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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**KEVIN W. BUCHANAN**  
CSPRA President

The California State Parks Foundation is organizing and sponsoring the first annual Parks Advocacy and Awareness Day, on April 7, 2003. This is a great opportunity for park professionals, along with park advocates to bring attention to the value of parks for the citizens of the State of California. The grass roots effort is being organized to lobby the State Assembly and Senate, so that park issues will be heard, then hopefully not forgotten. I have been advised by our lobbyist that we need to be prepared to offer more cuts in the department, along with ways that we can generate more revenue. We need to become involved in these desperate times with being park advocates.

It is important not to discount the value of having access to the legislature, especially in these difficult times. Many other state agencies are politically well connected, in addition to having vast financial resources that are used for advertisements, campaign contributions and the hiring of lobbyists. Through an event such as Parks Advocacy and Awareness Day, people, employees and supporters of DPR will have the opportunity to share the value of parks with members of the legislature.

I am urging dedicated park professionals from DPR to commit to attending one of the training sessions,

to become trained in the message that we wish to present to the legislature. The training will held in various locations throughout the state, to present the points that are important to make. The attendance at training by all the participants will also help to insure professionalism and continuity to the teams that will be lobbying. We are also planning a lobbying training session to be held at the Parks Conference at Lake Tahoe. CSPRA's lobbying firm Governmental Advocates, Inc. has offered to host the training on a yet to be determined date and time at the Parks Conference.

The general idea of the Parks Advocacy and Awareness Day is to have a minimum of 20 teams of 3 that will lobby 6 members of the legislature each. Susan Smartt, President CSPF has indicated that the Parks Foundation would like to make this an annual event. Please help the California State Parks Foundation in helping us by attending a training session and participating in this great event.

Employees who wish to participate in Park Advocacy Day, and have obtained approval to be absent from work during that time, should comply with the following Department guidelines:

Employees cannot appear in uniform, or wearing badges or official DPR insignia identifying them as DPR employees.

Employees must not use DPR equipment, supplies, services or facilities for their advocacy activities.

Employees must not state that they are speaking on behalf of DPR, and avoid implying that they are speaking on behalf of DPR. Instead, each employee should clearly state that she or he is speaking on his or her own behalf, or on behalf of the employee organization.

Employees must not be on state time. Employees may participate on days they are not scheduled for work or may, upon approval, use accrued vacation time or similar leave. (Unit 7 representatives may be eligible to use release time from the time bank if the union so desires.)

Employees must not use or disclose confidential information, available to them solely because of their employment with DPR, to advocate for personal gain.

## MENDOCINO DISTRICT

# Mysterious Mendocino



by Greg Picard  
District Superintendent

*Thomas Henry Peterson, in the late 1800's, never envisioned that his boat works launch would be replaced with kayaks and zodiacs* from which today's abalone divers make their trips to harvest "Mother Nature's favorite marine snail." Fourteen two-masted-90-foot lumber schooners were constructed in Little River cove by Peterson to engage in the freighting trade that existed in the "doghole" ports (so small even a dog couldn't turn around in them) along the coast north of San Francisco. Places like Mendocino Headlands, MacKerricher, Westport, and Elk Cove were all sites for mill operations that shipped most of the lumber that was used to build San Francisco before the 1906 earthquake and fire. Today, campers at Van Damme State Park have the privilege of using the Little River beach along with a few upscale houses on property ringing the headlands that once served the boatyard.

In recent years the mysteries of this little known section of coast have been unlocked. Its working communities have given way in part to vacation homes and parks for recreation. Van Damme State Park is only one of the gems that comprise the Mendocino State Parks. Van Damme's canyon rises to take in the



famous "pygmy forest" that is relatively unique to the Mendocino Coast. Nearby Russian Gulch State Park is similar to Van Damme with its steep redwood lined canyon that works its way back from the beach to a 36-foot waterfall near the headwaters of Russian Gulch Creek. Jug Handle State Reserve contains another pygmy forest and a hike through five distinct marine terrace layers creating an "ecological staircase".



Jim Stilwell photo

Another fascinating trip awaits those who head to Mendocino Headlands State Park. The view from the coast is spectacular and the charm of this preserved coastal town at times makes you swear you had stepped through a "transporter" to coastal New England. Most of the *Murder She Wrote* episodes were filmed here. The Ford House provides historic information and is run by Mendocino Area Parks Association, and State Parks staff and volunteers. The inland side of the park along the newly acquired 7334



Press Democrat photo

acres of the Big River watershed affords a unique opportunity to travel up an 8-mile estuary trimmed with towering redwoods.

Point Cabrillo Light Station has been recently added to the District and showcases what a Lighthouse and Lightkeepers' residences looked like in the middle 1930s. The unit is open on a limited basis through the efforts of the Point Cabrillo Light Keepers Association which is also involved in a \$4 million effort to restore the buildings. The unit is surrounded by a 300-acre bluff headlands preserve with trails established to give grand views of the ocean. (This is the lighthouse in the film "The Majestic").

The northern-most parks along the Mendocino Coast are MacKerricher and Westport-Union Landing; and like the others, both are heavily used in summer. Both offer spectacular



Sally Malby, Docent Coordinator and Rick Miller, Docent.



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views of the coast, and MacKerricher has the added offering of a freshwater lake adjacent to the ocean. For a real hoot, you can rent a horse and ride along the surf at MacKerricher, or simply sit back and paint the landscape spread out around you.

