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1960 Olympic Winter Games, Squaw Val-  
ley and Lake Tahoe by David Antonucci*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*by Pam Armas, CSPRA President*

There seems to be a lot going on – for what should be our “slow” season, everything seems to be going at breakneck speed. The State Park and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Action of 2010 initiative talks are going well – we are gathering

planning the 2010 Parks Conference which will be held in South San Francisco this year. We are excited that PRAC was able to schedule **Ed Begley Jr.** to be the key note speaker. Also, new this year all District/Program Representatives will receive their registration paid for attending the conference. This is quite a deal since the registration cost is \$150. We are seeking District/Program Representatives for quite a few areas within the department. A District/Program Representatives’ role is to pass on important CSPRA information to their co-workers, recruit CSPRA members and help accomplish our mission by advocating and helping support and preserve our great state parks. If you are interested in being a District/Program Representative, please contact me.

In particular, we need representa-



tives for San Diego Coast District, Gold Fields District, Grants, Historic Preservation, Northern Service Center, Southern Service Center, Interpretation & Education, Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Planning Division and Tech Services, to name a few.

a lot of signatures and support for the measure. I believe the heavy lifting will begin when the initiative is approved to be on the November 2010 ballot. When I think about the initiative finally getting on the ballot, I can’t help but hearing in my head “let the games begin”!! I have met with several groups including rotaries, Sierra Club, Audubon Society who seem genuinely supportive of the measure and even elected officials who private want to support the initiative and want to find out how they can help!!

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**Karyn Lombard** (Training Specialist in the Training Division) and I are very close to debuting the professional development training that I have been promising. We are looking to hold the first training session in Sacramento the middle of April in the evening. This training will be free to CSPRA members and a minimal cost to non-CSPRA members. **Cathy Taylor**, District Superintendent, Capitol District has graciously offered one of the Capitol District’s meeting rooms for this train-

The CSRPA Board is very busy

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*by Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist*

ing. The exact date for the training is to be determined. After the first Sacramento session, we will be taking the training on the road to other Districts throughout the state.

And finally, we are ready to bring on new board members and bid goodbye to board members whose terms are up. Here is the slate of officers for 2010 CSPRA year to commence in March: **Pam Armas, President** – Sierra District; **Don Schmidt, Vice President** (currently secretary, this is a new role for Don) – Sierra District; **Karyn Lombard, Secretary** (new to the Board) – Training Division; **Sara Skinner, Treasurer** (new to the Board) – Training Division; **Lynn Rhodes, Director** (new to the Board) – Retired; **Nedra Martinez, Director** – Colorado Desert District; **Cindy Spencer, Director** – Santa Cruz District; **Pat Clark Grey, Director** – Monterey District; **Gail Sevens, Past President.**

And we say farewell in March to all the dedication and hard work by: **Craig Mattson** – Director – Retired; **Blythe Liles**, Treasurer – Orange Coast (Blythe will be our District Representative for Orange Coast); and again to **Natalie Lohi** who has spent many years and worked very hard as a CSPRA Board member and conference chair. Thank you again Natalie!

As I approach the end of my first year as President of CSPRA, I will have to say this has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. I have not accomplished a fraction of what I set out to in the first year, but I am enthusiastic about what the new year brings – with the assistance of this fantastic incoming board and the invaluable help that is provided me by our Executive Manager **Allison Pedley**, I feel that all things are possible.



We are in the midst of yet another budget crisis in California. As you know, the state announced that we would be approximately \$20 billion short between the current budget year and the 2010-11 budget year should the legislature fail to act and immediately reduce costs. On January 8, 2010, the Governor announced a special session to deal with the budget crisis along with the release of his budget. The Governor is constitutionally required to release a balanced budget in January and has the authority to call a special session which lasts 45 days. The legislature may not do anything else until the sunset of that session. You should also know that the legislature is only required to send something back to him that looks like a budget; it does not have to make any sense.

The Administration tried to ensure that we did not have the same problems as last year, so they only put \$8.9 billion worth of cuts and budget solutions into the special session, while the rest will remain part of the overall budget discussions moving forward this year. The special session is set to expire on February 22 at midnight and I suspect we will be here until 11:59 pm to try to get these items resolved. One interesting issue that is new this year for State Parks is how the Governor anticipates funding them. There is an offshore oil drilling project off of the coast of Santa Barbara that was discussed regionally last year. An agreement was made to do this project, but the State Lands

Commission denied the request. The company pursuing the project decided to negotiate a deal with the Legislative Leadership to make this part of the budget deal last year, but the measure failed twice.

