

# DVOC Abstracts of Proceedings 2010

Robert Horton

## January 7, 2010

Thirty-six members and one guest were present.

The following Officers and Councilors were elected.

**Officers** (to serve 1-year terms):

*President:* Frank Windfelder

*Vice President:* Art McMorris

*Secretary:* Bob Horton

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

**Councilors at Large** (to serve 3-year terms):

Marty Dellwo

Todd Fellenbaum

Colin thanked Jeff Holt and Steve Kacir for the service as Councilors and also thanked Paul Guris for his service as President. Frank Windfelder took over his position as President. He thanked Paul Guris for his service and Anita Guris for her support for Paul. Frank appointed Jeff Holt to fill the remainder of Bob Horton's Councilor position. He also announced that Council has approved Dave Long to be the Editor for the club, which includes a position on Council. Dave will also be the editor of the *Cassinia*. Frank announced that the following members had been nominated by Council as Fellows of the club: Todd Fellenbaum, Ed Finkel, George Armistead, Sandra Keller and Phil Witmer. Frank asked for a vote of the membership and all nominees received affirmative votes from the membership. Frank announced that Debbie Beer has resigned as the Chair of the Conservation Committee, but will continue as a member of the committee. Frank thanked her for her services. Frank appointed Phil Witmer as the new chair of this committee.

**Witmer Stone Committee:** Linda Rowan mentioned the letter sent by the Cape May Bird Observatory to the Cape May State Park endorsing the DVOC effort to reestablish the Witmer Stone Wildlife Sanctuary. The club is raising funds to purchase signs for this sanctuary. Samples of the signs are on the website. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Membership:** Connie Goldman introduced Steve Mattan, who recently joined the club.

**Trustees' Report:** The trustees are Chris Walters, Hart Rufe and Paul Guris. Chris Walters presented the Annual Trustees' Report to the members and answered several questions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bert Filemyr presented the Annual Treasurer's Report to the members and answered several questions pertaining to the conservation funds and the NB4NB funds.

**Main Program:** Debbie Beer and Art McMorris presented the reports from the Christmas Bird Counts from our area. Members were also called on to report on their findings during the counts. A summary will be posted on the club website.

## January 21, 2010

Forty members and five guests were present. President Frank Windfelder announced the appointment of Win Shafer as the Field Trip Committee Chairman. Bob Horton and Marty Dellwo will continue as members of the committee.

**Witmer Stone Committee:** Linda Rowan thanked all those that have contributed to the Witmer Stone Wildlife Sanctuary Fund. They have raised over \$1000.

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced four member applicants, Lauren and Steve Huber, Tom Smith and the Upper Main Line YMCA.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced that the committee was seeking recommendations from the members as to what group the 2010 conservation funds should be donated.

Phil also asked members to contact their Congressional Representative to encourage them to address climate change.

Frank Windfelder announced a memorial service to be held for John LaVia, past President and long-time member of the DVOC. John died while on a birding trip to Attu Island in 2000. The service will be held at the Doane Academy in Burlington, NJ on May 1, 2010.

**Main Program:** Club Member Jane Henderson presented a very interesting and informative program entitled "A Visit to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands."

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Twenty-nine members and nine guests were present.

**Membership:** Bert Filemyr announced one member applicant, Joan Cerceo. Bob Horton introduced a new member, Tom Smith.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced that Hog Island, Maine, a sanctuary of Maine Audubon is struggling to stay open in these financially difficult times. They are asking for volunteers to come to the island and cook or work or provide other services. Al Driscoll added that Maine Audubon took over the facilities at Hog Island from National Audubon.

John Billings, a long-time Member and Fellow had given the DVOC \$2000 in his will. He would like the money used to provide an award of \$200 each year for the person that sees the highest number of birds in that year. A committee has been established to carry out this request. The Chair is Art McMorris.

The daughter of Edward Joseph Reimann sent a letter to the club letting us know of the passing of her father. He had been a long-time member of the club.

**Ornithological Study:** Frank Windfelder presented a study on Scaup ID.

**Main Program:** Robert Kirk presented a program entitled "Behind the scenes of a field guide." Robert explained the many steps involved in the creation and publication of field guides and other books about birds and nature. Robert is the Executive Editor for Biological Sciences and Natural History for the Princeton University Press, a world leader in the publication of field guides.

### February 18, 2010

Twenty-three members and five guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced it is your last chance to recommend an organization to receive funds from our World Series fund raising efforts.

**Witmer Stone Sanctuary:** Linda Rowan announced that the renaming of a portion of the Cape May Point State Park to the Witmer Stone Sanctuary has the backing of the Superintendent of the park and the Superintendent is forwarding the request on to the District Office. We need to continue fundraising to cover the cost of the signage. Our immediate goal is \$2000 to cover the cost of the first two signs. The final goal is \$10,000 to cover the costs of all of the signs.

Frank Windfelder announced that Jason Loghry has resigned as the editor of *Larus*. We are looking for someone to replace him as editor.

The ABA is planning a Bird Fair at the Valley Forge Convention Center on April 1-3, 2011, and has asked the DVOC to participate. Club officers will meet with the ABA representative within the next two weeks to learn more.

Frank announced that Linda Rowan and Mick Jeitner are Co-chairs of the Witmer Stone Sanctuary Committee.

**Main Program:** Doug Gross presented a program entitled "Recovery of Endangered Birds in Pennsylvania: the Birds, the Process, and New Challenges." Doug reviewed the Pennsylvania bird species of concern list and the recovery process, using the Bald Eagle as an example of a successful recovery. Doug is Endangered Bird Specialist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and is well known for his lively, informative and entertaining presentations.

### March 4, 2010

Thirty-four members and one guest were present.

**Membership:** Bob Horton reported for Chair Connie Goldman that our two new members are Joan Cerceo of Lansdowne, PA, and Nathaniel Sharp of Wallingford, PA. Nathaniel was present, and was warmly welcomed to the club.

Frank Windfelder announced the need for a new editor of *Larus*. A healthy discussion ensued regarding the need for such a newsletter in this current age of electronic communications.

**Ornithological Studies:** Frank Windfelder presented a study entitled "Eye-arcs and Orbital Rings." **Main Program:** Julie Hagelin presented "Tales from a Tangerine-Scented Seabird: Sex, Perfume and Parasites of Crested Auklets" Those who have been close to a Crested Auklet breeding colony know that these unusual birds smell like freshly-peeled tangerines, but no one has taken this observation as far as Dr. Julie Hagelin, Assistant Professor of Biology at Swarthmore College.

### March 18, 2010

Thirty-seven members and seven guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that this year the club has chosen to support a project in collaboration with the John Heinz NWR (Tincum), PA, entitled "Bird Safe Glass Demonstration and Public Education Display at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge." The project is designed to educate the public

about bird barriers and bird-safe glass to prevent bird deaths by window strikes. It is estimated that over 1 billion birds are killed each year due to window strikes. Phil also reported that over one third of the bird species in North America are either threatened or endangered.

Kim Custer announced that her group, Haddonfield Preservation, is making good progress in preserving Boxwood Hall and is asking the club members to sign their online petition at preservation.haddonfield.org.

**Ornithological Studies:** Bert Filemyr presented a study entitled “In the Field: Bonaparte’s Gulls and Black-headed Gulls.”

**Main Program:** Win Shafer presented a program entitled “Birds of the Appalachian Trail.” DVOC member Win Shafer and his son Blake (AKA Birdman and Li'l Wayne) spent 4½ months in 2009 through-hiking the entire 2175 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mount Katahdin, Maine. Being in the mountains and woods in many different life zones during spring migration afforded incomparable opportunities for bird observation. Win gave a travelogue of his unique adventure and birding experience.

#### April 1, 2010

Twenty-four members and eight guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reminded us that this year the club has chosen to support a project in collaboration with the John Heinz NWR (Tinicum) PA, entitled “Bird Safe Glass Demonstration and Public Education Display at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge.” The project is designed to educate the public about bird barriers and bird-safe glass to prevent bird deaths by window strikes.

Frank Windfelder announced that Colin Campbell has resigned as the Nominating Committee Chair. Frank has appointed Chris Walters to fill this position. Erica Brendel offered to join this committee and Frank accepted her offer.

Frank announced that Steve Kacir has joined the Witmer Stone Committee.

He also announced that the Academy is looking for a high school student with an interest in ornithology or biology to serve as an intern this summer. This internship is funded by the club.

Erica Brendel announced an upcoming photo exhibit at the Allens Lane Art Center 601 W Allens Lane, Philadelphia, PA, from May 7 to June 11. The exhibit

is “Carpenter’s Woods: Photos by Linda Fry Goschke.” Erica also requested any information on the history of Carpenter Woods that any member may have.

**Ornithological Studies:** Chris Walters presented a study entitled “Nesting Strategies of the Little Guys with the Big Guys.”

**Main Program:** Bud Cook presented a program entitled “Birds of the Boreal Barrens of Northeast Pennsylvania.” The Pocono plateau in northeastern Pennsylvania embodies the region’s boreal heritage, harboring species tolerant to cooler temperatures reminiscent of its glacial past. The bird life has a decidedly northern flavor, including many species that are rare or absent elsewhere in the state.

#### April 15, 2010

There were twenty-three members and five guests present.

**Conservation:** Phil Witmer announced again that our 2010 World Series of Birding conservation monies will go to a Tinicum NWR program aimed at decreasing bird deaths from window strikes.

**Membership:** Connie Goldman announced the application of Hank Ballerstedt, long time birder,

Bert Filemyr, member of the world series of birding team the DVOC Lagerhead Shrikes, announced that the team has a blog this year, available for those interested to get a picture of what the team is doing with respect to planning, etc. Posts may be sent to the blog on the day of the WSB, so DVOCers can follow along, periodically getting updates on the team’s progress, etc.

**Main Program:** Our main program was presented by Dyana Furmansky, author of *Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy*, a biographical account of the life and accomplishments of Rosalie Edge. Many of us know of Rosalie’s accomplishments on behalf of hawk conservation at Hawk Mountain. Dyana enlightened club members with aspects of this woman’s life, and the full breadth of her conservation work, which included the designation of Olympic National Park, prevention of the lumbering of part of Yosemite National Park and the prevention of the diversion of waters from Yellowstone Falls, and many other significant projects.

#### May 6, 2010

There were twenty-four members present.

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced that Council has accepted the membership of Hank Ballerstedt, making him our newest member.

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**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced an open house at Tinicum's Cusano Environmental Education Center Tuesday May 11 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and also again from 6:30–8:30 p.m. that day. The open houses are for the purpose of sharing ideas with interested persons about the refuge's comprehensive conservation plans for the future.

American Bird Conservancy has a list of species at risk from the recent gulf oil spill. They also have a list related to bird migration, "10 Ways People Can Protect Birds This Spring." (See their website.)

The National Audubon Society is interested in volunteers willing to help oil-spill injured birds. (Information about registering for various volunteer activities related to the spill can be found on their website.)

Erica Brendel announced and displayed a new 2010 brochure created by Carpenter's Woods. The brochure highlights the natural history of the area, including birds. There will be a photo exhibit featuring scenes from Carpenter's Woods, at the Allen's Lane Art Center, this Friday, May 14, 2010.

Bert Filemyr announced that this weekend, May 15, is the annual World Series of Birding. The DVOG Lagerhead Shrikes have a blog this year, detailing what is going on as the team prepares for the competition.

Judy Stepanoski began a discussion announcing this weekend's May 8 Migration Count. Marty Dellwo read a listing of areas managed by Doris McGovern. Numerous areas could use help and the count is nationwide, so if you are willing to count, coordinators in your area are likely to need help.

**Main Program:** Andy Wilson presented "The Results of the Second Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas: A Sneak Preview." Data analysis of BBA information continues, and the date of printing of results is still in the future. But Andy was able to enlighten us on some results that have pointed out changes in breeding bird communities in our state since the previous Pennsylvania atlas. The effects of development and reforestation projects reveal expected gains and losses, but also some surprising data.

### May 20, 2010

Thirty-eight members and five guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that there have been pledges totaling \$2955 so far for the World Series of Birding. All of the funds collected will be used for the bird-safe glass project at John Heinz NWR (Tinicum), PA.

**Ornithological Studies:** Bert Filemyr presented a report on the World Series of Birding.

**Main Program:** Hernan Arauz presented a program entitled "Birding in Panama: The Avian Crossroads."

### June 3, 2010

Twenty-five members and two guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that he had collected \$2994 in pledges so far for the World Series of Birding. He said there were still a few outstanding pledges.

**Programs:** Art McMorris announced the upcoming programs:

Our informal Summer meetings will be held at Palmyra Nature Center, NJ in July and August, and at the John Heinz NWR (Tinicum), PA in September.

*July 1.* Short presentations including: "Blizzard or Quetzels? Easy choice" – Rick Mellon.

*August 5.* Short presentations including: Rush-ton Farm Bird Banding Station – Lisa Kiziuk, Doris McGovern. Tom's Birding Quiz #2 – Tom Bailey. Test your knowledge of North American birds, birding and birders. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

*September 2.* Short presentations including: Global Warming: the Impact on Birds – Phil Witmer. Bird-Safe Glass Demonstration Project at Heinz – Gary Stolz. Identification of Wigeon – Frank Windfelder.

President Frank Windfelder reported that the Conservation Award has been renamed the Rosalie Edge Conservation Award, in honor of Rosalie Edge, founder of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and an early conservationist.

Debbie Beer announced that Tinicum (John Heinz NWR, PA) is doing a comprehensive plan for the future and they are asking for input from the community. Debbie asked that you visit their website, [www.fws.gov/heinz](http://www.fws.gov/heinz) to provide your input. Look for the national planning page.

Art McMorris reported that the Academy has announced the new president to be George Gephart.

**Ornithological Studies:** Art McMorris read various Big Day reports and called on members to provide their reports. All will be posted on the website.