Though the beauty of the coast is breathtaking, several Mendocino State Parks are well inland and provide a retreat among the deep shadows of age-old coastal redwoods. When coastal fogs predominate, these inland parks offer a sunny getaway for locals as well as tourists. Hendy Woods State Park, near Philo, offers overnight camping, with restrooms and showers along the Navarro River. More day-use and primitive camping activities can be found along the 14 miles of Navarro River Redwoods State Park as you follow Highway 128 from Navarro to Highway One. If the woods are too much for you, keep heading south on Highway One and visit Navarro Beach, Greenwood Creek State Beach or Manchester State Park. All have magnificent coastal access with primitive day-use facilities.

Mendocino Woodlands State Park operates through the concession operator, Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association. They offer cabins and tent cabins and the use of rustic dining halls and recreation halls for conferences, retreats, and seminars in facilities constructed by the CCC and WPA during the Great Depression.

*Here are a few special highlights of what have we been doing recently to manage these gems of the State Park System:*

### **MacKerricher Haul Road Trail**

It has been a long "Haul" these past years to make a revitalized trail connecting Fort Bragg with the MacKerricher State Park coastline. In July 2003 the State Legislature will consider approving a project to repair

the Pudding Creek Trestle with State bond funds. Soon, we will begin the design phase in order to be ready to construct in approximately late 2003. This all relies heavily on potential funding being approved by the legislature and the Governor out of money from Proposition 40.

What remains is to move forward with environmental studies and a management plan that incorporates habitat restoration, endangered species management and protection, and appropriate access in the Ingle-nook Fen Ten-Mile Dunes Preserve. Since the dune complex is protected as a preserve, trail access will likely be minimal and not the traditional paved road surface found on the remainder of the Coastal Trail.

### **Big River Unit Acquisition and Restoration**

On September 28, Mendocino District celebrated the acquisition and protection of 7,334 acres in the lower Big River watershed. The acquisition was literally one that started with local grassroots opposition to proposed logging along the lower Big River. As was felt and heard during the celebration, the outcome was a culmination of many community, political, agency, environmental, and business partners coming together to achieve a common goal...that of acquiring and protecting a magnificent piece of coastal land.

By supporting and accepting the acquisition, the District agreed that the Big River property simply had to be part of the State Park system, despite the current hiring freeze and budget shortfalls. But we also recognized that the obligations and expectations associated with managing this property would be tremendous. (For more on Big River, see .5)

### **Parks & PALS**

In our effort to increase positive community connections and to

maintain State Parks relevancy in the face of changing demographics, we joined with the Coast Police Activities League (PAL) to sponsor some fun activities for local children. In May, rangers took kids from local schools on canoe trips in the Big River estuary. Most of these children had never been canoeing before, and everyone had a great time. That same month



*Photo by Ron Munson*  
Ranger Terry Kiser and friend

MacKerricher State Park hosted the First Annual Fishing Derby at Lake Cleone.

Building friendships in the community is more than satisfying strategic initiatives or about nurturing future park bond voters. It is about perceiv-



ing uniformed officials as real, helpful and caring people, and not just fun-busters who continually restrict personal freedoms. It is also about subtly instilling the fundamental park values that we, as park employees, all cherish and perhaps take for granted.

### **Western Snowy Plover Protection**

The District recently began to implement new policies and

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restrictions on state beaches as part of an expanding effort to protect the Western Snowy Plover, a sparrow-sized, pale-colored shorebird listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. Plover nests and eggs are well camouflaged, making it easy for beach visitors to inadvertently disturb or destroy nests and eggs, and the birds are easily scared off nests by predators like dogs.

Changes within the Mendocino District State Parks included prohibiting dogs north of Inglenook Creek all the way to the Ten-Mile River, and prohibiting dogs within 200 yards north of Virgin Creek. Western Snowy Plover nesting areas in the District continue to be monitored and temporary informational and warning signs have been put up alerting beach goers to the sensitive nature of the area.

Protection measures also affect equestrian use, and at MacKerricher State Park's Inglenook Fen Ten-Mile Dune Preserve (see "Restoring the Dunes, p.7), where plover nesting occurs horses are restricted to riding in the wet sand areas only.

## Mendocino High School's School of Natural Resources (SONAR)

The School of Natural Resources (SONAR) is a newly created and innovative environmental education program at the Mendocino High School. The goal of SONAR is to provide an opportunity for students to gain knowledge about whole systems in their local environment.

So far, the students and their instructors have worked with the California Department of Fish and Game to collect in-stream data on large woody debris within Little River, in Van Damme State Park. Students have also continued to collect information on the intertidal species of the headlands.



## Little River Bridges

by Peter Braudrick  
Maintenance Chief, Mendocino Dist.

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed 9 low water fords to provide access up Fern Canyon on Little River, in Van Damme SP, to the campground 2 miles inland. One of the fords was removed in the early 1990s and 7 others had their center portions removed to improve fish access. Steel plates were installed to provide hikers' access across the low water fords, but they were slippery when wet and had to be removed. Short wooden bridges were constructed, which had to be removed for the winter. Sometimes, during sudden storms, they were washed downstream. To solve these access problems on the Fern Canyon trail, funding was provided through the park infrastructure program.

was completed by CCC with the assistance of Mendocino District staff. The results are seven 40-ft long glue laminated arched foot bridges. Abutments were encased in rock, mimicking the existing Civilian Conservation Corps work. The bridges were designed to be above a 100-year flood event.

