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*"...to support, protect, and defend the integrity of State Parks for present and future generations."*

## ***BACK TO BIG SUR***





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by Janet Carle

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by *Victor Bjelajac*, CSPRA President

I am looking over the CSPRA agenda and order of business for the October 8th, meeting of the Board at Big Sur... 52 pages. The Board meeting was well attended and coincided with the Retirees Rendezvous.

The board meeting ran for close to, or over, four hours (secretary Price will no doubt be thinking 4 hours, 6 minutes and 23 seconds and wondering why I can't be accurate) and suffered attrition as attending CSPRA Rendezvous members remembered that they were indeed retired and no longer required to sit in extended meetings.

What could take four hours you ask? Approval of minutes, from last quarterly meeting and three Special Actions of The Board, officer reports, interim executive manager report, 23 committee and contractor reports, six items of unfinished business, six items of new business, lively discussion on most items/reports and many motions, discussions and votes.

We, as an organization and board, have been very busy over the last three quarters. Through committee work we have officially supported AB 327; Prevailing Wage Exemption, AB 346; Removal of Helmet for Identification, AB 988; Environmental Education, SB 288; Redwood Burls, SB 317; The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers and Coastal protection Act of 2016.

Through CSPRA board and member action we have supported the Department with position letters on: proposed Upper Truckee River Restoration, Red Rock Canyon resumed mining threat and possible impacts to historic landscape of Colombia State Historic Park, Rim of the Valley, Ranger's 150th anniversary commemoration, donation collection for a celebration honoring the life of Ranger Liz Burko, as well as other committee and member work on resource protection at parks throughout the state.

We have welcomed new board member Sue Neary (vice president) and thanked Mark Hada for his many years of service to the CSPRA. We have continued to partner with International Ranger Federation and World Ranger Congress (WRC), forged new alliances with California State Park Foundation (CSPF) as a member of State Park Action Network (SPAN) and allied with Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) as a member.

We continue to meet quarterly with director Mangat and other executive staff and have re-established and strengthened CSPRA's relationship with the Department. We will be partnering with CSPF and California League of Park associations (CALPA) and will co-sponsor a conference with CSPF and CALPA coinciding with Advocacy Day in Sacramento this May. We anticipate a Partnership focus for this event and welcome the Departments' Transformation Team (TT) to participate and share the ongoing work of the TT.

Board members have developed informational materials and have committed to reaching out to department staff for new members across classifications during the remainder of 2015 and 2016.

We honored the exceptional work of our CSPRA Secretary, Jeff Price throughout 2015 with a plaque at our last board meeting and I would like to acknowledge the continued exceptional work of all the CSPRA board and committee members throughout the year. We have packed agendas because much is going on lately.

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## Big Sur Update: Major Projects Completed

The Retirees Rendezvous returned to Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park for the 3rd time in 2015. It was a pleasure to see the park looking great after a years long Major Capital Outlay project.

The iconic campfire center is open for business, a new Nature Center is being prepared in a restored historic building, plant restoration is evident throughout the park and visitors are enjoying a new boardwalk trail through the redwoods.



A tour of the Ernst Ewoldsen Memorial Nature Center was part of the Rendezvous program. L to R: SCA Intern **Dustin Davis**, retiree **Miles Standish**, San Juan Bautista Interpreter **Nicki Combs**, District Interpretive Specialist **Pat Clark Gray**, retirees **Chuck Combs** and **Dave Carle**, Point Lobos Interpretive Specialist **Melissa Gobell** and Big Sur Interpreter **Sara Arnett**.

Kneeling: Asilomar Interpreter **Lisa Bradford**.



A boardwalk trail with 10 new interpretive panels was built through the redwood grove near the entrance to the park. Previously, visitors had to walk along the road to enjoy the trees. Pedestrian use is being encouraged by providing a safe and interesting place to walk for day users and campers. The project also included a new walking bridge across the river and an entrance station re-location.



