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CSPRA BOARD MEETING

9/30/89

Host Inn
Sacramento

Roll Call:

President, Don Murphy
Vice-President, Bud Getty
Treasurer, Kevin Joe
Director, Donna Pozzi
Director, Jeff Price
Director, Jennifer Rodriguez - absent

Mott Birthday It was decided that Bud Getty would attend the State Park Foundation's birthday party for Bill Mott as CSPRA's representative.

125th Anniversary Report - Ross

The committee has obtained sponsorship of the anniversary celebration from Tom Long of Long's Drugs. Donations will be solicited at a later date. The NEWSLETTER request for volunteers motivated 5 persons to volunteer. The conference will be October 1 - 3, 1991.

Cooperating Association Committee Report - Gordon

The committee met with Dan Abeyta and discussed mutual concerns. Motion Pozzi, seconded Getty, that Murphy write to the Attorney General's Registrar of Public Trusts requesting they in (Continued on page 6)

GEOGRAPHICAL BIAS EXISTS IN FINES

by Jeff Price

Did you know that it may be "cheaper" to be caught driving off road where prohibited, at Torrey Pines State Reserve, than in the developed campground at Half Moon Bay State Beach? Or, that two people could be cited in the same large coastal State Park for having a dog off leash, in two locations just a mile apart, and have to pay fines which differed by \$26?

Does this seem fair to you?

As a result of localized control of bail schedules throughout California's municipal and justice courts, varying applications of the "penalty assessment" and other (Continued on page 7)

PEAK NAMED FOR NEWTON B. DRURY

Dedication ceremonies for Newton Drury peak, elevation 10,160 feet, were held at Mount San Jacinto State Park on Saturday, September 9, 1989. Richard Carter Davis, an historian who has written on the subject of wilderness preservation, developed the idea to honor Newton B. Drury on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Newton B. Drury devoted much of his life to the park movement and specifically to wilderness preservation both in California and across the nation.

CSPRA worked hard to encourage the Department to name this peak after Newton Drury. **YYY**

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT AUDIT OF ANO NUEVO BOARD

The Attorney General has stated that an audit will be conducted by his office of the Ano Nuevo Interpretive Association (ANIA) on October 16, 1989. In a letter to the ANIA Chair (Robert Eckhardt), the Attorney General declared that "this office is in the process of investigating the use of charitable assets of the Ano Nuevo Interpretive Association following our receipt of numerous complaints." In a separate letter to the (ANIA) Board of Directors it was stated that "the Attorney General has a duty to oversee charitable trusts and public benefit organizations on behalf of the public interest." and that "we plan to conduct an audit."

CSPRA has expressed strong concern over the dispersion of public assets following the ANIA Board's action to (Continued on page 3)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On a clear and beautiful day in the San Jacinto Mountains a peak was dedicated to Newton B. Drury. A ceremony was held and many inspirational words were spoken. Mention was made of dedicated service, park integrity, as well as the importance of staying ever vigilant to protect our valuable state park lands.

Who was Newton B. Drury and why should a peak be dedicated to this man above others? What significant contributions did he make that has set him apart from his contemporaries? What qualities of character did he have that uniquely qualified him for leadership?

Newton B. Drury was a dedicated park professional. He was both director of the National Park Service, and of the California Division of Beaches and Parks. He served as the executive secretary for the Save The Redwoods League and as its president. His quiet, persistent diplomacy as a park professional set him apart from his contemporaries. He transformed his personal vision into a common vision that all lovers of wildness could share. This vision led to the birth of the Mount San Jacinto Wilderness.

The occasion of his 100th birthday on September 9, 1989 served not only as a day for the dedication of the peak, but it also served to remind us of our individual responsibility to carry the vision forward into the twenty-first century. And not just with words but with deeds which require courage, some risk, and above all character. Newton B. Drury more than any of his contemporaries exhibited character. What is character. Perhaps this poem written when I was a freshman at USC for SoCal Magazine about another man of character best sums it up.

**A great man does not labor for himself;
Rather he labors for others.**

**A great man does not love because of;
Rather he loves in-spite-of.**

**A great man does not delight in physical sensationalism;
Rather he delights in that of the Spirit.**

**He does not seek the praise of others;
Rather he is praised by the fruit of his labor.**

**He does not carry the guilt-ridden banner of false ideology;
Rather he is committed to his own convictions.**

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PARK PICTIONARY"

by
Carl A. Nielson

Supplies:

1-Easel with drawing sheets

20-30 Printed 3x5 cards

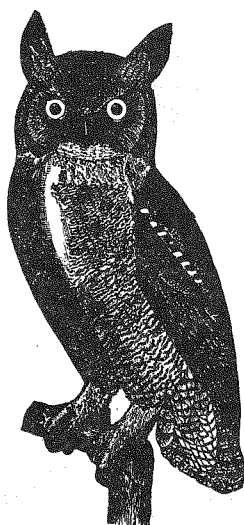
1-One minute timer

Several felt pens

Looking for a warm-up for your evening interpretive program?

