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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*by Nina Gordon, CSPRA President*

I am immensely grateful to all the CSPRA members and other state park staff who make that extra effort and forge ahead with optimism, creativity and dedication. It is especially admirable in these times of reduced staffing, stressful budget reduction exercises and the visceral changes to a park system we hold dear to our hearts.

Serving on the CSPRA Board is a labor of love. I want to give a special thank you to the outgoing Board members who spent countless hours developing articles, relaying information, researching and tackling issues, attending Board meetings, and other duties. **Don Schmidt**, who served as Vice President and Board Members, was a great source of information and insight. He was instrumental in spearheading the 2011 Parks Training in Yosemite along with past president **Pam Armas**. **Karyn Lombard**, was invaluable in her role as Secretary, keeping us organized, prepared, and on task. **Lynn Rhodes'** contributions were numerous as a Board member, including drafting our editorial opinion piece, which appeared in newspapers statewide and other correspondence and her assistance with the Training. **Sara Skinner**, outgoing Treasurer and social media/website liaison will be sorely missed also on the Board. Sara launched us into the world of social media, setting up, monitoring and continuously updating our Face-

book page. She also worked closely with **Jeff Price** (CSPRA Webmaster) to ensure our website was current and up to date. Past Director **Nedra Martinez** set the precedent for smooth communication with the website and newsletter editors.

**Pat Clark-Gray** served as Historian, and has graciously agreed to continue keeping excellent records of CSPRA actions and history. Pat also organized the 2011 Retirees' Rendezvous, reaching out to recent retirees. Pat, with graphic assistance from **Scott Elliott** and input from the Board members, updated the CSPRA logo. Pat and Scott also designed an alternate Retirees' Rendezvous logo.

I want to acknowledge the ongoing invaluable assistance by CSPRA staff. **Allison Pedley** continues to be our stalwart point person for a myriad of administrative, financial and organizational duties. Jeff Price is vigilant in updating and populating the website and **Janet Carle** takes to heart the importance of reflecting the many faces of CA State Parks in the newsletter.

Thanks to those CSPRA members who joined me on Park Advocacy Day this year (March 20th), offering first hand knowledge and experiences and bringing to life the reality and benefits of state parks as we met with Legislators and staff. (see next page)

**I am also excited to be working with our new, very talented and energetic Board covering a wide range of state park job classifications (see next page) CSPRA will continue to be in good hands.**





## NEW BOARD INSTALLED



The CSPRA Board and staff at the Malibu Training L to R: front: **Janet Carle** (Wave editor), **Lynn Rhodes**, **Karyn Lombard**, **Sara M. Skinner** (outgoing Board) **Nina Gordon** (President) **Pat Clark Gray** (outgoing Board), **Mark Hada** ( Vice President) & **Victor Bjelajac** (new Board member). Back row: **Cecilia Rejas** (new Board member) & **Jeff Price** (Webmaster). **Chris Corey** (not pictured) continues his term on the Board. NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PICTURED BELOW.



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## Advocacy Day

by Nina Gordon

The 10th annual Park Advocacy Day, organized by the California State Parks Foundation, was held March 20th in Sacramento. "You are the group that broke my fax machine". Assemblywoman **Mariko Yamada** said as she addressed participants at the State Capitol during the Assembly hearing on Jared Huffman's bill AB 1589. It was the largest attendance to date with over 180 participants. We also visited many of the legislators and/

or staff to personally educate them on the current situation and emphasize the need to support State Parks. Many thanks to the CSPRA members and others who attended.



L to R: CSPRA members **Dave Gould**, **Dick Troy** (center) and State Park Commission Chair and 2007 Honorary Ranger **Caryl Hart** (far right). Photo by **Nina Gordon**

# MY PERSPECTIVE

by **Andrew Fisher**, retired Superintendent of Merseyside Police, UK

This March, I was honoured to have been a speaker and participant at the California State Parks Training in Malibu California. Parks in the UK conjure up pictures of green lawns, planted borders with the odd fountain here and there. In California the parks are huge open wildernesses stretching on for miles and miles. They include rugged mountains, beautiful waterfalls and an abundance of wildlife from fish to bears. Park professionals have the enviable job of protecting such areas and they not only consist of park enforcement officers, but also fire, archeologists, maintenance people, naturalists and other specialists.

Developing training that is relevant to such a broad spectrum of people is no mean task and the organisers have pulled off a great event with a master stroke. The planners have managed to achieve POST accreditation so that credits contribute towards the participants continual learning. However, that is not the real beauty of this conference.

This is the second year that I have been asked to speak at the California Parks Training Conference and on



*Andrew with Harry Rhodes & Frank Padilla*

both occasions I have been struck by two things. First it is a very mature conference. By that I don't mean that the attendees are ready to be put out to graze the areas that they protect. I mean that professionalism, care and passion for job is overwhelming. I have been to many conferences where participant drift is prevalent or attendees come for the social activities, including lots of alcohol. This conference is different. Yes there is beer and there are social activities, including a cookout with a Mexican magician (you had to be there), but throughout the event all you hear is people talking passionately about the parks, their

work and how they can improve.