Big Sur Interpreter **Sara Arnett** explains the evolution of the new Nature Center. The old location was up a steep hill, difficult for visitors to find and lacking in handicapped access. The new location, in a historic maintenance garage, is centrally located near the campground and lodge. Some of the previous exhibits, like the redwood tree above and a beloved stuffed mountain lion, will be displayed in the new facility.

## Big Sur Update

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, one of the oldest State Parks in the system, was established in 1933.

The influence of the Civilian Conservation Corps workers is evident throughout, with many classic stoves and picnic tables displaying the signature CCC-era rockwork.

### Warden's Cottage

The Warden's Cottage was restored recently, and houses park offices. It is one of the best preserved of all the CCC structures in the State Park System.



2015 Pfeiffer Big Sur staff on the porch of the Warden's Cottage.

L to R: Ranger **Brian Powell**, Interpreter **Sara Arnett**, Administrative Senior Park Aide **Michele Craig** and Sector Superintendent **Brian Robertson**.



### Native Plant Restoration

Part of the Major Capital Outlay project was re-planting native vegetation throughout the park. An effort was made to replace plants disturbed during construction with new plantings.

Local children participated in the restoration process.



### Campfire Center - New and Improved

Restoration and improvement of the classic campfire center was a years long effort shared by many park staffers. The center is now completely handicapped accessible, with new redwood benches, a state-of-the-art projection system, energy efficient lighting and a stage big enough for a wide range of activities.



## 23rd Annual Retirees Rendezvous Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park



Spectacular warm weather greeted 44 attendees from a range of park classifications at the Retirees Rendezvous, held in early October. Hiking, searching for condors, dining in fine coastal establishments, a talk on Galen Clark by **Miles Standish** and enjoying the redwoods and river at Big Sur were all part of the fun.

### **Breakfast Crew**

L to R: **Peggy Price, Jeff Price, Tress Putnam, Tom Bernardo,** and Sector Superintendent **Brian Robertson.**

### **Clyde Strickler Roadkill Grill**

Keeping alive the potluck BBQ tradition:  
L to R: **Mike Whitehead, John Mott** and **Ann Meneguzzi**



CSPRA Vice President **Sue Neary** brought the cake!





## Big Sur Rendezvous



### Board Meeting

An epic five hour CSPRA Board meeting was held at the Inter-agency Visitor Center at Big Sur. Several retirees took the opportunity to attend.

### Swag Display

Sultan of Swag **Mike Lynch** kept up appearances with his display of state park memorabilia.



### Vintage State Park Postcards

**Mike Lynch** and **Rodi Lee** presented a program on their project of a coffee table book documenting vintage postcards collected from California State Parks. The program, held in the newly restored campfire center, was enjoyed by a good crowd of Rendezvous attendees and the public.



### Happy Hour

Big Sur Lodge, within the State Park, harks back to the early days of redwood resorts along the coast.

Enjoying the porch  
L to R: **Dave Carle,**  
**Cindi Whitehead, Bud**  
**Getty, Dorene Clement,**  
**Mike Whitehead,**  
**Margaret Chavez and**  
**Carl Chavez**

## FWOC

# *CSPRA Joins the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC)*

*by Ann Meneguzzi*

Since 1932 the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) has been a voluntary association of outdoor clubs from several western states. These clubs have members who share in the enjoyment of outdoor recreation and in the desire to support various conservation and recreational use issues. Through the years, the FWOC has enabled its member clubs to learn about and successfully advocate for such matters as the Wilderness Act, the prohibition of privatization of public lands, and sensitivity of the Bodie environs to mining hazards. Because there is strength in numbers, the FWOC gives its members a louder voice to campaign for various resource protection matters.

Membership in the FWOC is not expensive for a group like CSPRA. Annual dues for our membership size are only \$50/year. By joining FWOC, CSPRA gains an effective group of allies in our efforts to advocate for such matters as the Washoe Meadows Redevelopment Plan and the Red Rock Canyon area mining threats. After a special vote by the CSPRA Board of Directors in June, CSPRA joined the FWOC.