Try "Park Pictionary." It can be developed into the main course of an evening or school program. It's not an original idea of mine -- several rangers had mentioned it when I was at Asilomar in April for the Visitor Services Refresher Training. Perhaps the idea was inspired by our nightly games of the original Pictionary (Western Publishing Company, Inc., all rights reserved).

I'd like to share the game that I've developed. I'm certain other versions exist, and still others could be created. First, prepare 20-30 word cards on 3 x 5 index cards. I use a park theme, specifically for my park, Hatfield State Recreation Area. These word cards contain one or two words. Examples include: Coyote, Sun Tan, Wood Duck, Merced River, Recycle, Black Widow, Mosquito, Cottonwood, Acorn, and Soil. In addition to the main word(s), I print a short and simple message that may be interpretive, informational, regulatory, or safety-oriented. For example, the word card "Flood" states, "Before the placement of dams and levees, the rivers of the Central Valley flooded with greater frequency. The Merced River at Hatfield last flooded in 1985. Look for waterlines on Hatfield's food lockers for proof of past flooding." Another example: "Shade" -- "The shade at Hatfield is provided by a variety of trees: valley oak, box elder, cottonwood,



willow, Modesto ash, mulberry, and sycamore. Surrounded by farmland, the trees of Hatfield give the park an oasis appearance." And lastly for Campfire, I state, "Fires are permitted only in the fire pits located at each camp and picnic site. Wood gathering is not permitted. Downed wood returns nutrients to the soil. Firewood is available for sale at the kiosk."

To present the game, show up with the word cards and the remaining supplies at an evening program. Divide your happy-go-lucky campers into two teams. A title sheet with some game rules may be helpful. A drawer will come up from one of the teams, view a selected word card, and attempt to quickly draw (in one minute or less) that selection for his/her team to guess. A correct steal earns two points. At the conclusion of each turn (alternate with teams), the drawer reads your printed message to the audience. You can play a few rounds, or many more, depending on the time allotted for the program.

Some helpful rules. Drawer cannot point to the actual object being drawn. Drawings cannot include letters or numbers. Drawer must

identify the correct answer (in a large group, you may want to select a designated listener). And of course, the drawer cannot speak during the drawing period except to respond yes or no to guesses.

Fun is guaranteed for the campers and the ranger alike. All who attend are active participants in the program. The game encourages positive interaction with campers, as well as thinking and creativity. And you succeed in the communication process of getting across important messages to the visiting public. Give it a try! YYY

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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terminate their contract with the Department. In his letter to the Director (published in the last issue of the CSPRA NEWSLETTER) Don Murphy asked that the Attorney General be requested to investigate the situation and that an audit be performed. Don was contacted by a number of newspapers regarding CSPRA's concerns.

He reiterated the issues and stated that CSPRA planned to write a letter to the Attorney General's office to request an audit. The resultant publicity brought the issue to the forefront. Other parties are also expressing concern about the funds including some of the Ano Nuevo docents. (The majority of docents have elected to remain at the Reserve.) The expeditious action by the Attorney General's office undoubtedly reflects the increasing concern over the issue of retention and inappropriate expenditures of public assets by the ANIA Board.

It is important to note that the actions by the ANIA Board of Directors are unique to this group of individuals and do not reflect the actions of other association boards. YYY

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See Old Friends

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Bidwell Park

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Stansbury House

Oroville Joss House

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March 6 (Tuesday) to 9 (Friday), 1990

Holiday Inn

Chico

RETIRED MEMBER INFORMATION

(SAVE FOR FUTURE USE)

INSTRUCTIONS: Please return completed sheet to Joe McCall at least four (4) weeks prior to retirement date to ensure prompt arrival of CSPRA retirement plaque.

MAIL TO: Joe McCall, Chair
Retired Members Committee
9028 Talisman Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 363-7566

RETIREE'S BACKGROUND

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Location, title, date when hired by DPR as a permanent employee: _____

Date first hired as a seasonal employee (if applicable): _____

Total years with DPR: _____ Total years of state service: _____

Ending date, location, and position with DPR: _____

Notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co-workers for being: _____

Name of spouse: _____

Plaque inscription should refer to retiree as a: Ranger; Superintendent; Manager; or _____

Retirement party information (time, date, location): _____

CSPRA member who could present plaque: _____

Coordinator's name and phone number: _____

COMMENTS: _____

BOARD MEETING

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investigate the ANIA situation.
Carried - Unanimous.

