

# NEWSLETTER

## california state park rangers association

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### Senators Introduce Bodie Bill

On March 3, California's two U.S. Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, introduced the Senate version of the Bodie Protection Act of 1993, S 492. This bill is the same as the House bill, HR 240, by Representatives Richard Lehman (D-Fresno) and George Miller (D-Martinez) that was introduced the first day of the new Congress. If you **still** haven't written your letters to Congress, please do so now! Urge your own Representative to vote for HR 240. The sub-committee hearing for this bill has been scheduled for March 30 so it's moving rapidly and again CSPRA has been asked to testify. Letters of appreciation to Senators Feinstein and Boxer would also be nice. Postcards are okay, too. Addresses:

- \* U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.
  - \* U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.
- (See page 8 for Pozzi's Trip to D.C.)

### Riverside 1994

The Sheraton in Riverside will be the site for our 1994 workshop and GEC. Put March 7 - 10 on your calendar for next year's annual meeting. If you have ideas or would like to help plan the annual workshop call (800) 994-2530 - **we need your help!**

### CSPRA-PRAC Annual Conference "You Should Have Been There"

March 4 - 7, Santa Clara Biltmore, we held our annual workshop and GEC. We had the largest attendance for one of our joint conferences, finished in the black, had some great presentations, had a long discussion with Director Murphy and generally had a great time.

The bad news was that **we missed you!** (More on page 4)

### 800 Number Now Available

CSPRA, PRAC, and the CAL Ranger Foundation have obtained 800 phone service. The phone will be answered "Ranger Office" and you will be asked to leave a "voice mail" message. **Please leave a complete message, and we will get back to you only if you ask us to or if we need additional information.** The "voice mail" will usually be checked every two hours.

Our phone numbers are:  
**Local or outside California — (916) 558-3734.**

**Long Distance in California — (800) 994-2530.**

**FAX — (916) 387-1179.**

## President's Message

The issue that never seems to die may finally be on its last legs. Director Murphy's efforts to reduce and regulate grazing on Mount Diablo seem to be entering a final stage, with every indication that sound resource management practices will prevail. In spite of a tremendous amount of pressure applied by special interest groups, the Director held firm to a well-reasoned position, and has given rancher Tom Brumleve a final, "take it or leave it" offer. The importance of this goes far beyond the slopes of Mount Diablo, as Director Murphy's position will send a clear message to those who covet park resources for personal use — the protection of our natural and cultural values comes first.

In the meantime, we are keeping a close watch on the budget situation, and CSPRA is ready and waiting for budget hearings to begin. At the last Board of Director's meeting, a clear position was taken to present to our legislature: further cuts in the department's budget can be accommodated only by reductions in public service, and these reductions can be realized only through park closures. We believe that public and employee health and safety needs make it impossible to further reduce unit staffs beyond their current minimal levels. As the budget exercise continues through the next few months, I will be calling on you once again to make sure your own legislative representatives get the message.

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For those of you who are fans of Garrison Keillor, you may already be aware of the fact that the name Lake Wobegon comes from the Indian phrase for either "We're here" or "I waited all day in the rain for you." Can you guess which meaning most directly applies to the recent GEC and workshops? It's a shame more of you weren't able to attend. You missed some great presentations and discussions, plus some outstanding opportunities to get involved. For instance . . .

We really need your help in developing a network of district representatives. Based on the new DPR district alignments, our hope is to have a member in each volunteer to coordinate local activities, represent district members, and facilitate communication. If you're interested, please contact Joe Von Hermann, Calaveras District, or Doug Bryce.

An event at GEC of which I am particularly proud was the presentation of the first "President's Award" to Donna Pozzi. As I have mentioned in the past, Donna's work on behalf of CSPRA in general, and Bodie State Historic Park in particular, has been an inspiration to us all. The award can be given only once during a president's term, and only to an individual who has displayed "sustained and outstanding achievement" on behalf of CSPRA and the California State Parks. It was my honor to offer the award to Donna, although I realize that, in doing so, I have established a standard that will make subsequent recipients few and far between, which is as it should be.

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As you may already know, CSPRA has been working with the Planning and Conservation League on a Parks and Wildlife Bond Initiative for June, 1994. By the next newsletter we may be able to present some detailed information on the bond, which is still in draft form. However, it is worth noting that the bond proposal almost included language to establish a permanent, protected funding source for the State Park System. Instead, this vital measure may be introduced as a second initiative. Again, CSPRA is working closely with PCL on this proposal, which has broad implications for our future.

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On March 23, Director Murphy and Resources Secretary Wheeler made a presentation on the status of the California Park Service to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. At that meeting, Mr. Wheeler indicated his favorable view towards transferring Jed Smith, Del Norte and Prairie Creek to the National Park Service.

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## 1992 National Interpreters Workshop

by Eric and Suzanne Knapp

The National Association for Interpretation held its annual workshop in the heart of Silicon Valley — aka Santa Clara. Through the help of DPR and CSPRA the two of us were able to attend. Both of us are Rangers in San Luis Obispo County.

The week-long workshop was a national jamboree. People came from all over the country, from the gamut of park agency, to nature centers and zoos. There were even freelance contractors whose fee structure and funding were as unique as the programs they offered.

The workshop sessions and speakers ranged from the heady philosophical analysis of interpretation to the whimsical. We mainly stuck to the middle ground and went to sessions that had direct field application.