**Main Program:** Cathy Haffner presented "Sharing the Shoreline: Status, Research, and Recovery of Great Lakes Piping Plovers"

## September 16, 2010

Thirty-five members and eight guests were present

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced the application of James Knot of North Wales, PA, and Pete Noonie of Lanoka Harbor, NJ.

Frank Windfelder announced that Dino Fiabane has been appointed as the Chairman of the Ornithological Studies Committee.

Debbie Beer announced the upcoming Cradle of Birding Festival at John Heinz NWR this Saturday, September 18.

Frank Windfelder reminded everyone about the upcoming banquet on November 18. The Witmer Stone Award, Julian Potter Award and the Rosalie Edge Conservation Award will be given out. If you have any nominations, please contact the respective committee chairpersons.

Visitor Christina Kobland asked that we visit the east33.org website and sign their petition to preserve grasslands in Whitemarsh Township.

**Ornithological Studies:** Ted Floyd reported on his new publication, "Let's go birding", published by the American Birding Association.

**Main Program:** Adrian Binns presented a program entitled "A Naked Safari: Tales of East Africa."

## October 7, 2010

Thirty-seven members and five guests were present.

**Membership:** Edie Parnum announced that two new members have been approved by Council, James Knot of North Wales, PA, and Pete Mooney of Lanoka Harbor, NJ. Edie also announced the application of Christina Kobland and Alyce Grunt.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that great progress is being made at the John Heinz NWR, PA, on the Bird Safe Glass Project. They are also contacting manufacturers of this glass and seeking donations.

November 10 is our Annual Banquet. Scott Weidensaul will present "Messing around with birds (for fun and science)."

Art McMorris spoke about the new Bob Billings Award. Bob has given the club \$2000 and has asked that an award of \$200 be given each year to the member with the most number of birds seen in that year. Art and his committee are working out the details as to how it will be judged. Hart Rufe, one of our Trustees explained that in order to be able to give a \$200 award each year, we really need \$4000 as an initial investment

to net \$200 per year. Hart has offered to match other members' donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$1,000, in order to raise the additional \$2000. A pledge sheet was circulated for members who want to pledge to this fund.

**Ornithological Studies:** Frank Windfelder presented "Ring-billed Gull Plumages."

**Main Program:** Bob Horton presented "Birding by Sailboat in the Caribbean."

## October 21, 2010

Twenty-eight members and four guests were present.

**Membership:** Jeff Wahl's application was read to the Membership Committee.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that attempts are being made to establish a baseline census of bird populations at Haverford State Hospital.

**Witmer Stone Sanctuary:** Currently part of Cape May Point State Park; working on getting it renamed; permission for signs has been granted (currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> revision).

**Bob Billings Big Year Award:** Art McMorris reported that an annual prize will be given to the club member who sees the most birds each year; guidelines (DVOC members only; limited to the area of the DVOC checklist; list of counties in PA, NJ, DE to follow; prize \$200) fund raising (Hart Rufe has established a challenge).

Frank Windfelder reported that the City of Philadelphia (the mayor) wanted farm plots at Manatawna Farms. He also reported that a bill has passed through a Council Committee to prevent those community gardens, and that there will be a council vote on the bill soon.

**Ornithological Studies:** Dino Fiabane introduced John Tramontano, who presented "Wing beat and flight patterns useful in avian ID."

**Main Program:** Louise Zemaitis presented "Birds and Habitat."

## November 4, 2010

Twenty-one members and six guests were present.

**Main Program:** Todd Katzner presented "Golden Eagles and Wind Energy: Siting Wind Power for Improved Conservation Management."

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced that Council has approved three new members. They are Christina Kobland, Alyce Grunt and Jeff Wahl. Connie also announced that an application has been received from Donna Wilhelm.

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**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that Dr. Dan Klem will be this year's recipient of the Rosalie Edge Conservation Award, to be presented at our Annual Banquet on November 18. Phil also announced that the Philadelphia City Council passed the proposal prohibiting the expansion of garden plots at Manatawna Farms in Roxborough.

December 16 is our annual member's photo night competition. Photos must be submitted by November 30. A panel consisting of Marty Dellwo, Bonnie Witmer and Kevin Loughlin will judge the photos.

**New Bins for New Birders:** Ten pair of Nikon Binoculars were presented to Boy Scout Troop 109 of Philadelphia. This troop provides outdoor skills and experiences to inner city youth.

**Ornithological Studies:** Dino Fiabane introduced Debbie Beer who presented "The Secret Lives of Sawwhets."

### November 18, 2010

**Annual Banquet.** The banquet was held at the Sheet Metal Worker's Hall at Penn's Landing along the river in Philadelphia. Over 100 members and guests attended the banquet. Frank Windfelder welcomed all and gave special thanks to the Banquet Committee. Club officers, councilors and past presidents were introduced.

The Witmer Stone Award was given to Paul Guris for his series of papers concerning the location, documentation and statistics of Atlantic pelagic species." The Julian Potter Award was given to Doris McGovern who has contributed as compiler for Pennsylvania Birds for both Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, and as a Master Bander. The Rosalie Edge Conservation Award was given to Dr. Dan Klem for his pioneering studies of bird fatalities from window collisions.

The speaker for the evening was Scott Weidensaul. Scott's entertaining presentation was entitled "Messing around with birds (for fun and science)."

### December 2, 2010

Twenty-eight members and six guests were present.

**Membership:** Committee member Anita Guris welcomed our newest member, Donna Wilhelm.

**Nominating Committee:** In accordance with the By-Laws, committee member Erica Brendel announced the slate of nominees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 6:

**Officers** (to serve 1-year terms):

*President:* Frank Windfelder

*Vice-President:* Art McMorris

*Secretary:* Bob Horton

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

**Councilors** (to serve 3-year terms to January 2014):

Phil Witmer

Connie Goldman

Art McMorris announced that everything is in place for the annual "Bob Billings Big Year Award" competition to start with the new year. The competition features a \$200 prize to the DVOC member who sees the most birds in the DVOC program area during the calendar year.

**Ornithological Moment:** Don Jones gave a talk entitled, "Vocal Differences between the Recent Splits Announced by AOU." He played recordings of the latest splits dealing with Winter Wrens (split to Winter, Eurasian and Pacific Wren), Whip-poor-wills (split to Eastern and Mexican Whip-poor-Will), and Scoters (Common/Black Scoter split to Common and Black Scoter). In response to questions, Don revealed that his recordings of the mating call of Black Scoters contributed to the recognition of Black Scoter as a species distinct from Common Scoter.

**Main Program:** Jeffrey Hall gave a presentation entitled, "Down the Shore," in which he showed a series of excellent photos of bird species found in winter along the New Jersey shore, richly filled out with fascinating information and little-known facts about many birds that we all thought we knew.

### December 16, 2010

Twenty-seven members and two guests were present.

**Membership:** Bert Filemyr announced that an application has been received from Michael Morrell of Havertown, PA.

Frank Windfelder announced the slate of candidates nominated by our Nominating Committee. The nominations are:

*President:* Frank Windfelder

*Vice President:* Art McMorris

*Secretary:* Bob Horton

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

Debbie Beer and Tom Bailey will be retiring as Councilors. The committee has nominated Phil Witmer and Connie Goldman as new Councilors.

Mary Bowler thanked the club for the donation of ten pairs of Nikon Binoculars that were given to Boy Scout Troop 109 of Philadelphia. This was made possible through our New Bins for New Birders program.

**Main Program:** Art McMorris showed the photos that were submitted for the annual photo contest. Bonnie Witmer, Marty Dellwo and Kevin Loughlin were the judges. The winners are:

**Birder category**

*First Place:* Steve Kacir

*Second Place:* Stephen and Laura Huber

*Third Place:* Paul Guris

*Honorable Mention:* Karl Lukens

**Scenery**

*First Place:* Andy Smith

*Second Place:* Steve Mattan

*Third Place:* Andy Smith

*Honorable Mention:* Steve Mattan

**Natural History**

*First Place:* Stephen and Laura Huber

*Second Place:* Steve Mattan

*Third Place:* Nicholas Haass and Raja Stechenson

*Honorable Mention:* Frank Windfelder

**Birds**

*First Place and Best in Show:* Paul Guris

*Second Place:* Barrie Ashby

*Third Place:* Steve Kacir

*Honorable Mention:* Anita Guris

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**Councilors at Large** (to serve 3-year terms):

Connie Goldman

Phil Witmer

Frank Windfelder thanked Debbie Beer and Tom Bailey for their service as Councilors. Frank announced that the following members had been nominated by Council as Fellows of the club: Linda Rowan and Mick Jitner. Frank asked for a vote of the membership and both nominees received affirmative votes from the membership. Frank then announced that Council had approved the nomination of Scott Weidensaul to become an Honorary Member. All members present voted in favor of this nomination.

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced that Council has approved Mike Morrell as a new member. Connie also announced that an application has been received from Judy Stepenaskie.

**Trustees' Report:** The annual Trustee's Report will be presented at a future meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bert Filemyr presented the annual Treasurer's Report to the club. It was well presented and easily understood.

**Main Program:** Mary Bowler presented a slide show and talk on a recent field trip by Boy Scout Troop 109 using the binoculars donated to them by the club.

Before adjourning the meeting, Frank thanked Phil and Bonnie Witmer for the work they did in preparing and coordinating the refreshments for this evening.

### January 20, 2011

Twenty-eight members and three guests were present.

**Main Program:** Doug Gross presented "Pennsylvania's Boreal Forest Birds."

**Ornithological Studies:** Phil Witmer presented "A Conservation Conversation."

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**Membership:** Art McMorris announced that an application has been received from Bob Wallis, of Audubon, PA.

### February 3, 2011

Thirty-three members and six guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that a new program has been initiated by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. They are seeking volunteers to act as Delaware River Ambassadors. [www.pecpa.org/ambassador](http://www.pecpa.org/ambassador). Phil announced that the Pennsylvania Game Commission is seeking public input on a draft Bald Eagle Management Plan.

A long time Fellow of the DVOG, Kate Brethwaite passed away on December 16 at age 84. The club will be receiving a bequest from her estate.

**Trustee's Report:** Chris Walters gave the annual Trustee's Report. Endowment went from \$139,547.04 (end of 2009) to \$156,511.97 (end of 2010).

**Ornithological Study:** Colin Campbell presented "Listing – What will be the next new bird in your state?"

**Main Program:** Kevin Loughlin presented "Belize Birding Bonanza."

### February 17, 2011

Thirty-two members and six guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that The House of Representatives has zeroed out funding for many conservation projects through the HR1 funding bill. Phil suggests you contact your representative to express your concern about this funding cut.

**Announcements:** The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is creating a Tidal Delaware River Ambassador program. Help is requested in training ambassadors for the program. If you can help, contact Jessica Anderson at [JAnderson@pecpa.org](mailto:JAnderson@pecpa.org).

Ornithological Study Barbara Granger presented "Owls Create New Lawn Decor."

**Main Program:** George Armistead presented "PORNithology: the Birds and the Birds and the Bees."

### March 3, 2011

Thirty-five members and nine guests were present.

**Billings Award:** Vice President Art McMorris reported that some questions have been asked about the rules for this award. Any bird can be listed as long as it is within the designated area. Rare birds will need to be documented. The rules that have been published

are very specific. Donations are no longer needed to meet the award goals.

**Membership:** Bert Filemyr reported that an application has been received from Chris Brennan of Feasterville. Chris is an avid bird photographer.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported on a recent article in the New York Times that discussed the toxic chemicals used in the fracking process used to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale deposits in Pennsylvania. Large amounts of wastewater is created which include many toxic chemicals.

**Announcements:** Art introduced Yoaf Chudnoff, who showed a short video on birding in Bulgaria.

A Centennial Celebration of the Catoxen Cabin and Witmer Stone is planned for the weekend of September 30–October 2. Members of the club built this cabin in the early 1900's along the Rancocas Creek in Medford, NJ. Our club will be one of the sponsors of this event.

**Ornithological Study:** Edie Parnum presented "Your backyard is for birds."

**Main Program:** Paulo Boute presented "Birdwatching in Central West Brazil – A True Bird Paradise!"

### March 17, 2011

Forty-two members and five guests were present.

**Membership:** Committee Member Anita Guris announced that Council had approved Chris Brennan's application for membership.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reported that The House of Representatives has passed the HR1 funding bill, which would zero out funding for many conservation projects. Phil also commented that the bill was not expected to pass the Senate. He said that the Senate has introduced a Bill to continue the Endangered Species Act.

**New Bins for New Birders:** Paul Guris announced that this committee has set up a binocular loaner program with Cobbs Creek through Tony Croasdale.

**Ornithological Study:** Greg Gorton presented "Looking for Ted Parker."

**Main Program:** Richard Crossley presented "Past, Present and Future."

### April 7, 2011

Thirty-six members and five guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced that the proceeds from the club's World Series of Birding team this year will go towards the publication of the



Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas. The survey is completed but needs funding for printing the information. Phil also reported that there is great pressure by the oil companies to allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Rodney Platt talked about the Marcellus Shale drilling in Pennsylvania. He asked members to sign a petition to the Delaware River Basin Authority asking them to do further studies on the impact on this drilling on the environment.

**Ornithological Study:** Frank Windfelder presented “A DVOC Quiz.”

**Main Program:** Jack Hubley presented “Man and Raptor: The Falconry Story.”

### April 21, 2011

Twenty-three members and two guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer reminded membership of the recipient of funds raised by World Series Of Birding 2011. The selection for this year’s fund raising will be the “2nd Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas.”

**Membership:** Bert Filemyr read an application submitted by Jack Creighton of Havertown, PA. He also read an application submitted by Bill and Sally Fintel of Lewes, DE.

**Ornithological Study:** Hart Rufe presented “Revisiting ‘The Bare Truth About Birding Martha’s Vineyard.’”

**Main Program:** Dan Kunkle presented “Super Fund to Super Habitat: the Lehigh Gap Nature Center.”

### May 5, 2011

Twenty-two members were present.