The second issue is a real sense of working together to do the right thing. The State of California is in a financial predicament and there is a real threat of park closures and loss of employment. This could have been a very dour and downbeat training conference, but the enthusiasm and determination shone through from all attendees. It is a real

pleasure to spend time with such a group of motivated people.

Perhaps the theme of the conference should have been 'Parks 2012 - The Fight Back' because these people are not going down without a fight. Both CSPRA and PRAC are lining up an impressive list of allies, including **Clint Eastwood** and **Bobby Shriver**, who was awarded Honorary State Park Ranger status. These are just the right people to exert influence, but they are backed by a group of people who are dedicated to keeping the parks of California open and safe for people to enjoy.

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## STRATEGIES FOR CAREER SUCCESS

by **Karyn Lombard**, Training HQ

Participants from city, county and state park locations attended this two hour workshop, presented by CA State Parks Human Rights Analyst **Lauren Ortiz** and Training Specialist **Karyn Lombard**. When the participants were surveyed as to their interest in the workshop, their responses were two-fold: to assist in their own development and to assist in their employees' advancement. The hands-on activities and take-home resources

were highlights of the workshop. Of particular interest was the use of the SHARE Model (S=situation experienced, H=hindrance or hurdle encountered, A=action taken, R=results, and E=evaluation). Participants enjoyed having the opportunity to work individually and in small group exercises using the SHARE Model and Behavioral Interviewing questions. The participants requested more time in future events for this multi-media workshop.



*Kaitlyn Verardo & Daniel Ruiz staff the registration desk.*



## CALIFORNIA PARKS TRAINING

### *Interpreting to Diverse Audiences*

by **Sara M. Skinner**  
CSPRA Board/ Training Section

Nineteen participants attended the Interpreting to Diverse Audiences course during the California Parks Training. The IDA course took over the Interpretation Track and offered a training that is Department required for State Park Interpreters and Guides. The planning team consisted of **Barbara Applebaum**, National Park

Service-Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; **Barbara Croonquist**, BLM-California Desert District; **Jamie Cabral**, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; **Julie Fonseca de Borges**, Santa Monica Mountains NRA; **Nancy Mendez**, CA State Parks-Southern Service Center; and **Sara M. Skinner**, CA State Parks-Training Section. The course included two field training

excursions to the Autry National Museum and to Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook as well as engaging sessions that were open to other Training attendees. The unique opportunity to combine the two trainings afforded great networking, engaging discussions, and course material.

#### **IDA**

by **Ingrid vanDijk**

*Interpretation & Education Division*

Incorporating this training into the annual California Parks Training sponsored by CSPRA, opened this professional development training to interpreters from other agencies/organizations. "Rubbing elbows" with interpreters outside of California State Parks, hearing about their programs and experiences and challenges, was definitely a wonderful benefit. The diversity of the participants added greatly to the value of the training. I am so thankful that I was able to attend and absorb so many new things that I hope to draw on in the future.



### *Change and Transitions*

by **Karyn Lombard**, Training, HQ

The participants for the Change and Transitions session represented city, county and state park locations. The session was presented by CA State Parks Training Specialist **Karyn Lombard**, a certified William Bridges Transition presenter. Throughout the event there was dialogue regarding various changes taking place and the individual's reactions to the changes, both on a professional and personal basis.

Highlights included:

-- The three stages of transition: Endings, Neutral Zone, and New Beginnings;

-- The complex mix of Change, Transition, and Resonance; and,  
-- Seven Principles for Dealing Successfully with Transition

Strategies for assistance throughout the change and transition process were suggested by the participants and course leader. Participants left the event stating that they can use this information personally and will be sharing the resources with their staff. For future events, all suggested that more time be made available for this topic.



*CSPRA wishes to sincerely thank **Aaron Robertson**, Administrative Services Division Chief, and **David Saxby**, Asst. Deputy Director, Admin. Services, for their support in promoting the Training Office reimbursement for state employee expenses when attending the Training.*

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# FRIEND OR FOE?

by **Cecilia Rejas**  
Ranger/CSPRA Board

Working in our state parks, encounters with “man’s best friend” can occur quite frequently. Each encounter is as different as the dogs themselves. In the resource track course that I took at the Malibu Training, *Canine Psychology, Capture Techniques, Officer Safety, Animal Control Tools, and Defensive Skills*, presented by LA County Animal Control, I learned about the correct and incorrect ways to approach dogs, how to spot aggression, and be safer in the field.

For any work with or around dogs some tools for the tool belt might include a compressed air horn, citronella spray, leather gloves, a posse box, rope, a tennis ball, a ball on a stick, and jerky treats. The air horn and citronella function as dog deterrents. The posse box can be used to block a dog from biting if it’s ready in your hands. Rope can be used for tying up a stray or lost dog. A tennis ball or ball on a stick can distract a dog, or even keep a dog from biting you, while the jerky treats are just plain irresistible.