We both attended the pre-workshop **Creating Wayside Interpretive Exhibits**. It gave definitive information for creating site-specific interpretive panels and publications. It reaffirmed how less text is more appealing. Communicating graphically crosses language and literacy barriers. Most essentials can be gleaned from some excellent books written by the instructors, Dr. Michael Gross and Ron Zimmerman. The *Interpreters Handbook Series* includes: *Signs, Trails, and Wayside Exhibits*; *The Interpreters Guidebook*; *Creating Environmental Publications*; and *Making the Right Connections*. Every park should have a copy of these. The set of books are available for \$45.00 through Dr. Michael Gross, College of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Attendance at the NAI workshop solidified for me that DPR will never reach a high all-around level of interpretation. The "generalist ranger" is just pulled in too many directions to accommodate "outrageous" interpretation. The overriding concern and commitment of the state park ranger has become public safety and law enforcement. So maybe

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## "HUMOR IN UNICORN"

by Jeff Price

Is that a backhanded compliment? "The Persian Gulf allies deserve a tip of our hand."

Is that a 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10? "You'll have to wait 'til he's in the right frame of mood."

You have to eliminate some of these dates. "Was that calendar year or fecal year?"

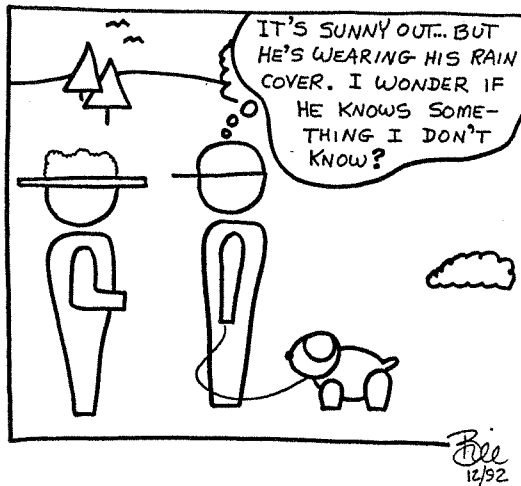
A tongue-in-cheek and pointed observation. "Sorry, I don't have that information on the tip of my head."

Keeping the troops informed and enlightened. "He upgraded us on the Jr. Lifeguard program status."

A real slap in the face. "We really take the flap on these new fire rings."

Her eminence enters another battle. "No knock or anything . . . she just bulged in on me."

### RANGER LOGO



### District Reps Still Needed

As we mentioned last time we are looking for a representative for each District. These persons will keep the CSPRA board and the members in touch with each other and coordinate CSPRA activities in their Districts.

Please contact Joe von Herman at the Calaveras District (209) 532-0150, at home (209) 728-8149 or call (800) 994-2530.

Photo: William Alsup new CSPRA Honorary Member.



### William Alsup Honorary Member

Frequently during the past few days we have discussed various intrusions, abuses and assaults that threaten our state park system. For many of us, these concerns occupy a major portion of both our professional and personal lives.

The life of a park professional seems to easily lend itself to a sense of "us against them." While we may recognize that we are protecting our parks for "them," we tend to view those outside of our insular world as being the problem: we, the answer. Yet this parochial attitude is abruptly, and justly, put to rest when we are made aware of the astounding, heart-felt effort made on our behalf, by some of those outside of the park family.

The "Save Bodie" campaign has brought out many such individual efforts. One started with a letter that I would like to share with you:

To the CSPRA - Save Bodie Committee

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### Donna Pozzi President's Award

This year CSPRA introduced a new award, the President's Award, to be given to CSPRA members for outstanding service to CSPRA and the state parks. This award includes a perpetual and an individual plaque. The perpetual plaque says, **"In recognition of sustained effort in furthering the goals of CSPRA and the California State Park System, dedication to the tradition of excellence in public service, and outstanding achievements in both word and deed."**

The award was presented by President Harrison to Donna Pozzi (see picture on next page) for the extensive work she has done for CSPRA and the Department. Her plaque reads, **"In grateful recognition of your outstanding work on behalf of Bodie State Historic Park, your commitment to the ideals of the California Park System, your dedicated service to CSPRA, and your boundless energy."**

### Nina Gordon Past Presidents Award

Nina Gordon, who was president for two months before going to Integrated Waste Management last May, was presented the Past President's Award. She was there to accept along with her son Evan (see picture next page). Gordon had been on the board one year before being elected president. She started her term of office at last year's GEC.