**Conservation:** Frank Windfelder mentioned an article he had read about the effects of global warming on the North Pole. In an article, distributed by the Associated Press, the effects of global warming were expected to impact the ice layer by reducing the ice so much that in 30 to 40 years sea level will rise up to 63 inches.

**Membership:** Membership committee member Anita Guris announced a new application from Mike DeBonis for membership. Anita also welcomed Jack Creighton of Haverford as a new member. Sally Fintel was also welcomed to the club as a new member.

**Announcements:** Bernice Koplan announced the banquet speaker this year will be Kevin Karlson presenting with his wife Dale Rosselet, which should make it even more appealing – “The Birds of Cape May,” the date is November 17.

Steve Kacir announced that there is a DVOC “group” on facebook and all members and non-members are welcomed to join.

**Ornithological Study:** Stephen Emery Kacir presented “When a Butcher Bird Isn’t a Shrike.”

**Main Program:** Cathy Haffner presented “Wind Energy and Wildlife in Pennsylvania: Voluntary Cooperative Agreement Results and Implications.”

### May 19, 2011

Twenty-six members and eight guests were present.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced that this year’s Conservation Fund will go to the finalization of the Breeding Bird Atlas of Pennsylvania. So far, Phil has collected over \$1200 from pledges that have been made.

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced that Mike DeBonis has been accepted as a new member of the club. Connie also read the application of a new applicant, George Wood, who was present at the meeting.

**Announcements:** Bert Filemyr reported on the results of the World Series of Birding and the route taken by the Lagerhead Shrikes. They again took first place. Paul Guris also announced that this team has disbanded, but will offer his help to any team sponsored by the club in the future.

**Main Program:** Sam Fried presented “Warblers and Neotropical Migrants of Eastern North America.”

### June 2, 2011

Twenty-four members and three guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Connie Goldman announced that Council has approved George Wood’s application and she welcomed George to the club.

**Conservation:** Phil told us that Gary Stoltz, Director of the John Heinz NWR reported the Bird-safe glass has been installed at their center. This was made possible by the 2010 DVOC Conservation Award.

**Programs:** Summer meetings will be at Palmyra Cove Nature Park, NJ, on July 7 and August 4, and at John Heinz NWR, PA, on September 1.

**Announcements:** On behalf of The Cobbs Creek Park, PA, Tony Croasdale thanked the club members for the donation of ten pairs of Nikon binoculars through the New Bins for New Birders program. Chris Walters shared a photo of the Four Loons birding team. They finished third in the World Series of Birding.

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**Main Program:** Angus Wilson presented “A Meeting of Wings: Seabirds of the Western North Atlantic.”

### September 15, 2011

Twenty members and two guests were present.

**Membership:** Frank Windfelder announced that Chair Connie Goldman has resigned as the Chairperson due to her work schedule. She will stay on as a member of the committee. Anita Guris has accepted the position of Chairperson. Frank announced that Timothy Kita has applied for membership to the club.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer announced that the Festival of Birding would take place this Saturday, September 17th at the John Heinz NWR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Programs:** We are in need of a member to chair the Ornithological Studies Committee, to replace Dino Fiabane, who has resigned.

**Announcements:** The Festival of Birding will take place this Saturday, September 17th at John Heinz NWR at Tinicum. The Witmer Stone weekend is September 30 to October 2 in Medford, NJ.

**Main Program:** Eugene Potapov presented “The Steller’s Sea Eagle in the wilderness: a global warming sentinel?”

### October 6, 2011

Twenty-six members and five guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Anita Guris announced that Timothy Kita’s application has been accepted by counsel and he is now a member of the club. Anita announced that Dave Magpiong has applied for membership to the club.

**Conservation:** Frank Windfelder announced that there will be a climate conference at the Franklin Institute on November 9th at 7 p.m. Information is at [www.pennfuture.org](http://www.pennfuture.org).

**Announcements:** Mick Jeitner and Linda Rowan have the Witmer Stone signs completed and ready to be installed along Sunset Drive in Cape May. The State Park will provide the bases for the signs to be mounted.

A long-time member and friend, Bill Stocku passed away at his home in Arizona. Paul Guris read his obituary.

**Main Program:** Paul and Anita Guris presented “Reflections on Our First Year (or so) in Bird Photography.”

### October 20, 2011

Thirty -four members and three guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Anita Guris announced that Dave Magpiong’s application has been accepted by counsel and he is now a member of the club.

**Announcements:** Denis Brennan announced that John Heinz NWR would feature a Diversity Birding Day this Saturday, October 22. Bob Mercer announced that a Bio Blitz would be held on the Camden Waterfront on October 30 from 2 p.m. to sunset.

Dino Fiabane reported that member, Y.Y. Haung is suffering from lung cancer and back compression problems.

**Main Program:** Bill Boyle presented “Rare Birds in New Jersey: Then and Now.”

### November 3, 2011

Twenty-one members and five guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Anita Guris announced that she had received applications from two individuals, Bill Dix of Princeton, NJ, and Rob Bierregaard, of Wynnewood, PA.

**Main Program:** Emily Thomas presented “Effect of Oil and Gas Development on Songbird Abundance in the Eastern United States.”

### November 17, 2011

**Annual Banquet.** The banquet was held at the Sheet Metal Worker’s Hall at Penn’s Landing along the river in Philadelphia. Over 100 members and guests attended the banquet. Frank Windfelder welcomed all and gave special thanks to the Banquet Committee. Club officers, councilors and past presidents were introduced.

The Witmer Stone Award was given to Nikolas Hass for his article on the differences between the American Herring Gull and the European Herring Gull published in the German ornithological journal *Limicola*.

The Rosalie Edge Conservation Award was given to Lisa Kizuik for her bird conservation programs at the Willistown Conservation Trust.

The speaker for the evening was Kevin Karlson with his wife Dale Rosselet, presenting “The Birds of Cape May.”

### December 1, 2011

Thirty members and three guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Anita Guris reported that she had received an application from Linda Widdop of Rydal, PA.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer is looking for suggestions as to which organization we should donate our funds from the 2012 World Series of Birding. Please contact Phil with your suggestions.

**Main Program:** Vice President Art McMorris presented the annual slide competition. Barry Ashby, Andy Smith and Patty Rehn were the judges. The winners are:

#### **Natural History**

*First Place:* Todd Fellenbach

*Second Place:* Paul Guris

*Third Place:* Steve Mattan

*Honorable Mention:* Rob Hynson

*Honorable Mention:* Todd Fellenbach

#### **Birders**

*First Place:* Anita Guris

*Second Place:* Bert Filemyr

*Third Place:* Sally Leathersich

#### **Scenery**

*First Place:* Steve Kacir

*Second Place:* Steve Kacir

*Third Place:* Marty Dellwo

*Honorable Mention:* Todd Fellenbach

#### **Birds**

*First Place:* Todd Fellenbach

*Second Place:* Paul Guris

*Third Place:* Todd Fellenbach

*Honorable Mention:* Steve Mattan

*Honorable Mention:* Todd Fellenbach

**Grand Prize:** Todd Fellenbach

### **December 15, 2011**

Twenty-eight members and eight guests were present.

**Membership:** Chair Anita Guris announced that Linda Widdop's application has been approved by Council and she welcomed Linda to the club.

**Conservation:** Chair Phil Witmer is looking for suggestions as to which organization we should donate our funds from the 2012 World Series of Birding. Please contact Phil with your suggestions.

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Chris Walters announced the new slate of officers for the upcoming elections at the Annual Meeting in January.

*Council:* Win Shafer and Anita Guris

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

*Secretary:* Steve Kacir

*Vice President:* Phil Witmer

*President:* Art McMorris

**Announcements:** Art McMorris announced that 2012 is the bicentennial of the Academy of Natural Sciences. June will be focused on birds. On June 9 and 10 the Academy will provide special programs on birds. They are looking for speakers for these programs, as well as volunteers to assist with these programs and the DVOC table.

**Main Program:** Dr. Laurie Goodrich presented "Stopover Ecology of Migrating Hawks in Eastern Pennsylvania."

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### **January 5, 2012**

Thirty-nine members and three guests were present for the 122nd Annual Members Meeting. The following officers and councilors were elected:

*President:* Art McMorris

*Vice President:* Phil Witmer

*Secretary:* Stephen Kacir

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

Councilors at Large, to serve until January 2014:

Win Shafer

Anita Guris

President Art McMorris thanked outgoing President Frank Windfelder for his many years of service with the club. He thanked Bob Horton for his service as Secretary. He thanked Edie Parnum and Jeff Holt

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for their service on DVOC Council. Art welcomed incoming Vice President Phil Witmer and Secretary Stephen Kacir. Art announced that he was appointing Bob Horton to Council to fill a position left vacant due to Phil Witmer becoming Vice President. Bert Filemyr announced that the following members had been nominated to become Fellows of the DVOC: Cindy Ahern, Dino Fiabane, Barrie Ashby, Georgia Ashby, Marty Dellwo and Bonnie Witmer. Art asked for a vote and all candidates were confirmed as Fellows. Membership Chair Anita Guris announced that applications have been received from Kim Custer of Haddonfield, NJ, and Mandy Learson of West Chester, PA. Chris Walters delivered the Trustees' Report. The balance of the endowment as of January 1, 2012 was \$167,000. Treasurer Bert Filemyr delivered the Treasurer's Report. Bert Filemyr presented a short presentation entitled "From the Archives: February 3, 1890." The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Afterwards, members and guests went to the lobby of the Academy of Natural Sciences to enjoy refreshments that had been provided by Bonnie Witmer and Phil Witmer.

### January 19, 2012

Twenty-seven members and seven guests were present. Art announced the deaths of members James K. Meritt and Howard Boyd. A moment of silence was observed in their honor. President Art McMorris announced new additions to club committees. Barbara Granger joined the Nominating Committee. Rob Bierregaard was appointed Chairperson of the Ornithological Studies Committee. Art McMorris joined the By-Laws Committee. Don Jones was appointed Chairperson of the Julian K Potter Award Selection Committee, whose members included Doris McGovern and Tom Bailey. Secretary Steve Kacir read applications for membership for Andrew Grunwald and John Bloomfield.

Art McMorris announced the proposal by Bert Filemyr and passed by DVOC Council that "Upon 50 years of club membership, a member shall be designated a 'Life Member' of DVOC and exempted from any further payment of dues." Art McMorris announced that Editor, Dave Long, would be taking over the reins for Volume 72 of *Cassinia* from Art McMorris who had previously planned to complete and publish Volume 72 and have Dave begin with Volume 73. Bert Filemyr presented the newly-published DVOC Membership Directory. Rob Bierregaard presented the main pro-

gram: "Juvenile and Adult Osprey Migration Between North and South America: Routes, Timing and Mortality."

### February 2, 2012

Twenty-four members and eight guests attended the meeting. President Art McMorris announced the approval of membership for Andrew "Bo" Grunwald and John Bloomfield. Secretary Steve Kacir read membership applications for Adam Hymans, Ann Marie Morrison and John C. Thele. Steve Kacir announced that he had made available photocopies of the 2011 Witmer Stone Award winning article "*Hinweise zur Unterscheidung der Kanadamoewe Larus smithsonianus von der Silbermoewe Larus argentatus* (Identification of American Herring Gull *Larus smithsonianus* and European Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*)," by Martin Gottschling, Nikolas K. Haass and Andreas Buchheim from the journal: *Limicola*, Band 22, 2008, pages 1–29. Main program speaker Don Frieday presented "How to Identify Birds Like an Expert."

### February 16, 2012

Twenty-four members and fourteen guests were present, including a large contingent from the Haddonfield Historical Society. President Art McMorris welcomed and introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Billings to the club. President Art McMorris presented information about the Bob Billings Big Year Award and introduced Bob's Billings's widow Mrs. Elizabeth Billings to the club. Art noted that 2011 was the first year of the Bob Billings Big Year Competition, and the participants that year included Mike Fritz, Ken Tischner, Steve Kacir, Steve Mattan and Sandra Keller. Art presented the 2011 Bob Billings Big Year Award and a check for \$200 to Mike Fritz who won the competition with an impressive total of 363 bird species seen within the Delaware Valley as defined by the DVOC territory described within the current DVOC Delaware Valley Birds Checklist. President Art McMorris announced that membership had been approved for Adam Hymans, Ann Marie Morrison and John C. Thele. Editor Dave Long announced that the next issue of *Cassinia* would be a double issue. New Bins for New Birders Chairperson Paul Guris announced that the committee received two new requests for donations of binoculars. Art McMorris presented the Ornithological Moment "Snowy Owls: Age, Sex and Plumage." The

evening's main program speaker Nate Rice presented "Field Work in Vietnam."

### **March 1, 2012**

Twenty-three members and eight guests were present. President Art McMorris announced that Kim Custer had joined the Archives Committee. President Art McMorris announced that George Armistead, Todd Fellenbaum and Bill Reaume had joined the new DVOC World Series of Birding Team. Ornithological Moments Chairperson Rob Bierregaard presented video of Eastern Screech-owls from his nest box camera and an eBird Map Quiz for the evening's Ornithological Moment. The main program speaker Frank Windfelder presented "The Fabulous Ipswich Sparrow."

### **March 15, 2012**

Sixteen members and five guests were present. President Art McMorris announced that Bernice and Joe Koplin stepped down as Co-Chairpersons of the Banquet Committee. Art thanked Joe and Bernice for their years of extensive service on the Banquet Committee and announced that the club would be looking for a new Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons to fill the void. President Art McMorris announced that club member Elmer C. Rowley had recently passed away. President Art McMorris announced that the March–April 2012 issue of Audubon Magazine includes an article by DVOC Honorary Member Scott Weidensaul, entitled "Unlocking Migration's Secrets"; the article provides an overview of the wealth of knowledge being generated by the use of telemetry data in ornithological field research. Main Program speaker Keith Bildstein, Director of Raptor Conservation at the Acopian Center of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, presented "Vulture and Caracara Research in the Falkland Islands: A Natural Laboratory for Raptor Conservation."