This year, the Administration eliminated all of the funding for State Parks and backfilled it with funds realized from this proposed project, the **Tranquillon Ridge Project**, also called T-Ridge. While there is much debate on this matter, the Administration believes that the project will easily generate over \$140 million for State Parks, so they have scored the savings at that dollar amount.

There are many issues that have arisen as a result of this proposal. The most critical one is that the Legislature has never approved an oil drilling project, and there are normal channels it must go through in order to be approved, so this is precedent setting. Other issues are that this may be a volatile fund because it is tied to one company's profits. Additionally, it just doesn't make sense to potentially harm one precious resource in California to offset another.

So, the discussions will continue and we will keep you updated. Once again, the Parks budget remains part of a bigger budget discussion and is in peril. Once the legislature adjourns their special session and begins to focus on the bigger budget problems, we will be able to have more thoughtful discussions about this and other critical items important to the budget and State Parks.

## Park Advocacy Day

**MARCH 8, 2010**

Sacramento, 8:30 - 5:30pm

Make your voice heard!

See [www.calparks.org](http://www.calparks.org)  
or call 916-442-2119  
for more information



# Making It Count

by **Bill Lindemann**, Sierra District State Parks, Interpretive Specialist

"It's not if you are first or last that counts, it's that you finished. You went out there and raced and finished the race." **Martin Hollay**, 1950's Silver Belt alpine racer told a young Nordic enthusiast. Hollay, age 90, relaxed atop his wooden cross-country skis, having skied several kilometers of the course again that day.

"High from the top of Little Papoose Peak," the unpretentious announcer **Walter Cronkite**, clad in a wool sweater, announced live to the world for the first time from Squaw Valley, during the 1960 VIII Winter Olympic Games. Americans turned to CBS for thirteen hours while Cronkite led a team of reporters who kept score for their viewers.

New films showed results in the Olympic Nordic race venue centered in Tahoma, on the west shore of Lake Tahoe. For seven days between Feb. 19 and 26, 1960, seven Olympic Nordic races featured competitors from 23 countries. Recently, USA teammates **Peter Lahdenpera**, 15 K and 4X10K Relay; **Joe Pete Wilson**, Biathlon; **Mac Miller**, 15 K, 30 K, 50 K and 4x10 Relay along with **Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall**, 1960 Chief of Course for cross-country and **Martin Hollay**, then Broomhall's assistant who oversaw development of the biathlon ranges and course; all returned to delight listeners with their stories.

The venue for Nordic events had since 1960 become Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park, where trails of the original Men's events are again accessible. This gathering of champions was the 2010 Olympic Heritage Celebration, a 50-year com-

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^^**Susan Grove, Bill Lindemann, and Joe Erman** and the Tower of Nations



^^**Former DPR Director Bill Briner and Tahoe local Ron Treabess** at the re-creation of the Torch Relay

memorative festival designed to honor the legacy of the 1960 Olympics, conducted in the presence of a scaled down replica Tower of Nations.

This time around, the OHC committee and the Sierra District, Lake Tahoe Sector of State Parks hosted seven events over nine days from January 8 to 16, 2010. There was something of interest for everyone with events that included historic re-enactments of the torch relay on Friday and on Saturday,

a re-visit to the first ever medaled Olympic biathlon, led by **Glenn Jobe**, 1980 Lake Placid USA biathlete. On Sunday a free modern Nordic equipment demonstration day gave people an opportunity to try cutting edge gear including adaptive sit skis provided by Turning Point Tahoe. Wednesday's field trip for local elementary and middle school children brought over 200 kids and their teachers to the beautiful wooded parklands to ski on meticulously groomed trails and hear tales of Olympic heroes. Friday brought the first sanctioned race in 50 years to be conducted on the Park's Olympic trails with over 280 enthusiastic competitors from regional middle and high schools. An open biathlon training led by pioneer women's USA World Cup biathlete **Holly Beattie** and a competition called the Citizens Against the Clock Biathlon pitted 32 competitors of all ages and abilities against the timer and the targets, in the spirit of friendly Olympic competition. A Nordic eve-

ning interpretive extravaganza hosted by Granlibakken Resort near Tahoe City brought 220 Nordic Skiing enthusiasts together to share heart-warming stories from Olympics past.

