

# ABSTRACTS OF PROCEEDINGS

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1982

JANUARY 7. Fifty members and six guests attended the 92nd Annual Meeting. The Officers for the year were announced:

President - Harry Todd

Vice President - Harry Franzen

Secretary - John LaVia

Treasurer - Christopher Caracino

Armas Hill and Serge LaFrance were tapped as the new Councillors, and Peter Dunne, Tom Reeves, and Clay Sutton were elevated to Fellows of the D.V.O.C. The Julian K. Potter and Witmer Stone Awards went to Armas Hill and Clay Sutton respectively. Hill's work on the Hotline and Sutton's article on eagles have both added to the reputation of the D.V.O.C. As a tribute to deceased member, Ron Logan, the extraordinary step was taken of naming his birdwatching son, Brian Logan, as a Life Member. Russell Rogers was also elected to active membership. The usual reports and refreshment of an Annual Meeting followed.

JANUARY 21. Only twenty-three members and five guests braved the deep winter weather to enjoy the annual slide contest. Members Twining, Mellon, and Lipschutz were the big winners.

FEBRUARY 4. Forty-three members and five guests shared Marv Hyett's fine collection of slides from a 1981 trip to Churchill, Manitoba.

FEBRUARY 18. Seven guests joined forty members in learning about the Academy's Vireo Project (Visual Resources for Ornithology). Frank Gill, Alec Forbes-Watson, and Pete Myers explained their thriving plan to move museum work away from a "skins only" approach and to employ all sorts of new technology to make available great numbers of photographs for museum work.

MARCH 4. Forty members and three guests were present. Steve Hannaford was elected to the Club. Guest speaker Paul Weirick presented the results of his five-week trip to India and Nepal. He and his wife had many excellent slides.

MARCH 18. The first meeting of the Club in its new downstairs location saw forty-six members and eight guests react with enthusiasm to guest speaker Sam Brinton's multimedia presentation of Florida.

APRIL 1. Fifty members and three guests were educated by Pete Dunne on an area in our own backyard: the incredible spring migration of shorebirds along the Delaware Bay beaches of New Jersey and Delaware.

APRIL 15. Fifty-five members and six guests - including Peter Alden (*Finding Birds Around the World*) - listened to the last report of the New Holland Gyrfalcons, with at least one having been present from November 27, 1981, to March 31 of this year. Howard Brokaw gave the program for the evening, and his slides of open country birding in Africa were up to his usual fine standard.

MAY 6. Forty-nine members and seven guests were present for the election to membership of Bill Tannery and Don Jones. All joined in congratulating Dick Bell on his fine edition of *Cassinia*. Frank Haas used a triple projector to illustrate very effectively his lesson on hawk identification.

MAY 20. Thirty-three members and one guest learned all about the many threats to Eastern Bluebirds and of the efforts to protect them by such people as the speaker for the evening, Bob Schutsky of Muddy Run.

JUNE 3. Twenty-eight members and one guest shared May Roundup reports.

JULY 1, AUGUST 5, SEPTEMBER 2, and SEPTEMBER 16. Informal meetings were held at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

OCTOBER 7. Fifty members and five guests enjoyed the well-researched and photographed program on whales by Sid Lipschutz.

OCTOBER 21. A short pleasant meeting was enjoyed by forty-five members and four guests. Armas Hill was the featured speaker, and his fine owl slides and personal enthusiasm triumphed over technical difficulties.

NOVEMBER 4. Sixty-eight members and several guests were saddened to learn of the death of our honored past president, R. L. Haines. The debate and vote on changes to the Club's By-laws precluded the presentation of any program. By a 57-10-1 vote women are no longer excluded from membership, and by a 59-9 count it now takes only a two-thirds (not a three-fourths) majority to change these By-laws. The Club's meeting place returned to the main auditorium.

NOVEMBER 18. The Club's Annual Banquet was held at Walber's-on-the-Delaware with Len Soucy as the featured speaker.

DECEMBER 8. The Club changed its meeting day to a Wednesday this month in order to share the Wilson Lecture Series with the Academy. The Fuetes Exhibit was open before the informative lecture by Dr. Steven Emlen of Cornell on the "Social Systems of Birds."

DECEMBER 16. No fewer than eighteen guests joined fifty-three members to witness the election to membership of Robert Ridgely and Pete Dunne's program about his coastal Alaskan hawk watch.