### **April 5, 2012**

Twenty members and four guests were present. President Art McMorris announced that Barbara Granger would be taking over the position of Chairperson of the Banquet Committee, as Bernice and Joe Koplin had stepped down as Co-Chairpersons. Art McMorris read Jack Mahon's application for membership. Witmer Stone Sanctuary Committee Co-Chairperson Mick Jeitner read a statement concerning the Witmer Stone Sanctuary Committee's history and accomplishments, noting that their efforts had resulted

in the establishment of educational signage installed at Sunset Beach with additional signs to be placed at the Cape May Point State Park hawk watch platform. Mick noted that while those in authority did not allow the renaming of the original site, the signs to be placed at that location read, "Former Site of the Witmer Stone Sanctuary," effectively putting Witmer Stone back in Cape May. President Art McMorris thanked Witmer Stone Sanctuary Committee Co-Chairpersons Mick Jeitner and Linda Rowan for their three years of work leading fundraising efforts and networking to get the signage installed. With the signs now up, Art noted, this effectively accomplishes the same thing as an official renaming. Linda Rowan stated that the Committee realized that they could continue to fight for a renaming or just go with signs that presented the history of the site and would get the name Witmer Stone back at the site. As such, the committee decided the latter option was the best and most likely to see real results. The evening's main program speaker, Matthew Halley presented "Multiple Male Feeders at Nests of the Veery – a New Perspective on the Nesting Behavior of Wilson's Enigmatic Thrush."

### **April 19, 2012**

Thirty-six members and seven guests were present. Membership Chairperson Anita Guris welcomed Jack Mahon to the club as the newest member of the DVOC. Bob Billings Award Chairperson Art McMorris announced the participants for the 2012 Bob Billings Big Year: Adrian Binns, Tony Croasdale, Steve Kacir, Sandra Keller, Ann Morrison and Ken Tischner. Phil Witmer passed around pledge sheets in support of the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding (WSB) Team and the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary American Kestrel Program to be funded through pledges in support of the team. The funds will be used to support the reprinting of the American Kestrel nest box and conservation color brochure, which will help landowners participate in the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary American Kestrel Conservation Program. World Series of Birding Team Captain Bill Reaume announced the 2012 DVOC Loons team members: George Armistead, Scott Fraser and Todd Fellenbaum (and of course Bill himself as well) and appealed for members to aid the team in scouting for the competition. Art McMorris introduced Mike Fritz who presented the evening's Ornithological Moment, "DVOC Bob Billings Big Year 2011." The short program gave a brief overview

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of Mike's epic big year for the Bob Billings Competition, which turned out to be a significant New Jersey Big Year effort as well. Main program speaker, Kevin Loughlin presented "PERU: Birds of the Inca and Amazon" which ended with a quick overview of birding in the Galapagos as well.

### May 3, 2012

Twenty-one members and two guests were present. President Art McMorris mentioned that the DVOC Loons WSB team was mapping out their strategy for the World Series of Birding and that team captain Bill Reaume wanted to thank members who had volunteered to help the team with scouting. Main program speaker Steve Kacir presented "Bush Camping and Spotlighting: A Queensland Safari."

### May 17, 2012

Twenty members and five guests were present. Membership Chairperson Anita Guris reported that she was seeking volunteers to help man the DVOC table at the Academy of Natural Sciences Bird Weekend. President Art McMorris presented a brief overview of the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team, noting that the team consisted of Captain Bill Reaume, George Armistead, Scott Fraser and Todd Fellenbaum. Art mentioned that despite a very low amount of scouting, the DVOC Loons were able to find 192 species of birds and achieve fourth place in the competition. Art McMorris then introduced Nathaniel Sharp, a member of the Upper Main Line YMCA B.B.Kingfishers World Series of Birding Team, which earned first place in the World Series of Birding youth division with a total of 173 species of birds. Nathaniel then mentioned some of his team's highlights from the World Series of Birding, concluding by noting that the ultimate highlight for the competition was having enough time to stop for a brownie sundae before crossing the finish line. The evening's main program speaker was Dr. Edwin Scholes III who presented a mind-blowing multimedia talk entitled, "The Birds-of-Paradise Project: Revealing an Avian Wonder of the World."

After the talk, Dr. Scholes entertained questions from the audience for twenty-eight minutes.

### June 7, 2012

Twenty-three members and four guests were present. President Art McMorris reported that Anita Guris

had resigned as Chairperson of the Membership Committee due to health issues, and that Art was seeking volunteers to take up the position of Membership Committee Chairperson. Art called for a round of applause from the assembled members in gratitude for Anita's years of service. Secretary Steve Kacir read the membership application of Penelope Myers. The main program speaker, Terry Master presented "Riparian Songbirds: Canaries in an Aquatic Coal Mine." The informative program was packed with life history information for Louisiana Waterthrush and Acadian Flycatcher, discussed the use of those birds as bioindicators and touched on the plight of the Eastern Hemlock in our region.

### July 12, 2012

An informal meeting of the DVOC was held at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. Short programs included Bert Filemyr's "From the Archives: The Strange Case of DVOC Member Charles J. Pennock" and "Peregrines in Philadelphia" by Art McMorris.

### August 2, 2012

An informal meeting of the DVOC was held at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum. Short programs included "The Eastwick Development Project Near Heinz NWR" by Debbie Beer and "Native Plants and Wildlife (Mostly Birds)" by Cindy Ahern.

### September 6, 2012

An informal meeting of the DVOC was held at Palmyra Cove Nature Center. Short programs included "Legacy in the Making: Past, Present and Future of Ornithology at the Academy of Natural Sciences – The Rhoads Project" by Kim Custer and a panel discussion on "Gadgets Galore: Birding in the Age of Electronics."

### September 20, 2012

Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read the membership applications for Eric Houser, Reed Hennessy, Ed Mittinger and Janice Chorba. President Art McMorris announced that Barbara Granger joined the *Cassinia* Committee and would be assisting Editor Dave Long with proofreading. Art mentioned that the *Cassinia* Committee and DVOC Council were seeking solutions for creating a layout for *Cassinia*. Webmaster and Website Committee Chairperson

Bert Filemyr announced that the DVOC website was updated to allow charitable donations and membership payments to be made directly on-line via PayPal® or credit card. Conservation Chairperson Phil Witmer presented to the club a copy of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary American Kestrel Program's American Kestrel nest box and conservation color brochure, the printing of which was accomplished through the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team and the DVOC's World Series of Birding fundraising effort. Debbie Beer announced that an artistic light show program had been scheduled to occur in Philadelphia during fall migration. Pennsylvania Audubon alerted the DVOC to this problem, and mobilized a monitoring program, including radar tracking and volunteers on the ground. DVOC acted as the official organizing body for volunteers monitoring the light display to detect birds captured in the beams of light and alert the lightshow artists to shut down the display as necessary. Art McMorris announced that DVOC donated \$300 in support of PA Audubon's monitoring efforts, including the use of military grade radar that will allow tracking of individual birds migrating through the city. Debbie Beer announced that the Friends of Heinz Refuge and Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition are fighting to ensure that any development in Eastwick proceeds in a fashion that promotes a sustainable, environmentally healthy community, including protections for the lands buffering John Heinz NWR at Tinicum. Debbie encouraged members to attend a City Council meeting to discuss how Eastwick matters to the community and how development might adversely affect the ecology and community of Eastwick and the 128 acres of filled wetland surrounding the area. Youth Birding Committee member Edie Parnum announced that DVOC would have a table and organize a raffle at the September 22 American Birding Association (ABA) Mid-Atlantic Young Birder Conference at the Ashland Nature Center in Hockessin, DE. Barbara Granger announced that the Annual DVOC Banquet would take place on November 15. Main program speaker Bert Filemyr presented "Birding Oregon."

### October 4, 2012

Twenty-five members and two guests were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced the newest members of the DVOC: Eric Houser, Reed Hennessy, Ed Mittinger and Janice

Chorba. Editor Dave Long reported that the next issue of *Cassinia* would be a double issue covering 2006–2009, Volume 72–73 and that a solution had been found for the *Cassinia* layout. Debbie Beer updated the club on the progress of Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition and Friends of Heinz Refuge in their efforts to ensure that any development in Eastwick proceeds in a fashion that promotes a sustainable, environmentally healthy community, including protections for the lands buffering John Heinz NWR at Tinicum. Debbie Beer updated the club on the progress of the monitoring program for the artistic light show program that has been running in Philadelphia during fall migration from September 20 through October 14. Twenty-three volunteers helped the DVOC and PA Audubon monitor the display, serving in three hour shifts, volunteers recorded observations at fifteen minute intervals. In addition, a military-grade RADAR system at East Park Reservoir recorded bird migration data. Art McMorris announced that the DVOC donated \$300 in support of PA Audubon's monitoring efforts, including the use of the military grade radar that allowing tracking of individual birds migrating through the city. Win Shafer announced that the banding station at Rushton Farm as part of the Willistown Conservation Trust welcomed visitor who were interested in observing Northern Saw-whet Owl banding. Youth Birding Committee member Debbie Beer announced details from the September 22 American Birding Association (ABA) Mid-Atlantic Young Birder Conference at the Ashland Nature Center in Hockessin. Banquet Committee Chairperson Barbara Granger announced that she is attempting to provide native plants for the DVOC Banquet. Art McMorris announced that the Potter Award Selection Committee had received many nominees and had made their recommendation to DVOC Council. Witmer Stone Award Selection Committee member Steve Kacir announced that the Stone Award Selection Committee had received many nominees and prepared a short list of candidates in advance of the October 18, 2012 deadline. Conservation Committee (Rosalie Edge Award Selection Committee) Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that the nominations for the Rosalie Edge Award were closed, and that the Conservation Committee was in deliberations to choose their nominee. Main program speaker Sue Killeen presented "Birding Cuba for Cuban Endemics."

### October 18, 2012

Sixteen members and five guests were in attendance. Debbie Beer filled in as Secretary for Steve Kacir. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced new applicants for membership: Ann Reeves and Skyler Streich. Bonnie welcomed new members Ed Mitinger, Janice Chorba, Penelope Myers and Reed Hennessey. Banquet Committee Chairperson Barbara Granger distributed copies of the Banquet registration form and urged all members to attend this annual social event of the club. Art McMorris extended condolences to the family, on the loss of Steve Lawrence, DVOC member since 1984. Lawrence died on September 26, 2012. Debbie Beer read letters from Joseph Hernandez and Nathaniel Hernandez wherein they thanked DVOC for supporting their attendance of the Northampton County Junior Conservation School Camp. Rob Bierregard presented an unplanned, impromptu Ornithological Moment from his laptop, "Chip Does the Atlantic." Main program speaker Derek Lovitch presented "How to be a Better Birder" highlighting parts of his newly-published book.

### November 1, 2012

Fourteen members and eight guests were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced new applicants for membership: Jared Ciocco, Jordan Piazza, Maryanne and James Siti. Bonnie announced the newest members of the DVOC: Ann Reeves and Skyler Streich. Banquet Committee Chairperson Barbara Granger announced that a display table for PA Audubon and a few other display tables would be present at the DVOC Annual Banquet. Art McMorris announced that Bob Sharp had told him that Nathaniel Sharp had won a Wyncote Audubon Society scholarship to Hog Island. Art McMorris announced that the Second Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas (2004–2009) was soon to see publication and noted that the DVOC contributed towards the publication with a previous World Series of Birding fundraising initiative. During Local Notes, Win Shafer reported that in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, he and others birded downstream of Pennypack on the Delaware and recorded 4–5 Leach's Storm-petrels, 1 Sooty Tern, 1 Sabine's Gull, a flock of Common Terns, all three species of scoter, Parasitic Jaegers, Red Phalarope and Sanderling. Art McMorris commented that some of the Leach's Storm-petrels at the Delaware River fell prey of Peregrine Falcons. Marty Dellwo added that the

Delaware River had Long-tailed Ducks and Brant after the hurricane, and that two Leach's Storm-petrels were found there on the morning of October 31, 2012.

Win Shafer reported that a Red Phalarope, Cave Swallows and a Northern Shrike were at John Heinz NWR at Tinicum on October 31, 2012. Main program speaker Bob Curry presented "Advances in Chickadee Hybridization: Birds and Methods on the Move."

### November 15, 2012

The 2012 DVOC Annual Banquet was held at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall at the Delaware River Waterfront, and 109 members and guests were in attendance. The Witmer Stone Award was presented to Gregg Gorton for his article, "Remembering Paul A. Schwartz (1917-1979): Pioneer Neotropical Bird Recordist and Taxonomist" published in "Birding" Volume 42, Number 5. The Julian Potter Award was presented to Paul Driver in recognition of the huge amount of fieldwork involved with the creation and maintenance of Paul's blog "Bird Calls and Songs" at [pjdeye.blogspot.com/](http://pjdeye.blogspot.com/). The Rosalie Edge Conservation Award was presented to Dr. Douglas Tallamy for his book "Bringing Nature Home," which popularized the notion that native plants support native insects which in turn support native birds. The DVOC Banquet Speaker Stephen W. Kress presented the program "Restoring Endangered Seabirds: Lessons from Puffins and Terns."