Present throughout were the smiling faces, the hands extended in greeting and the youthful enthusiasm of our Olympian friends who never missed an opportunity to cheer on young athletes, congratulate finishers, share a story of accomplishment or defeat, or simply enjoy the

reverie of a fleeting memory. The theme repeated most often in that unforgettable week was: *It's not what you're given, rather what you make of it that counts.*

*45 State Park Volunteers worked 276 hours on the events. Staff contributed another 160 hours. The Olympic Heritage Celebration committee put in countless hours to organize and promote events. Contributions from many local businesses made these programs successful.*

# A Snowball's Chance

by David C. Antonucci

The story of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games is the saga of the highly improbable that becomes the wildly successful. Squaw Valley Ski Area President **Alexander Cushing's** idea of holding the Olympic Winter Games began as a marketing ploy with no real chance to succeed. With his perseverance, shrewd strategy and adept salesmanship, the impossible became the possible, then the probable and finally, the stunningly triumphant. It is here the first Olympic Winter Games in the New West occurred and elevated the Tahoe region to international resort status.

The VIII Olympic Winter Games took place over Feb. 18-28, 1960 at Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe. Here for the first time we see elaborate Olympic pageantry in the ceremonies and venue decorations instilled by the creative force of Pageantry Chairman **Walt Disney**. American women lead the way in alpine skiing and Soviet women show their strength in speed skating and cross-country skiing. A surprise Swedish victor emerges in the first Olympic biathlon. Speed skaters set new world records on the world's first artificially chilled speed skating oval. Drama unfolds as a largely pickup team of American ice hockey players become the "Team of Destiny." They fight to an unbeaten record, defeat the Soviets and come from behind late in the championship game to capture their country's first gold medal. Once again, Americans sweep the individual figure skating gold medals with flawless performances by **Carol Heiss** and **David Jenkins**. American **Penny Pitou** takes two silver medals in alpine skiing and becomes the first American woman to win a medal in the downhill. Here, we see for the first time Soviet athletes thoroughly dominate the Winter Games by taking twice as many medals as the next

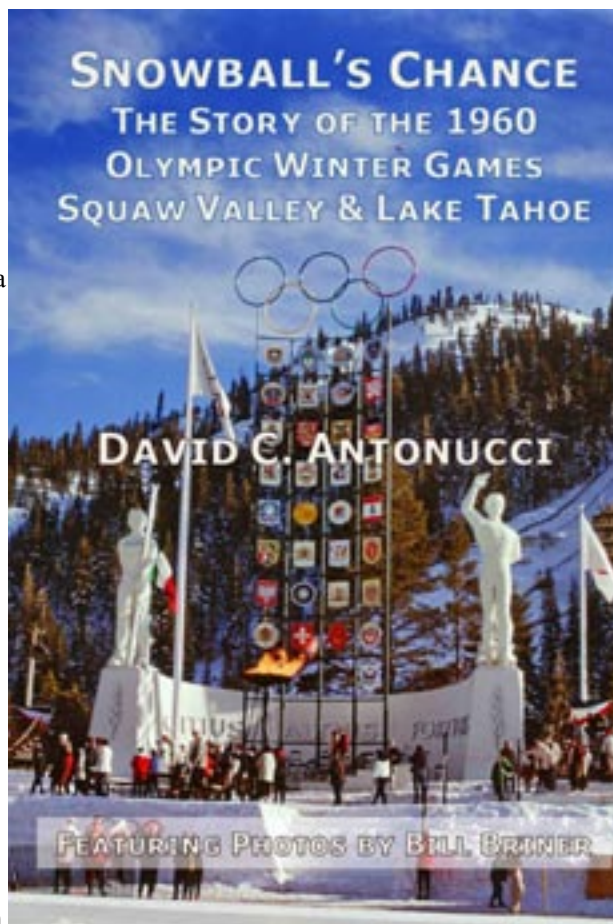
closest country (United States).

For the only time in Olympic history, the venues and athlete residence halls are located in a compact intimate setting that encourages sportsmanship and socializing among nations. The mixing of rivals occurs for the first time when athletes of all nations live under one roof in Olympic Village. Metal-plasticwood composite alpine skis make their debut in Olympic competition and prove their effectiveness by carrying Frenchman

**Jean Vuarnet** to gold in the men's downhill event. The skiing world forever changes with the introduction of never before used special grooming techniques. For the first time, electronics and emerging American computer technology plays a central role in measurement and reporting of results.