With or without equipment, here are some physical signs to determine whether or not the dog is friendly or aggressive. For starters, take a step back when a dog is licking its lips or yawning because that’s a sign of stress. If the dog’s tail is wagging it’s a sign of alertness. This dog could

be ready to play or ready to attack. A canine with a twitching tail tip is very dangerous. Ears laid back indicate stress or discomfort. Hackles, or hair bristling from the base of the neck along the spine, indicate a level of high alertness and possible aggression. Dilated or large pupils mean that the dog is ready to fight! Never turn your back on a strange dog.

There are also better techniques to use in approaching dogs. For one, don’t smile and show your teeth. That is viewed by the canine as a sign of aggression, as is direct eye contact. If you are approaching the animal, move sideways and keep your gaze directed at its front paws. You can lure the dog in with jerky treats and then take a step back so that it doesn’t feel

threatened. If you are trying to collar or rope a lost dog and it seems non-aggressive, go from underneath its head to scratch or rub its chin and let the dog sniff your hand. Move slowly and speak to the dog in a relaxed and friendly manner to put the rope on from underneath the chin.

The next time you’re on a contact involving a dog, try using some of the above techniques. Encounters between park staff and dogs can be challenging and dangerous, but these methods can help you feel more confident with unfamiliar dogs, and can mean the difference between dealing with a uncooperative pooch, or truly man’s best friend. Your local Animal Control staff is also a good resource.



<< Training Co-chairs  
**David Updike** of  
PRAC & **Mark Hada**  
of CSPRA

**Steve Musillami** >>  
explains trail  
construction to  
**Cecilia Rejas**





# Planning for Park Closures

by **Victor Bjelajac**  
*Marin Maintenance Chief*

I was happy to sit on a panel at CSPRA conference with **Jay Chamberlin**, **Chris Corey** and **Sterling Holdorf** (NPS), moderated by **Nina Gordon** on “Planning for Park Closures/Service Reductions”, a timely topic. On a side note I was interested to learn that Channel Islands (NPS Park) has two adobe structures.

It was a pleasure to interact with the other panel participants who represented natural, cultural and historic structure resource perspectives. I was coming at the topic from a park operation and facilities viewpoint. We discussed DPR responsibilities for ongoing cultural and natural resource oversight as well as what park closures would look like for different types of units.

Some units may have significant historic structures, and archaeological resources as well as protected natural resources. We discussed the commitment of time and resources necessary

to put together an ongoing exotic plant abatement program for an area. The treatment regime may require several decades of annual treatment. Missing even one year of treatment may allow seed banks to promulgate to the levels present prior to initial treatments, requiring the treatment plan to reset to pre-treatment levels. It is believed that these treatment programs will be ongoing even in closed units.

Similarly discussions were held on the proper “mothballing” of systems in a park and the strenuous regulatory oversight a unit may face if a system was taken off line for some time and had to be re-certified before it could be put back in service. It was agreed that some complex waste treatment systems might benefit from an ongoing minimal usage in order to keep them operational instead of a total shutdown.

Historic structure “mothballing” was discussed and the need for proper air exchanges and circulation were deemed critical. Interestingly there

was a “Mothballing” class put on by Mott Training Center, the Archeology, History & Museums Division, and the NPS Historic Preservation Training Center last week at one of the units scheduled to close (Olompali). NPS and CSP staff participated in hands on training for the “mothballing” and care of historic orchards, collections and structures.

Panel and training discussions covered security, emergency response, ongoing resource treatments, CEQA obligations, collection care, packing, storing and/or removal, to water and waste treatment operations. AHM, Facilities Management and field operation staff discussed strategies for dealing with closures, new park operators coming to units and what roles resource protection staff might play in ongoing operations.

I am encouraged to learn that districts facing unit closures will receive assistance with these exercises from staff at AHM and the HQ closure team.



<Attendees enjoy the Adamson House near Malibu Lagoon



Topanga Sector Supt. **Lynette Brody** and wine-maker Rosenthal hosted a beachside wine tasting event.



^^Malibu Creek State Park hosted camping attendees and a tour of the MASH film set, coordinated by **Frank Padilla** (right front)

# Bobby Shriver Named 2012 Honorary Ranger

by *Lynn Rhodes*  
CSPRA Board

**Bobby Shriver**, Santa Monica City Council Member and former Chair of the California State Park Commission, is the latest in a very select group, which includes Ansel Adams and Walt Disney, to be named this year's Honorary Ranger by the California State Park Rangers Association. The Honorary Ranger Award is the highest honor bestowed by CSPRA, reserved for citizens who exhibit outstanding dedication and service helping to protect parks throughout the state. CSPRA honored Shriver during a banquet at the California Parks Training Conference on Thursday March 8th, in Agoura Hills.