### December 6, 2012

Twenty-one members and four guests were present. President Art McMorris shared a letter sent to the DVOC from Pennsylvania Audubon, thanking the DVOC for its donation and volunteer efforts in support of the Open Air for the Birds monitoring program. The monitoring efforts collected data on how an Open Air light show in Philadelphia affected migrating birds. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced the newest DVOC members: Ann Reeves, Jared Ciocco, Jordan Piazza, Skyler Streich, Reed Hennessey, Eric Houser, Janice Chorba, Maryanne and James Siti. Bonnie read an application for membership that was submitted by Connie Chronister. Bob Billings Award Committee Chairperson Art McMorris announced that six members were competing in the 2012 Bob Billings Big Year competition, and that competition checklists are due by the end of January. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer talked about the Open Air for the Birds moni-



toring program, and mentioned that a report based on the radar data was pending. Most observers did not report birds trapped in beams of light, though they did report birds flying north after flying into the light beams. Four members who volunteered with the program were present: Art McMorris, Phil Witmer, Steve Mattan, Erica Brendel. Art McMorris reported that it first seemed that no birds entered the light beams, but on the second night he saw birds changing direction after flying into light beams. Steve Mattan and Erica Brendel both reported witnessing similar behavior. Phil Witmer reported that it was difficult initially to distinguish birds from insects during the monitoring efforts. Chairperson Barbara Granger reported that the Annual DVOC Banquet had 109 attendees and the expenses for the event were covered. Barbara thanked Bernice Koplín and Chris Walters for all their assistance in organizing the event. Barbara reported that about half the attendees were members and half were guests or interested parties from outside the club. Chris Walters announced the new DVOC Interns Program, which is overseen by an eponymous committee chaired by Chris Walters. Hart Rufe masterminded this initiative. Hart and Jewel Rufe contributed \$10,000 to start the fund, with the goal of engaging young birders in ornithology and birdwatching. This initiative will also promote and strengthen the relationship between DVOC and the Ornithology Department at the Academy of Natural Sciences. The fund will generate dividends, which will be used to support interns who will work in the Ornithology Department at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Interns will be required to join the DVOC, but anyone can apply. Art McMorris announced that Colin Campbell had stepped down as Chairperson of the Witmer Stone Award Selection Committee after a long period of much-appreciated service. Steve Kacir was appointed the Chairperson of the Witmer Stone Award Selection Committee. Art McMorris announced that the Second Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas (2004-2009) has been published and presented a copy for members to examine (and possibly use in a weight-lifting competition as the book is massive!). On behalf of Debbie Beer, Art McMorris read from an Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition press release, which stated that "...Councilman Kenyatta Johnson announced that he would be officially withdrawing the rezoning bill that would have permitted Korman Residential to proceed with their proposed development of 722 rental apartments on 35

acres of green space adjacent to John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge." For the main program, Vice President Phil Witmer presided over the DVOC Members' Photo Night, presenting a slide show of all the submissions, later appearing as Santa Claus to distribute candy canes and announce the winning photos. The judges for the 2012 DVOC Members' Photo Night were Mike Fritz, Bonnie Witmer, Bob Betof and Ann McCauley. Phil's homemade prizes were awarded as follows:

### **Birds**

*First Place:* Paul Guris –

A flying juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-heron

*Second Place:* Linda Widdop –

A group of Black Skimmers on a beach

*Second Place:* Barrie Ashby –

A close shot of a Least Bittern

*Third Place:* Paul Guris –

An action shot of a running Snowy Plover

### **Birders**

*First Place:* Barrie Ashby –

Birders eating lunch in the rain under umbrellas

*Second Place:* Bob Horton –

Boy Scouts working on Bird Study Merit Badges

*Third Place:* Bob Horton –

A close-up of a young birder and her telescope

*Honorable Mention:* Steve Mattan –

Documenting a birder's set-up process

### **Natural History**

*First Place:* Andy Smith –

Millipedes on the Appalachian Trail

*Second Place:* Marvin Hyett –

Mating wasps on a flower

*Third Place:* Paul Guris –

A pair of Northern Raccoons in Texas

*Third Place:* Barrie Ashby –

Butterflies trying to get salt from a turtle's eyes

### **Scenery**

*First Place:* Andy Smith –

Sunset and silhouettes of birds

*Second Place:* Steve Mattan –

Exquisite 3.3megapixel shot of Yosemite Valley

*Third Place:* Steve Mattan –

A Hawaiian volcano against a starlit night sky

*Honorable Mention:* Andy Smith –

Landscape crossed by Snow Geese

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### Best of Show

Andy Smith –  
Millipedes on the Appalachian Trail

After the meeting, several members volunteered to judge for the 2013 Members' Photography Night: Anita Guris, Steve Kacir and Steve Mattan.

### December 20, 2012

Seventeen members and one guest were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer introduced Tim Kita as one of the newest members of the DVOC, and reported that Connie Chronister's application for membership had been approved by DVOC Council. Editor Dave Long reported that he was waiting for a few items and was about 90% set up for the publication. Dave was seeking articles, photographs and sightings for the next issue, which will cover the years of 2010-2013. Bob Billings Award Committee Chairperson Art McMorris reported that he and the committee were working on a simplified rarity reporting process for use in the 2013 Billings Big

Year competition. Nominations Committee Chairperson Chris Walters announced the nominees for 2013 Officers and Councilors:

*President:* Art McMorris  
*Vice President:* Phil Witmer  
*Secretary:* Steve Kacir  
*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

Councilors at Large, to serve until January 2015:  
Barbara Granger  
George Armistead

Treasurer and Webmaster Bert Filemyr announced that those with updated contact information should contact him with updates for the DVOC Directory. Bert also announced that annual membership dues can now be paid online through the DVOC website. Art McMorris presented the Ornithological Moment "Falcons and Parrots: Almost Songbirds?" Main program speaker Robert DeCandido and Deborah Allen presented "Raptor Migration in Southeast Asia."

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Stephen E. T. Kacir

### January 3, 2013

Thirty members and four guests were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer welcomed new member Connie Chronister to the club. Bob Billings Award Committee Chairperson Art McMorris announced that checklists for the 2012 competition are due by the end of January, and that the committee was taking names of participants for the 2013 competition. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that the Conservation Committee was seeking nominations for recipients of the 2013 World Series of Birding Grant and that the deadline for nominations is January 31, 2013. Nominations Committee Chairperson Chris Walters announced the nominees for 2013:

*President:* Art McMorris  
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Chris solicited any opposing nominations and none were made. A vote was called, and all members present voted in favor of the nominees presented by the Nominations Committee with no dissenting votes. President Art McMorris congratulated the newly elected officers and welcomed the two newest members of DVOC Council. Art thanked exiting Councillors Marty Dellwo and Todd Fellenbaum for their service. Art McMorris announced that DVOC Council had nominated Barbara Granger as a Fellow of the DVOC. A vote was called, and all members voted in favor of the nomination with no dissenting votes. Treasurer Bert Filemyr announced that annual membership dues can now be paid online and are now due. Bert conducted the annual Treasurer's Report and noted that the club is generally in good health. Trustee

Chris Walters conducted a brief Trustees' Report, noting that the club's investments had gained about a 10% increase and that a formal Trustees' Report would be available at the next meeting. Bert Filemyr presented a short program entitled "From the Archives: Founder William Lloyd Baily." The meeting formally adjourned at 8:30 p.m., and the members enjoyed a delightful spread of food and drink organized by Phil and Bonnie Witmer and Paul Guris with additions from various club members.

### January 17, 2013

Twenty members and four guests were present. Trustee Chris Walters conducted the annual Trustees' Report. The earnings of the DVOC Endowment Fund for 2012 totaled \$7,214.97. Of those earnings, \$1,955.57 were to be reinvested, and \$5261.47 would be paid to the DVOC Treasurer. DVOC club assets as of December 31, 2012, totaled \$179,484.74. Total receipts for the year came to \$19,872.98, while total disbursements were \$19,567.07. Bob Billings Award Committee Chairperson Art McMorris briefly described the Bob Billings Big Year Award Competition and asked members to contact him if they planned to take part in the 2013 competition. Those who competed in the 2012 Bob Billings Big Year competition were advised that they had until the end of January to submit their lists. Main program speaker Alan Clark presented an informative and timely talk entitled, "Bird Migration Through Urban Landscapes."

### February 7, 2013

Seventeen members and eight guests were present. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced the newest member of the DVOC: Dr. Doug Tallamy. Bonnie also read new applications for membership from Cindy Ferguson and Jack Beltz.

Bob Billings Award Committee Chairperson Art McMorris announced that Ken Tischner had won the 2012 Bob Billings Big Year Award, tallying 369 species within the Billings Competition territory for the year. Art asked that members who plan on participating in the 2013 competition contact him or the committee by the March 31 deadline. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that Laurie Goodrich at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary wrote him thanking the club for its contribution towards the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary American Kestrel Program's American Kestrel nest box and conservation color

brochure, the printing of which was accomplished through the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team and the DVOC's World Series of Birding fundraising effort. The brochure was designed to help landowners participate in the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary American Kestrel Conservation Program, and Laurie wrote that the brochure program has been a big success leading to donations of kestrel boxes, people building kestrel boxes and a number of brochures being distributed to landowners at the Farm Show. Main program speakers Phil and Bonnie Witmer presented "Phil & Bonnie Go Birding: A January Trip to New Mexico."

### February 21, 2013

Eighteen members and six guests were in attendance. Webmaster and Archivist Bert Filemyr reported that he was close to having a complete digital run of *Cassinia* available online on the DVOC website. Bert also planned to put up an online archive of the Abstracts of Meetings from *Cassinia* in the future, which would allow easy access to the abstracts without having to search for them issue by issue. The main program speaker was Joel Fry who has been curator at Bartram's Gardens since the early '90s. Before that, Joel studied John Bartram as a graduate student at University of Pennsylvania. From poetry to art, from botany to ornithology, history and geography, Joel explored the men, wildlife and landscapes of Bartram's Gardens in his talk, "Alexander Wilson and Ornithology at Bartram's Gardens."

### March 7, 2013

Twenty-five members and nine guests were in attendance. President Art McMorris welcomed guests including Liz Billings, the widow of Bob Billings, and Bob and Liz's daughter Karen Walter. President Art McMorris announced that Gregg Gorton and Nikolas Haass have joined Chairperson Steve Kacir on the Witmer Stone Award Selection Committee, and thanked them for joining the committee. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced the newest members of the DVOC: Cindy Ferguson and Jack Beltz. Bonnie read the applications for DVOC membership from Anne Bekker and Michael Sonkowsky. President Art McMorris announced that Webmaster and Archivist Bert Filemyr had uploaded a complete digital run of *Cassinia* to the DVOC website, and put up an online archive of the Abstracts of Meetings from *Cassinia*. Bert indicated that the complete

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run entailed about 4400 pages scanned. Art thanked Bert for providing this resource. Bob Billings Big Year Committee Chairperson Art McMorris reminded members that they needed to contact the committee if they wanted to be eligible to compete in the 2013 Billings Big Year Competition. Bob Billings Big Year Committee Chairperson Art McMorris introduced the winner of the 2012 Bob Billings Big Year Competition: Ken Tischner. Ken Tischner listed a record 369 species for the Bob Billings Big Year Competition territory in 2012. Both Liz Billings and her daughter Karen Walter were introduced to the club, and Bert Filemyr took photos of Ken, Liz and Karen along with President Art McMorris and the plaque for the Bob Billings Big Year Award. Afterwards, Ken Tischner presented a short overview of his big year along with tips for those interested in attempting such an endeavor. Ken noted that 393 species were reported for the competition territory, and he missed only 24 species. Ken thanked his wife first and foremost, then acknowledged that Mike Fritz was an invaluable resource for Ken's successful Billings Big Year, and that Paul Guris helped him get the rare seabirds. Art McMorris also thanked the Billings family. Main program speaker Rob Bierregaard presented a thoroughly informative look at Barred Owls in his talk "Sex (and Owls and Mice) and the City."

### March 21, 2013

Twenty-two members and two guests were in attendance. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced the newest members of the DVOC: Anne Bekker and Michael Sonkowsky. Bonnie read an application for membership newly submitted by Kenneth Frank. Editor Dave Long announced that he had a proof copy of issue 72/73 of *Cassinia*, which covers the years of 2006 through 2009. Dave thanked everyone who had helped make this next issue possible including Barbara Granger, Bert Filemyr, Steve Kerr and Art McMorris. Dave mentioned that the next issue would be another double issue and would cover the years from 2010 through 2013. Bob Billings Big Year Committee Chairperson Art McMorris reminded members that they needed to contact the committee by the March 31, 2013 deadline if they wanted to be eligible to compete in the 2013 Billings Big Year Competition. Art announced that the committee had adopted a new simplified form for reporting rare species in the competition. In an impromptu question and answer session, Art McMorris gave an overview and update

of the Peregrine Falcons nesting in Pennsylvania, with particular attention being given to those birds nesting in the Philadelphia area. Bert Filemyr reported that the female Rufous Hummingbird that appeared at his feeders on October 16, 2012 was still present and still molting into fresh plumage. This hummingbird has been at Bert's yard for five months now. Rob Bierregaard presented an Ornithological Moment program entitled "The Rift Valley Migration Corridor." Main program speaker Sally Ann Sims presented "Room to Move? Piping Plover Nesting Habitat and Sea Level Rise in Rhode Island."

### April 4, 2013

Twenty-nine members and three guests were in attendance. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read an application for membership that was submitted by Brian Quindlen. Bonnie announced the newest member of the DVOC: Kenneth Frank. *Cassinia* Committee member Barbara Granger reported that the final PDF file for issue 72/73 of *Cassinia* had been finalized and sent to the publisher. Bob Billings Big Year Committee Chairperson Art McMorris revealed that seven members are participating in the Billings Year Competition for 2013 and noted that their names were on the website. Art announced that committee member Rick Mellon was leaving the Bob Billings Big Year Committee. Art thanked Rick for his service on the committee during the development of the Billings Year Competition and its rules and into the first years of the competition. Main program speaker Greg Budney, Curator of Audio for the Macaulay Library of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, presented "The Diversity of Animal Sounds: An Acoustic Exploration of the Sounds of Wildlife," a staggeringly interesting exploration of wildlife recordings, how they are made and how they are utilized. The talk consisted of probably four slides and had no photo images whatsoever. Nevertheless, the talk held the club spellbound and ended all too soon.

