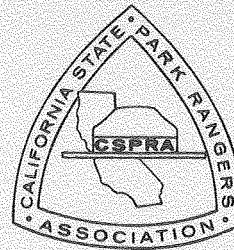


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NEWSLETTER



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1985 GEC

The 1985 meeting of the CSPRA general Executive Council was attended by 39 members and highlights are as follows:

President Price called the meeting to order with Board Members Bob Grace, Ken Gray, John Mott, Fred Jee, Rick Parmer, and Mike Whitehead present. Dorene Clement substituted as secretary for Doug Bryce who was unable to attend this year.

John Mott reported to the GEC that the Shaun Fahey Reward Fund was to be dissolved because no one had been charged with Fahey's murder which occurred a year ago. The majority of the \$2,834.31 will go to establish a redwood memorial at Big Basin SP. The remainder will start a historical building fund at Santa Cruz Mountains.

Resolution 85-1 asked for GEC support of the Board's action on SB 533 and SB 534. It passed.

Resolution 85-2 asked for GEC support of Costa's pending bill to prohibit transient occupancy taxes in state park campgrounds. It passed.

President Price distributed copies of the proposed 1985/86 budget, totalling \$28,130. After an adjustment in Committee allocations, the budget was accepted.

The 1986 CSPRA Conference and GEC site will be the Holiday Inn in Concord.



President Jeff Price shows the color print donated as a raffle prize by Vic Maris .

John Kolb ended the 1985 GEC with a preview of DPR's new 10-minute slide program, depicting uses and purposes of the State Park System.

1985 Photo Contest

This year's photo contest was judged by a committee selected by Nature's Image and chaired by Frank Balthis.

There were 38 entries and awards were given in three categories and "Best of Show."

Winners were: Best of Show to Larry Santozo; Scenic/Landscape to Larry Thomas; Flora/Fauna to Bill Krumbein; and People in Parks to Dennis Arnold; Santozo received a \$30 mini-tripod and film, while winners in the other categories received a matted 8 X 12 print of

their winning slide.

In judging the entries, Balthis' group narrowed the field to 10 best and then made their final selections. Honorable Mention goes to Frank Padilla, David Carle, Bill Krumbein, John Newby and Larry Santozo, for their near winner entries.

Congratulations and thank you to all this year's participants. CSPRA sends special thanks to Frank Balthis and Nature's Image for officiating.

Board Meeting Highlights

The CSPRA Board met Saturday evening, March 16th, at Palmdale for a brief business meeting. Highlights are as follows:

Treasurer Gray reports several committees are underspen, and we have \$7,180.14 in an interest-bearing account.

The Planning and Conservation League is assisting CSPRA with a bill which will prohibit another agency or local government charging a transient occupancy tax on state park campers.

The Board voted narrowly to continue work on seeking staff augmentation for DPR, but not to take any legislative advocacy or publicity campaign action at this time.

A proposal to fund a State Park System version of "Trivial Pursuit" to be known as "State Park Trivia" was approved. Copies of the game will soon be available for three weeks to CSPRA members for the cost of postage only. After that, the game will be sold department-wide to recover printing costs.

The Board appointed past president John Mott as official CSPRA liaison with Senator Stiern's office on SB 533 and SB 534. They also voted to seek passage of these two bills introduced on CSPRA's behalf, to set minimum qualifications for Park Commission nominees and to give the Commission a staff person for research, information, and investigation purposes.

The board accepted two resignations. Larry Tierney is stepping down as Maintenance Committee Chairman and Joan Grammer resigned as a Board member.

Fred Jee was appointed to the Board for the remainder of Grammer's term (Dec. 1985).

Gar Salzgeber was appointed as the new Chairman of CSPRA's Environmental Issues Committee.

Ken Gray will be designing a new membership brochure and application for CSPRA.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Sacramento Airport on June 8, 1985.

For Sale

Bob Freeman, recently retired, has the following uniform items for sale:

Dress Jacket, 46-regular, Like New \$45.