*Assembling and completing the seven footbridges in Van Damme Canyon was nothing short of a magical experience.*

Throughout my career I have never had the chance to manipulate 40-foot, 2,500 pound beams over a mile of narrow winding trail; and in the process have a giant blue heron soar over my head navigating itself through as well. It was exhilarating!

The process itself was fulfilling, but the actual completion meant the most. The bridges blend in with the forest and you get the impression you are in



Photo by Tamra Whitney

In 2000, design and planning was done by the Technical Services staff for Mendocino District. An interagency agreement was signed between DPR and the California Conservation Corps. Work began in the canyon during the winter of 2001-02. In November, the project

a fairy tale of some sort. I'm confident that we will be walking those bridges in 40 years and that gives me a feeling of pride, leaving my mark here in Mendocino.

by Matt Liebenberg, Trail Crew

## Big River Acquisition

By  
Douglas Seekatz  
Supervising Ranger

Every now and then, California State Parks acquires a piece of property that is worthy of state and national attention. Such was the

case, on July 1, 2002, when the Big River property transferred to State Parks.

The Big River acquisition is 7,334 acres, with 50 miles of Big River and its tributaries. It includes the entire tidal estuary and 12 miles of prime salmon spawning gravels. There are 1,500 acres of wetlands providing habitat for endangered and threatened species. The Big River property is connected to Van Damme State Park on the south, and Jackson State Forest and Russian Gulch State Park to the north. This creates 60,000 acres of connected wildlife corridors and potential trail system. This truly is a significant acquisition.

The Big River property was acquired from the Hawthorne Timber Company, LLC for almost \$26,000,000. Twenty million was raised from public agencies and six million from private donations. The Mendocino Land Trust acted as the lead organization in the fund raising effort.

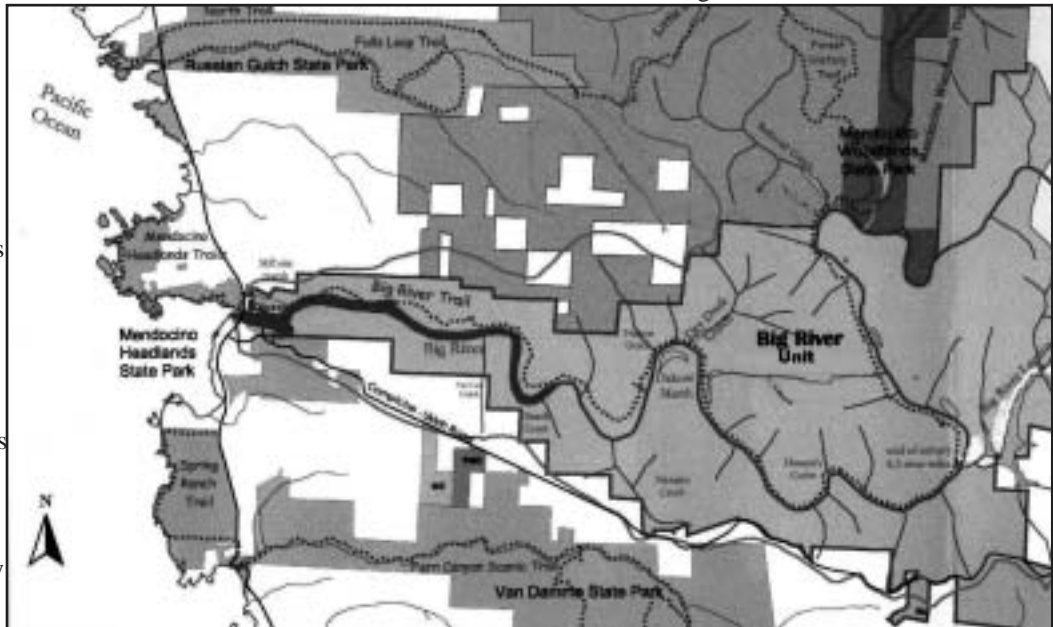
The fact that this property was owned by a timber company means

that it has a large network of old logging roads. This is both good and bad. Many of the old roads need to be eliminated, while others are a ready made trail system that can accommodate hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use. In fact the property has been used for these purposes for many years by the locals (gates... what gates? I didn't see any stinkin' gates).

That's the good news. Now for the bad. None of the operating budget or

volunteer equestrian and mountain bike patrol. With the current budget crisis, this may be the only way we have of dealing with some of our problems for the near future. Fortunately, there is very strong community support for the Big River acquisition and the Stewards of Big River.

I urge anyone who can do it, to come to Mendocino and check out the Big River acquisition. There are 8.3 miles of river that are great for canoeing or kayaking, and I can't even tell you how many miles of hiking trails/roads.



*Mendocino Land Trust map*

staff has been forthcoming for this new acquisition. This creates a serious problem for the park staff, who have no resources to deal with the current problems on the Big River property. There are some serious resource problems--erosion, slides, road failures--and some law enforcement problems, the most serious being off road vehicle use. To deal with these problems, the Mendocino Land Trust is cooperating with State Park staff to create a volunteer group called Stewards of Big River. This group will work on resource restoration projects and will include a