CSPRA now has a new and effective way to bring California State Park resource concerns to a larger, receptive, and active audience. A number of the member clubs are California groups including several chapters of the Sierra Club and various hiking and outdoor clubs. The interests of these clubs' memberships mean that they are potential allies for spreading our interests in park and resource protection. By becoming a member of FWOC, we can be more successful in getting our viewpoints understood and shared.

The FWOC holds annual conferences



*CSPRA Members L to R Patsy Lynch, Mike Lynch, Rodi Lee and Ann Meneguzzi are welcomed by FWOC conference chair Sylvia Milne and incoming FWOC president George Milne (center) at the Oregon conference in August.*

where attendees from member clubs gather to present, discuss, and gain support for resolutions submitted by the various clubs' delegates. This year's conference was held August 27-30 at the Menucha Conference Center in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge. It was the third year that I attended the conference as a delegate for the California Alpine Club (CAC). (Some of you may be aware of the CAC and how its CAC Foundation has helped our parks in Marin and in the Tahoe area.) This year I was also there for CSPRA along with **Mike & Patsy Lynch** and **Rodi Lee** as CSPRA delegates.

The website for the FWOC: [www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org](http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org)

Links at that page bottom give more info about the FWOC including its purpose, history & accomplishments.

*CSPRA Board Member Ann Meneguzzi tells FWOC conference attendees about CSPRA*





# FWOC Resolution on Washoe Meadows

by *Ann Meneguzzi,*

*CSPRA Board Member*



Since the 1920s, land that later became Washoe Meadows State Park and Lake Valley State Recreation Area has undergone logging, gravel mining, river channeling and golf course development. Channelization of the river eliminated a portion of its natural meander and lowered the water table, leading to meadow loss. Without the natural filtering action of extensive meadows, an increased sediment load now empties into Lake Tahoe. Increased sedimentation has decreased Lake Tahoe's clarity.

A study explored different alternatives for restoring a 1.5-mile reach of the Upper Truckee River near Meyers, California. The California Department of Parks & Recreation now owns the property. The US Bureau of Reclamation, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and California State Parks have done environmental reviews and analyzed alternatives for a restoration project along this stretch of the river.



*Members of CSPRA and the California Alpine Club toured Washoe Meadows State Park and Lake Valley State Recreation Area in September, guided by State Park Hydrologist **Cyndie Walck** (in green shirt)*

The FWOC, along with CSPRA and the California Alpine Club, supports the restoration alternative known as “modified Alternative 2”. This alternative re-locates golf course holes now on the Upper Truckee River stream-banks. The links will be moved to higher elevation land previously logged and later mined for gravel before State Parks acquired the property in the 1980s. This alternative also removes all five narrow-span bridges whose footprints constrict and intensify river flow. A single bridge that spans the entire flood plain will replace the five. The natural river meander will be restored so that declining meadows can reinvigorate. Golf course river frontage shrinks from 8000 feet to 1000 feet thus protecting the restored riparian area. A public access trail to Washoe Meadows SP will be constructed from a new Highway 50 trailhead with ties into other public trails outside the parks. A resolution was proposed by CSPRA and CAC, and endorsed by FWOC at their annual meeting.



# Reacting to a Red Rock Canyon Mining Threat

by Cindi Whitehead

Being a CSPRA director, I listen to my fellow board members and learn from them. Also, I take what members and even non- members have to say about parks and public lands they enjoy....from their concerns to their compliments.

In October, 2014, a member brought to the Board's attention a possible serious issue regarding Red Rock Canyon State Park. The issue was possible mining for a mineral and type of clay that makes cat- litter taking place just outside and a little inside of the State Park boundary. Some of my fellow directors were aware of this problem. I wasn't, but I decided to tackle it. No, I haven't been to Red Rock, it is in Kern County and is quite a stunning little gem with hiking, wildlife, and history, surrounded in part by BLM lands. The proposed mining would have a negative impact on the park and the wildlife, such as the Desert Tortoise. I discovered many things and learned more about mining. The company



Ranger Mark Faull in 2004 at Red Rock Canyon State Park

performing the mining even used super old Negative Declaration documents, altering them to look current.