Save Bodie Committee Update - Pozzi

Galactic returned to Bodie for 1 - 2 weeks additional drilling September 13. We believe they plan to apply for a new/revised exploratory drilling permit to continue work through the winter. We're asking Mono County not to approve such a permit without extensive public input. Also, Galactic announced test results showing 1 1/4 million ounces of gold, and 10 million ounces of silver.

Legal CSPRA is being represented pro bono by Morrison & Foerster, with a four-member team working on the case. We'll need to reimburse "out-of-pocket" expenses. Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger may continue to be involved, in a limited way, to advise where they have unique expertise. Bill Mott contacted another prominent mining lawyer who agreed to help. We've been discussing our legal strategies and contacting possible expert witnesses.

Publicity on the issue has slacked off, however, some major stories are still in the works. We could be pursuing additional coverage but feel it's better to let things die down until we really need the media to help -- we don't want over-exposure to cause everyone to lose interest. A brochure is being developed for distribution by mail and in Mono County.

Local support group Three meetings have been held in Mono County to encourage the development of a committee of concerned local residents. Progress has been slow but support is growing.

Legislative A sub-committee is developing a joint legislative resolution. The primary purpose is to generate awareness/support

(through a hearing and lobbying) and give legislators an opportunity to express their concern. Other legislative strategies (long range) are also under discussion.

Fund raising T-Shirts are on sale; bumper stickers are being prepared. The Sutter's Fort event was successful and should be repeated in other locations. We signed a contract with a direct-mail fund-raising consultant for a limited ($\pm 2,000$) mass mailing. Donations continue to trickle in -- we're raising more than we're spending but not nearly enough to cover anticipated legal expenses.

The Save Bodie Committee needs volunteers.

Equipment Purchase The Board approved the purchase of a FAX machine and a Laser printer for our office.

PIC Committee Revival - Getty

Bud reported that he had several responses to the article regarding the revitalizing of this committee. Getty will check with Gary Strachan to see if he will head the committee. Jim Peat and crew will staff an exhibit at Visalia Wilderness Society conference.

Mount Diablo General Plan - Murphy

Don will forward to board members a packet on the Mount Diablo GP that he received from Kerry Gates. Gary Fregien requested \$250 for the Sierra Club's opposition to grazing at Mount Diablo. Consensus - no. Bud suggested that we send a letter to the Department supporting the GP - action Murphy. Getty will request Strachan to develop opposition to grazing at Mount Diablo.

Homeless Training

Bryce will contact John Falk asking him to prepare a video and brochure for statewide distribution instructing people on what to do to

help the homeless. He should contact Bob Vilmer. This is in response to a resolution at the Palm Springs GEC.

Las Cruces Update - Murphy

Bill is on Governor's desk. Bryce suggested to John Whitehead that he try to get the Governor to veto the bill. Don will check with Whitehead regarding status. Don will contact Tony Look about him asking his friends in Santa Barbara regarding the feasibility of initiating a lawsuit stopping the land transfer.

CSPRA Foundation - Bryce

Bryce requested input on proposed Articles of Incorporation and general information for the preparation of the Constitution. Bryce will have a clean draft of both ready for the next meeting. Board members will have their input to Doug by 10/15.

Resolution 89-01, Statewide Standard Bail Schedule - Price (See article in this issue) Passed by unanimous vote with amendments as indicated.

Anza-Borrego Inholding - Getty

Getty to prepare a letter for Don's signature to the Director requesting that the Department purchase this land.

Mountain Bikes in Federal Wilderness - Getty

Getty to prepare a letter for Don's signature to the state's congressional delegation opposing mountain bikes in Federal Wilderness areas.

CAL RANGER Editor - Bryce

The board selected Doug Bryce and David Brooks (PRAC) as new editors for the CAL RANGER. Bryce will contact persons to solicit articles from CSPRA members.

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BOARD MEETING

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CSPRA Future - Murphy

It was decided to have a meeting from noon December 1, through noon December 3, to discuss goals, and methods of achieving those goals, for the organization. The Board plus 5 to 8 additional members will participate. Don and Doug will obtain a site, select the other participants, obtain a facilitator, etc. Bryce will contact Bea Cooley to see who acted as facilitator for Friends of the River.

Monterey Dunes - Getty

Bud indicated that this unit was one we should watch. The Department owns 1/2 of the area and the State Park Foundation owns the other 1/2. The Foundation wants to do extensive commercial development on the site.