*Big River Coast Police Activities League  
Canoe Day*

*Ron Munson photo*



## INGLENOOK-FEN TEN MILE DUNES

# RESTORING THE DUNES

by Renée Pasquinelli >  
Sr. State Park Resource Ecologist

The Inglebrook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve encompasses nearly 1,300 acres of coastal dunes within MacKerricher State Park that extend from Ward Avenue north to the Ten Mile River. As defined in the Public Resources Code, "Natural preserves consist of distinct areas of outstanding natural or scientific significance established within the boundaries of other state park system units. The purpose of natural preserves shall be to preserve such features as rare or endangered plant and animal species and their supporting ecosystem,..." The Ten Mile Dunes complex, which includes Inglebrook Fen, is a natural heritage treasure of statewide significance. It is comprised of a unique, relatively pristine native dune and wetland ecosystem that supports three federally and state listed species (Western Snowy Plover, *Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*, Menzies' wallflower, *Erysimum menziesii* spp. *menziesii*, and Howell's spineflower, *Chorizanthe howellii*), and numerous other special status plants. *Chorizanthe howellii* is found no where else in the world but in the dune systems in and around MacKerricher State Park. The Inglebrook Fen, an ecological intermediate between a bog and a marsh, is the only known remaining coastal fen in California.

One of the major threats to the Ten Mile Dunes ecosystem is the highly invasive European beachgrass, *Ammophila arenaria*. European beachgrass first became established in the dunes near the



mouth of the Ten Mile River sometime in the 1960's and 1970's. Since then, it has spread southward throughout the foredunes, and in places, eastward into the hinddune. The establishment of European beachgrass in the dunes alters

*The Ten Mile Dunes complex, which includes Inglebrook Fen, is a natural heritage treasure of statewide significance.*

the naturally dynamic processes of sand movement and displaces habitat of the native species. The dense grass creates a nearly impenetrable barrier, which traps sand that is blown inward from the beach. As the sand covers

the clumps of beachgrass, shoot elongation is stimulated, thus building the height of the foredune and further blocking the natural movement of sand. A recently published book, titled *Ecology and Restoration of Northern California Coastal Dunes* (Pickart, Andrea and John Sawyer 1998), states: "One of the highest conservation priorities that emerges from this review of northern California dunes is the control or eradication of European beachgrass at Ten Mile dunes. These dunes, already under conservation ownership, are in a relatively early stage of invasion by European beachgrass. In particular, the portion of MacKerricher State Park south of Inglebrook Fen would be relatively inexpensive to restore, if restoration were to begin immediately. Considering the history of spread of European beachgrass on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay (Buell et. al. 1995), we believe that there is a narrow window of opportunity at MacKerricher before this management challenge becomes extremely difficult and costly".

The native dune species have evolved over time and are adapted to a relatively open, dynamic

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*Using shovels to pull non-native beach grass. L to R: Louis Reynolds, Sr. Park Aide, Seth Tsujimura, Sr. Park Aide, Osha Reynolds, Park Aide, Clara Sander, Park Aide, and Jessica Flood, Park Aid.*

*Photos by Bill Maslach, Asso. Ecologist*

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sandy environment. The western snowy plover is particularly dependent upon the open sand for nesting habitat. Snowy plovers build their simple nests in depressions in the sand and require unobstructed views so that they can watch for predators. Where European beachgrass covers the foredune, there is relatively little area remaining between the wave washed beach and suitable drier sand in which plovers can nest. Even if suitable habitat exists inland from the European beachgrass covered foredunes, survival for the flightless fledglings is still a problem. For the first few months of life, the young must walk to feeding areas along the beach. For a small plover, passing through a foredune of dense, tall grass can be an impossible feat. A plover report that was produced for State Parks reads: "Suitable habitat south of the mouth of the Ten Mile River and marginally suitable habitat west of Inglenook Fen is threatened by further encroachment of European beachgrass and the resulting stabilization and heightening of the foredunes. The presence of the haul road could also promote dune stabilization in these areas by altering the natural dune processes. Beachgrass has already reduced the amount of suitable habitat in both areas and the habitat adjacent to Inglenook Fen is currently isolated from the beach by the beachgrass barrier. Removal of the beachgrass from these areas would increase the size and quality of potential nesting habitat. Removal of the haul road or realigning the haul road further inland could potentially improve the quality of habitat in these areas as well."



*Photo by Andi Picard*

*"For a small [Snowy] plover, passing through a fore dune of dense, tall grass can be an impossible feat."*

(Edson, Leo J. 1998).

Until recently, very little funding had been available to remove these weedy plants and restore the dunes. Gratefully, State Parks received donations a few years ago through the State Park Ethical Strategies program for dune restoration in the southern half of the park, and some very generous local volunteers have helped to maintain these areas.

Enthusiastic volunteers from Americorps, and a distinguished member of the California Native

Plant Society, have helped to remove European beachgrass plants at the northern end of the dunes.

In 1999, the European beachgrass removal program finally began to receive substantial funding. Through the efforts of State Park Ecologists, a Department of Fish and Game Plant Ecologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service Biologists, and many others who wrote letters of support, large sums of money were identified and approved for the program. The funding sources were: Section 6 of the Federal Endangered Species Act, the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program of CalTrans, and the Park Department's Deferred Maintenance Program. A massive effort to restore the dunes began in the winter of 1999-2000.

To date, European beachgrass has been removed from approximately one mile of foredune habitat, but there is still a long ways to go. Resource Management Division has clearly recognized the importance of completing the dune restoration and has supported a proposed Major Capitol Outlay project to accomplish this goal. However, the proposal was not included in the 03/04 budget, and given the



*Louis Reynolds, Senior Park Aide*



# CANOE PROGRAM'S 1,000TH PARK VISITOR

By Kevin Joe, Ranger

*On Monday July 19th, 2001, the Navarro River Redwoods State Park interpretive canoe program took the 1,000th park visitor canoeing on the Navarro River. Walking Bear, age 42, from Contra Costa was the lucky visitor.*

Myself and the other six park visitors celebrated on the water with sparkling apple cider and cookies and presented a commemorative award—a miniature canoe paddle inscribed “1,000th visitor”—to Bear.