I learned about the tortoise. and studied input from the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and local county supervisors as well as our own Department's

information. CSPRA realized that this mining event was going to do potential damage. CSPRA wrote letters and contacted other groups that have a vested interest in Red Rock and stood with them. This is why I am a member.

I learned a lot, and although it was overwhelming, CSPRA heard YOUR voice on an important cause and took your voice to the next level. I encourage members to pay attention to all the parks and lands, not just ones they work in or live near, and make problems known to the Board so we can protect our resources. So I want to thank members for keeping informed and learning and telling us what is going on. CSPRA has opened my eyes to love our lands even more. OK, now I am going to Red Rock!!!



## Ranger 150th Anniversary Resolution

*The California State Park and Recreation Commission passed a Resolution in August in honor of the 150th anniversary of the park ranger profession, which began in 1866 with the appointment of Galen Clark as Guardian of the Yosemite Grant.*

<< CSPRA Board Secretary Jeff Price accepts the Resolution from Commission Chair Diane Wittenberg.

### PRESIDENT, from page 2

I look forward to continued good works on the behalf of CSPRA members and working with the Department as we undergo change to better support the extraordinary resources we are entrusted to protect.

Unlike our board meetings, I will stop here, acknowledging that I have missed many of the good works that have been carried out by the board and members on behalf of CSPRA members in 2015. Looking forward to another busy year for CSPRA in 2016.



## Program and Activities

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| <b>May 20</b> | Pre-Congress field trips, shadow assignments and trainings conclude  |
| <b>May 21</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival of delegates</li> <li>• Welcome Ceremony</li> <li>• Cowboy Brad</li> <li>• Potlatch Dinner</li> </ul>   |
| <b>May 22</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flag Procession</li> <li>• Opening Ceremony</li> <li>• Flag Raising</li> <li>• Group photo</li> <li>• NPS Park Ranger Shelton Johnson</li> <li>• Cultures of America Demonstration</li> </ul> |
| <b>May 23</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservationist Harvey Locke</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• IRF regional caucuses</li> <li>• Ranger Talent Night</li> </ul>  |
| <b>May 24</b> | Field trips to Rocky Mountain National Park and surrounding areas  |
| <b>May 25</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Director J. Jarvis</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• WRC membership meeting</li> <li>• American Western Dance Night</li> </ul>  |
| <b>May 26</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author Terry Tempest Williams</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• WRC membership meeting</li> <li>• Closing Ceremony</li> <li>• Flag Lowering</li> <li>• Rock &amp; Roll Dance</li> </ul>         |
| <b>May 27</b> | WRC concludes. Post Congress field trips & shadow assignments  |



# World Ranger Congress

ESTES PARK, COLORADO • USA • MAY 21 – MAY 27

## *Connecting Parks, Rangers, & Communities*

In May 2016 the US Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) in partnership with the International Ranger Federation (IRF) will host the 8th World Ranger Congress (WRC). Every three years, the IRF brings together rangers from around the globe to renew their commitment to preserving and protecting the world's natural and cultural resources. This international gathering provides rangers and protected area professionals the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge, create lasting partnerships, and be inspired by their colleagues.

The 8th World Ranger Congress will focus on the theme of "Connecting Parks, Rangers and Communities." Delegates from over 40 countries will explore the different ways rangers and other professionals are actively protecting and preserving the world's natural and cultural resources from ever increasing threats like climate change,

world hunger, and poaching. Delegates will also learn how to increase public awareness about how these special places contribute to a healthy society and sustainable economies.

Participants may also register for field trips, shadow assignments, and college credit training before and after the Congress. Prominent conservationist and author Terry Tempest Williams will deliver the inspirational closing address. The WRC will have a large digital presence, offering video feeds from the conference and engagement through social media to encourage participation from rangers worldwide. These digital tools will foster connections among parks, rangers, and communities during the Congress which will continue to grow and prosper after its conclusion. Spanish and French translation services will also be available.