Along with the Honorary Ranger Award, Shriver was presented with a traditional State Park Ranger Stetson, symbol of pride for park employees. It is also a symbol of stewardship and recognition of Shriver's exhaustive efforts protecting parks, oceans, air and lands.

Mr. Shriver has demonstrated and supported the highest level of protection for the state's public trust resources. During his tenure, five



*State Parks Director Ruth Coleman, CSPRA President Nina Gordon, Bobby Shriver & Board Member Lynn Rhodes*

years as elected Chairman, the State Park Commission was able to secure funding for parkland which helped create two California State Parks in Los Angeles. He also led the State Park Commission in opposition to the sixteen mile toll road proposal which would have run through San Onofre State Beach. The effort resulted in Shriver and **Clint Eastwood**, Vice Chair of the Commission, not being

reconfirmed as park commissioners by then **Governor Schwarzenegger**.

As a State Park Commissioner and Chair, Shriver was engaged and instrumental in many decisions made by the Commission including the adoption of numerous park-unit general plans and projects that will help protect and guide the future of California's state parks for years to come.

## THANKS from CSPRA President Nina Gordon

I want to give HUGE thanks to some of the key state park staff helping with the 2012 Training. **Mark Hada** worked tirelessly as co-chair and made it all possible. Throughout, he kept a good sense of humor. **Karyn Lombard** served as point person for much of the organization and instructed (see her articles) Also special thanks to **Sara M. Skinner** and

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**Nancy Mendez** for organizing the entire interpretive track, Huge thanks to **Chuck Combs** for his help with the maintenance classes, **Lynn Rhodes** for securing the POST certification, **Lynette Brody** for pulling together some terrific off-site trips, **Frank Padilla** for a memorable barbeque at Malibu Creek SP and for instructing, **Karl Knapp** and **Steve Musillami** for organizing the trails training and all the other state park employees who

offered the professional array of classes covering interpretation, enforcement training, resource preservation and facility/maintenance instruction. The many talents of state parks were very evident.





## *Castle Crag Community Comes Together*

by *Steve Hill, retired/teacher*

"Castle Crag is slated to close" was a headline that surprised few up here in Siskiyou and Shasta counties. There is very little trust of state government in this area. Endless are the conflicts with agencies over property rights, water rights, and increasing restrictions to public use of public land. To think that Castle Crag State Park could be embraced by this community, and operated by this community, would seem impossible. However, it turned out not to be so. Castle Crag is, after all, viewed as a community treasure.

Last summer I approached the Yreka High School superintendent and principal asking what they thought about being a part of a proposal to operate Castle Crag with students, as part of an education and training program. They got excited.

I contacted the local colleges, Siskiyou and Shasta, each with natural resource programs, and asked if they could envision participation in aspects of operation as part of their curriculum. They got excited.

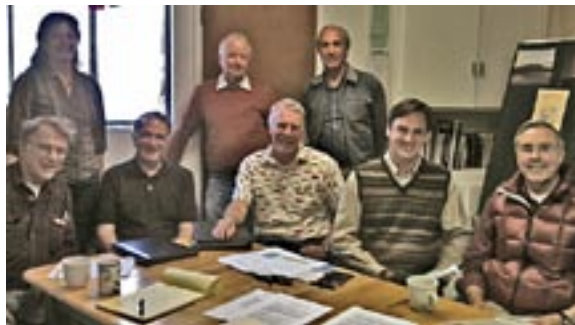
People at the Mt. Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center (MBEC), a non-profit located in Mt. Shasta dedicated to preserving natural resources, separately began initiating "what if" discussions with other non-profits, including the Mt. Shasta Trails Association. Before long, we found each other. I told them, "we can do this." They got excited.

The MBEC continued organizing meetings, and included politicians, city councils, schools, chambers of commerce, and other non-profits. Turns out everybody wanted a part of this action. We started developing scenarios and plans. A public meeting was held on short notice when **Robert Hanna** (great great grandson of John Muir) offered to come up to



discuss possibilities with us. Dozens of key people attended. Robert was inspirational. We now had the will, and we had faith ...but we lacked the means.

Needed was an organization with a mission and willingness to accept



*The Castle Crag working group: GrayBear & high school teacher Steve Hill, far right*

overall responsibility, and certain financial losses; an organization willing to endure the uncertainties of an unfamiliar operation, and with the certainties of a failing infrastructure. No such organization exists in Siskiyou County. But Castle Crag is actually in Shasta County, isn't it?

At a State Parks public planning meeting, MBEC representatives met people from Innovations Housing, Inc (IHI), a Redding (Shasta County) non-profit. IHI was organized to assist low income housing projects and Redevelopment Agencies. Projects for housing are in a lull, and Redevelopment Agencies have been eliminated. Suddenly, IHI has little work. IHI is financially sound, with reserves topped off annually by a highly successful

fundraiser. IHI attended the planning meeting to investigate the possible opportunities at Castle Crag. They could demonstrate their abilities by restoring aging facilities and by introducing visitor serving structures to attract visitors and extend the season. IHI was comfortable with the finances and dealing with the infrastructure, but they were uncomfortable about taking on visitor serving operations, including interpretation. Could there be a partnership here?