Anchored by the venerable **Walter Cronkite**, CBS-TV cameras train on the Olympic events for first national live coverage of any Olympics. TV broadcasts to a captivated world elevate winter sports to a new level. The Olympic Winter Games forever change the region; kickstart the Western ski industry; and deliver a new winter season economy to the Lake Tahoe region.

International Olympic Committee President **Avery Brundage** declared



the VIII Olympic Winter Games an unqualified success in every respect. They far exceeded expectations of even the most jaded critics. We will remember these Winter Games for their pageantry, exceptional organization, informal atmosphere, first-rate skiing terrain and scenic backdrop of Lake Tahoe. The memories, the valor and the compelling stories of personal triumph in these Olympic Winter Games live on in Olympic tradition.

Excerpted from the new book *A Snowball's Chance: The Story of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games, Squaw Valley and Lake Tahoe* with permission of the author, **David Antonucci**. Book available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



# McKinney Creek Olympic Venue

by David Antonucci

Many people recall the 1960 Winter Olympics based in Squaw Valley. Few remember that the cross-country skiing events occurred nine miles from Squaw Valley at McKinney Creek on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. These Winter Olympics and the McKinney Creek venue were the birthplace of a number of cross-country skiing innovations and Olympic firsts that find continued significance in the modern ski industry.

The bid to the IOC had all competition venues located in Squaw Valley. Squaw Valley Ski Area President **Alexander Cushing** retained **Wendall Broomhall**, a former USA Olympic cross-country skier and 10th Mountain Division veteran, to survey the valley for suitability to host the cross-country events. Although not ideal, Broomhall concluded the valley and nearby terrain could support the planned events. As part of his work, Broomhall surveyed other possible sites in the region as reserve locations. One site on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, nine airline miles SSE from Squaw Valley, possessed superior terrain and highly reliable snow cover.

The VIII Olympic Winter Games Organizing Committee hired Broomhall to supervise the construction of the cross-country skiing venue. Upon arriving in Squaw Valley in 1957, Broomhall was surprised to see that key terrain in the valley had already fallen prey to land developers who had quickly carved in streets and residential lots aimed at the coming Olympic boom. Organizers proposed relocation of all cross-country events to the Tahoe West Shore site. Scandinavian countries immediately reacted with deep dissatisfaction and threatened to hold their own cross-country events if changes were not made. Their main complaints revolved around elevation, snow conditions and travel distance from Squaw Valley. Broomhall successfully defended

the courses and all parties agreed to a pre-Olympic competition in 1959 to verify the adequacy of the facilities.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) would eventually approve the proposed Tahoe West Shore site in 1957 for all cross-country skiing competitions. Because of the proximity of the stadium and trails to the water-course of the same name, McKinney Creek became the name of the venue.

Trail and stadium construction occurred over the 1958-59 construction seasons. The finished McKinney Creek site contained 65km of trails spread over 6 square miles. A five-person trail construction crew, members of the 6th Army Division and contracted heavy earth moving equipment accomplished clearing and construction of the trails over two May through October construction seasons. The finished McKinney Creek competition course was the first cross-country ski area specifically constructed for this purpose and predates the first privately constructed American cross-country area (Trapp Family Lodge) by at least nine years.

At the 1956 Winter Olympics, trail grooming consisted of foot packing, raking and skied in tracks. This would clearly be insufficient for conditions at McKinney Creek. To cope with deep snow conditions, organizers employed six Tucker Sno-cats with four tracked pontoons that could support the weight of a machine and grooming equipment on deep, soft snowpack. Broomhall envisioned a device that would till the snow surface, thus restoring its fine granular texture, though no such device had ever existed. The device would resemble an agricultural cultivation implement, would require external power and be suitable for towing over packed snow. At the urging of a mutual friend, Broomhall contacted **Alan Chardin**, an agricultural equipment dealer in New Hampshire, to fabricate such a device. Broomhall and Chardin combined a grain flail-chopper and 40hp Wisconsin internal combustion engine and mounted the hybrid device



photo by Dave Newton

on a pair of snowmobile skis. It would become the common ancestor of all power-tilling units in use within the ski industry today.

