



# NEWSLETTER

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## Hon. Member Helps Pistol Team

Last June, CSPRA's Board voted to authorize \$600 to support 4 pistol team members competing as State Park Rangers. The team of Bob Todd, Craig Burke, John Hillerman and Steve Michael, have an opportunity to compete in the National championship match in Des Moines, Iowa but needed financial support. CSPRA gave each participant a \$150 scholarship if they attended and would agree to participate in the 1982 GEC and prepare an article for the Newsletter.

One of our Honorary Members heard of the need and made a substantial donation to further assist the team. In the thank you letter to William Penn Mott, Jr., Verardo acknowledged the generous personal contribution. Mott in his letter accompanying the check had several comments. "(I) read in the last issue of the Newsletter about the need for support for the pistol team. Check enclosed. Please don't misinterpret (the donation). Although I approved of Rangers carrying pistols, it was only because of changing conditions. I still consider public relations of first priority. Training is very important and State Park Rangers are very well trained. I think it was the correct decision".

FROM CSPRA, THANKS AGAIN MR. MOTT !!

## INTERPRETIVE CONTEST

A competition to promote State Parks is being sponsored by the State Park Foundation, D.A.R. and Save-the-Redwoods League. The purpose of the competition is development of an interpretive message that will present the values of State Parks and motivate people to take action. The sponsors have put up \$950.00 in prizes.

You should have already received info on this through your Area. If not, entry forms are available at Area and Region offices. Entry deadline is December 1, 1981 to your Region.

## Pricing Us Out Of Promotions

by Bill Krumbein

It has happened to me -- and I know it has happened to many other park rangers -- where we simply cannot afford to promote. The cost of housing throughout this state of ours is a cause for many park rangers to refuse promotions. This is hurting our department, our parks, and our morale.

A recent article in TIME magazine painted a very clear picture of our situation -- but a different profession was being interviewed.

The reason this young person, age 30, left California was because he "...realized he could never afford to buy a home in California". He was making almost \$19,000 a year.

His manager stated that people in the same profession (elsewhere in the U.S.) are rejecting jobs in California because of housing costs. His "company" has decided to construct 144 condominiums and town houses to help alleviate this problem.

Maybe you are wondering about this "company" I have referred to. The answer is, "... Until the University of California, with its many campuses, comes up with cheaper housing, it is likely to suffer a continuing brain drain."

It is so easy to substitute the words parks department and many parks -- and we too have a brain drain of sorts -- since capable rangers cannot move upward.

A progressive program to install adequate, livable mobile home pads would be a start in the right direction.

Editor's note: If you have not applied for a promotion or transfer because of similar housing economics, please let me know.



## PRIZES NEEDED

One of the more popular fund raisers at recent annual CSPRA conventions has been the raffle. Money raised from ticket sales is used to off-set expenses for those attending GEC, for example to pay for a band, catered luncheons, guests and speakers.

If you have an item that CSPRA could use as a raffle prize please contact 1982 GEC Co-Chairmen Dave and Janet Carle at (916) 791-0276 or Executive Director Doug Bryce at (916) 383-7299. Also accepted are donations of items from other supporters of CSPRA. If you know of an interested business or individual, get in touch.

Memorable items from past raffles:

1 gallon can of chili peppers, a hand made plant hanger, pair of mounted bull horns, flowering plants, wine, cheese, Coleman products, passes and tickets to local attractions, 10 gallons of gas, motel accomodations, bumper stickers and many others.

Get busy now and support this CSPRA fund raiser at 1982 Sacramento GEC.

# WANTED

This violation was brought to the Commission's attention by CSPRA's Environmental Issues Committee. An article last month by EIC member Rick Parmer outlined the discovery.

## AGAINST RAILWAY COMPANY

# Illegal work at lagoon may draw fine

**SANTA BARBARA** — California Coastal Commission has directed its legal department to determine what action should be taken against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. for illegal work it did near Batiquitos Lagoon.

The commission last Friday also withheld approval of a maintenance project undertaken by the railway company.

The company could be fined or asked to take steps to reduce damage caused by repair work done on a railroad trestle near the lagoon, which lies between Leucadia and Carlsbad.

The railway company extended a maintenance road to the trestle to access by trucks and other maintenance vehicles to do repair work.

But in doing so, the company placed a large amount of fill — estimated by commission staff to be 700 feet wide and as much as 30 feet high — in the lagoon, according to a commission spokesman.