*"Our best achievements come when we are working together..."* 7th WRC Coordinating Committee

The World Ranger Congress is one of many events celebrating the National Park Service Centennial in 2016. NPS Director Jon Jarvis will attend the Congress to discuss the role of the NPS in protecting and preserving special places around the globe.

Registration services have been provided by The George Wright Society ([www.georgewright.org](http://www.georgewright.org)). George Wright will devote all or part of an issue of the George Wright Forum to covering the plenary speeches and issues raised at the Congress.

At the end of this stimulating conference, delegates will depart with a sense of belonging to an international family of rangers who support each other as they go about the business of caring for the world's special places.

For Information: [www.worldrangercongressusa.com](http://www.worldrangercongressusa.com)  
[facebook.com/worldrangercongressusa2016](https://facebook.com/worldrangercongressusa2016)



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## Connecting Parks, Rangers, and Communities



## Investing In Those Who Protect the World's Natural and Cultural Resources

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) brings together rangers from around the globe every three years to renew their commitment to preserving and protecting the world's natural and cultural resources. For rangers in the United States, the upcoming 8th World Ranger Congress (WRC) hosted by the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) is an opportunity to support like-minded individuals dedicated to preserving protected areas through the sharing of best practices and the building of life-long friendships. However,

protecting the world's natural and cultural treasures is dangerous work. In the last decade over 1,000 rangers have been murdered worldwide by poachers and drug dealers. Many of these murders go unsolved. Worse yet, families are decimated and are frequently left without the primary breadwinner. The dialogue between rangers begins at WRC and grows throughout the years creating professional ranger networks around the globe. These personal connections result in better managed protected

areas, improved visitor services, and greater protection of wildlife. Since most rangers, even in remote areas of developing nations, have at least occasional Internet connectivity the benefits of attending a World Ranger Congress are amplified over time and a real force multiplier for those unable to attend. WRC is truly an investment in the people helping to preserve the world's natural and cultural resources.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

ANPR is seeking corporate, organizational, and/or individual partners interested in helping to sponsor this challenging and stimulating international forum focused on global conservation. Financial, logistical, and in-kind support is essential for the success of the Congress. Scholarships for rangers from developing countries are most welcome. Delegates are also seeking opportunities before and after the Congress to visit US national park areas and shadow park rangers.

**Become A Partner or Exhibit at WRC** Looking for ways to get involved with the 8th World Ranger Congress? Consider becoming a partner or exhibiting at the WRC Trade Show May 21—May 23, 2016. Your support will assist ANPR sponsor this international gathering. See contact information below.

**Sponsor A Ranger** ANPR is committed to sponsoring as many rangers as possible from developing countries to attend the 8th WRC. It costs approximately \$4,000 per ranger to attend a WRC, including estimated travel costs, so every little bit helps. To sponsor a ranger visit [www.causes.com/campaigns/84845](http://www.causes.com/campaigns/84845) or send a donation to:

ANPR WRC Finance Section Chief  
2359 Desert Willow Drive  
Prescott, Arizona 86301

**Donate Equipment** Interested in donating equipment and/or clothing at the Congress? Find a list of needs on the WRC web page under the sponsor tab. If you are bringing items to the Congress, please contact Kristen Appel with the Ranger Relief Team at [kristen.wrc8@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.wrc8@gmail.com). All donations must be "registered" because of space limitations at the Congress.

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## Join CSPRA

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Mike Lynch, P.O. Box 3212,  
Bowman, CA 95604-3212. Or  
join online at: <http://www.cspira.com>

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Organization \$50/year

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May we print your name as a new member in the WAVE? \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby authorize the State Controller to deduct from my salary and transmit as designated an amount for membership dues in the California State Park Rangers Association. This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by myself or by the organization. I certify I am a member of the above organization and understand that termination of my membership will cancel all deductions made under this organization.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## A WAVE Goodbye

### JIM KRUGER

1931-2015

Born in New Jersey, Jim served in the US Navy during the Korean War. He attended Long Beach State University and in 1961 began a 31 year career with California State Parks, retiring in 1992 as Training Officer at Headquarters. Jim lived in Sacramento after retirement and enjoyed traveling, gardening and volunteering in the community.



