to 50 members in Region I. Twenty-four were returned. The following are the results with some comments received.

1. Do you favor a group Insurance package thru CSPRA that would allow us to drop CSEA? 10 yes 10 no if better and cheaper
2. Would you favor accepting as active members, all employees of the Department? 15 yes 8 no
3. Do you think Parks should use recycled paper? 15 yes 5 no
4. Do you think Parks should separate and recycle the reusable garbage, such as paper, glass and metal? 10 yes 11 no if funded
5. Would you favor the establishment of an educational facility at Salt Point for a training camp for Rangers, teachers and other groups (an Audubon Camp of the Far West?) 12 yes 4 no
6. Do you think CSPRA should strike to get what it wants? 4 yes 17 no

7. What kind of an employee organization do you want? 1 labor union 11 what we have 7 somewhere in between. Are you willing to pay for it?

8 yes 1 no

8. Do you think the Department is heading in the right direction? 12 yes 3 no 6 not sure

9. How about having NPS and County Rangers be members of CSPRA? 10 yes 8 no

Please use the rest of your comments, ideas and suggestions. If you have a complaint, please include at least one solution. Please return the questionnaire to Joe Hood before September 1st.....

Need more participation

Change name of organization

Bring Delta Queen home to California. [The Delta Queen is currently on the Mississippi. Originally she was on the Sacramento River.]

Region II. The redistricting on July 1st gave the Region some new parks.

Have had a potluck at Petaluma Adobe. Forty members came and enjoyed a tour by Jim Phillips. The last Board meeting was reported on.

A meeting is planned in September.

Region IV. Last meeting in early June. Have had a couple of meetings on GEC preparation.

REGION VI. No meetings held yet. Plan to put one member from each Area to serve on nomination committee.

REGION VII. Transfers, moves, vacations, and summer have kept us busy.

NPS RANGER MEMORIAL FUND

Bill Krumbein inquired about CSPRA doing something in connection with the Marin County NPS Ranger that was killed. President Welch appointed Bill to check with Jack Hessemeyer on what has been done.

MOTION: Bill Krumbein, Board to approve a solicitation of funds for contribution to a memorial fund for the Marin County NPS Ranger that was killed.

SECONDED: Jerry Henderson
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EIC REPORT

Bill Krumbein reported that he is now recruiting for active members for EIC. Postcards have been sent out and a notice has been put in the REPORTER.

EIC plans to work in these areas; 1) Environmental Issues and 2) keeping those state involved.

Krumbein requested that CSPRA send a letter opposing the Jet Airport to be constructed at Jackson Hole Wyoming.

EDITORS NOTE: Bill Krumbein and his Environmental Issues Committee have established themselves as one of the "doigest" groups in the history of CSPRA. However Bill is looking for more "doers". Why not establish yourself as a "doer" now and contact Krumbein to see how you can help out.

MOTION: Jerry Henderson, to send letter opposing the construction of a Jet Airport at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

SECONDED: Bill Krumbein
MOTION CARRIED.

Krumbein also requested that CSPRA send letters to Assemblyman Dixon and Assemblyman Boatwright backing their AB 595. This bill would ban the flip-top cans and would place a nickel deposit on all beverage containers.

MOTION: Ron McCall, to send
SECONDED: Bill Krumbein
MOTION CARRIED

Krumbein said EIC will send a CSPRA mailing list to the Sierra Club sponsored Project Flash so all CSPRA members would become familiar with Project Flash.

BOND ISSUE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jerry Henderson reported that he will depend on all CSPRA members to help make the campaign successful. Be sure and read the article in the Jul-Aug issue of the REPORTER.

The Committee has notified the Junior Women's Club of California that CSPRA will try to have members come to their meetings. Henderson said that he has also appeared on a Palm Springs TV Station.

The Committee will: 1) Contact LA TV Stations for possible public service presentation. 2) Coordinate with Dick May on what the Department plans to do. 3) Firm up a budget in October.

FIREARMS REPORT

Ron McCall reported that through a joint effort with the Highway Patrol, State Police, the Department and Fish and Game, the Dan Wessons are being recalled. The Purchase Order is out for .38 caliber Trooper Mark 3 Colts.

MOTION: Dick Brock, that President Welch send a letter to Director Mott stating that CSPRA wants weapons and defensive equipment issued to all qualified Rangers.

SECONDED: Ron McCall

Discussion: Jack Welch said he is completely sold on weapons and that he has not heard one complaint on Rangers carrying weapons and it doesn't seem to detract from the Ranger image.

MOTION CARRIED.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ray Patton was unable to attend and phoned in his report. The following recommendations were made concerning spending the budgeted money for Education and Training.

Applicants are to submit a formal application stating why, and what benefits he would get. The Committee would then screen each application.

These alternatives were presented concerning the amount of each grant to applicant. 1) All of applicants training be covered, 2) 50-50 split between member and CSPRA, and 3) Set a limit, thus allowing more members to benefit.

The committee recommended 50-50 split with a maximum imposed over a specific time period.

President Welch accepted the committee's report, thanking them for their work.

Jerry Henderson said he received education and training money from the Department according to the manual and thought the committee should publish this information.