*Ranger Kevin Joe presents a miniature canoe paddle inscribed “1,000th visitor” to Walking Bear, from Contra Costa.*

I have been offering the two-hour interpretive canoe programs since 1995, soon after State Parks took over operating Navarro Beach from the now defunct Mendocino County Parks. I felt that the river offered a wonderful recreational opportunity as well as a unique way to educate the public about the great variety of plants and animals that depend on the river. Visitors also learn about the once thriving lumber mill and town that was at the mouth of the river over 100 years ago. During a typical morning or evening trip there’s a chance to see ospreys diving for fish, redbill hawks, kingfishers, herons, river otters, harbor seals, deer and a variety of flowering plants.

No experience is needed, all equipment is provided and some easy to follow canoeing tips are given before groups go out on the water.

I’m surprised at the number of people who have never been in a canoe before. We get a variety of ages [the minimum age to participate is six]. We’ve had three generations of family members in a canoe many times.

Local scouts, 4-H groups, home-school families and the Mendocino Academy along with an inner-city

church group from Richmond—many of their kids have never seen the ocean or been out of the Bay Area before—have taken advantage of the park canoe program.

The canoe program purchased all the equipment (trailer, canoes, paddles, lifejackets) with generous donations from local organizations and businesses: North Greenwood Community Association, Catch A Canoe & Bicycles Too, Harvest Market, Navarro Canoe Co., Kiwanis Club of Fort Bragg, Navarro Vineyards, Roederer U.S., Greenwood Ridge Vineyards, and the Mendocino Area Parks Association. The San Francisco firm of Johnson & Higgins of California and their employees also played a major role in the initial fundraising.

The program runs from May through September and there is a suggested donation of \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family, to help with equipment repairs and upgrades. I try to make the program as affordable as possible and always tell people that if they can’t afford a donation that it’s OK and I’d rather they not miss out on the opportunity to experience the natural beauty of the Navarro River. Many visitors happily make contributions beyond the suggested donation.

Fliers are posted at Navarro Beach, Paul Dimmick Campground, Hendy Woods State Park, Greenwood State Beach Visitor Center and at Manchester State Park Campground. If you would like to join us, call 707- 937-5804.

Ranger Kevin Joe is the CSPRA representative for the Mendocino District. See contact information on page 15.



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## TREE

by Janet Carle

Sierra District Ranger/WAVE Editor

The tallest tree in the world is a Coast Redwood in Northern California. That much we know. However, the honor of being "tallest" has been passed around quite a bit lately. For many years, Redwood National Park had the tree, named "Tall Tree", located along upper Prairie Creek and measuring 367.8 feet. "So many people have stood on the base of the tree that the ground is hard packed", Humboldt State botany professor Steve Sillett told the Associated Press in the late 1990's. "By the 1970s, 10 to 15 feet of the tree's top was dead and dying. By the 1990s, 10 feet of its top had fallen away".

Professor Sillett has been instrumental in spotting and measuring tall trees. In fact, the "Tall Tree" took the title away from the "Founder's Tree" on Dyerville Flat in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, which was considered tallest for many years. The "Mendocino Tree", located in Montgomery Woods State Reserve



Ranger Karl Poppelreiter with a school group at Montgomery Woods SR. Photo by Kevin Joe

near Ukiah, was measured by Sillett at 367.5 feet. Learning from the fate of the "Tall Tree", no signs or arrows indicated which tree was the champ.

The "Mendocino Tree" did not rule for long, however. The current tallest tree is the "Stratosphere Giant" which, at 369.5 feet, seems to have been the tallest all along. The "Giant" is located in the Rockefeller Forest of Humboldt Redwoods SP. Where exactly? That is a well-kept secret. The good news? All of these trees have been on protected parkland.

Visitors seem to have a fascination with the biggest of the big and the tallest of the tall. Ranger **Kathie Kinzie** agreed with the words of **Karl Poppelreiter**, her predecessor at Montgomery Woods SR, "The Mendocino Tree really doesn't stand out among the rest. The significance of this particular tree is that it's part of a grove with a large number of tall trees. This is a wonderful place to come and enjoy creation. There's no place as lush and beautiful and enjoyable as a redwood forest".

Thanks to **Greg Picard**, **Kathie Kinzie**, and **Emily Peterson** for help with this article.

## MENDOCINO NAMES

by Ron Munson

Mendocino District Chief Ranger

From the mid 1500s, Spanish galleons plied the northern California coast in pursuit of trade in the Phillipine Islands. For close to 300 years a number of Spanish explorers sighted, but never set foot on a coastline often enshrouded in fog and characterized by heavily forested mountains, high cliffs, treacherous shores, and steep-sided ravines cut by swift streams. Historical records indicate that in 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo and his pilot, Bartolomi Ferrelo, while seeking to map the northern coast and to find a suitable port for servicing the Manila galleons, reached 40deg26' north latitude. They named the point Cape Mendocino in honor of the Viceroy of Mexico and Cabrillo's patron, Antonio de Mendoza.