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JANUARY 6. Fifty-nine members and eighteen guests were present for the 93rd Annual Meeting. The new officers were announced, and the only changes from 1982 were Jim Meritt as Treasurer and Ed Fingerhood and Alec Forbes-Watson as Councillors. Bob Bodine, Marv Hyett, and Serge LaFrance were honored as Fellows, and Rick Mellon was presented with the prestigious Potter Award. The following were elected to active membership: Mary Brokow, Helen McWilliams, Cindy Uptegraft, Kate Brethwaite, Bill Murphy, Naomi Murphy, Jim Rufe, Mark Robbins, and Pete Myers. The reports of some ten Christmas Bird Counts formed the program for the evening.

JANUARY 20. Some sixty-six members and twenty guests joined in welcoming Phil Street back from Attu, Alaska, with an outstanding program.

FEBRUARY 3. Forty-nine members and nine guests heard from Dick Bell and Bill Tucker about a summer trip to the Yucatan.

FEBRUARY 17. Approximately sixty-five members and six guests welcomed Richard Kelley, Stanley Harrison, Lucy Tyrrell, and Tom and Margaret Southerland as new members. Art Bergey described how he, Bob Sehl, Paul Schwabe, and Paul's wife braved two weeks of primitive living conditions near Gambon, Panama, to participate in a research project on mist netting and bird banding. His slides were very interesting.

MARCH 3. Marv Hyett, Rick Mellon, and Ed Fingerhood were the winners of the annual slide contest witnessed by fifty-one members and eighteen guests. The Haases were elected into the Club.

MARCH 17. Fifty-four members and eleven guests joined in mourning the death of past president and honorary member, Joe Cadbury. Mike Logan was elected to active membership. The program was presented by members Harry Todd and Ed Fingerhood and was a pleasant introduction to some and a reminder to others of how exciting birding in the northwestern United States can be.

APRIL 7. Fifty-three members and seventeen guests delighted in the outstanding slides of the birds of Colorado that Serge LaFrance presented as the program.

APRIL 21. Fifty-six members and twenty-four guests were humbled by Rick Mellon's program on shorebird identification. New members elected: Rob Cardello, Mike and Susan Delosier, Mark Stocku, and Udo Haeckel.

MAY 5. Forty-six members and fourteen guests enjoyed a brief business meeting and a superior program presented by Gerry Gerow on bird-banding in Argentina.

MAY 19. There was a good turnout for the D.V.O.C.'s night at the Zoo. Janet Jackson introduced Ralph Horn and his slide program on the breeding birds of the Philadelphia Zoo.

JUNE 2. Forty members and six guests welcomed Evelyn Day and Evie Kramer as new members, and all exchanged information on the May Roundup reports.

JULY 7, AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 1, and SEPTEMBER 15. Informal meetings were held.

OCTOBER 6. An audience of more than one hundred people listened to the D.V.O.C.'s own Jesse Granthm speak about his experiences as one of the team trying to save the California Condor.

OCTOBER 20. Fifty-seven members and sixteen guests observed the election of four new members: Russell Swett, Patricia Sutton, David Lauer, and Stanley Senner. Marv Hyett's program for the evening was on the polar bears of Churchill.

NOVEMBER 3. David Spawn and Brad and Gina Shaw were voted into membership joining fifty-four other members and ten guests. The program featured Jim Stasz and his expertise on gull identification.

NOVEMBER 17. The Annual Banquet at Walber's featured Daniel Roby speaking on the "Birds of the Falklands and South Georgia."

DECEMBER 1. Forty-six members and six guests watched as William Toffey and Edward Crawford were elected into the Club. The slides of Howard Boyd illustrated his cruise around the Galapagos Islands.

DECEMBER 15. The D.V.O.C again joined the Wilson Lecture Series to hear Dr. Stanley Temple talk on the decline of song birds.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISION

At the regular meeting of the D.V.O.C. on November 4, 1982, the following changes were voted upon and approved in accordance with the then existing Constitution and By-laws:

CONSTITUTION: Article III, line 2; delete *male*. The affected sentence now reads: *The members of this Club shall be persons who are interested in ornithology in its widest sense.*

Article V, line 2; delete *three-quarters*, insert instead *two-thirds*. The affected sentence now reads: *Amendments of this Constitution to be effective shall require affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the Fellows and Active Members in good standing present at a regular stated meeting attended by a quorum.*

BY-LAWS: Article X. Amendments, line 2; delete *three-quarters*, insert instead *two-thirds*. The affected sentence now reads: *Amendments to these By-laws to be effective shall require the affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of the Fellows and Active Members in good standing present at a regular stated meeting attended by a quorum.*

Committee Members: Edward Fingerhood, Robert H. Sehl, Armas Hill, Chairman.  
President: Harry W. Todd.