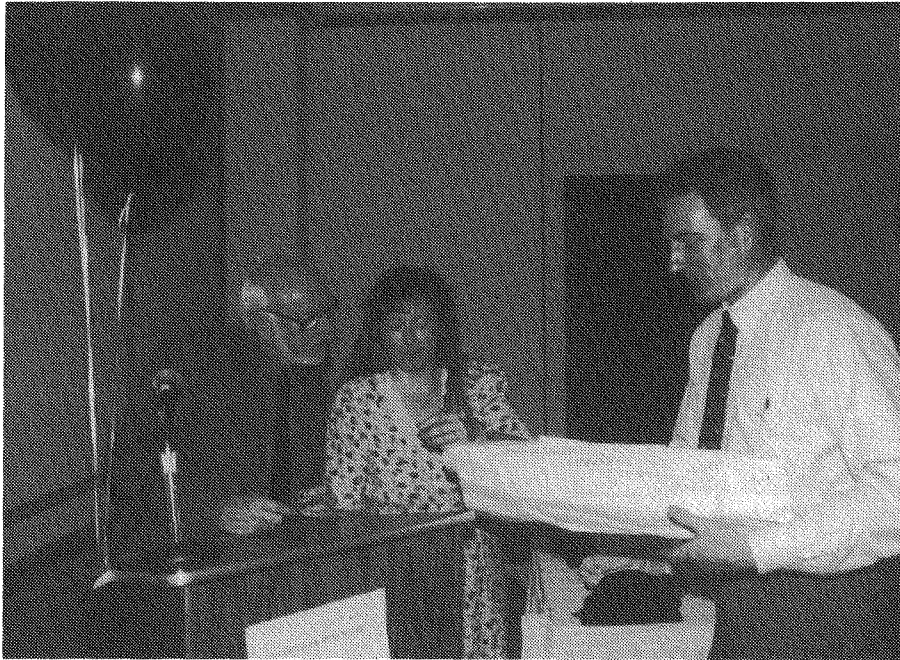
### Other Awards

CSPRA presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Kate Foley and outgoing Director Ron Schafer for their work as board members. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to John Kelso-Shelton for his chairing of the Goals Committee.





**Photos of Annual  
Workshop Banquet**



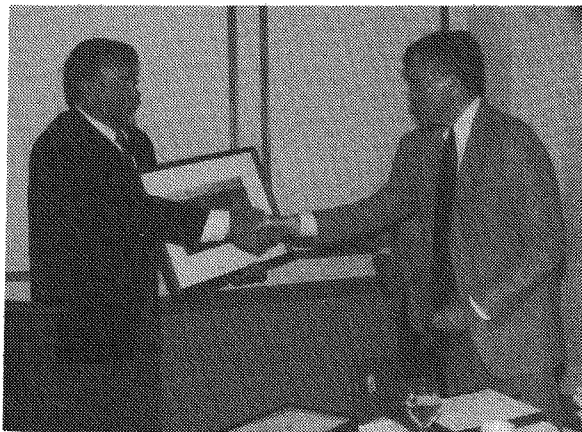
**Top.** Scott Serena accepts door prize — stained glass wolf donated by the Mott family.

**Center Left.** President Harrison presents Honorary Membership to William Alsup.

**Bottom Left.** Bob Macomber, Superintendent — Sierra District, presents picture of Bodie to Honorary Member William Alsup.

**Center Right.** Wayne Harrison presents Past President plaque to Nina Gordon while son, Evan, looks on approvingly.

**Bottom Right.** President Harrison presents the first President's Award to Donna Pozzi.



## President's Message (Continued from page 2)

Secretary Wheeler has been very supportive of the department in the past, and no doubt he has a sincere belief that such a transfer would be in the best interest of all involved, but I cannot help thinking that this is an awful time to even raise the issue. Few gestures would be more disturbing to the low morale already affecting us, and few proposals, if made in earnest, would meet with such dedicated opposition. I have already been contacted by a number of groups and individuals who were very disturbed at his mention of the loss of the three northernmost coast redwood units, and it is clear that further steps towards this end will result in a bitter struggle.

## Board Meeting and GEC Actions

Adopted the following: Be it resolved that the CSPRA president and Board of Directors take all necessary action to:

a) Assist and encourage the department in developing a public process for declassifying or deleting lands from the California State Park System, and that, CSPRA encourage the department to

B) Ensure that all lands being considered for transfer be included in this process. Passed unanimously.

Retired members campout will be held September 16 - 20, 1993 at McConnel SRA. Activities will include a golf tournament and a fishing derby. Contact Kathryn Yee or Kirk Wallace to make suggestions or offer to help out. More information will follow.

A fall workshop is being planned by Rick Sermon.

Joe Von Herrman has volunteered to help out with membership recruitment.

It was suggested that Directors be elected by geographical areas. Adrian Itaya and Rick Sermon will study this and come up with a recommendation for the board. Any action on this would require a membership ballot.

**If you would like to comment or ask questions about any of these items, please call on our new 800 number.**

## Events Calendar

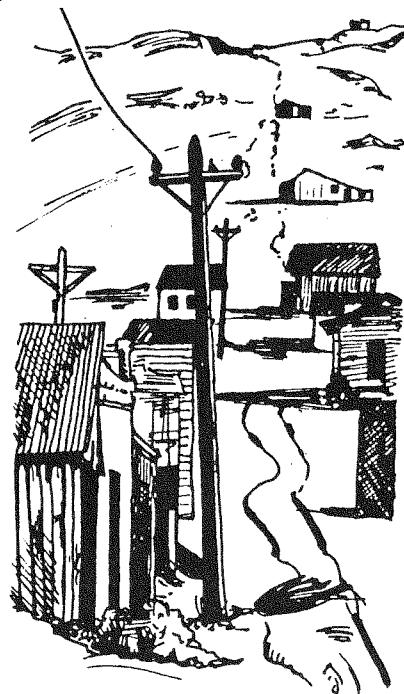
May 17-21 **5th Annual National Interagency Wilderness Conference Tucson, Arizona.** Call NPS Alan Schmierer (415) 744-3959

May 25-26 **The Wild Pig in California Oak Woodland: Ecology and Economics — A Symposium:** Embassy Suites Hotel, San Luis Obispo, California — For more information contact Bill Tietje, UC Cooperative Extension, 2156 Sierra Wy, Ste C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

May 17-21 **A Renaissance in Wilderness Stewardship** — Society of American Foresters Wilderness Conference. Contact NPS - Western Regional Office, 600 Harrison St., Ste 600, San Francisco, CA 94612.