Fort Bragg was established in 1857 as a military garrison to "oversee the Indian problem". The Mendocino Indian Reservation was created on lands from Noyo River to Ten Mile River, and inland to the first ridge. White settlers were exterminating the Pomo and North Coast Yuki populations either through deliberate murder, kidnapping of children for the slave trade, rampant alcoholism and prostitution, or through inadvertent exposure to diseases to which the Native Americans had no resistance.

Ten years later the few Indians who remained were herded off to the Round Valley Reservation in Covelo. The Mendocino Reservation was disbanded and the lands sold off for white settlement.

Duncan MacKerricher, a Canadian immigrant of Scottish ancestry who had arrived on the Mendocino coast in 1864, (travelling across Panama

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with his new bride in the midst of the Civil War) worked for a few years in dairy production on the reservation. When the land came on the market, MacKerricher initially purchased 930 acres around Laguna Creek for \$1.25 an acre. He was eventually to gain title to more than 1280 acres, on which he raised cattle, hogs, hay and draft horses.

MacKerricher sold off some parcels of land to other settlers, who developed the village of Laguna. In 1883, the US Postal Service opened a post office there, naming it "Kanuk" (a derogatory term for French Canadians). MacKerricher's wife prevailed on the Postal Service to have the name changed to Cleone, a Greek word meaning "gracious and beautiful".

Also in 1883, a wharf and chute was built out on Laguna Point, from which lumber was loaded onto doghole schooners. Remnants of the landing,



bollard hooks on the off-shore rocks and pilings for the gravity fed rail line delivering lumber across the lagoon to the point can still be seen today.

Heirs of the MacKerricher family sold 205 acres to the State Park System, opening these lands to public access in 1952. The park currently encompasses 2,473 acres, all of which were part of the Mendocino Indian Reservation. Approximately 1 million visitors come to the park each year.

We'll see you at Lake Tahoe,  
March 31 to April 2, at the  
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## BOARD MEETING

CSPRA Board Meeting  
January 13, 2003  
1030 hrs  
Prairie City SVRA

**Attendance:** Kevin Buchanan, Angie Nowicki, Val Bradshaw, Hailee Zaldivar, Monica Miller, Bud Getty, Gar Salzgeber

### **Governmental Advocates Inc.**

**Report** (New Business handled first so Monica could attend): Monica requests thoughts from CSPRA members. Think outside the box. Legislature wants to keep state parks going. Website available for CSPRA to get update information from the legislature: [www.governmentaladvocates.com](http://www.governmentaladvocates.com). At client services box user is CSPRA password is 1005. Click on 'login' don't hit 'enter'. Long-term fixes need experience for ideas. Possible legislative change is the 2/3% of vote for passage. Possible to put passage of the budget out to the voters. Looking for funding outside general fund. Discussion from Val about gas tax etc. funds going to State Parks. The status of the current budget is still unknown.

Bud Getty discussed the possibility of 'Corporate America' helping to balance the budget. Per Monica Miller, the current battle is tax increases versus cuts in the budget.

The board discussed the issue of what does the title 'Ranger' mean outside the department. Monica Miller will write a letter about CSPRA, what it is, and what the rangers are and do.

Angie will provide a letter on CSPRA letterhead to Monica Miller about the tasks that rangers do.

The board will have Jeff Price add the legislature link to the CSPRA website. Kevin will put information together for Jeff Price.

The board discussed using the ranger reflector to communicate with the ranger staff. Val discussed addressing the PMC/PMS groups also.

**Board Elections:** The ballots have been mailed out. The board discussed including the board election process at the convention and on the website. The board discussed looking at the board dynamics and how we can design the best set up.

**October Minutes:** Amended to include Geary Hund not present. Hailee moved to approve the minutes, Angie seconded, minutes approved.

### **Financial Report/Manager**

**Report:** Board discussed the need to move funds to increase the budget for Contractor. Board will discuss further at the GEC to move funds. Kim Baker has Cooperative Association list. Board discussed advertising on the website and in the Wave. Further discussion will be held on ideas for advertisements and sponsors. Ad sizes will range from \$25.00 to \$100.00. CSPRA needs to have members look for local sponsors. Bud discussed corporate members, i.e. HP and Dell. The board discussed a constitutional change to increase the CSPRA dues.

**Board Reports:** Bud Getty presented Kate Foley with her CSPRA plaque at her retirement party. Bud discussed threats to Henry Coe regarding future dam construction. Bud will follow up with the issue on behalf of CSPRA. Bud won't be at the conference. He will be attending the International Ranger Conference in Australia.

Geary Hund will follow up later with an email regarding the burrowing owl issue

Kevin Buchanan presented Don LaKatos with a CSPRA plaque at his retirement party.

Val presented the board with a copy of the current projections for the DPR budget. The total cuts are \$15 million.

**2003 Conference:** Packets are being mailed out. If members inquire remind them that they can download a registration packet off the website. SPPOAC has been working with

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CSPRA putting together the law enforcement track.

Janet Carle asked about reimbursement for the CSPRA conference. The board agreed to reimburse her for the registration fees only. Val Bradshaw moved to reimburse for registration fees only, Angie seconded and board approved.

**Maintenance Supervisors Association:** No new information from Val. Still waiting for confirmation of funds transfer.

**Honorary Ranger:** Letter submitted by John Kolb to nominate Susan Smartt. Kevin will contact Greg Hayes for approval and will contact Roy Stearns for a PSA. Angie will get measurements for her hat. Val moved to approve Susan Smartt, Bud seconded and board approved.