### April 18, 2013

Fourteen members and three guests were in attendance. Vice President Phil Witmer announced the newest member of the DVOC: Brian Quindlen. *Cassinia* Committee member Barbara Granger reported a date for stuffing envelopes to ship the next issue of *Cassinia* was to be announced. Treasurer Bert Filemyr reported that the next issue of *Cassinia* was

scheduled to ship to Editor Dave Long on April 22, 2013. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that the recipient of the 2013 DVOC World Series of Birding Conservation Grant would be awarded to Willistown Conservation Trust to fund a Youth Birding Program. All members are encouraged to pledge donations and solicit pledges in support of this worthy cause. World Series of Birding Team Captain Bill Reaume talked about the DVOC Loons and their 2012 effort, which awarded them fourth place. Bill went on to talk about the 2013 team, noting that neither George Armistead nor Todd Fellenbaum could compete this year due to scheduling conflicts. Ian Lynch, formerly of the Wicked Witcheties team, joins Team Captain Bill Reaume and Scott Fraser as the 2013 DVOC Loons. Bill and the DVOC Loons need all the help they can get with scouting, especially in Northern NJ, and welcomed any help that fellow club members could give with scouting efforts. Barbara Granger announced that, on April 20, 2013, she and Cindy Ahern would be at the Jarrett Nature Center for an Earth Day Celebration event geared towards children and families. Cindy will be leading birdwalks and Barbara be manning an information table about the DVOC. A flyer about the club is also being made up. President Art McMorris suggested that Cindy and Barbara might also be able to solicit pledges in support of the DVOC World Series of Birding Conservation Grant at this event. Main program speaker Steve Kacir presented “New South Wales: Australian Surf and Turf,” giving an overview of the sights and sounds of New South Wales, Australia.

### May 2, 2013

Twenty members and seven guests were in attendance. Editor Dave Long announced that the newest issue of *Cassinia* was available, Issue 72/73 covering 2006-2009. Dave thanked Art McMorris, Barbara Granger, Steve Kerr and Lesley Weissman-Cook for their help with this most recent issue of *Cassinia*. Later, members were able to pick up their copies of *Cassinia* and copies to distribute to fellow members. Chairperson Phil Witmer reminded members to contribute to the 2013 DVOC World Series of Birding Conservation Grant to be awarded to Willistown Conservation Trust to fund a Youth Birding Program. President Art McMorris reminded members that the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team needed all the help they could get with scouting, especially in Northern NJ.

The team welcomed any help that fellow DVOC members could give with scouting efforts. Phil mentioned that he is finalizing locations for the informal summer meetings, and was also seeking short programs for those meetings. Linda Widdop announced that she and other birders would be onboard the Atlantic Star on May 17–18 for an overnight fishing trip for tilefish and seabirding. Bert Filemyr reported that the Wildlife Drive at the Brigantine Division of Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, NJ, was open and well repaired; though it may be some time before the refuge gets back to the state it was in prior to Hurricane Sandy. Win Shafer reported that he heard an Eastern Whip-poor-will calling from his neighbor's yard. Main program speaker Jeffrey Buler presented “What Can Weather Radars Tell Us About Migratory Bird Ecology?” The program included spectacular radar map animation and an excellent overview of the many aspects of radar ornithology.

### May 16, 2013

Fourteen members and nine guests were in attendance as well as six people who declined to sign the attendance sheet. A head count of the attendance at the meeting came to 30 people including the speaker. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that the Conservation Committee was seeking nominations for the 2013 Rosalie Edge Award. Phil reported that the 2013 DVOC World Series of Birding Conservation Grant would be awarded to Willistown Conservation Trust to fund a Youth Birding Program then announced that over \$2,660 has already been pledged towards this program. All members were still encouraged to pledge donations and solicit pledges in support of this worthy cause. Editor Dave Long had copies of the newest issue of *Cassinia* available at the meeting; Issue 72/73 covering 2006–2009. Dave said this was to be the last evening for *Cassinia* distribution at the meeting, and that the remaining copies would be subsequently mailed out to members and subscribers. Secretary Steve Kacir announced that he would not be able to attend the June 6, 2013 meeting of the DVOC and was still seeking a substitute Secretary for that meeting. Bonnie Witmer volunteered to fill in for Steve at that meeting. DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team Captain Bill Reaume and, fellow DVOC Loon, Scott Fraser reported on their 2013 DVOC Loons World Series of Birding experiences from scouting to game day to the finish line and beyond. The 2013 DVOC Loons team consisted

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of Bill Reaume, Scott Fraser, Ian Lynch and driver Ken Lynch. The DVOC Loons were able to observe and identify 182 species for the 2013 World Series of Birding, earning them the Stone Award for the second highest total species count, only missing first place by four birds. Scott Fraser reported that scouting for the World Series the week before the competition, usually a pleasant endeavour, was pretty dreadful for 2013. Many breeding birds were absent or not making their presence known, and migration was minimal. All was not lost though, and the team managed to find a Sharp-shinned Hawk nest. Brown Thrashers were singing everywhere. The team was listening for a King Rail at one point and heard a calling female Long-eared Owl that Scott Fraser recorded and played back for the assembled audience at the meeting. Only one World Series team reported twenty warblers this year. The DVOC Loons scouted harder than ever and focused on birds that didn't care about rain due to the inclement weather during the event. The DVOC Loons were able to find a Snow Goose, but the Whimbrels and Gull-billed Terns at the Brigantine Division of Edwin B Forsythe NWR disappeared. The grasslands of Somerset County were notable for the absence of Vesper Sparrow and Savannah Sparrow. No World Series of Birding team reported Pied-billed Grebe in their species lists. The DVOC Loons spent a lot of time looking for seabirds, then retired to Higbee Beach WMA for some evening birding where they heard a Virginia Rail call as it flew overhead. The Upper Main Line YMCA B.B. Kingfishers had the highest overall species total for the World Series of Birding with 186 species listed, and they acknowledged all the help that DVOC had given them. Many other teams thanked the DVOC Loons for their assistance. A mother at the awards ceremony thanked the DVOC for its internship program, as her daughter had been through the internship program and now was in her second year of an ornithology degree program. Bill Reaume and Scott Fraser thanked club members who contributed to scouting efforts including Joe Delesantro, Ann Marie Morrison and Linda Widdop. Main program speaker, Robert McCracken Peck of the Academy of Natural Sciences presented "The Art of Edward Lear: Artist, Poet and Travel Writer (1812-1888)." The presentation was an eye-opening exploration of the many contributions of Edward Lear to art, ornithology and even literature showcasing the extraordinary artistic ability of Lear. As a contemporary of John James Audubon, the art of

Edward Lear was ahead of its time; however, Audubon may have had an edge on Lear in terms of self-promotion and business acumen.

### June 6, 2013

Nineteen members and four guests were in attendance. Bonnie Witmer filled in as Secretary for Steve Kacir. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read an application for membership from Amy Carpenter. Art McMorris added that Amy had discovered a Peregrine Falcon nest at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer announced that the DVOC Loons World Series of Birding Team had listed 182 species and won the Stone Award for the second highest number of species. Phil asked those who have pledged to send in their donations, and solicited new pledges in support of the DVOC Conservation Grant. As of the date of the meeting, the pledges came to nearly \$3,600 in total. Phil Witmer announced an upcoming "expedition style" trip to Honduras. Barbara Granger announced that plans are underway for the Annual Banquet and asked for volunteers particularly with greeting attendees at the door on the night of the event. Editor Dave Long announced he had copies of *Cassinia* for those who have not yet received one, and that afterwards copies would be mailed to members who have not picked up the most recent issue. Dave went on to note that the next issue of *Cassinia* will cover the following date span: 2010–2013. Dave asked for help in writing obituaries for those members who have passed away during those years. Dave thanked Barbara Granger for helping with the editing and mailing *Cassinia*. Nathaniel Sharp of the Upper Main Line YMCA B.B. Kingfishers World Series of Birding team thanked DVOC for their help and support. Nathaniel and his team won first place in the 2013 World Series of Birding with a total of 186 species, earning them both the Urner Stone Cup for highest number of total species and the Pete Dunne Future Leaders in Birding Award for highest number of species in the Division C (grades 9–12) of the Carl Zeiss Sports Optics Youth Challenge. Main program speaker Dan D'Auria presented "From Nurture to Nature: A Transition to Photography."

### July 11, 2013

This informal meeting was held at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education and featured a

short program by Frank Windfelder entitled “Is There Life Besides Birds.”

### August 1, 2013

This informal meeting was held at Palmyra Cove Nature Park and featured the following short programs: “Florida Mangrove Ecosystem” by Cindy Ahern and “Fun with ABA Bird Names” by Dino Fiabane.

### September 5, 2013

This informal meeting was held at John Heinz NWR at Tinicum and featured a short program by Doris McGovern entitled “Saw-whet Owls.” In addition, the Upper Main Line YMCA B.B. Kingfishers World Series of Birding Team reported on their outstanding effort in the 2013 World Series of Birding, earning them both the Urner Stone Cup for highest number of total species and the Pete Dunne Future Leaders in Birding Award for highest number of species in the Division C (grades 9–12) of the Carl Zeiss Sports Optics Youth Challenge.

### September 19, 2013

Nineteen members and four guests were in attendance. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read membership applications submitted by “Alvin” Wun Fung Hui and Ian Lynch. *Cassinia* Editor Dave Long requested that members send in articles for the next issue of *Cassinia* Issue 74/75 and asked members who knew recently deceased DVOC members to consider writing obituaries for the next issue of *Cassinia*. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer read from a bill being proposed by Pennsylvania lawmakers that would hobble the state’s ability to enforce and enact endangered species protections, create more bureaucracy around listing endangered species, establish that state endangered species would be removed from protective status and reviewed every two years, give the state Legislature more authority over endangered species listings at the expense of the independent commissions which designate them now. In addition, federal regulations require that state commissions have independent authority when it comes to designating endangered species, and without it Pennsylvania could lose \$27 million in fish and wildlife restoration grant money. President Art McMorris read from a letter sent to the club by Ed Mitinger and Janice Chorba, who thanked the DVOC, particularly the Youth Birding Committee, the New Bins for New

Birders Committee and members Mary Bowler, Debbie Beer, Sandra Keller, Cindy Ahern, Edie Parnum and Adrian Binns for assistance given to Sadie Glover Blossom Summer Camp at Courtyard at Riverview Public Housing during a visit to John Heinz NWR at Tinicum. President Art McMorris read from a letter that was sent to the club by Lorraine McCay, Superintendent of Cape May Point State Park. Lorraine thanked the club and particularly Linda Rowan and Mick Jeitner for making possible the funding and installation of the Witmer Stone wayside exhibits on display at Cape May Point State Park. President Art McMorris read from a letter sent to the club by Benjamin Meritt, inquiring as to whether DVOC would be interested in a large collection of *Cassinia* issues and other birding publications that had been part of the library collection of his late father James Meritt, a former DVOC president. President Art McMorris announced that DVOC and the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS) had reached an impasse related to the DVOC Annual Meeting. The ANS had entered into an exclusive catering contract, and had wanted DVOC to purchase food and drink through the caterer. Art and Nate Rice negotiated with ANS to allow the DVOC to continue to provide its own food for the Annual Meeting; however, ANS and their caterers refused to allow DVOC to bring in alcohol for the meeting. ANS will only allow alcohol in the building if it is purchased through the ANS caterers and served by a bartender through the catering company. In effect, that would mean that, instead of \$40 for alcohol, the club would need to spend \$500 for bartender and unimpressive beers, with no chance at having the same “bird label” beers that the club has come to expect at the Annual Meeting. Essentially, the club has been left with three options: 1) Pay the caterers for the beer and bartender and have the Annual Meeting stay at ANS 2) Have the Annual Meeting at ANS but without alcohol or 3) Utilize an alternate venue for the Annual Meeting that would allow us to bring our own food and alcohol. As of yet, there has been no decision made; though, discussions are ongoing within DVOC Council. Vice President Phil Witmer read from a letter sent to DVOC from the Upper Main Line YMCA (UMLY), thanking the DVOC for their assistance with UMLY World Series of Birding Teams. Vice President Phil Witmer read from a letter sent to the DVOC from the Willistown Conservation Trust thanking the DVOC for funding projects with World Series of Birding Conservation Grants. Ornithological

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Moments Committee Chairperson Rob Bierregaard presented some highlights from his Osprey research for the evening's Ornithological Moment. The main program featured Dr. Andrew Mack, Executive Director of the Indo-Pacific Conservation Alliance and Professor at the Punxsutawney Campus of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Andrew Mack spent four years in a remote part of Papua New Guinea studying cassowaries and their role as seed dispersers. During that time, he discovered a new species of mahogany, now named for him (*Aglaiia mackiana*). Andrew also spent about twenty years developing research and conservation programs in New Guinea. Andrew's talk entitled "Searching for Pekpek: Cassowaries and Conservation in the New Guinea Rainforest" was a spell-binding account of the life history and biology of the cassowary, an indepth exploration of the cassowary's role in seed dispersal and an eye-opening look at the challenges and rewards of pursuing conservation and biology research in true wilderness.

### October 3, 2013

Twenty-two members and four guests were in attendance. Vice President Phil Witmer presided over the meeting. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced that council had approved the membership applications of "Alvin" Wun Fung Hui and Ian Lynch. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer read from a letter sent to DVOC from the Willistown Conservation Trust thanking the DVOC for funding projects with World Series of Birding Conservation Grants. Phil Witmer announced that the California ban on lead ammunition had passed the state legislature and had been sent to the governor for his signature. Phil Witmer announced that the American Bird Conservancy had made "You Can Save Birds From Flying Into Windows" flyers available for the cost of postage for any individuals or organizations interested in distributing the flyers. Ornithological Moments Committee Chairperson Rob Bierregaard presented the evening's Ornithological Moment featuring highlights from his Osprey research: presenting various developments observed in the course of his Osprey research and the tracking of birds using satellite tags and cell tower relay tags. Linda Rowan announced that Operation Migration was using ultralights to lead captive Whooping Cranes in migration as an attempt to develop a second migratory flock of Whooping Cranes. Phil Witmer announced that City

Garden Chinese Restaurant (the normal pre-meeting dinner location for DVOC) has gone out of business, and that the new venue for the pre-meeting dinner would be the restaurant Asia on the Parkway. The main program featured Dr. Greg Shriver, Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Shriver presented "The Conservation of Tidal Marsh Birds: Guiding Action at the Intersection of our Changing Land and Seascapes." This well-organized and well-presented talk presented a wealth of information about our endemic tidal marsh species that depend on the unique saltmarshes of the North American East Coast. Like the Polar Bear, our obligate tidal marsh species are facing extinction due to climate change and the associated loss of habitat that will occur with rising sea levels. While the talk focused on Saltmarsh Sparrows and Nelson's Sparrows, our other endemic obligate tidal marsh species all face similar challenges in the face of climate change. Climate change threatens the continued existence of Black Rail, Clapper Rail, Eastern Willet, American Black Duck, Seaside Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow and Nelson's Sparrow.