September 29-October 3 **47th National Preservation Conference — The Challenge of Livable Communities** — National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036. 1 800 YES-NTHP.

October 2 **Anniversary of Save-The-Redwoods League.** Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the founders grove, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, followed by a hosted barbecue lunch in the Women's Federation Grove. R.S.V.P. necessary before June 15, 1993 to Save-The-Redwoods League, 114 Sansome St., Room 605, San Francisco, CA 94104. Call Mary Angle-Franzini for details at (415) 362-2532.



## Education and Training Committee Scholarship Request Form

Instructions: Please send completed sheet to Frederick Jee, in sufficient time to receive your grant prior to your training.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CSPRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you send in your DPR 392? \_\_\_\_\_

Description of training \_\_\_\_\_

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How will it be of value to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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To the profession? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Material \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much will the Department pay? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement. Send to:

Frederick Jee  
Education and Training Committee  
P. O. Box 483  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

## Honorary Member William Alsup (Continued from page 4)

Dear Sirs:

I read in the *Oakland Tribune* that the town of Bodie is being threatened by potential strip mining operations. I believe this would be most tragic.

I do not know whether you contemplate resorting to litigation but the article I read certainly suggests it may be necessary. Our firm donates a considerable amount of legal time free of charge . . . to worthwhile public causes.

I am taking the unusual step of offering my services as an attorney to represent CSPRA or other appropriate plaintiff on a pro bono basis to stop the proposed mining near Bodie.

Morrison [ & Foerster] is a large law firm with offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other locations. . . . Our firm represented the Audubon Society in the decade long litigation to save Mono Lake. I have the good fortune to serve on the Board of the Yosemite Association. Aside from Yosemite, I am a frequent visitor to Mono Lake and Bodie and feel strongly it is important to save the town.

Sincerely Yours,  
William Alsup

Mr. Alsup is a partner in the law firm of Morrison and Foerster. Born in Mississippi, he graduated with an MS in Mathematics from Mississippi State University, and obtained his JD degree from Harvard in 1971. He served as a law clerk to William O. Douglas from 1971-72, and assisted Justice Douglas in the preparation of a dissenting opinion in the Mineral King case that many in the environmental movement feel is a landmark statement of the legal regard that should be given to natural systems.

In 1973, Mr. Alsup became an associate at Morrison and Foerster, one of the largest law firms in California, and was made a partner in 1977. He also served as assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States, and developed a legal specialty in cases involving banking, manufacturing, accounting, and other complex issues. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the California State Bar, the Mississippi State Bar, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and

the American Legal Institute.

In spite of his professional abilities in corporate and economic law, Mr. Alsup has become a dedicated advocate for environmental issues. Yet, because these issues typically involve complex legal matters and corporate entities, he is particularly well suited for such tasks. He is also one of the founders of the Yosemite Restoration Trust, and serves on the boards of a number of public interest firms and foundations. When he has spare time, he leads wilderness expeditions, and is an accomplished photographer.

Because of Mr. Alsup's generous, Morrison & Foerster has provided an embarrassingly large amount of pro bono service to the Save Bodie effort. This is not "spare time" work. Mr. Alsup and his staff treat "Save Bodie" with dedication and zeal.

To say that we would not be where we are today in our campaign to protect Bodie State Historic Park without his generosity is self evident. CSPRA proudly offers honorary membership to Mr. William Alsup, but only; with the understanding that it is he who honors us with his acceptance.

## Report From Washington by Donna Pozzi

What a difference 10 months makes! On March 30, I again testified in a congressional sub-committee hearing on the Bodie Protection Act. But I had a totally different experience than when I went back last May. While a few things hadn't changed since last year, the changes have been very dramatic. The bill is the same as the version that passed the House of Representatives last year (although it failed to pass the Senate before the end of the session) and the co-authors are the same. However, one of the authors, Congressman Rick Lehman, is now the chairman of the sub-committee where the bill was heard. Prior to re-districting, Lehman represented Bodie for more than a decade. Now Bodie is in the district of Congressman John Doolittle. Just like last year, Doolittle spoke in opposition to the bill. Unlike last year, he was **the only one** who testified against the Bodie bill. Three of us testified in support: Carson Culp,

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## NAI 1992 (Continued from page 3)

DPR just needs to find their own interpretive niche.

Perhaps our Department's greatest role in interpretation might be to provide the "living laboratories" for discovery and exploration of the natural and cultural worlds. Park personnel, in conjunction with local teachers and docents could develop curriculums that could be used in the classrooms and on field trips to the parks. Such programs would be self directed by the teacher or could incorporate a Ranger or naturalist if staffing allows. The curriculums could also be used for Junior Rangers. Now Suzanne will share some of her impressions of the workshop.

I went to the workshop to gather specific techniques for the preschool programs I'm developing. I came back challenged by the talent, ideas and energy produced by innovative sessions I attended.

Everything from interpretive programming, stories, music and crafts were discussed in Muskrat Matinee by Fawn Foerster and Sara Staples. They contrasted their work situations: Foerster, a contract naturalist working for a Maryland County Park that charges for interpretive programs; and Staples, a County Park Naturalist who works out of a nature center. They offered three sample programs with stories, music and crafts for us to try. My favorite was Good Morning Groundhog complete with a pop up Groundhog puppet. I encouraged Foerster to consider doing a session next year on the business end of being a contract naturalist, since that is a growing interest.