**Heidi Horvitz**, Sector Superintendent, led a tour of Castle Crag with key people. At a follow up meeting, we all concluded that "we can do this" ...if we work together.

As a result State Parks now has in its hands, or soon will have, a proposal by IHI for a 5 year contract. The proposal includes all elements developed by MBEC, with a couple of GrayBears on the organization chart as advisors to their Board, **Steve Hill** and **Kirk Wallace**.

Thus, an unlikely marriage is in the making, of Siskiyou and Shasta County organizations and the state, that promises to keep open, nurture, and protect Castle Crag State Park, a park with statewide significance...and a community treasure.

### *THE FIRST 70*

*The First 70* is a 28 minute documentary movie chronicling the proposed closure of 70 of California's State Parks. The filmmakers interview many people working to keep the parks open. See <http://vimeo.com/32192929> for the trailer. The CA State Parks Foundation, an executive producer of the film, is encouraging regional screenings. Contact Linsey at [linsey@calparks.org](mailto:linsey@calparks.org)

*Dave Gould is highlighting a different CSPRA member for each edition of the WAVE. In his many years working for State Parks and being a longtime member of CSPRA, Dave has found that the personal and professional lives of CSPRA members are quite varied and fascinating. This issue highlights Park Maintenance Chief Victor Bjelajac. Enjoy!*

## **CSPRA Chronicles...Victor Bjelajac**

**Where do you currently work, what is your job classification, and how long have you worked for California State Parks?**

My current job classification is Park Maintenance Chief for the Marin Sector of the Marin District. I am currently Acting Marin Sector Superintendent as well.

**Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

I was born in Anchorage, Alaska and lived in Vacaville from grade 2-12.

**Tell us a little about your youth, the “formative” years.**

I wrestled competitively for 8 years and have camped and fished in California and other states since 1968.

**Did you visit any parks while you were growing up? What were some of your favorites?**

Lassen Volcanic National Park, Lava Beds National Monument, and Antelope Creek near Ishi territory.

**Do you have any park-related stories from your youth you would like to share?**

Lassen has always been a favorite of mine and I still fish Manzanita Lake today.

**Tell us a little about your family.**

I am married to Sandra (25 years this August) and have two sons Gilbert (18) and Emmet (14). My mother is a frequent visitor. We are it for the Bjelajac tribe in the US but have relatives in Newfoundland and Yugoslavia.

**What is your educational background?**

I have a BA and MA in Anthropology



from San Francisco State University (go Gators!).

**What was your long-range desire in studying anthropology and archaeology?**

I fell into an intro anthropology class during my freshman year at college and really enjoyed it. The following year I took an archaeological field class and ended up working at DeSilva Island in Marin and a Maya site in Guatemala. I worked for various firms in Northern California doing cultural resources management work, did an internship with the National Park Service doing site recordation and artifact analysis for sites in San Francisco, and have kept a hand in it ever since as an avocation. I am still current as an Registered Professional Archeologist, but my professional career has taken me in a different direction.

**What are your hobbies and what do you like to do when you are off of work?**

I have been a fly fisherman since I was a little kid. Both of my sons fly fish and we have fished quite a few

of the western states together. This photo is of my son Gilbert and a cutthroat he caught on the Snake River. Besides that, I am a reader.

**What were the jobs you held before joining California State Parks?**

I have worked as a Research assistant/scientist in behavioral sciences for the State Developmental Research Institute and a scientific and engineering services firm, have been a performance engineer for a software outfit, and a licensed general contractor. I put myself through school with field archaeology and trades work.

**When did you get the idea that you would like to work for California State Parks?**

I saw an advertisement for a “Restoration Work Specialist” exam about seven years ago and thought it would be great to have access to and work on historic structures.

**What are the positions you have held and where have you worked in your SP career?**

Restoration Work Specialist (Capitol District) and Park Maintenance Supervisor, Park Maintenance Chief, Acting Sector Superintendent (all in the Marin District).

**The Marin District has a close working relationship with the National Park Service (Golden Gate NRA and Pt. Reyes NS). Do you have thoughts you would like to share with us on how that is working out?**

I was advised by my district superintendent several years ago to develop partnerships with our NPS neighbors and I have taken it to heart. We (NPS and Marin CSP) currently have great working relationships and share management and operational responsibilities.

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## CHRONICLES (from page 10)

ties with our Marin District, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Pt. Reyes National Seashore properties. Our staff work on joint projects, share facilities, planning activities, land management, and interface on a routine basis. We have contiguous borders with NPS in several Marin state parks and we try to manage our facilities to provide safe and fun experiences for our visitors regardless of where they may be standing. Our partnership with NPS is only getting stronger as time goes by.