### ELIZABETH BURKO

Liz, age 55, passed away in August after a freak accident on her motor scooter. She was born and raised in Ohio, attended the University of Colorado and soon began her 30 year park career. As a State Park Volunteer, Interpreter, Ranger and District Superintendent, Liz was a true park professional. She worked to bring parks and people together with her warm smile and supportive leadership style. Liz had been the Superintendent of Russian River District since 2007.

CSPRA members contributed over \$7,000 to her Memorial Fund.



### KEITH CALDWELL

1928 - 2015

Keith had a long career in State Parks in many classifications. He worked at Mount San Jacinto early in his career and was very involved in horse patrol. He also worked at Sea Cliff State Beach. He finished his career in Headquarters as a Deputy Chief.



### JACK EKSTROM

Jack passed away recently after a long illness at his home in Forestville, CA. Born in New Jersey, he had a long career in parks. He retired in 2013 from the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District. Jack was an avid hiker, conservationist and naturalist who dedicated his life to the preservation of his beloved giant redwoods.

### TEX RITTER

Tex was a Park Aide in Bolsa Chica in 1962. He worked at Cuyamaca and Big Sur and passed away recently.

### VAL DOLCINI

Val passed away recently at 81. He was from a pioneer family in the Davis area. He retired as the Chief Training Officer of California State Parks. Living in Oceanside, he loved the stage, and participated in many local community productions.



## *Peggy Whitehead, CSPRA Benefactor State Park Advocate*

MARGARET (Peggy) WHITEHEAD (1916 - 2015) passed away recently at the age of 98. She was a long time California State Park Advocate and 27 Year CSPRA Benefactor.

Born in Central Falls, Rhode Island, marrying James Whitehead (later Ranger, Superintendent, Park Commissioner and 1981 Honorary CSPRA State Park Ranger), she moved to California after World War II. After a short time in Los Angeles working for the City, followed her husband to Big Basin Redwoods State Park in 1947.

As a member of the 'State Park Family', she also lived at Mt Tamalpais, Point Lobos, San Simeon, Fort Humboldt, Goleta, San Clemente, San Diego, and finally settling in Del Mar, California, across the marsh from Torrey Pines.

After Jim died, she spent many years as a Kaiser Hospital Volunteer, eventually becoming President for the Southern California Kaiser Hospital Volunteer Council.

She was active along with her husband, Jim, in Park Advocacy and Natural History Associations including the Anza Borrego Committee along with being a longtime supporter of the California Parks Foundation and the Save the Redwoods League. She was active in local environmental organizations near her Del Mar home and worked on the Los Penasquitos Marsh and Lagoon preservation efforts, which later became part of Torrey Pines State Reserve as a State Preserve.

Peggy is survived by her son, **Michael Whitehead**, a retired State Park Ranger and daughter-in-law, **Cynthia Whitehead**, who continues the family's dedication as a State Park seasonal employee. She moved to Maine in 2003 where her sister, nieces, and nephews live with many visits from family, including her grand and great-grand children, in

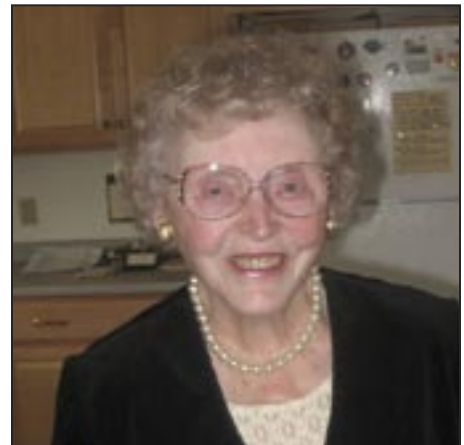


addition to old friends. She was active and articulate in many continuing causes and park related concerns and a follower of current events, a Scrabble and Tripoli player and a voracious reader and supporter of the local library.