If you get the chance to listen to Anne Rovetta on the Legends, Lore, and practical uses of some wildly common plants, do it! A Naturalist and artist from Point Reyes Station, Rovetta's the type of interpreter that would intentionally rub Stinging Nettle on her arm to show students what happens. She tells the Hans Christian Anderson story about the nine brothers who were changed into geese forever unless their sister knits eleven sweaters out of . . . Stinging Nettles. Later Rovetta applies Coyote Bush, one of many antidotes, to illustrate the healing effect of plants. Educational, entertaining, ethnobotany!

Anne Marie Brogan, Chief of Interpretation, presented **Getting Them While They're Young; Establishing Interpretation Programs For Children Ages 3-8.** The "Teedie's Hour" program from Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site provided the perfect connection for me on how to involve the very young at a historic site. Brogan shared that children relate to what applies to their life . . . their teddy bears, toys and clothes. In the "Teedie's Hour" program children learn how the Teddy Bear got its name. Victorian clothing and toys that the children were able to try on and play with provided a valuable sensory experience. Brogan illustrated the planning process from brainstorming with docents to overcoming budget limitations. She articulated my motivation for doing preschool programs in that "if you get them when they're young," you may get them back when they're older. Or if we really succeed . . . they keep coming back to our parks throughout life.

The range of workshops was incredible. It was good to be invigorated by some new techniques and approaches to interpretation. We would highly recommend DPR employees attend this annual gathering of interpreters. The 1993 workshop is scheduled for Washington, D.C. and 1994 for Cleveland, Ohio.

## Report From Washington (Continued from page 8)

Acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management; Joan Reiss, Western Regional Director of The Wilderness Society; and I, as chair of CSPRA's SAVE BODIE! Committee. As you may recall, BLM opposed the legislation last year. This time, they are supporting it while recommending some relatively minor revisions. Another big change from last year is that the Mono County Board of Supervisors now support the bill. This is largely due to the fact that Galactic Resources has declared bankruptcy. Needless to say, Galactic didn't testify against the bill this year either. All in all, the hearing was short and sweet, without controversy. What a difference ten months makes!

As for the next step, HR 240 needs to be voted out of the sub-committee to the full Natural Resources Committee (formerly called Interior Committee); the full committee must pass it before the entire House of Representatives can vote on it; (Continued on page 11)

## Raffle Results

Two Nights Deluxe Accommodations at  
The Inn by The Lake, Lake Tahoe, CA —  
Russ Dilley

49ers Football signed by Joe Montana —  
Dave Lydick

Ridgemark Golf and Country Club —  
Patty Walker

San Francisco Holiday Inn & Zoo package  
— Val Slimm

Napa Valley Wine Train and 25% dis-  
count at Napa Valley Balloons — Kerry  
Carlson

San Jose Shark's T-shirt — Jim Berk

San Jose Symphony — Kathy Roemer

Bicycle Helmet — Tom Smith

Orchard Supply Hardware \$35 Gift Cer-  
tificate — George Cabasky

One pound See's Candy — Bill Hendricks

Exploratorium and Red & White Fleet  
tickets — Janet McGowan

Raging Waters Waterslide Park — Freddy  
Alfaro

The Last Laugh Comedy Club — Jeff  
Snyder

Creative Resources \$100 Gift Certificate  
— Gary Fregien

Big Lil's Cafe — Joe Gonzales

Calero Ranch Stable 5 trail rides —  
Doreen Clement

Rooster T. Feathers Comedy Club — Pete  
Orzali

Winchester Mystery House — Dub Rob-  
erts

The Environmental Store \$25 gift certifi-  
cate — Joe Gonzales

Blue & Gold Fleet 2 rides — Gladys Due-  
nas

Magnum of Champagne and an auto-  
graphed recipe from the Chef at Domaine  
and Chandon Champagne Cellars —  
Wayne Harrison

Tickets to see The Music Man, Flint Cen-  
ter — Raleigh Young

Sea World Admissions — Phil Holcomb

Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel & Suites —  
Doug Bryce

San Jose Police Department trading  
cards — Marty Hawks

Two roundtrip tickets on the Roaring  
Camp Railroad, Santa Cruz — Denise  
Davis

San Franciscxo Punchline Comedy Club  
tickets — Bill Hendricks

Children's Discovery Museum — Chris  
Carson

We want to thank the donors for  
providing such a wonderful selec-  
tion of raffle prizes — this also  
includes the Casino Nite prizes  
listed below. And we also want to  
thank the many persons from all  
over the state that purchased tick-  
ets. With the money made from  
the auction of Bill Mott mementos  
we raised almost \$1900 for the  
CAL RANGER Foundation.