The result, he said, is a road with loose dirt around it and a high potential for erosion and subsequent runoff of sedimentation into the lagoon.

Commission staff analyst Paul Webb said the fill that has been placed in the lagoon is not currently a serious problem but will be when the rainy season begins and the fill is washed into the lagoon.

# Phone

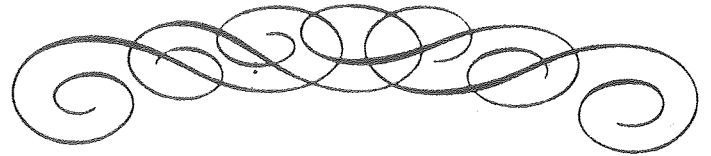
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"We trained hard... but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization."

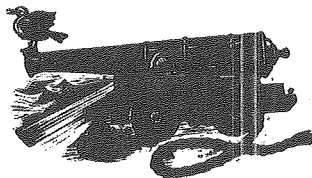
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# GEC

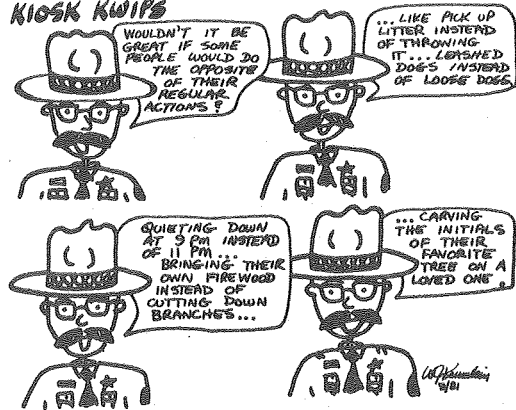
by Denzil Verardo

The initials G.E.C. stand for General Executive Council. CSPRA holds a G.E.C. each year, normally the second week in March. The G.E.C. is a process which many professional associations utilize to enable members to have direct input into the organization's planning process and executive actions. With the possibility that CSPRA will have "at large" Directors, it is important that the G.E.C. be well attended so you can each have a part in charting the organization's course for the next year. At the G.E.C. all members have a vote on resolutions which bind the Board of Directors to the actions stipulated in them.

This year promises to be a lively session with issues such as the DPR concessions policy, environmental threats to parks and political action filling the discussion period. The session is held in conjunction with CSPRA's annual convention so that Association business, educational workshops and social activities can be mixed for a balanced and enjoyable weekend. Plan on participating in the G.E.C. and Annual Convention in Sacramento March 4-8, 1982!



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## 1982 GEC - SACRAMENTO

### Preview

#### WED, March 3

Registration  
Golf  
Pistol Shoot  
Tennis  
Photo contest

#### THURS, March 4

Registration  
GEC  
Prac Board Mtg.  
HQ tour  
Square dance & Bar-B-Q

#### FRI, March 5

Bottle Bill (CAW)  
Mono Lake  
American Rattlesnake  
Trainers  
Director Dangermond  
HQ & the Field  
Alvord & Ferguson  
hour

#### SAT, March 6

Board Meeting  
CPRS Keynote speaker  
RR Museum tours  
Capitol tour  
Interp Collections  
tour  
Banquet & Dance  
Installation of  
Officers  
Honorary Members  
Raffle Prizes

## CSPRA OPPOSES TORREY PINES THREAT

### EIC Testifies and Asks Support

CSPRA Environmental Issues Committee member Rick Parmer addressed the San Diego City Council on October 13 regarding the proposed condominium development adjacent to Torrey Pines SR. Two other organizations also represented were Torrey Pines Protective Association and the Torrey Pines Community Planning Group. The three were appealing for denial by the Council halting development.

The appeal was denied, according to Parmer. However, they were granted a concession in requiring the developer, Henegar Homes Inc., to lower height of the condos to 25 feet. The next appeal will be to the Coastal Commission where Parmer hopes CSPRA can gain further modifications lessening impact on Torrey Pines SR.

A critical letter writing campaign is being organized. The City Council hearing generated press and television coverage, which rekindled community interest in acquiring the land for parks. The property is in escrow, so there is still some chance of success.

State Senator Craven has expressed interest in raising the property's acquisition priority IF enough public support is indicated. CSPRA urges you to write asking for acquisition of the proposed Henegar Homes Inc. property & a boundary of Torrey Pines State Reserve. Address to Senator William A. Craven, State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814.

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