Along with other Olympic events, organizers implemented the first application of fully automatic electronic timing with a quartz chronometer manufactured by Longines. The first application of computer data management to tabulate, analyze and produce race results for Olympic events occurred at the IBM computer center in Squaw Valley.

The cross-country and biathlon facilities were located almost exclusively on private lands with land-owner permission for temporary use only. Following the Olympics, crews dismantled and removed all event infrastructure units, flattened shooting range backstops, buried target frames and abandoned communication lines in place. The trails and ranges remained to recover naturally. Officials delivered the tillers to an equipment yard in Squaw Valley; their fate is not known. The US Forest Service gifted the Tucker Sno-cats to the State of California where they saw 40 plus years of service at Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park and are stored there now awaiting restoration.

The 1960 Winter Olympics and McKinney Creek were landmarks in the evolution of cross country skiing. Their success set the stage for the popularity of the sport that emerged nationwide in the early 1970s.

# Inspired Policing and Economic Stability by Protecting Natural and Cultural Resources, Facilities and People

by **Lynn Rhodes**, retired  
former Law Enforcement Division  
Chief, now CSPRA Vice-President.

What is Inspired Policing and why is it important in a world that increasingly faces deterioration and threats to our natural and cultural resources? Inspired Policing is a type of law enforcement and protection that helps to provide three important things: 1. Protection, 2. Value, and 3. Social and Economic Benefits

With new and increasing threats to California State Parks and public lands, just how those lands are protected can provide value along with social and economic benefits. To set the stage for the Inspired Policing concept, California State Parks will serve as our model.

State Park Peace Officers (Rangers and some Lifeguards), Maintenance workers and other Specialists are the first line of defense in protecting everything from ancient redwood forests, oak woodlands, wetlands, oceans, threatened species, and cultural sites, importantly including those of native people, historic artifacts, and archaeological sites both on land and underwater. They manage cultural and natural underwater resources in addition to protecting and managing key statewide watersheds, historic buildings and facilities.

In addition to the natural and cultural resources, State Park Peace Officers also protect the millions of people who visit California and State Parks each year. They are considered experts in handling resource crime as well as crimes against people. No other state, local peace officer or deputy sheriff in California is charged with enforcing as broad a spectrum of criminal codes or performing as

broad a range of law enforcement, resource protection, facility operation or public education duties.

In addition to the inherent benefits of resource protection, implementing Inspired Policing can help to create and sustain jobs and local economies while at the same time, protecting natural resources and cultural history for future generations.

Inspired Policing has the benefit of providing unique aspects of resource protection. These efforts balance the authority under which the State Park System was created in addition to retaining the public trust to protect the State Parks and the political pressures in doing so. California State Parks has a long heritage of providing this fragile, value-based protection.

Trends show that visitation along with crimes and incidents in Califor-

nia State Parks has increased.

**Visitors:** 1998: 61 million; 2008: 77 million. **Crimes Reported:** 1998: 23,134; 2008: 86,178. **Incidents Reported:** 1998: 32,440; 2008: 136,000. Trends continue upward and additional acreage requiring protection is added each year.

Population growth continues and important sensitive resources and sites in need of special protection must be carefully managed. Competing demands for public lands has become acute. To provide targeted protection there must be also be a continual awareness of the relationships between the natural and cultural resources to be protected and societal and economic impacts.

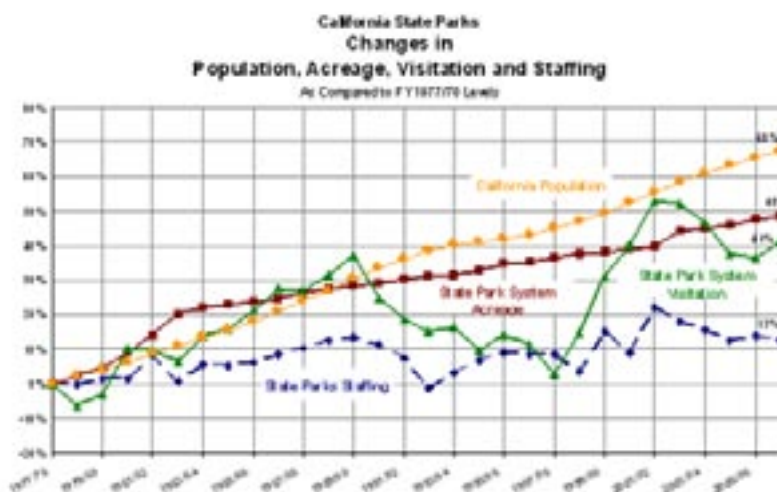
In January of 2005 intricately woven baskets from California State Parks collections were stolen from the

Cultural Museum of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians where they were on loan. They were stolen by a man who wanted to buy methamphetamine. This demonstrates that not only does methamphetamine harm the environment but it also provides incentive for other crimes that directly impact State Parks and other public lands.