Mel Badger indicated that Jeff Jones has received some money through the Department for him to attend class.

President Welch directed Board member Dick Brock to develop a written program coordinated with the Department.

INTERPRETIVE NEEDS COMMITTEE

(Don Hoyle reporting for John Kolb.) The first intention of the committee was to purchase copies of the new State Park film and distribute them to the field. When the film came out, the quality of the copies was poor. Bill Dillinger's office purchases enough copies for initial distribution. Mr. Dillinger felt that buying more copies now would not be wise until the quality of the film was improved.

At the suggestion of Doug Bryce, Interpretive Specialist Jim Hibbert (District 3) was contacted about the possibility of assisting the Junior Ranger program. This program was started in District 3 at Galaveras and Donner. It featured a daily session with a Ranger on a different topic each day of the week. Awards were given to the children for completing segments of the program. Jim and I discussed the program and the intention to make it statewide by next summer. This will require a further outlay of funds. Jim felt that if CSPRA funded the program, further funding would not come from other areas where it should come from. Instead we felt that an "Interpreter's Handbook" in most of the units would be useful. This handbook would contain a section on the operation of the Junior Ranger Program, suggestions for programs, stories, songs and ideas contributed by field rangers. Periodically, information would be sent out from a central source for inclusion in the Handbook (similar to the Department Manual System).

This idea meets with the approval of most of the Committee members (the ones that could be contacted). If the Board is agreeable, further cost estimates would be made and an operational plan developed for the next meeting.

This committee also needs information (from Dick Brock or his staff) about the assignments of Phil Claud, Mike Bartoo, and John Knott. Where are they?

This committee would also like to check on its account to see if 1500 dollars is still authorized for use.

During my assignment at Yosemite National Park, I plan to continue to work for this committee unless the President would rather a new chairman be appointed. For this year Don Hoyle will be assisting me and acting as co-chairman of the committee. Either of us can be contacted regarding Committee affairs.

MOTION: Jerry Henderson, that President Welch send letter to Chief of Operations Jack Knight, stating CSPRA's intent to support the Junior Ranger program and requesting that the Division supply us information as to the cost of certificates, cards, buttons so we might choose what we can afford in support of this program.

SECONDED: Joe Hood
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURN

E.I.C. Reports

Submitted by Bill Krumbein, Chairman
Environmental Issues Committee.

The Environmental Issues Committee can still use some more members. Isn't there anyone in Region I, III or V that would like to join? Let me know soon.

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From Conservation Call, August Issue

—A tidal power plant at the Rance River estuary, near St. Malo, France, has proved very successful, after several years of operation. This part of the French Coast has very high tides, up to 32 feet. Deciding to tap this great power, the practical French built a dam 750 meters long across the estuary. The reservoir behind the dam is filled and emptied by sluices and turbines as the tides rise and fall. The turbines drive 24 generators to make clean electric power. The plant generated 560 million kilowatt hours last year, and French engineers claim all Northwest France can be supplied with power from it, if the reservoir is enlarged.



—This "environment reason" symbol, designed by Florida student Harold Barcey, depicts our greatest need: Man in balance with nature.

From Audubon, Sept. '73 econotes...

—Extensive closedowns of national forest recreational facilities are slated because of budget cuts and the Nixon Administration's demands that the U.S. Forest Service increase its timber sales by one billion board feet. Campgrounds, picnic areas, boating and swimming sites, ski areas, hiking trails, and hunting access will be closed across the country as Forest Service recreation funds, already sharply cur-

tailed, are diverted to timber appraisals and building of logging roads. A directive from John R. McGuire, Chief of the Forest Service, has ordered the shutdown of all recreation facilities that are "uneconomical" or receive limited use. Commented a ranger in Gallatin National Forest in Montana: "What you are talking about is putting up lots of gates on national lands financed by the people you're keeping out."

—All C.S.P.R.A. members will soon receive "Project Flash" materials and information. It is an easy way to keep up on environmental news and at the same time, you can help by expressing your thoughts concerning environmental issues to your legislators and other persons in authority. Project Flash even sends along a 6¢ postcard for your letter.

—Are you tired of junk mail? It is a form of pollution, especially when you end up throwing away pounds of paper a year. Gar Salzgeber has done some research into this and found that an organization has been created (by the junk mailers) called Direct Mail Advertising Association, Inc. (DMAA). This organization has 1600 member companies and they are willing to remove your name from their "sucker" lists.

What do you have to lose? Just mail a postcard to: Miss Lynn Lee, Director of Consumer Relations, Direct Mail Advertising Association, Inc., 230 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, and ask for the DMAA's Mail Preference Service Name-Removal Application. It won't eliminate all your junk mail — but it will help.

From Sept. 22 issue of Environment Action Bulletin:

"It appears that environmentalists are now officially on the side of God: The Vatican's official newspaper recently announced that St. Anthony the Abbot has been established as patron saint of environmental protectors. According to a report in New Scientist, St. Anthony, 'who was an Egyptian of the third century A.D., passed the bulk of his life of 105 years meditating in desert caves and living frugally on bread, salt and water. The monks of the order later named after him in the 11th century --- the Hospital Brothers of St. Anthony

were once widely famed for their tenacity in land reclamation.'..."