Dress pants (2) 38W x 30L, \$7.50 each.

Dress pants (2 summer) \$7.00 each.

Shirt-Long sleeve, (3)Lg. 16 1/2 X 31 \$5.00

Shirt-Short sleeve, (2) Lg. \$7.00

Bob says that he will also give two short sleeve shirts and three pairs of summer pants to purchaser. One buyer can have it all for \$90.00.

Contact Bob at 360 Val Verde Drive, Hemet CA 92343.

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President's GEC Address

June 12, 1964, a letter was sent to all rangers in the California State Park System putting forth the idea of forming an association. The letter stated objectives that the proposed association should consider, and asked for ideas, support and donations to get organized.

Three months later, 178 rangers had contributed \$870.80 and elected a steering committee. By December, 1964, a board of directors was selected and seven district representatives. The first president was Paul Griffith and vice president was Al Salzgeber.

On March 13, 1965, a constitution and by-laws were filed under the name of California State Park Rangers Association.

At the first General Executive Council in 1965 at Asilomar, two ideas were formulated that today many take for granted. One was to seek legislation to obtain a uniform allowance, and the second was to seek methods to initiate a training program for rangers and to establish a professional training center.

CSPRA is beginning its third decade providing the professional services and recommendations to the state of California. We have made changes in direction and emphasis over the years, but kept our basic objectives intact.

During the year just passed, your Officers and Board have narrowed CSPRA's focus from a considerably expanded international scope to a more state park specific one. The board resolved to keep CSPRA activity limited to three central issues. Those have been: 1) environmental issues directly affecting state park units; 2) issues of a professional nature directly affecting CSPRA members; and 3) issues affecting the political or administrative integrity of State Park System units.

I believe each member who has read any of CSPRA's publications or is familiar with Board

actions will agree we have succeeded in refocusing our efforts on doing just a few things, but doing them well!

The past 12 months have seen CSPRA dedicated to promoting the interests and standards of what I can only term as the conscience and ethic of the park movement. We have hung in there time after time to bring home the point of park integrity. CSPRA has successfully pointed out the conflict with a major equestrian center at Crystal Cove, and the need for Sinkyone and Cascade Ranch acquisitions. We requested reconsideration of Commission action to allow commercial fishermen vehicle access at Gold Bluffs Beach. We sought alternatives to the proposed land trade at Castle Crags and the four-lane freeway bisecting Montara Mountain.

Using our financial resources we have helped members attend specialized training through our scholarship program. We sponsored a luncheon at the State Capitol honoring State Park System cooperating associations.

Most recently we have exercised our political resources as well. CSPRA became a member of the Planning and Conservation League and enjoys the benefits of full time legislative advocates and cooperation with many other likeminded organizations. We are seeking legislation now through Senate Bills 533 and 534 to strengthen the qualifications of nominees to our State Park and Recreation Commission and to provide them with some independent investigative abilities they do not now enjoy.

CSPRA even got into the ad business to promote parks. We printed "Yes on 18" stickers and most recently the colorful "I love State Parks" bumper stickers.

In the last year we have awarded special Certificates of Appreciation to those helping CSPRA. The list includes Larry Santoyo as Environmental Issues Committee Chair, Steve Horvitz for Education and Training, Wendy Lieber and Mark Faull as Newsletter Editors, Heidi Doyle as California Ranger Editor, Dan Abeyta as out going Board member and Lisa Garrison for her efforts to do a complete organizational audit.

CSPRA has worked with SPPOAC on issues of mutual interest. One specific example is our cooperative efforts on an interpretive issues committee where Donna Pozzi has been our representative. The just recently published "Bear Facts," an interpretive redi-ref.

I congratulate all you members, officers and Board on the anniversary of your twentieth annual meeting. You should be proud to be a part of the only organization specifically voicing professional concerns for California's State Park System.



President Jeff Price addresses the 1985 GEC.