**Organizational Grant Committee:** Kevin has not heard from Paula Peterson yet. Kevin will contact Ron Brean to see if he will assist. A fact-finding committee needs to be established. Board discussed possibility of students assisting in writing the grants. The board discussed the funding of a full time position for the grant committee.

**Crystal Cove/El Morro Trailer Park** AB2190 beat. A lawsuit has been filed. Kevin will sign a letter from CSPRA in support. Bud suggested pro bono support from attorney to mention support in the Wave. Kevin will contact Claire on the Amicus Brief. Bud moved to sign on the Amicus Brief, Hailee seconded and the board approved.

**SPPOAC:** Sal could not attend meeting. There is solidarity between SPPOAC and CSPRA. Discussion about hiring a lobbying firm was not a potential due to conflict with Monica Miller.

**Park Advocacy and Awareness Day:** Training dates not set. Will include public safety, education and resource management. The board will attempt to recruit 20 CSPRA members, SPPOAC will do the same. Training will be required. Request was made to have CSPRA pay for cost of mailing

information and donating money towards the reception. Board said that email would be more cost effective (especially using the reflector). A vote was proposed to donate \$250.00 to the Parks Foundation for the reception at the Parks Awareness and Advocacy Day. Angie moved to approve, Bud seconded and the board approved.

**Organizational Accounts:** Carol Nelson submitted a letter about creating an account to assist with traumatic incidents with DPR employees. The board wanted more specific information on what type of employees would be included, and what type of event. Kevin provided information from Golden One to set up a suffix 1 account. Anyone can donate into the account. The issue was tabled until the meeting in Tahoe. Angie will discuss the issue with Sal Goshorn, Val will contact Carol.

**Constitutional Changes:** The board discussed changing the constitution for the Secretary/Treasurer position. The verbiage should be that the position works with the Office Manager and takes minutes at board meetings.

Discussion to change constitution regarding PRAC to exchange representatives at each organization's

board meeting as a non-voting board member. Need to check PRAC language and will have further discussion at the GEC.

**2004 Park Conference:** Board discussed the Anaheim location, the Central Coast (Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo). The board did not want to look into the Anaheim location. Gar will follow up in Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. Bud will follow up with Santa Maria. The board discussed putting a suggestion box up at the conference in Tahoe for the members to give their input for the 2005 conference.

**Next meeting** will be the GEC at the conference. The board will meet on the 30<sup>th</sup> at Harvey's at 9:00am. Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

## ELECTION RESULTS

February 7, 2003, 158 ballots

**President Elect** (Select One)

**Valerie Bradshaw** 151

Write in: Jeff Price 1; Ron Brean 1;

Michael Gross 1; Ron Callison 1

**Secretary/Treasurer** (Select One)

**Angy Nowicki** 150

Write in: Michael Fehling 1

**Director** (Select Two)

**Ron Brean** 117; **Joe Rodgers** 82;

Darren Cooke 60; Tyson Butzke 41

Write in: Brad Keitzman 1

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## PARKS IN THE NEWS

*DUNES, continued from page 8*  
current fiscal crisis, it is uncertain when such a project will be approved. With the proposed reorganization, it is also doubtful that there will be adequate staff to manage the program.

Restoration of the Inglenook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve is a critical program in need of funding, with several endangered species at stake. We are quickly losing populations of the western snowy plover throughout the State, and habitat loss has been identified as one of the main contributing factors. Along the Ten Mile Beach, we observed first-hand how crucial it is for the plovers to have open areas, not just for nesting, but also for areas to retreat to when the winter storms bring crashing waves over the beach. While conducting the winter surveys, an Environmental Services Intern was dismayed to report that she no longer saw the plovers after major storms. Upon closer examination, we were delighted to find that about 15 plovers had taken refuge farther up in the foredune where we had recently removed the beachgrass. Not only is restoration and protection of the Natural Preserve mandated by government regulations, but the Ten Mile Dunes and the Inglenook Fen are highly worthy of preservation...for their precious natural values, like the snowy plovers, and their distinction as a unique part of our state's natural heritage.

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1998. Western Snowy Plover Surveys and Habitat Assessment for the MacKerricher Coastal Trail Project (unpublished report written under Contract PCU 0909 for the California Department of General Services).

## LETTER from Supervising Ranger Sharon Galligan

*(Sharon was shot in the knee at Henry Cowell SP on December 10 while contacting an illegal camper):*

I really appreciate that this is a broader way to reach park people. I've had such overwhelmingly broad support from the whole 'park family'. I don't think there's one department or section within the greater Department that hasn't sent me a card with best wishes in it. I would love for these people to know that their words and best wishes are so meaningful to me. I have also received many cards from across the nation and several from NPS rangers who heard about the event one way or another. I have also received a very thoughtful letter signed by Gov. Gray Davis and another from Donald Murphy. I never really felt a part of a "park family" before this happened but I sure do now!!!

My recovery is going well at this point. I started physical therapy and I'll be going three days a week for at least a month, then back to see my surgeon for his opinion on whether I may need more surgery to remove some renegade bone fragments. Currently I can bend my leg 34 degrees (with a lot of effort) so time will tell.

My spirits are still high. Emotionally I am going through all the 'normal' stuff that goes with being shot. I am very lucky to have an expert in post traumatic stress as it relates to police shootings helping me through this part.

David Melberg's court date has been continued until February 19th. His lawyer needs more time to prepare. Apparently he also has charges pending in Sacramento, Siskiyou, and Shasta counties that have to be taken into consideration.