## Casino Night Prizes

Calistoga Village Inn — One Night stay &  
two free mud baths

49ers Football signed by Bret Jones  
Sony Walkman  
San Francisco Giants Tickets  
Rusty Scupper free lunch  
Syufy movie passes  
The Last Laugh comedy Club  
Marine World tickets  
Exploratorium  
Red & White Fleet tickets  
Blue & Gold Fleet tickets  
Rosarito Beach Hotel  
Oakland A's tickets  
San Jose Symphony tickets  
Monterey Bay Aquarium tickets  
Rooster T. Feathers Comedy Club tickets  
Raging Waters tickets  
San Jose Sharks T-shirt  
Boreal Ski Resort

## Testimony of CSPRA before Subcommittee #3, Assembly Ways and Means Committee - April 12, 1993 by Wayne Harrison

Chairman Costa, members of the committee, my name is Wayne Harrison, President of the California State Park Rangers Association. I am here on behalf of our seven hundred members to express both our support and concern over the proposed budget of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

CSPRA recognizes that the current budget crisis forces all state agencies to make painful, and at times draconian cuts to their operational structure. Our concern today is that further cuts to the State Park System will redefine the very nature of this proud organization, and do so to the great disservice of California's citizens. Last year, Director Murphy instituted a series of recommendations from the "Phoenix" Committee, of which I am sure you have heard. These recommendations were designed to eliminate wasteful or redundant bureaucratic structures within DPR, and were designated as "efficiency reductions." I can say without fear of contradiction that today, we are very, very 'efficient.' The Phoenix Committee also addressed a worse case scenario, under which further cuts might be required. With no fat left, these as yet uninitiated cuts were designated as "service reductions," in recognition of the fact that the only options left were to begin reducing service to park visitors.

This year's budget may start that painful process of turning our State Park System away from the tradition of public service that has made us state government's most popular department. To minimize that impact, it is essential that DPR receive the proposed transfers of funds from Off Highway Vehicles and Boating and Waterways. CSPRA also believes that such support should be made permanent. Unfortunately, even these transfers will not account for the nearly 12% cut to our General Fund support contained in the budget package, and thus will not prevent the previously mentioned service reductions. Worse, DPR has been mandated to design these as permanent, operational reductions. Thus, if last year's cuts removed fat, this year's cuts amount to an amputation.

Finally, DPR has also been directed to not make these cuts through park closures. CSPRA believes this is a politically expedient, but professionally ill-conceived directive. No one, least of all CSPRA's membership, wants to see the day that any of our units are locked, and rightful public access denied. However, we believe that the option of across the board reductions in public service at virtually every unit of the State Park System is worse, since it only serves to insure that every park visitor will suffer the consequences. The permanent loss of field ranger and maintenance positions throughout the state would inevitably result in a loss of our ability to provide the public that which they have a right to expect; well maintained, clean facilities and a safe secure atmosphere. In the case of some of our smaller units, these service reductions would amount to a de facto closure; essentially leaving the store unprotected and not bothering to lock the door as we go. As difficult as it is to say, we believe that the only realistic option is to temporarily close some park units, so that a reasonable standard of public service can be retained at the rest.

CSPRA urges the following:

- o That transfers proposed from OHV and Cal Boating be retained in the budget.
- o That some consideration be given to restoring or reducing the 12% reduction to our general fund support.
- o That the Department and Director Murphy be allowed to institute any further cuts to our budget with professional, and not political, consideration.

### Report From Washington (Continued from page 9)

then it's referred to the Senate. The same bill has already been introduced in the Senate as S 492 and a Senate subcommittee hearing has been requested. That hearing will probably take place in late May or early June. With the support of both of California's two senators this time, the chances of the Bodie bill passing are good. We still have a long way to go though so please keep writing those letters. It would be dangerous to assume anything about the bill's passage — it will still require a tremendous effort to get it through. Please do all you can to help! If you're not sure what you can do or how to help, just call me at (916) 443-3359 for more details.

## Rangers Enjoy Snow & Success at Games

The 8th Annual International Police Winter Games at Lake Tahoe was quite special. A drought — busting snowpack of 20+ feet graced the Tahoe Basin. Deep snow, great weather and some fantastic skiing marked the Nordic and Alpine competitions.

Unfortunately DPR couldn't field a team but two Rangers, Robert Leitnerman (Big Sur) and John Kolsrud (Santa Cruz) brought home lots of hardware after hitting the slopes.

**Day 1** On March 1 both Rangers strapped on the Nordic boards for the 4km. Biathlon. The event combines cross-country skiing, on a technically challenging course, with the stress of shooting from the prone, standing and kneeling positions.

Leitnerman powered around the morning course, shot consistently and took 2nd overall. He got a Silver medal in the strong Seniors Division. Kolsrud also enjoyed the familiar hilly terrain at Kirkwood Meadows. He managed a 5th place in the tough Masters division.

In the afternoon race both Rangers hit the flat 5 km. meadow loop. Leitnerman skated to a best ever time of 16:08 for the Gold Medal! Kolsrud classic gliding against skaters was good for a 6th place finish.

**Day 2** The Nordic venue changed to the posh Squaw Chief resort. A 6.5 km. course created a blend of steep hill climbs with rolling valley terrain for the 30+ racers. A perfectly timed cloud cover cooled the course and Leitnerman again showed his vast skating improvement. He was 2nd overall for the Silver medal and just :16 off the top time. Kolsrud skiing for his 4th straight day saw many of his competitors discard their skating skis because of the hills. Using his track skis he powered straight up most the hills and glided to a 4th place medal.

**Day 3** The four fresh inches of powder that graced the Heavenly Valley slopes overnight set the stage for the Alpine competition. John Kolsrud, the lone DPR racer, hit the mountain for first tracks and the a.m. FIS slalom course. The bottom third of the treacherous Gunbarrel run was handled by Kolsrud with no problems. Seeded in Masters "C" division he grabbed a 5th place finish on his first p.m. run.