In order to maintain a high level of expertise, The Inspired Policing approach requires continual training. Rangers and other staff increase their skills with advanced training courses on natural and cultural resource crime management. Classes are conducted with Department experts and others who specialize in environmental crimes. Important outcomes of recent training include development of a

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^^Returned Native American Indian baskets after joint Federal and State Investigation. Park and Rec. Spec. **Gail Sevrens** and Supt. **Mark Jorgensen**



# Building Trails in Patagonia

by **Janet Carle**, *WAVE Editor*

Travel all the way to Patagonia, Chile to do trail work!? That's what Dave and I did last March with Conservation VIP, a group founded by US Forest Service retiree (and former national park ranger) **Richard Tobin** of Santa Barbara. The group promotes international green diplomacy by facilitating work projects between volunteers and park managers and staff in South America.

Our projects were in Santiago, the Chilean capital, and Torres del Paine, the signature national park of Patagonia. Patagonia had been on our wish list to visit, so when Rich sent information about his trips to me as CSPRA's newsletter editor, we decided to go. What better way to really get to know a place than to work side-by-side with Chilean rangers on trail projects?

Our first stop was in Santiago, where we stayed at the Parque Metropolitano's environmental education facility overlooking the sprawling city. Our group of six was immediately whisked off to the residence of the American ambassador to Chile for a welcome luncheon. It was a thrill to meet Ambassador **Paul Simons** and his wife Victoria as they graciously welcomed us and cheered on our projects.

The next day we literally dug into our trail project on the hill above the Education Center. The best part was the enthusiasm of the Chilean staff. They threw themselves into the work, everyone from the maintenance staff and interpreters to the office secretaries were out there making it happen. After 2 days, the results were obvious and we were all proud of our work together. Most of us couldn't keep

up with the Chileans as far as dancing and partying to celebrate, but we tried!

Then it was on to Patagonia, land of guanaco (llama-like creatures), penguins, flamingos and the magnificent mountain and glacier landscape of Torres del Paine National Park. Our project was the main trail to the Torres (rock towers) themselves, the most heavily used trail in the park, the equivalent of the Mist Trail



in Yosemite. In fact, one of the challenges of the work was the number of hikers constantly going by. I live in the Sierra, and have never seen so many backpackers on one trail, and it was supposed to be the end of the busy season. We stayed in a wonderful refugio (backcountry refuge) reached by hiking 2 miles in, with hot meals and showers and dorm accommodations. Several different Chilean rangers worked alongside us during our 6 days on the trail. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and the trail definitely needed the attention! **Gene Zimmerman**, former San Bernardino National Forest supervisor (now retired), was our jefe (trail boss) and

did a masterful job of getting a lot done without totally wearing out his crew. The work was tailored to our abilities and strengths. I especially enjoyed getting to practice my Spanish with the Chilean rangers, learning about their work and lives in Chile. On our last trail day, we were invited up to the rangers' work station below the Torres, where Ranger **Alvaro** cooked us a delicious hot lunch.

We had a few free days to explore the rest of the park,

hiking to the Grey Glacier and the French Valley. On our way out of the park, Torres del Paine Superintendent **Jose Linnebrink** thanked us for our work. While in his office, I noticed an American National Park Service Stetson on the shelf. Torres is a sister park of Yosemite, and Jose had traveled to California where he received the Stetson as a gift. More connections!

Conservation VIP has more trips coming up in 2010 to Patagonia, and also to Machu Picchu in Peru. Their website, [www.conservationvip.org](http://www.conservationvip.org) has all the details. The prices are reasonable, tax deductible, and there is even a ranger discount.