—According to The Laborer (a magazine published by the Laborer's International Union of North America environmentalists are referred to as obstructionists because they obstruct the building of dams and super highways, etc.... "The strongest point we wish to register is that the goal of social justice must never be abandoned in the name of natural preservation."

SAMPLE BALLOT 1973

PRESIDENT

Herman Schlerf _____
Dana Long _____

VICE PRESIDENT

William Krumbein Jr. _____
Ron Mc Call _____
Kirk Wallace _____

REGION I

Delegate (vote for 2)

John Knott _____
John Jones _____
Mike Garguilo _____
Bill Monahan _____
Tim Neeley _____

DEADLINE DEC. 10

If you haven't already done so mark your ballots and get them off to Doug Bryce. Let's acknowledge the willingness of these members to serve us by having a high ballot return.

EDITORIAL from Page 2

We'll devote a portion of the next Reporter to your opinions.

This is also a time when we should all be setting long overdue examples in the conservation of energy. How have you curtailed the use of energy in your homes or parks. Send in the measures you have imposed and by compiling a list for future Reporters we can establish the measures statewide where possible. For example "do you close the damper in your fireplace when not in use? And so on. Send'em in.



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NEW EDITOR

Oren Welch worked very hard and was very unselfish of his time during his service as editor of the Reporter. Now that my first effort at compiling a Reporter is about to go to the printer I realize even more, the energy Oren expended to produce his high quality work. One of the notes Oren forwarded with the Reporter materials said only "Good Luck Lloyd." I wonder if he was trying to tell me something?

Seriously, I am pleased to assume this active role in CSPRA and hope that you find whatever new look your Reporter takes on to your liking. If not I would appreciate hearing from you.

I will be working with an Oroville Printer, Jerry Comer. He has ordered recycled paper however it may not arrive in time for this issue. Jerry has assured me that subsequent issues will be on recycled paper.

The Reporter will go to print six working days prior to the end of each month. It will return from the printers on or just after the first of the next month. Allowing four days for final processing and mailing you may expect your copies around the 5th or 6th of each month.

The deadline for submission to the Reporter will have to be the 20th of each month. Please use my home address: 90 Glen Circle Drive, Oroville, CA. 95965 or telephone 916-533-2794.

Like the editors who have preceded me, I will very much depend on your input to the Reporter. If you are reluctant to submit your written thoughts try sending an expressive photograph. All I need is the negative or a glossy print.
Lloyd Geissinger, Editor

G.E.C.

SHAPES UP

It's not too early to make your plans for the 9th Annual General Executive Council scheduled for March 8,9,10, at Holiday Inn, Santa Cruz.

Santa Cruz is a good convention city and G.E.C. Chairman Don Patton and his wife Clarice are working hard to make it even better. They want us all to be aware that in addition to Holiday Inn accommodations there are numerous inexpensive motels and many campgrounds close by.

josh barkin !

Highlighting the program of activities is a Saturday afternoon visit by Josh Barkin. Josh will give short -workshop type- talks on the techniques of quality interpretive presentations. Those of us who have seen Josh Barkin at work have to agree that all other activities with standing, he is worth a trip to Santa Cruz!!

DO YOU SHOOT INTERESTING PICTURES?

Representatives of Eastman Kodak Company will be on hand for workshops on how to take interesting pictures. These same people provide similar material to National Park Service Rangers at the Harpers Ferry Academy.

There will be many more special activities in addition to the usual golf, business meetings, banquet, and Cater-Tardiff dance marathon. Altogether G.E.C. for '74 stands to be one of the best.

MESSAGE from Page 2

essary time to reach a decision that will be based upon individual responses to the questionnaire. The questionnaire is being sent to the homes of individual rangers and I must assume that they will answer the questionnaire in the quiet of their home surroundings, unemotionally, and, in their judgement, in the best interest of the Department of Parks and Recreation."

We have once asked Director Mott to issue P.O.S.T. certificates to those who complete the training.

We have forwarded to Director Mott those Morro Bay resolutions directed towards the Department. One resolution concerning the protection of grunion eggs has received a commendation from James P. Tryner, Chief of the Resource Management and Protection Division, and is currently under research by our Department and the Department of Fish and Game.

We have advised Operations Division we want to fund part of the Departmental Junior Ranger Program. Bud Heacox will appear at our Sacramento meeting on December 8, 1973 to fill us in on this program and how we may participate.

I hope to see all Officers and Directors in Sacramento on December 8, 0900, Woodlake Inn. This will be our last meeting prior to Santa Cruz in March and there are many details to tie together. In addition to the Board, I shall expect attendance from G.E.C. Chairman Don Patton, Honorary Awards Committee Chairman Earl Hanson, and '76 G.E.C. Site Committee Chairman Pat Wiese. Directors will be expected to report advertising commitments at this meeting.

/s/ Jack Welch, President

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Events Calendar

DEC 8-Board of Directors meeting. Woodlake Inn, Sacramento.
DEC 10-Ballot return deadline.

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