### **How long have you been a member of CSPRA and what inspired you to join?**

A very short time. I was approached to become a CSPRA member and asked to provide input from a maintenance perspective. I feel it is

important for all our classifications to work more closely together and feel that CSPRA can help support more collaborative working relationships across classifications. Trite, but true.

### **Congratulations on your recent election to CSPRA Treasurer. What was your motivation to become a CSPRA officer?**

Being given the opportunity to work with park professionals interested in providing the public the best experience and access we can offer in our parks while working collaboratively. I believe it is important to be of service when asked to do so and hope to promote more cross-classification collaboration in managing our parks.

### **If you could make a change in CA State Parks, what would it be?**

A stable permanent funding source for California State Parks.

### **What is a message you would like to share with CSPRA members?**

Work together regardless of professional training, be kind and keep your eyes focused on the spectacular places we all have the opportunity see on a daily basis.

### **What is your favorite State Park?**

I am partial to Mt. Tamalpais SP because of the long standing commitment to conservation in the park that has resulted in wild areas in close proximity to major metropolitan areas. It is pretty cool to walk trails established in the 1880's and touch CCC works from the 1930's that were created by folks not much different than me.

## *Reunited with an Israeli Friend*

by **Bud Getty**, retired (former Anza-Borrego Superintendent)

In 1968, the National Park Service invited the director of Israel's natural reserve system, **Uzi Paz**, to tour some of our iconic national parks. On his visit, Uzi visited such parks as the Everglades, Yellowstone, and Grand Canyon. In California, he was slated to visit Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, but he asked if he could tour Anza-Borrego Desert State Park instead. He felt that Anza-Borrego was more like the natural areas that he administered in Israel.

I was lucky to host Uzi at my home and even more fortunate to show him some of the major features of Anza-Borrego. It's always great to see something you love and that you think you know well through someone else's eyes. Uzi told me several times that he thought that we were not in Anza-Borrego but instead back home in the Negev Desert and that we should not be on the lookout for bighorn sheep but expect to see ibex.

Recently **Dorene Clement** and I organized a small group tour (eight women and me) to Egypt and Jordan.



*Uzi, Bud & Dorene in Israel*

We thought that after the tour, as long as we were in the neighborhood, the two of us would stay on and spend a few days in Israel after our tour group headed home.

I immediately thought of Uzi even though we had had no contact for 42 years. We found him right away on Google, emailed him, and told him of our plans. Uzi remembered me and his visit to Anza-Borrego, invited us to contact him, and said that he would help us visit some of the important natural areas of Israel.

Our first day there, Uzi drove us up to the Hula Valley Reserve in northern Israel. Israel's largest freshwater marsh is located immediately below

the Golan Heights, a part of Syria now occupied by Israel forces for national security reasons. The marsh has long been occupied by as many as 40,000 Common Cranes, winter migrants from northern Europe.

The next day, Uzi was not able to join us, but with his good advice and directions, Dorene and I went to Ein Gedi Natural Reserve on the Dead Sea. Here the terrain was Anza-Borrego-ish, with steep cliffs and many dry washes. This natural area was home to many desert birds and to the Nubian ibex. The little stream trickling down the canyon reminded me of Borrego Palm Canyon, and I felt right at home. Our last day was spent in historic Jerusalem seeing places whose names we first heard in Sunday school classes.

We really enjoyed Israel, with its natural beauty and incredible depth of history. It was a real treat to see Uzi again after all these years. We invited Uzi to come back to California and visit us, and promised we would take him to see what he missed last time, Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks.

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# Confessions of the Night Ranger

*Confessions of the Night Ranger* by Daniel C. Friend, 2012, Inkwater Press, \$21

*reviewed by Janet Carle, WAVE Editor, California State Park Rangers Association  
Trainee Group R, retired ranger, Sierra District, Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve*