## Conservation VIP

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Why go so far to volunteer? For me, it was about the connections. Working together on a project for the common good is one of the best ways to build bridges between people of different cultures. Crammed cozily together inside the tiny ranger station at the Torres while the rain poured down outside, enjoying Alvaro's lunch after a morning of hard, worthwhile work with new Chilean friends...it doesn't get any better than that. We weren't tourists, we were co-workers, and that makes all the difference.



^Torres del Paine Supt. **Jose Linnebrink** with his NPS Stetson; Janet. Carle wearing the Chilean version.



^^ Chilean Rangers Alvaro and Erwin with Janet Carle and their new CSPRA bag..

## Inspired Policing

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new chapter on cultural resource crimes for the manual of Environmental Crimes used by the California Assistant District Attorney's Association and development of a new POST certified course on Environmental Crimes.

Every available tool is needed to combat the threats to resources. By adding new skills to the "resource protection toolbox", California State Parks hopes to keep ahead of those who would damage, destroy or take the state's limited resources. This is Inspired Policing.

When visitors feel safe, when visitors know that public lands are protected for their enjoyment, they are more inclined to visit. When they visit, they recreate. They also spend money and bring new ideas with them. Their ideas may generate new businesses at home and abroad that benefit local, state and global economies.

In 1995 a study was commissioned to determine the economic benefits to local communities by visitors of California State Parks, including the total economic impact generated by spending and re-spending of visitor-dollars in communities. The amounts, adjusted for inflation over time, were over \$5 billion in 2000, and in 2008 the estimate was more than \$7 billion.

The value of providing *Inspired Policing* type of protection and enforcement has demonstrated positive local, statewide and larger impacts.

In a world with increasing population, increasing development, recreational demands and unknown challenges, we must be creative and resourceful. The ability to do so will ensure the resources will be available and protected now and for future generations.

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## EXECUTIVE MANAGER



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

CSPRA has one new member to report – **Sharon Dall**, an office assistant out of the Colorado Desert District. Welcome Sharon! As well, I'm pleased to announce that **Bob Foster** has just signed on as a newly retired CSPRA GrayBear – congrats on your retirement, Bill! And speaking of renewing retirees, it's with mixed emotions that I say we've seen many, many retirements this year, keeping our retirement plaque vendor quite busy. It's also meant that we recently ran out of our retiree ball caps, necessitating the CSPRA board to contemplate new gifts for retirees who renew as GrayBears. So stay tuned, newly retired members who are still in our books,....we're about to embark on a big GrayBear recruitment effort with a fabulous new gift. Details pending! Finally, I'd like to just give a big round of thanks to our outgoing board members. **Blythe Liles**, **Natalie Lohi**, and **Craig Mattson** have all contributed greatly to the betterment of CSPRA, be it fiduciary oversight, lobbying, or membership communications -- their service to CSPRA is appreciated greatly, and they will be missed. Thanks everyone!

**Do you know someone who is retiring?** CSPRA provides a plaque for members when they retire. Contact Allison at: (530) 550-1268 or [allison@CSPRA.com](mailto:allison@CSPRA.com).



Join us in beautiful San Francisco for the 2010 PRAC / CSPRA California Parks Conference on March 15-17. This year's conference includes some great field trips hosted by San Jose City Parks, a fantastic interpretation track featuring presentations from using social media to global warming issues, and our keynote speaker, actor and environmentalist Ed Begley, Jr. You will come away from this event feeling revitalized and truly proud of our profession!

Registration and conference information can be found on the CSRPA web site at [www.cspra.com](http://www.cspra.com). Don't wait - send in your registration form today!

## humor in unicorn



### Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

*by Jeff Price, retired*

Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and misfires of the brain. Sometimes people get so excited they mix comparisons and come up with some very funny concoctions. Feel free to send along any you hear to [webmaster@cspra.com](mailto:webmaster@cspra.com)

Overheard - Maybe she is a frustrated chiropractor?  
*My yoga instructor was talking about bats at Halloween, and bless her heart, she said, "Bats are much misaligned creatures."*

Clearance issue?  
*... and then the fan really hit the roof!*

Over, under, sideways, down!  
*Ms. Nevada lost her title when nude photos appeared on the overnet.*

The eyes have it.  
*At least President Bush's problems with Iran have taken the ball off Iraq.*

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### GrayBears



*Attention retired members!*  
Want to keep in touch after you leave DPR? Join the GrayBears email ListServ. It is FREE and EASY to use.  
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