Please feel free to email me at this address --- sgalligan@parks.ca.gov . Thanks again. Stay safe.

## PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM IN CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

### Membership

To join CSPRA, mail this application to: P.O. Box 247, Carpinteria, CA 93014-0247

For all except "Active" member payroll deduction, please include check for 1 year's dues.

Name

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Job Classification

Social Security #

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Phone: Home

District, Section, or Park:

Membership type (Circle one):

Active \$8/month

Active Retired \$18/year

Supporting \$36/year

Organization \$50/year

Benefactor \$1,000/life

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.  
Send to: CSPRA, P.O. Box 247, Carpinteria, CA 93014-0247

Signature

Date



## THE OFFICE MANAGER'S MAILBAG



*Gar Salzgeber, Office Manager*

### Correspondence

Getting personnel notes from our retired members about what they're doing with their lives warms the cockles of my heart and sends chills of joy up my spine. I hope everybody else enjoys them as much.

**Ross Henry** writes: Kay and I are doing fine. We see a lot of the Graeagle Park Retirees. **Dick Troy** and **Joe Engbeck** will be down the first of January for a week of golf and frivolity. By "down," I mean to Indio where Kay and I winter.

**Bill Marshall** writes: I have been busy since April on projects connected with the Paradise Art Center. In June of 2001 I was elected to the Board of Directors for a 2 year term. Then, by vote of the other 4 Directors, I was made Secretary, this along with my other work of making repairs to our 80+ year old building.

Sylva has been a member of PAC for over 17 years. Through her I began making small repairs – then big repairs. She has developed into an excellent artist – her business card is enclosed.

Last March it was decided to place a mural on our south wall. A group of the ladies designed a mural covering 14 – 4x8 panels. You know who then put them up on the wall – me! The mural is 32' wide, 14' high on the left half and 10' high on the right half. I have enclosed a photo of the finished

project. (If we ever upgrade to color printing, we'll be able to print the great photos members send – Gar).

Besides that, we took a trip by our new Avalanche through Oregon, Idaho (twice), Montana, Yellowstone/Jackson Hole, Wyoming – Colorado to see Sylvia's sister in Colorado Springs, Utah and Nevada on the way home. Close to 5,000 miles.

While in Yellowstone, we were rewarded by being able to see one of the wolves cross the road in front of us. Also the usual Buffalo, Elk, Moose and other wildlife. We saw our first Grizzly with 2 cubs twice while they were running themselves outside their den.

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**HELP!!!** We are looking for the following members who have changed addresses and have no forwarding address. They are: **Gregory Probst, Barbara Escobar, Brian Robertson, Katie Metraus, Cynthia Spencer, Eric Hjelstrom, Eric Carter, JoAnn Traylor, Steven Fisher, Stephen Michel, Emily Peterson, David Strawn, Pedro Gomez, Cameron Morrison, Edward Navarro, Robert Birkland, Stephen Lester, Lisa Bradford, Bedelia Sanford, and Roy Flatt.** Please send address changes to me at the address below.

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**Do you know someone who is retiring?**  
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**Want a CSPRA scholarship? Contact Fred Jee at (760) 767-3674.**

### Denzil Verardo receives prestigious award

Chief Deputy Director and CSPRA member **Denzil Verardo** has been awarded the prestigious George Wright Society (GWS) Cultural Resources Management Award. The GWS is dedicated to the protection, preservation and management of cultural and natural parks and reserves through research and education, and are sponsors of the largest interdisciplinary conference on protected areas in the United States. The GWS Cultural Resources Management Award is given every two years to an individual in the United States whose career exemplifies excellence and achievement in the cultural resources area. Denzil is the first state park employee to receive this national recognition. The award will be presented at the GWS Biennial Conference in San Diego in April which is being held concurrently with the National Park Service's Cultural Resources 2003 Conference. Denzil is a Past President of CSPRA and served for ten years on the Board of Directors. Denzil has announced he will retire in May, 2003.

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### WHO'S NEXT?

As you all know, the Department is in the midst of a major re-organization of Districts. For each issue of the *WAVE*, we are planning to focus on a geographical area, along the lines of the current "sectors." This will allow us to look at a manageable number of park units each time. Next up is the Mojave Sector of the current Angeles District. It's about time I got to Providence Mountains! My thanks to the staff of the Mendocino District for all their help with this issue. Please pass the newsletter on to a co-worker--more CSPRA members are always welcome. Hope to see you all at the Tahoe conference! *Janet Carle, Editor*



## 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:

Wrong number operator.  
*I am a lot more concerned about  
flying since 4-11.*

That's nuts!  
*Don't trust her, she's as crazy as a  
fruitcake.*

Bang, bang.  
*I think the whole crew deserves  
credit for doing a knock-up job.*

I object; protest; demur; oppose!  
*This meeting will follow Roget's  
Rules of Order or we are adjourned.*

Break the ice.  
*We are on some pretty thin ground  
trying to keep this a secret.*

Sweeping statement.  
*We can finally see the light at the  
end of the rainbow on this broom  
eradication project.*

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### Statistics on the new Cadet class; 41 began basic training on January 11:

Age Range - 22 to 54 years  
Age 22-30 - 44%; 31-40 - 34%;  
41-50 - 17%; 51-54 - 5%  
Average Age - 33.49 years

Female - 22%  
Prior DPR Experience - 31.7%  
Avg. Time w DPR - 3.6 years  
Currently Married - 48.8%

College, BS/BA - 61%  
College, AS/AA - 12%  
No Degree - 27%



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