With excellent snow, temps in the 50's and blue skies, it was a picture-perfect race day. Kolsrud had a strong first run but the field tightened on the final run. Five racers were within .40 seconds and Kolsrud finished just out of the medals at 9th.



**Photo Caption:** Fast finishers await the rest of the pack during the Nordic 5 km. race at the Kirkwood Meadows course.

**Day 5** The final day of the Winter Games was again fantastic weather. The top of Heavenly's California side was the location for the Super "G".

The course, a steep, mile+ run, was the scene of many a crash last year, Kolsrud included. The course crew added gates after the Open division top Austrians, Canadians, British, and Americans scorched the gates.

John Kolsrud, remembering last years crash, was a bit jittery as the "Racer ready!" call was announced at the starting gate. After a series of steep gates the course had no surprises as Kolsrud finished in 92.01 seconds. He was just 4/10ths from 4th spot but settled for the 5th place medal.

The 350 racers from around the globe had a superb week of reunions, skiing, and fun. The Horizon Casino showroom (Continued on next page)

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was the locale for the final awards banquet.

It is quite amazing that peace officers from Australia, Austria, New Zealand, England, Canada, and Florida show up year after year for this fine event. It truly is a great opportunity to make new friends as well as ski!

### **Save Bodie, The Ghost Town A corporate search for gold threatens the state historic park near Mono Lake with drill holes and a lake of cyanide soup. (An editorial from the San Francisco Examiner, 3/30/93)**

Long Ago, when there was still gold in them thar hills, "bad man from Bodie" was a generic phrase applied in old Frisco to hard-looking desert rats. It may regain popularity as a term Galactic Resources Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C.

In the boom days of the 1980s, gold fetched \$800 an ounce. The Canadian company agreed to pay \$35 million in cash and stock to San Francisco-based Homestake Mining Co. for mining patents and permits on about 20,000 acres of public land. It's perilously close to Bodie, a state historic park in the rainless badlands a few miles northeast of Mono Lake.

Paintless, weatherbeaten buildings, preserved in the dry cold of the high desert, are viewed by 200,000 visitors each year and described by park ranger Donna Pozzi as "the most authentic, best-preserved ghost town in the American West."

Prospector W. S. Body discovered a little gold nearby in 1859, but 17 years went by before a wildcat venture, the Bodie Mine, went into bonanza. Nobody cared that the name is spelled wrong.

Bodie became a wild town off 12,000 miners, barkeepers, gunslingers, gamblers, dancing girls and drunks who threw \$20 gold pieces in the streets for small boys to spike with their tops. "The boom lasted 10 years, The town was all but

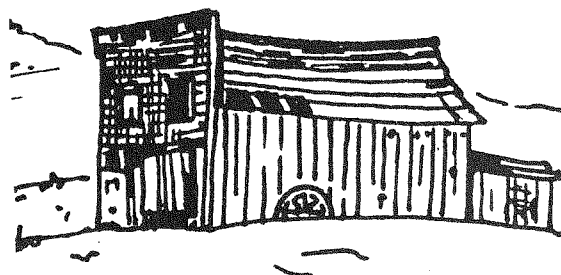
deserted when resurrected in 1964 as a state park surrounded by old mining claims.

Five years ago, a Galactic spokesman revealed plans by a subsidiary, the Bodie Consolidated Mining Co., to dig for gold near Bodie, probably with an open pit. He said ore would be processed by the ultracontroversial heap leach method, which soaks the ore in a lake of cyanide solution.

This alarmed park rangers and 2,500 people who have joined the Save Bodie Committee. The draft environmental impact report lists 900 drilling locations and 135 trenches on 647 acres next to the ghost town's 100 creaking structures. Confidence in Galactic's promises sagged badly after a major subsidiary built a leaking cyanide lake at the old Summitville gold mine in Colorado. A toxic soup of heavy metals killed fish and wildlife on 17 miles of streams. Then the subsidiary declared bankruptcy and left town. Federal taxpayers are stuck with spending \$33,000 per day on the cleanup.

A congressional subcommittee convenes this week to hear Bodie's supporters testify in favor of HR40, the Bodie Protection Act, introduced by Reps. George Miller, D-Martinez, and Richard Lehman, D-Fresno. It would prevent new claims in the valley around Bodie and assure no adverse environmental impact from mining on existing claims. Similar legislation has been introduced as S492 by Senators Dianne Feinstein, D-San Francisco and Barbara Boxer D-Greenbrae.

Gold created Bodie. Gold threatens its ghosts. We trust the bill will meet little opposition, but let's not forget what a little girl wrote in her diary in the 1870s: "Goodbye God, I'm going to Bodie."





## NPS Takeover of State Redwood Parks Update

by William Beat, Superintendent,  
North Coast Redwoods

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is once more being pressured to consider turning three of their oldest and most prized park units over to the National Park Service. The Governor's Office reportedly questioned the Resource Agency as to why the transfer of Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park to Redwood National Park was not included in the Department's plans for meeting budget cut proposals.

On March 11, 1993 the State Park Commission met in Arcata, California to take public testimony regarding State Parks. During the meeting Commissioners were addressed by a small well orchestrated group of people who pleaded for the transfer of the three State Parks to the National Park Service.