Cultural Resources Bond Act

Bob Macomber has suggested that we try to interest PCL in pursuing a Cultural Resources Bond Initiative.

NEXT MEETING: 12/1-3/89

GEOGRAPHICAL BIAS

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complexities, penalties are not the same statewide for the same offense. This has made it possible to pay less of a fine (depending on the section used) when caught driving off-road in a reserve, than in a Recreation Area.

We have many park units, and even more districts, which span several county boundaries. This places offenders in different parts of the park within different "courts of jurisdiction." It is possible for violators, who choose to forfeit

bail in lieu of appearance, to pay vastly different fines, for identical offenses, committed in the same park, on citations written by the same Ranger, on the same day.

Because of the differences in application of what is termed "Penalty Assessments," actual fines may differ greatly between counties, even when "bail" is identical. A penalty assessment (PA) is an additional levy placed by the court of jurisdiction, over and above the bail amount. For example, in Ventura County, the PA is calculated as an additional "\$12.50 for every \$10.00 of bail, or portion thereof." That means a \$15 non-payment of fees citation actually costs the violator \$40.00, and an \$8 parking ticket carries a \$20.50 price tag.

I cannot find any reason why, but some violations are "PA Applicable" and others are not. This is even true of subsections. In Ventura County, CCR4312a, dog off leash, has a PA but CCR4312c, dog on beach, does not.

I recently contacted the court clerks for the courts we use at Channel Coast to ask if we could all get together on at least park violations. I found out from Judge Barry Klopfer, Ventura Municipal Court, that the Judicial Council of California has been reviewing this phenomenon and has already taken action statewide to standardize bail for California Vehicle Code offenses. Judge Klopfer gave me a contact person to check out where the Judicial Council is now on review of other codes (such as CCR), and I will report back on my findings.

Judge Klopfer thought any interest shown on behalf of our professional organization may speed things along. I prepared a resolution for consideration at the September

CSPRA Board meeting, expressing encouragement for swift action in standardizing CCR bails statewide.

If any CSPRA member is interested in my contacts at the Judicial Council, or has additional information, please contact me. Phone: home - 805 525-0807; work - 805 654-4611.

RESOLUTION 89-6 PRICE

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulation is the primary jurisdictional authority for operating and maintaining units under control of the Department of Parks & Recreation; and

WHEREAS, bail for offenses cited under California Code of Regulation vary greatly by type of court, county, and jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSPRA believes that a statewide standard bail schedule is necessary to raise the level of professionalism among State Park Peace Officers and instill a sense of equity in park law enforcement perspective; therefore be it

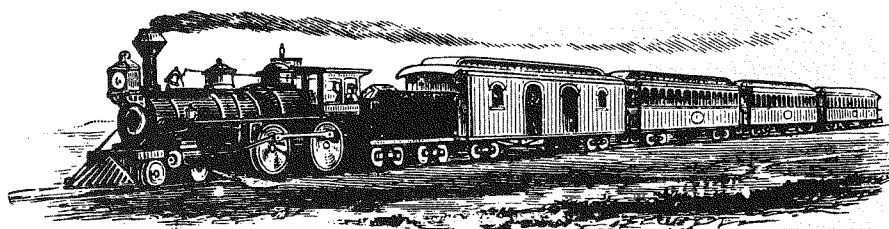
RESOLVED, that CSPRA ask the Chief Deputy Director for Operations to undertake the effort to establish a statewide standard bail schedule for California Code of Regulation sections which pertain to the California State Park System, California State Vehicular Recreation Division and the Department of Parks and Recreation (with copies to SPPOAC and the Office of Field Services); and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jeff Price provide followup as needed until the project is complete. **YYY**

SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship has been awarded to Caroline Edwards, Ranger I, of Sacramento to attend a workshop, sponsored by the National Association of Interpretation, at Point Reyes National Seashore.

Another scholarship has been awarded to Linda Herr Rath, Ranger I, of the Gaviota District. She will make a presentation at the National Association of Interpretation conference in Minnesota. YYY



NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to introduce these new members to our organization. CSPRA offers a forum for sharing ideas and concerns and a means of making an impact in the professional field of the ranger. There is a place for each of you here, and your commitment to CSPRA requires a commitment to you from this organization. Each of us by getting involved can help the other. Again, welcome to CSPRA!!!

Mark D. Pupich, Bodie
Carole Mathews, Mount San Jacinto

Robert C. Pavlik, Hearst Castle
Dalton E. Merkel (Retired) Florence, Oregon

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P. M.
October 26, 1989
Thursday

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If you are interested in nominating someone or in running for President or Director (two positions available) let Jacqueline Ball know before the meeting or be at the meeting.

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