### October 17, 2013

Twenty-one members and three guests were in attendance. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read an application that was submitted as a gift membership for Carol Elwell. Conservation Committee Chairperson Phil Witmer read from an email sent by New Jersey Audubon Society about Piping Plovers and the development of the general management plan for Gateway National Recreation Area, which includes Sandy Hook. Phil Witmer read from an email sent by National Audubon about the proposal for the migratory *rufa* subspecies of the Red Knot and the western population of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo to be listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Phil Witmer announced that the California ban on lead ammunition was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown. Phil Witmer read from an article noting that 99% of human-related bird deaths in Canada can be attributed to window-strikes and predation by domestic cats. President Art McMorris announced that changes in the food and drink policies of the Academy of Natural Sciences means that the 118th Annual Members Meeting may not have alcohol or that the meeting will have to take place at an alternate location. Art explained that



Anita Guris and Bonnie Witmer were looking into alternate locations and that there was a good likelihood that the Annual Members Meeting would take place at an alternate location. President Art McMorris announced that the procedures for delisting the Bald Eagle from the Pennsylvania Endangered Species list had commenced. Currently still listed as threatened in the state, the Pennsylvania population of Bald Eagles has recovered from a population low of 3 pairs in 1983 and risen to a population of 271 pairs. Phil Witmer announced that he had received a thank-you letter from Brian Raicich at the Upper Main Line YMCA (UMLY), thanking DVOC and the New Bins for New Birders Committee for the recent donation of binoculars to UMLY. During Local Notes, Vincent Nichnadowicz reported that Gerry Dewaghe and his wife Chris found a Gray Kingbird at the recently reopened Brigantine Division of Edwin B Forsythe NWR today, and that he had been able to see the bird. Gerry and Chris stayed at Brigantine for three hours, helping new arrivals find the Gray Kingbird. Linda Widdop also saw the Gray Kingbird that day. Vincent Nichnadowicz reported that this year has been an invasion year for Blue-footed Boobies, which have been found regularly in California and as far north as British Columbia and as far east as Arizona. Vincent stated that up to thirty Blue-footed Boobies have been seen on the west coast and that he had personally seen them at Playa del Rey and the southern end of the Salton Sea, where he saw twenty Blue-footed Boobies. Vincent noted that the last time this species has been seen so frequently in North America was 1960. The main program featured Pete Bacinski who presented "Bosque Del Apache and The Land of Birding Enchantment."

### **November 7, 2013**

Approximately forty members and thirty-six guests were present at the meeting, including guests representing the Willistown Conservation Trust, Morris Arboretum, other area birding groups, and students. Cindy Ahern filled in for Steve Kacir as Secretary. Youth Birding Committee Chairperson Cindy Ahern reported that over \$600 was raised as a result of the recent request for donations from DVOC members. The contributions helped cover the cost of participation as a sponsor at the ABA Young Birders Conference, and will serve as a basis for the new scholarship fund the committee is working to establish. Cindy announced that Edie Parnum is assisting

with developing the scholarship application. President Art McMorris announced that the 2014 Annual Members Meeting would not be held at the Academy of Natural Sciences due to restrictions regarding alcoholic beverages. Thanks to the work of Bonnie Witmer and Anita Guris the meeting would take place at Jenkins Arboretum. Art McMorris announced that the American Birding Association Headquarters and its President Jeffrey Gordon are moving to Delaware. President Art McMorris announced that HB1576 is active again under a different name, "An Act providing a process for the designation of certain species." This bill removes the protection of Pennsylvania wildlife, and was not written by any Pennsylvania legislators. It contains language such as: "No species can be declared endangered in Pennsylvania unless it is on the Federal Endangered Species List." Listing decisions would no longer be made by biologists. Any listing decisions would only last two years, and the species would then come off the list. The conditions set forth within the bill would make Pennsylvania ineligible for \$27 million in funds for wildlife protection. President Art McMorris announced a press release from Gary Stolz, Manager at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. Gary states that the refuge was included in an economic analysis and the results show the refuge adds \$2.5 million to the local economy in Philadelphia. The refuge adds \$4.60 to the local economy for every dollar invested in the refuge, proving National Wildlife Refuges are profitable. Witmer Stone Sanctuary Committee Co-Chairpersons Linda Rowan and Mick Jeitner announced that all the signs related to Witmer Stone's history in Cape May Point are now in place, including a sign near Sunset Beach which reads "Former site of Witmer Stone Wildlife Sanctuary." During Local Notes, Art McMorris announced that there has been a Gray Kingbird in Delaware, and Marty Dellwo announced that a Gray Kingbird had been observed at Forsythe a few weeks ago and is presumably the same bird. Nathaniel Sharp announced that his ornithological census at Strath Haven High School has reached a cumulative 65 species. The main program for the evening featured Doug Talamy who presented "Plant A Better Bird Feeder."

### **November 21, 2013**

The 2013 DVOC Annual Banquet was held at the Sheet Metal Workers Hall at the Delaware River Waterfront, and 114 members and guests were in attendance. The Witmer Stone Award was presented

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to Mick Jeitner and Linda Rowan for publicly installed signs “Slaughter in Cape May” and “Dr. Witmer Stone: Noted Ornithologist, 1866–1939.” The Julian Potter Award was presented to Dr. Richard “Rob” O. Bierregaard for his ongoing research on Ospreys. The Rosalie Edge Conservation Award was presented to Dan Kunkle for his role in restoring 750 acres of devastated landscape in Pennsylvania’s Lehigh Gap to a healthy ecosystem with healthy habitat for birds and other wildlife and a thriving nature center. The DEVOC Award, “an occasional honor to that member of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club who, by his/her outstanding contributions to ornithology, has best exemplified the spirit of the Founders and upheld the prestige which they established for the Club” was awarded to Bert Filemyr for his lengthy service to DVOC, passion for birding and, in essence, “all things Bert.” There is no way to summarize the many achievements and activities of Bert Filemyr in such a small space, but suffice it to say, Bert Filemyr truly embodies the spirit of the DVOC and the DEVOC Award. This was the first DEVOC Award to be presented since 1996. The DVOC Banquet Speaker Bill Thompson III, Editor and co-publisher of *Bird Watcher’s Digest* presented “The Perils and Pitfalls of Birding: A Humorous Narrative About the Many Mistakes, Accidents, and Embarrassing Situations Experienced in 30+ Years as a Bird Watcher” which also involved a number of musical performances.

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Thirty-four members and eight guests were in attendance. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer read the application of Catherine R Higgins and announced that Carol Elwell’s application for membership had been approved by DVOC Council. Youth Birding Committee member Edie Parnum announced that the Youth Birding Committee would be working to start a scholarship fund, and anticipated accepting applicants after the beginning of the New Year. The committee organized a fundraising effort via sales of fresh fruit. As an incentive to youth members, the DVOC would give copies of *The Young Birder’s Guide to Birds of Eastern North America* by Bill Thompson III to all new youth members. Art McMorris announced that the 2013 Banquet was a great success with 114 attending, and featuring a delightful program by Bill Thompson III. New Bins for New Birders Committee Chairperson Paul Guris

announced that the committee had awarded binoculars to the Upper Main Line YMCA and Edwin B Forsythe NWR. Anita Guris announced that she had brought cupcakes that could be purchased for \$4 each, and all the proceeds would benefit the New Bins for New Birders Program. Bob Billings Big Year Committee Chairperson Art McMorris announced that the committee had instituted simplified rules for reporting rare birds. Under the new rules, participants in the Bob Billings Big Year competition would not need to document any species that is on a state list but not on the review list for the location where the bird was seen. In addition, the form to document rarities has been simplified. Official state lists will be posted on the DVOC website. Conservation Chairperson Phil Witmer reported that Pennsylvania House Bill HB 1576 had been tabled for now and that Senate Bill SB 1047 had been referred to game and fisheries. President Art McMorris announced that Alan Brady suffered a stroke. Art passed around a get-well card for Alan for members and guests to sign. President Art McMorris announced that Pete Dunne, who was still recovering from a stroke last March, would be retiring from the Cape May Bird Observatory next summer. Paul Guris announced that he would be running territories for the Cape May and Cumberland County Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs). Paul Guris announced that See Life Paulagics would be running an 8 hr pelagic out of Belmar, NJ, on January 1, 2014. Paul Guris announced that he would be leading on the Searcher during their five day pelagic cruise out of San Diego beginning on the Labor Day weekend. President Art McMorris announced that the 118th Annual Members Meeting will take place at Jenkins Arboretum on January 2, 2014. Win Shafer reported a Snowy Owl at Episcopal Academy in Delaware County. The Snowy Owl later flew to White Horse Road in Chester County. Frank Windfelder found a Snowy Owl at Northeast Airport in Philadelphia on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Frank was talking to workers at the airport and discovered the Snowy Owl was later hit by plane. Howard Eskin talked about *Selasphorus* hummingbirds in Pennsylvania, noting that Scott Weidensaul recaptured and released a hummingbird originally banded on March 1, 2013 at the exact same house in Harleysville, PA, that it had returned to this winter. Art McMorris presented a summary of the 2013 Peregrine Falcon nesting season for the evening’s Ornithological Moment. Vice President Phil Witmer introduced Paul Guris

who acted as the master of ceremonies for the 2013 DVOC Members' Photography Night. Judges for the contest were present: Anita Guris, Steve Mattan and Steve Kacir. Paul Guris acted as the logistical wizard for the contest: receiving submissions, compiling photos, providing the compiled submissions to the judges and preparing the slideshow presentations of the submitted works and the winners. Paul efficiently cycled through the submitted photos, presenting short commentaries on the photos along the way. Afterwards, Paul presented the award-winning photos while Anita Guris distributed prizes for the winners. Cupcakes and a Nikon microfiber lens cleaner were awarded to members receiving honorable mentions and third place winners. Second place winners received a \$10 Amazon gift card. First place winners received a \$25 Amazon gift card. The winner of the Avocet Award received a \$100 Amazon gift card. The winner of the Peregrine Award received a gift certificate for a pelagic trip with See Life Paulagics. DVOC thanked the following for the contributions towards significantly underwriting the cost of photo contest prizes: See Life Paulagics, Steve Mattan, Steve Kacir, Art McMorris, Bert Filemyr, Phil Witmer, Bonnie Witmer, Anita Guris and Paul Guris. The breakdown of the winners was as follows:

### **Birds**

*First Place:* Frank Windfelder –  
Immature Snowy Egret  
*Second Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Shake it Baby (Atlantic Puffin)  
*Third Place:* Rob Hynson –  
Lord Howe Woodhen  
*Honorable Mention:* Marv Hyatt –  
Purple-tipped Whitetip  
*Honorable Mention:* Rob Hynson –  
Musk Lorikeet  
*Honorable Mention:* Patty Rehn –  
Firebird (Tufted Coquette)

### **Fauna**

*First Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Wheelin' Around (Wheel Bug)  
*Second Place:* Ann Reeves –  
Toad Stool (Fowler's Toad)  
*Third Place:* Nathaniel Sharp –  
Submerge (Humpback Whale)

### **Flora**

*First Place:* Dick Bell –  
Teasel  
*Second Place:* Marv Hyatt –  
Gardenia  
*Third Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Lance (Lanceleaf Rose Gentian)

### **Scenery**

*First Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Pink Sunrise (Bosque del Apache, NM)  
*Second Place:* Marv Hyatt –  
San Xavier del Bac Mission, AZ  
*Third Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Fiery Flow (Kilauea Volcano, HI)

### **Birders**

*Third Place:* Nathaniel Sharp –  
Birding from the Hilton (young birders  
workshop on Eastern Egg Rock Island, ME)  
*Second Place:* Ann Reeves –  
Lincoln's (Patty Rehn at Pennypack on the  
Delaware, PA)  
*First Place:* Patty Rehn –  
Enthusiasts (PA Young Birders winter bird  
count)

### **Avocet Award for Artistic Achievement**

Patty Rehn –  
Fiery Flow (Kilauea Volcano, HI)

### **Peregrine Award for Photographic Excellence**

Patty Rehn –  
On the Prowl (Jaguar in the Pantanal, Brazil)

## **December 19, 2013**

Sixteen members and three guests were in attendance. President Art McMorris announced that the club had received a donation of \$50 from Mrs. Miriam T. Whitten in honor of David R. Whitten, who has been a member of DVOC for 74 years. Membership Committee Chairperson Bonnie Witmer announced that the application of Catherine R Higgins had been approved by DVOC Council.

Conservation Chairperson Phil Witmer reported that the US Department of Justice had found Duke Energy Renewables guilty of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act due to fatalities of Golden Eagles, Bald Eagles and other birds at Wyoming wind projects.