Those who knew her will remember her smile, personality and generosity for CSPRA causes and for anything requiring the fighting of the 'good fight'.



*Daughter-in-law Cindi Whitehead with Peggy on her 98th birthday.*



## Nominations Needed for Honorary Ranger for this Year! Deadline: December 1, 2015

The Board of CSPRA recently approved changes in its Award Program Policy. These changes will provide greater clarity to the criteria being considered for the nominees, will spell out exactly what the recipient receives, and provides a clear timeline for the process. Please consider nominating someone worthy of being named the CSPRA Honorary California State Park Ranger for 2015. The award will be presented to the recipient in 2016.

The main changes are the following:

1) The goal is to recognize an individual who has provided extraordinary service, on a large geographic scale, with a record of long service or multiple significant achievements.

2) No more than one recipient may receive the award annually. It is possible that there will be years with no recipients.

For more information, please contact Dave Van Cleve or Lynn Rhodes

davidvancleve@yahoo.com, 619-405-5525   lynnrhodes2@hotmail.com, 831-600-5209



## California State Park Rangers Association Honorary Ranger Nomination Form

### Nominee Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how this nominee has demonstrated distinguished service devoted to the objectives of the Association, as described at [www.cspra.com](http://www.cspra.com).

1. Who is the nominee?
2. What is their current and past occupation and key interests
3. What are the specific things they have done that warrant statewide recognition (we have had candidates who have been nominated whose contributions although good, are more of a very local nature and not reflective of a larger influence. The board has discussed those candidates and for that reason they were not considered as the best example deserving of the Honorary Ranger distinction.
4. Their demonstrated actions should be linked clearly to CSPRA's mission and iconic State Park ideals.

(Attach additional sheets or background information if needed)

CSPRA Member(s) nominating this nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Email

Member(s) Mailing address and shipping address, if different:

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Once completed, submit this form by e-mail to the CSPRA Honorary Member Committee:  
[honorary-ranger@cspra.com](mailto:honorary-ranger@cspra.com)

CSPRA Members will be notified of nomination status once board action is taken.

A list of past CSPRA Honorary Rangers may be viewed at [www.cspra.com/pages/heritage/honorary/index.html](http://www.cspra.com/pages/heritage/honorary/index.html).



## Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops



*by Jeff Price  
Retired*

*Mixed Metaphor:  
A combination of thoughts that  
when strung together produce  
a ridiculously funny effect of  
melded clichés. Send us along  
any overheard slips of the tongue  
malaprops@cspira.com.*

### **Gloves optional?**

*It seems like the Benghazi  
Committee majority is working  
hand in fist with Al-Qaeda.*

### **... tabs maybe?**

*If you want to keep dibs on fall  
color foliage at Big Bear Lake,  
get the on-line guide.*

### **Escapist reporting sidesteps the whole story?**

*Gotta love the news, you could  
read volumes in what they don't  
print, even more in what they  
elude to.*

### **Shying from adversity?**

*We fought our way through  
aversion to win the game.*

# CSPRAnet

### *Member List Server*

*The list server is up and running and only needs  
YOUR PARTICIPATION to be a success!*

*Please send your email address (no State work emails) to Jeff  
Price at*

*webmaster.cspira.com*

*with a subject line:*

*"add me to CSPRAnet"*

## Are You Retiring?

*by Jeff Price, Membership Secretary*

CSPRA members are eligible to receive a commemorative plaque acknowledging their years of state service and membership at retirement. If you or a co-worker will be retiring soon, please contact Membership Services coordinator, **Betsy Anderson** with the date of plaque presentation, where and to whom the plaque should be shipped, along with the member's full name and years of state service at [betsy@cspira.com](mailto:betsy@cspira.com). She can help retirees coordinate switching between the State Controller and CalPERS after retirement.



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### **Attention retired members!**

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### **Are you traveling soon?**

Want to find out what's going on in the State Parks around you? Visit the events page on the California State Parks website to find out what's happening in parks around the state: [www.parks.ca.gov/events](http://www.parks.ca.gov/events)



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*Founded 1964*