As most of you know, the Redwood National Park was established in 1968 and expanded in 1978. As many of you may know the original legislation provided for the eventual transfer of the three State Parks which are located within the boundary established for Redwood National Park by Congress. Over the past 25 years there have been numerous attempts by NPS support groups to force the transfer of the State Park Units.

The most recent attempt began about two years ago, however what makes the current effort different than past ones is that the discussions are being generated by either the Governor's Office or the Resource Agency rather than the National Park Service. This change obviously makes the possibility of transfer a lot more likely than it has been in the past.

In response to the Commission meeting comments and the continuing pressure regarding this issue Director Donald Murphy has agreed to establishing a non-biased Committee or Task Force to evaluate both State Park and National Park operations of their respective units

in question. This evaluation would supposedly be used to address the issue of who should operate the Federal and State Parks in question. This committee could come up with one of four options: 1. Leave operations of the units as is; 2. Transfer operations of the combined units to NPS, 3. Transfer of the combined units to State Parks or 4. Develop a joint operation which would allow both agencies to develop a plan for sharing operation of the combined units.

As a career DPR employee have grave concerns about our department's agreeing to look at this issue. Everything I read and see regarding NPS's current funding conditions indicate that they are worse off than our department. So how will they be able to ensure that our units won't suffer the same deterioration as their units? At Redwoods National Park the local Superintendent has spent a majority of his efforts pushing for development of major lodge/resort concessions development in their park; is that the fate we want for these units? The three Redwood Parks in question each have their own unique personality which has evolved over the past 65 plus years (these units are among the oldest in the State Park System). To me much of their uniqueness would be destroyed if they were merged into a giant single park.

Although I would personally object to such a transfer under any condition, it is even harder to accept when there are no savings realized by such a transfer. When considering the revenue these units generate, the reduced operations costs due to reorganization efforts and the potential for increased day use collections at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park once CalTrans transfers ownership of the old Highway 101 route through the park to DPR.

In summary, it appears to me that the only reason for considering transferring Prairie Creek Redwoods, Del Norte Coast Redwoods and Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Parks to the National Park Service is to allow them to achieve their goal. These three parks, along with the others in the system, are irreplaceable parts of our State's efforts to establish a truly magnificent State Park System. How do we explain to generations to come why we abandoned these

## CSPRA Scholarship Fund

Have you ever wondered what your dues to the California State Park Rangers association can give you? Communication with your fellow park professional and an annual conference bringing together other park people and experts in various fields of ecology and environmental education. Another benefit often missed is the CSPRA scholarship fund.

This scholarship fund is designed to augment or in many cases provide the funding necessary to obtain training that benefits the applicant in his or her park career.

Currently our department's budgetary woes have eliminated or drastically reduced the amount and type of training available to its employees. The CSPRA scholarship attempts to reduce the impact of that lack of funding in order to benefit the employee and to benefit the Park System by encouraging better trained and motivated staff.

The CSPRA scholarship program provides any member of CSPRA with up to \$200.00 per year for the training of their choice. Criteria for receiving scholarship funds are rather broad. For example: will the training be a direct benefit to the employee? Will the training be a benefit to the Department? Will the training be a benefit to the applicant's career? Tough criteria? No. CSPRA's goal is to ensure that its members get as much support in improving skills, knowledge or viewpoints as possible with the final objective; **a skilled and knowledgeable park professional.**

Are there limitations to this program? Yes. The current funding level of CSPRA only allows for a maximum of \$200.00 per member per fiscal year. Beyond that level of funding, the applicant must ask the Board of Directors for further financial assistance. Each recipient receives only half of their scholarship immediately upon approval and the balance after an article has been written and sent to the editor of the *Newsletter*. The article must be 200 - 750 words in length. The article should bring out those points of the training that best benefits the membership. In this way all CSPRA members will gain from the training!

How does one get a scholarship? Write your request in letter form or on a printed scholarship application (see page ). Include any brochures or pertinent information about the training requested. Send a copy of your DPR 392 — Training Request showing that you have attempted to get departmental funding for the training. Don't be discouraged if the department turns you down or only partially funds your training. CSPRA's goal is to see that if at all possible, you, a CSPRA member, get the training you need.

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The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) has been dedicated to protecting and preserving features of the California State Park System for almost three decades.

Membership is open to all current and retired employees of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

CSPRA was organized in 1964 by California park professionals as a non-profit, tax-exempt, professional society to encourage quality interpretation, resource management, public protection, maintenance and management of the State Park System.

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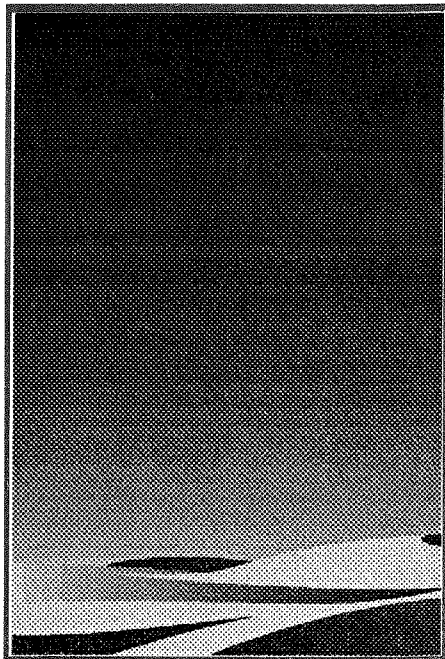
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