GEC Raffle Gifts

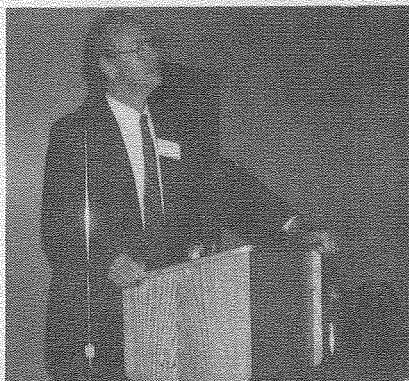
Following is a partial list of gifts and donors for the 1985 raffle:

Four Ride and Dine tickets from Palm Springs Aerial Tramway; double-bit axe from Orchard Hardware, San Jose; T-shirt with logo from Butler's Uniform; two books from Mt. San Jacinto NHA; Half Dome 2-man tent from REI of San Francisco; three matted prints by Gary and Rodi Fregien; Prairie Creek T-shirt from No Const. Redwoods Interp Assn.; collection of wooden folk toys from Ida Adobe Interp Assn.; matted print of Red Rock Canyon by Vic Maris; Photo Album by Jaffe's Photo of Ventura; Candle holder and wall hanging from Jeff and Peggy Price; and from the Sacramento State Parks Docent Council, a basket & cheese box, Indian Museum books, and books on Governor's Mansion, eight books on railroad history and a set of train travel slides.

CSPRA's thanks to all the sponsors of this year's raffle.



CSPRA VP Rick Parmer helps Ann Meneguzzi set up her raffle prize at the banquet.



DPR Director Briner addresses the 1985 Convention delegates.

Honory Memberships

CSPRA has bestowed its highest honor upon two dedicated individuals. Honorary Memberships were granted to Mr. John B. Dewitt and Dr. Harold H. Biswell.

Dr. Biswell was honored especially for his outstanding commitment and personal effort in developing a fire management program for State Parks and fostering enhanced stewardship of natural resources.

Mr. Dewitt was recognized for his outstanding success in acquiring and saving thousands of acres of old growth redwood forests as Executive Director of the Save-the-Redwoods League.

It is the continued dedication to sound environmental principles by people such as DR. Biswell and Mr. Dewitt that California maintains and improves the best park system in the world.



Jim Hendrix sports authentic Saudi costume as Mark Jorgensen shows slides of their recent trip.



Convention delegates during question and answer with DPR Director Briner.

LEGISLATIVE MONITOR

by Mike Whitehead

A recent deadline for bills which would take effect immediately after passage (urgency statute) has resulted in a flood of newly introduced legislation. Of the many are two of specific interest to CSPRA who is taking a lead in the introduction and follow through of the bills: SB 533 and SB 534, dealing with setting minimum requirements for State Park commissioners and requiring the Executive Secretary of the Commission (currently the Director) to be independent of DPR (hired by the commission). A meeting was held at the Palmdale convention where several amendments were discussed and a general question and answer session followed at the GEC member-attended meeting. Past CSPRA president John Mott was appointed as liaison between Senator Stiern's office and CSPRA for any questions and guidance. Any questions or comments, call him at (work) 408-335-4598 or (home) 408-438-6763.

Other bills of interest include:

AB 77--Padre Dam in San Diego: (Stirling) Allocates \$200,000 to DPR for grant to San Diego for restoration of Padre Dam, built in 1816 by Native Americans as first major irrigation project in state.

AB 545--Law Enforcement/Dogs: (Johnson) Add law enforcement dogs to current law specifying felony and misdemeanor charges for harming, interfering with, or obstructing a horse used by peace officer.

AB 642--Jury Duty: (Alatorre) Adds state level peace officers, including SPPOs, to exemption for serving on juries.

AB 793--Coastal Resources/Dunes: (O'Connell) Requires State Coastal Conservancy to consult with DPR and others over possibility of land exchanges to preserve dune resources in northern Santa Barbara County.