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Chairperson Phil Witmer reported on the progress of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 1047 (SB 1047), the Senate corollary to House Bill HB 1576. Phil noted that a hearing on SB 1047 will be held on January 10, 2014. President Art McMorris then read from a letter that was sent to PA lawmakers in support of these flawed bills, and encouraged all members to contact PA Senators and Representatives and reaffirm their opposition to these bills. Nominating Committee Chairperson Chris Walters announced the slate of candidates for the election to be held at the January 2, 2014 Members' Meeting:

*President:* Phil Witmer

*Vice President:* Steve Kacir

*Secretary:* George Armistead

*Treasurer:* Bert Filemyr

*Councilors:*

Linda Widdop

Gregg Gorton

Nominations from the floor were solicited, but no new nominations were provided. DVOC Councilors who would end their terms at the Members' Meeting are Connie Goldman and Bob Horton. DVOC thanked Bob and Connie for their service to the club. President Art McMorris reported on the continued recovery of Alan Brady, who had recently suffered a stroke. Alan had recovered from a bout of pneumonia that he contracted after entering a nursing home. Bert Filemyr reminded members that Snowy Owls are about, and went on to explore some of the dynamics of this unprecedented Snowy Owl irruption that has become a sensation across northeastern America and the into the Great Lakes region. Bert mentioned that conventional wisdom points to a lack of food as a cause for typical Snowy Owl irruptions. However, this year, the Snowy Owls enjoyed tremendous breeding success on the breeding grounds due to a massive lemming prey base this summer. The birds that are moving south are not starving, but have been pushed south by older, more experienced Snowy Owls that have successfully defended their winter hunting territories. In a bad year, Snowy Owls may lay as few as three eggs, and in good years a brood can reach up to eleven eggs. Most, if not all of the Snowy Owls moving south this year have been young birds, and many have been in good condition. These birds may never have seen humans or our technology before and often behave in

a naïve fashion that can put the birds at risk. Birders should enjoy the phenomenon but also be sure to give the owls some space. Later, Art McMorris spoke on the pitfalls of identifying Snowy Owls to age class and sex. Sexing and aging Snowy Owls is not a straightforward pursuit. Usually older male birds are very white and the younger females are very dark with a continuum of older females and younger males coming in at the middle of the spectrum. One should not become overconfident on the ability to identify sex and age in this species, however. Exceptions to the rules of light old males and dark young females abound — not to mention the challenge of correctly identifying birds within the central range of the spectrum. A careful observer might choose to forego slapping a label on a bird (e.g. adult female or juvenile male) and simply document the appearance of each Snowy Owl instead by photo, sketch or written description. Marty Dellwo reported that a Northern Shrike has once more been reported from John Heinz NWR at Tinicum. Bonnie Witmer reported that she spotted a Snowy Owl while driving on Route 476, just before the Springfield Exit. Bob Horton reported that a Lapland Longspur and a Snow Bunting were at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. Vice President Phil Witmer introduced Kevin Loughlin, who presented a sweeping lyrical travelogue highlighting many aspects of his work with Wildside Nature Tours, entitled "Not All Who Wander Are Lost."

# Delaware Valley Ornithological Club Membership Directory

As of December 31, 2013

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Beer, Debbie, 417 Fairview Road, Springfield, PA 19064.....	2005
Bekker, Anne, 148 W. Durham Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119 .....	2013
#*Bell, Richard C., 2370 Rosemont Terrace, Furlong, PA 18925.....	1974
Beltz, Jack, 108 Windsor Avenue, Melrose Park, PA 19027.....	2013
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Bevier, Louis, 25 Great Meadow Lane, Fairfield, ME 04937 .....	1995
Bierregaard, Richard, 421 Cotswold Lane, Wynnewood, PA 19096.....	2011
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Bowler, Mary, 903 Weldon Lane, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 .....	2008

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Carpenter, Amy, 226 W. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103 .....	2013
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Confer, Jan, 43 Falcon Drive, Southampton, NJ 08088 .....	2008
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Croasdale, Tony, 222 Morgan Avenue, Palmyra, NJ 08065.....	2005
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#Ellicott, Alison, 130 W 8th Street, New Castle, DE 19720 .....	2003
Elwell, Carol, 183 Seeley Cohansey Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 .....	2013
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Fellenbaum, Todd, 233 Gaskill St, Philadelphia, PA 19147 .....	2008
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*Frock, Roy F., 1101 Grey Friars Terrace, Chalfont, PA 18914 .....	1994
Gehret, Alan, 14874 Griffin Graves Creek Road, Henderson, KY 42420.....	1994
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Goldfine, Howard, 416 Sycamore Avenue, Merion Station, PA 19066 .....	2008
*#Goldman, Connie, 112 Schan Drive, Churchville, PA 18966 .....	2003
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Gorton, Gregg, 209 Woodside Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072.....	2008
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*#Haas, Barbara M., 2469 Hammertown Road, Narvon, PA 17555 .....	1983
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Mueller, Merideth, 11 Tony's Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087.....	2007
*Murphy, Naomi, 234 Orlemann Avenue, Orelan, PA 19075 .....	1983
Myers, Penelope, 7126 Cresheim Road, Philadelphia, PA 19119 .....	2012
Myers, Richard, 686 Stryker Ave, Doylestown, PA 18901 .....	2008
Newlon, Michael C., 206 Emerson Lane, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 .....	1986
Nichnadowicz, Vincent, 389 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 .....	2003
O'Brien, Michael, 5300 Chester Ave Apt 17 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19143-4929 .....	1986
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#Orr, Samuel J., PO Box 171, Villas, NJ 08251 .....	1969
#Padalino, Jack, 1293 Milford Road, Dingman's Ferry, PA 18328.....	1975
#*Parnum, Edith, 442 Robin Hill Rd, Wayne, PA 19087 .....	1999

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Quindlen, Brian, 5 Winding Way, Malvern, PA 19355.....	2013
Raff, Buster, 5913 Superior Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330.....	2006
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Reeves, Ann, 11 Warren Avenue, Bellmar, NJ 08031.....	2012
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Rehn, Patricia, 1920 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146.....	2009
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#*Rice, Nathan H., 401 W. Walnut Street, North Wales, PA 19454.....	2000
#Rieker, Kenneth, 601 Perkiomen Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19446.....	1996
Roman, Lynn, 4042 Balwynne Park Road, Philadelphia, PA 19131.....	2009
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#Rufe, Jewel V., 1890 N. 5th Street, Perkasie, PA 18944.....	1985
#*Rufe, W. Hart, 1890 N. 5th Street, Perkasie, PA 18944.....	1977
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#Sargent, Hugh A., 623 Gypsy Hill Circle, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002.....	1950
Saunders, Steve, 2045 Palmer Drive, Norristown, PA 19403.....	2006
#Saunders, Grier, 207 E. Township Line Rd., Exton, PA 19341-1003.....	1960
Schnauffer, Vanessa, PO Box 4531, Trenton, NJ 08610.....	2008
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Schwalbe, Glenna P., 203 Breezy Point Drive, Pardeeville, WI 53954.....	1984
#*Schwalbe, Paul W., 203 Breezy Point Drive, Pardeeville, WI 53954.....	1946
Scott, Ann, 850 Keller Creamery Road, Telford, PA 18969.....	2007
#Seip, Sasha, 490 Hansen Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406.....	2006
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Seneca, Roy, 135 Cottonwood Drive, Marlton, NJ 08083.....	2009
Sevareid, Alice, 111 S. Chester Rd. Apt 5A, Swarthmore, PA 19081.....	2003
#Shafer, Edwin, 311 Grays Lane, Haverford, PA 19041.....	2005
Shaffer, Bob, 105 N. Norwood Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940-2235.....	2004
Sharp, Nathaniel, 317 Highland Ave, Wallingford, PA 19086.....	2010
#*Sharp, Matt, 7135 Bryan Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119.....	2003
Sheppard, Winston C., 86 Foulkeways, Gwynedd, PA 19436.....	1944
#*Short, Ellen S., PO Box 192, Rockland, DE 19732.....	1990
Siegfried, Lucy, 121 Cherokee Road, New Britain, PA 18901.....	2004
#*Siler, Jack G., 4631 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143.....	1990
Siti, Mary Ann, 612 Stockston Circle, Ridley Park, PA 19078.....	2012
Siti, James, 612 Stockston Circle, Ridley Park, PA 19078.....	2012
Smith, Dee Ann, 245 Forrest Drive, Chalfont, PA 18914.....	2004
Smith, Thomas P., 247 Stockton St., Hightstown, NJ 08520.....	2010

Smith, Andy, 402 Conestoga Road, Devon, PA 19333 .....	2006
Somerville, Kate, 971 N. Randolph Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 .....	1991
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#Sparks, Donald I., 409 Fairview Way, New Hope, PA 18938-1014.....	1962
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Stepenaskie, Judy, 7854 Nixon Street, Philadelphia, PA 19128.....	2011
#Sterrett, Timothy S., 1407 Evie Lane, West Chester, PA 19382.....	1977
#Stewart, James M., 4615 Lenape Lane, Lafayette Hills, PA 19444-1024.....	1996
#Stewart, Belynda, P.O. Box 42657, Philadelphia, PA 19101 .....	1997
Streich, Skyler, 8 River Avenue, Island Heights, NJ 08732.....	2012
*Sutton, Clay C., 129 Bucks Avenue, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210.....	1978
*Sutton, Patricia T., 129 Bucks Avenue, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 .....	1983
Tallamy, Douglas, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717.....	2013
Tannery, William, 1008 Belmont Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108.....	1982
#Thompson, Rodman, 37 N. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301.....	1995
#Thompson, Herb, 41 Princeton Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031 .....	1993
Thorp, Barbara, 209 E. Evergreen Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.....	2008
#Thurber, Andrew E., 6700 NE 182nd ST. B203, Kenmore, WA 98028.....	1986
#Thurber, Walter A., 8338 E. Belgian Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.....	1985
#*Tischner, Kenneth, 1081 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.....	1972
#*Todd, Harry W., 1343 W. Baltimore Pike, Wawa, PA 19063 .....	1964
Trent, Arnella, 115 Willis Street, Cambridge, MD 21613 .....	2004
#*Tucker, William T., RFD - 61 Main Street, Kingston, NH 03848 .....	1973
#*Twining, R. Dale, 28 Hewett Road, Wyncote, PA 19095 .....	1937
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Urquhart, Andy, 48 Bridleshire Road, Newark, DE 19711 .....	2003
Wahl, Jeff, 1313 Meadow Lane, Berwyn, PA 19312.....	2010
#Waldie, Linda, 705 San Fernando Road, Cape May, NJ 08204.....	1995
#Waldie, James, 705 San Fernando Road, Cape May, NJ 08204.....	1995
Wallis, Robert C., 301 Willowmere Lane, Ambler, PA 19002 .....	2011
#*Walters, Christopher, 324 Hathaway Lane, Wynnewood, PA 19096 .....	1978
Warren, Joan, 713 Woodfield Road, Villanova, PA 19085 .....	1986
Whitman, Bradford, 267 Kent Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096 .....	2005
Whitten, David R., 316 Fox Hound Drive, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 .....	1939
Widdop, Linda, 1246 Susquehanna Rd, Rydal, PA 19046.....	2011
Wilhelm, Donna, 406 Foulkeways, Gwynned, PA 19436.....	2010
*Windfelder, Frank, 9233 Convent Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114.....	1981
Witmer, Philip, 112 Kynlyn Road, Radnor, PA 19087-2836 .....	2007
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Wood, George, 229 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 .....	2011
Wright, Minturn T., 4813 Marble Hill, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 .....	1973
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2010

**Archives** – Jeff Holt  
**Banquet** – Bernice & Joseph Koplin and  
Georgia & Barrie Ashby  
**Book Auction** – Bob Mercer  
**By-laws** – Chris Walters  
**Cassinia** – David Long  
**Checklist** – Rick Mellon  
**Conservation** – Phil Witmer  
**DVOC List Serve** – Bert Filemyr  
**East Park Reservoir** – Jan Gordon  
**Field Trips** – Bob Horton  
**Julian K. Potter Award Selection** – Jeff Holt  
**Membership** – Connie Goldman  
**New Bins for New Birders** – Paul Guris  
**Nominating** – Colin Campbell  
**Ornithological Studies** – Todd Fellenbaum  
**Webmaster** – Bert Filemyr  
**Witmer Stone Award Selection** – Colin Campbell  
**Witmer Stone Sanctuary** – Mick Jeitner &  
Linda Rowan  
**Youth Birding Committee** – Debbie Beer

2012

**Archives** – Jeff Holt  
**Banquet** – Bernice & Joseph Koplin  
**Bob Billings Award** – Art McMorris  
**Book Auction** – Bob Mercer  
**Bylaws** – Chris Walters  
**Cassinia** – David Long  
**Checklist** – Rick Mellon  
**Conservation** – Phil Witmer  
**DVOC List Serve** – Bert Filemyr  
**East Park Reservoir** – Jan Gordon  
**Field Trips** – Win Shafer  
**Interns Fund** – Chris Walters  
**Julian K. Potter Award Selection** – Don Jones  
**Membership** – Anita Guris & Bonnie Witmer  
**New Bins for New Birders** – Paul Guris  
**Nominating** – Chris Walters  
**Ornithological Studies** – Rob Bierregaard  
**Website** – Bert Filemyr  
**Witmer Stone Award Selection** – Steve Kacir  
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Linda Rowan  
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2011

**Archives** – Jeff Holt  
**Banquet** – Bernice & Joseph Koplin  
**Bob Billings Award** – Art McMorris  
**Book Auction** – Bob Mercer  
**Bylaws** – Chris Walters  
**Cassinia** – David Long  
**Checklist** – Rick Mellon  
**Conservation** – Phil Witmer  
**DVOC List Serve** – Bert Filemyr  
**East Park Reservoir** – Jan Gordon  
**Field Trips** – Win Shafer  
**Julian K. Potter Award Selection** – Jeff Holt  
**Membership** – Connie Goldman  
**New Bins for New Birders** – Paul Guris  
**Nominating** – Chris Walters  
**Ornithological Studies** – Dino Fiabane  
**Webmaster** – Bert Filemyr  
**Witmer Stone Award Selection** – Colin Campbell  
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Linda Rowan  
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2013

**Archives** – Jeff Holt  
**Banquet** – Barbara Granger  
**Bob Billings Award** – Art McMorris  
**Book Auction** – Bob Mercer  
**Bylaws** – Chris Walters  
**Cassinia** – David Long  
**Checklist** – Rick Mellon  
**Conservation** – Phil Wimer  
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