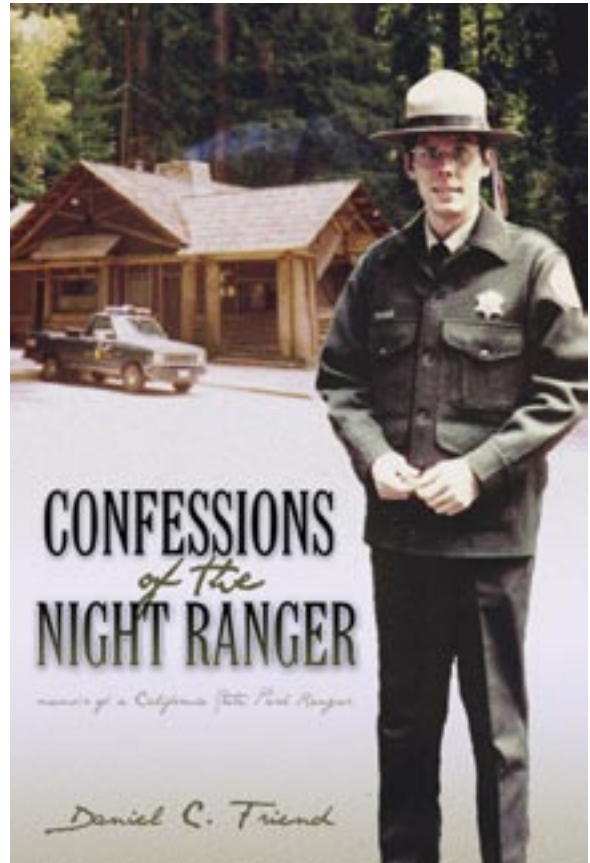
Reading Daniel Friend's new memoir is like traveling to the 1970s, straight back to a time of Ticketron, 202s and day use fees of \$1. Having been a Trainee at Folsom in 1977, I especially enjoyed the trip back to his trainee year of Group H in 1973 at Folsom. Already a military veteran at age 27, Dan takes us through the interview process and his hopes and dreams of becoming a ranger without ever having visited a state or national park.

The early 70s were a very interesting time for a State Park Ranger. The Trainee program was relatively new, the first woman ranger had just been hired, and the whole idea of formal training was evolving. The turbulence of the times led to more enforcement problems in the parks, with young people going "back to the land" and Earth Day bringing increased interest in all outdoor activities.

Following his tales of boat patrol, drunk juveniles and body recoveries at Folsom, Dan is assigned to Big Basin State Park as his first permanent assignment. The recently graduated trainee finds himself in the middle of another Intake Area, with sometimes as many as 16 Trainees and Technicians in the hiring frenzy of the 1970s. Dan and his wife occupy a small park house right in the middle of downtown Big Basin, providing a front row view

of the second half of the decade in California's oldest State Park. From feral cats, to belligerent campers to downed trees to fighting fires in his dress uniform, any park professional that lived through the 70s and 80s will be relating to Dan's adventures. He attends Audubon Camp in Wyoming and cares for the first Marbled Murrelet chick ever found high up in a Douglas Fir, providing proof that the seabirds nest in old growth trees. Dan searches for lost hikers, becomes an ace at finding illegal campers, and shares some special interpretive moments.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about the book, in this time of budget crisis and re-evaluation of what is necessary for park operations, is the window Dan provides on the early days of the truly professional ranger. He laments the poor equipment, lack of training and having to keep



his weapon in a briefcase. By 1980, when Dan leaves to take a job with the CIA, things have changed dramatically. The demands of the time led to the extensive law enforcement training, equipment, and dispatch service of today.



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## World Ranger Congress Tanzania!

The 7th World Ranger Congress, held by the International Ranger Federation, will be in Arusha, Tanzania from Nov. 4-9, 2012. In the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha is near many national parks and preserves. Activities include safaris, birding,

exploring and interacting with park professionals from all over the world. Several CSPRA members plan to attend. For detailed information, see [www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress](http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress). Deadline for registration is June 30, 2012.



## *Lobbyist's Report*

### *A Long Hot Summer of Budget Talks & New Bills*

by **Monica Miller**, CSPRA Lobbyist

While the legislature is currently in the midst of the various subcommittees on the budget, they are also anticipating a long summer of debate once the "May Revise" is released on May 14. The State Controller has advised the legislature and the Governor that revenues are down significantly from the anticipated projections; however California is still waiting on the April 15th receipts in hopes of "catching up" financially. The legislature needs to have an on-time, balanced budget to continue collecting their paychecks. While they passed an on-time budget last year; the State Controller said it was not balanced and withheld their pay for several weeks. (This was later litigated by the Assembly and Senate Democratic Leadership.) The members in both houses were not pleased that they weren't getting paid, which we believe will allow for a more thorough discussion this year.

As the legislature begins to focus on the 2012-13 state budget, they will also review newly introduced bill proposals. There were roughly 2000 bills introduced this year, for a total 4279 bills for the 2011-12 legislative session.

AB 1589 by Assembly Member Jared Huffman, of interest to CSPRA, just passed out of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife with bi-partisan support and is on its way to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This bill's purpose is to enhance the capacity of the state to protect its valued state parks and the natural and cultural resources they contain, and to keep the parks open and accessible to the people of the state. To make progress toward the long-term goal of a more sustainable and well-maintained state park system, this bill promotes new revenue enhancement opportunities, including enhanced fee collection and other revenue generating opportunities at state parks, a new state park environ-

mental license plate, and tax incentives for purchase of state park annual access passes. This bill also creates a state park enterprise fund and requires DPR to develop a revenue enhancement plan for state parks, modifies the criteria and public transparency required for state park closure decisions, states that park closures should be implemented only as a last resort after other feasible alternatives have been explored, and places a cap on the number of state parks that may be closed without legislative approval.