AB 892--Eminent Domain: (Costa) Would allow an agency to purchase property at less than fair market value if the owner wishes to offer it for less, as long as the agency originally was willing to pay fair market price.

AB 1004--Otterbein SP: (Hill) Currently operated by LA County, this bill would convey state interest to LA if used for original purpose.

AB 1089--New Unit: (Statham) Would appropriate unspecified amount during the 1985-88 fiscal years to DPR for acquisition of a new SP unit in Siskiyou Country.

SB 44--Art in Public Buildings: (Garamendi) Would require (with exceptions) that 2 percent of appropriations for capital construction projects exceeding \$50,000 to be used for acquiring works of art for placement in state buildings (mentions DPR).

SB 340--OHMVR Signs: (Robbins) In addition to current misdemeanor charges for maliciously removing or altering safety and guidance signs, this bill would make a person liable for civil damages if adverse environmental impacts result.

SB 348--Los Encinos SHP: (Robbins) Appropriates money from 1984 Bond for acquisition of property addition to Los Encinos SHP.

SB 394--Nisene Marks: (Mello) Would appropriate additional money to DPR's 85-86 budget for acquisition of 4,000 acres adjacent to Forest of Nisene Marks (Pelican Timber/Soquel Creek properties).

SB 533--State Park Commission: (Stiern) Requires Commissioners to be "exceptionally well qualified" to analyze park, recreation, environmental and conservation issues, trends, and information. Also requires that one of the nine members be a retired DPR employee.

SB 534--Executive Officer/SP Commission: (Stiern) would make DPR Director ex officio, nonvoting member of SP Commission and empower the Commission to appoint an executive officer exempt from civil service.

Due to Newsletter deadlines, bills may have been withdrawn, amended, or otherwise changed. Please contact your local representative or the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol Building, Room B-32, Sacramento, CA 95814, for up to date information. All errors found in the above bill interpretation for the Newsletter are the author's responsibility.

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PROTECT MOUNTAIN LIONS FROM TROPHY HUNTERS

Under existing law, the current moratorium on the trophy hunting of mountain lions will expire January 1, 1986. At that time, mountain lions--unless new protective legislation is enacted--will again be classified as a "game mammal." Trophy hunting could be allowed, and mountain lions could also be killed under an archaic, lax depredation provision. Fortunately, State Senator Robert B. Presley (D-Riverside) has introduced excellent legislation to protect mountain lions. His bill, S.B. 76, would make permanent the ban on mountain lion trophy hunting, and continue the restrictions on taking depredating lions. S.B. 76 will first be heard by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. No hearing date is scheduled yet.

Please immediately send a letter to Senator Robert B. Presley, Chairman, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. Thank him for introducing the bill, indicate your support for S.B. 76, and request that your letter be included in the committee file. Please also send letters to your own state senator and Assembly member (if uncertain who represents you, contact the local Registrar of Voters listed in your telephone directory), and to Governor George Deukmejian. Urge them to strongly support S.B. 76, and to work for its early passage. The address for all state senators, Assembly members, and the governor is simply: State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

A Bit of History

Submitted by Pete Gomes SPR I

Did you know that on May 17, 1893, the California Congress passed a bill to employ 20 men in order to capture a bad deperato named Joaquin Murietta?

Harry S. Love was authorized to raise a Company of Mounted Rangers to serve the state for a period of three months. The Rangers received \$150 a month and \$5,000 reward for the capture of the bandit.

The men who comprised the California Rangers were a motley crew, most of them veterans of the Mexican War, crack shots -- hardened frontiersmen who walked a fine line between one side of the law and the other.

They were able to accomplish their mission in their allotted time and received their reward plus another \$5,000 to boot. However, there was great confusion as to how the capture occurred or if the real Joaquin Murietta was ever taken!

The story was taken from "Guns and the Gunfighters" by the Editors of Guns & Ammo, bonanza Books, New York.

Total CSPRA Membership

CSPRA now has 545 members. This includes 436 regular members, 80 retired members, 17 Honorary Members, and 12 supporting members.

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