SB 1078 by Senator Noreen Evans, would create a pilot program within the State Lands Commission requiring, no later than April 30, 2013, development and implementation of a plan to collect delinquent rents and re-negotiate expired and undervalued leases for state land and properties under the Commission's control. The bill would provide for the loan of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to develop and implement the plan, including the hiring of necessary new staff. Any revenues received by the commission from the collection of delinquent rents and the re-negotiation of expired and undervalued leases would be deposited into the Delinquent Rent Collection Program Account in the General Fund, which the bill would create. These revenues would go toward repaying the above-described loan to the commission to develop and implement the plan, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 24. We will keep you posted on its outcome once the committee has had time to review it.

The Governor successfully reached a deal with the California Teachers Association to combine their ballot proposals, so that only leaves the Molly Munger proposal to compete with the combined CTA and

Governor's tax measure. Should the combined proposal prove unsuccessful, there are various "trigger cuts" embedded in the proposed budget that will be pulled to account for the revenue shortfall in late fall, after the election. Should these proposals qualify for the ballot and fail, the legislature will not have any ability to make changes to these proposed "trigger cuts" unless they act now while the budget is being negotiated through the legislative process.

#### **CSPRA Position**

The CSPRA Board's position on AB 1589 is "Support if Amended". CSPRA commends Assemblymember Huffman for his efforts to highlight and support revenue enhancing measures. However, CSPRA does not feel it is appropriate for the Legislature to dictate management and operation decisions which should be the purview of the Department. These include the number of parks to be closed and the public review process. CSPRA has postponed a position on Senator Evans' bills pending further progress and potential amendments to be made in the legislature.



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## Executive Manager



by Allison Pedley, Executive Manager

CSPRA has signed on many new members recently! Please welcome **Fred Andrews, Dave Dixon, Kristy Faure, Laura Featherstone, Leslie Hartzell, Lucy Johnson, Daniel Kraft, Brad Krey, Donna McGuire, Jaime Mendez, Gerald O'Reilly, Lauren Ortiz, Kim Preston, Aaron Robertson, Carolyn Schimandle, Liz Steller, Lindsey Templeton, Sally Theriault, Victor Bjelajac, Kevin Smith, and Robert Bonner & Ingrid VanDijk.**

## A WAVE GOODBYE

### JAMES HIBBERT, SR.

1934 - 2011

Jim, 76 years old, passed away in Feb. of 2011. During his State Park career, he was Area Manager at Piercy, Chief Ranger of the Eel River District, and District 3 Interpretive Specialist. He spent his retirement years in Ashland, OR.

### MARTHA IRENE HANKS HORNE

1923 -2011

Irene passed away in Nov. 2011 at age 88. She began her career with State Parks in 1964, and was Supervisor of Guides at Hearst Castle for 22 years. She was instrumental in developing the excellent touring system at the Castle. After retiring in 1986, Irene took up the piano and played for many special occasions. Her ex-husband, Bob Hanks, was a ranger at Hearst Castle.

### GEORGE LINDEN

1916- 2012

George passed away in Jan. 2012 at age 95. He served in the US Army during WWII and spent 17 months in a POW camp. He was a State Park Ranger for 31 years in Columbia and Turlock Lake, but spent most of his career at Calaveras and Chawse (Indian Grinding Rocks), where his spotless campground was legendary. He retired in Pioneer, near Chawse.

### H. LEE WARREN

1926-2012

Lee, 85, passed away in late January. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII, repairing radar and radio equipment in Europe. He worked for many years as a private Landscape Architect before joining State Parks in 1964. Lee worked on General Plans for over 100 park units, and retired as Interim Division Chief in 1988. He lived in Rocklin in retirement.



### PETER DOUGLAS

1942- 2012

Peter, longtime executive director of the California Coastal Commission passed away in April at age 69 of lung cancer. He co-authored the ballot initiative that first created the Coastal Commission and had served as its director since 1985. Under his guidance, the Commission tackled issues from coastal construction to public beach access to offshore oil drilling. Peter also helped draft the 1976 Coastal Act. PRAC selected Peter as its 2012 Lifetime Member in honor of his 3 decades of service protecting California's magnificent coastline.





## Upcoming Retirements



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Channel Coast

**Eileen Hook**  
Sacramento HQ



**Jane Hall**  
Sierra, Empire  
Mine SHP

**Mike Carbahal**  
Marin



**Nedra Martinez**  
Cuyamaca



## Mixed Metaphors & Malaprops

by

**Jeff Price, retired**



Combination of metaphors that together produce a ridiculous effect of carelessly strung together cliches. Send along any overheard slips of the tongue - [malaprops@cspra.com](mailto:malaprops@cspra.com)

No skin off my back!  
*Back pain resulted after L3 & L4 fused so I am scheduled for an epidermal Friday.*

Words to live by.  
*Did she just say the woman is a prostitute, at least in so many terms?*

A new slice on a full life.  
*The application details are killing me, it's like death by a thousand paper cups.*

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