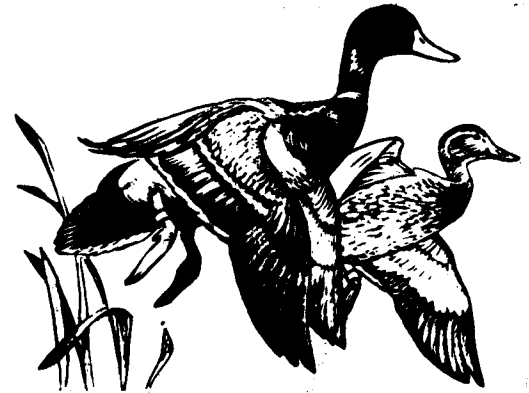


SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10

Our first meeting of the year will be September 10th, at the Freeport Library - 8:15 - and we hope everyone will be back in mind and spirit from your summer vacations. We will have a brand new president, and a brand new set of officers. So, let's everyone come out for a good start!

The first Board Meeting of the year will be on Tuesday Night, September 3rd. Freeport Library at 8:15 P.M.

REPORT OF ANNUAL DINNER

-- Our 3rd annual dinner was attended by 87 people, and we want to take this opportunity to thank all who came and helped to make it the success it was.

William Botwinik, Executive Director of the Nassau County Environment Management Council briefly described the functions and philosophy of the Council; and our main speaker, Guy Coheleach, with his films of photographing wild animals, and warm talk that went with it. He brought with him a group of his prints which he donated to South Shore for sale; one of these, used for the raffle, was won by Harlan Friedman! New officers were installed and Al Lemke was presented with an engraved pewter plate.

One or two people were unable to attend at the last minute. We have no way of identifying them, but they are entitled to a refund if they will make themselves known to the Treasurer, or to us at 889-0340.

Charlie and Marge Keller, Chairmen

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: DEADLINE for October Newsletter - September 10th :
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- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

As your new president I would like to say first that I hope all of you have had an enjoyable and interesting summer and I would like to welcome our new members who have joined over the summer months. However, the summer is fast coming to a close and South Shore is revving up for action. You will see many activities planned as you read our Newsletter.

During the past 4 years of our existence, South Shore Audubon has grown into a conservation organization of great activity and respect among other conservation groups and governmental agencies. This reputation was built by our two former presidents, Mr. Alvin Friedman and Mr. Albert Lemke, and with everyone's help I hope we will be able to maintain and strengthen this respect.

One of the basic goals of any conservation group is, of course, to protect our environment. While that is a very general statement and would include many specific sub-categories, there are a few ways this goal can be achieved, e.g. through education, economics or politics. Probably one of the most important and often the most immediate is through politics. This is a fact of life that cannot be ignored, and yet is an area that can be influenced by everybody! One of those ways is by letter writing. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is! Many times people feel writing a letter is a waste of time - you send a letter off and that's the end of it. Sometimes the matter is resolved in your favor, sometimes not. But you still have the feeling that your letter did not affect things one way or another.

Let me assure you that this is not so! Our officials pay very close attention to the tenor of their letters. One of the strongest, if not the strongest, weapons conservation groups have is the letters of people who are concerned. In order to develop a strong letter-writing campaign within our organization, I would like to set up an emergency letter hot--line. Everyone who will PROMISE to write a letter when I contact them on some emergency situation, please send me a postcard with his name, address and 'phone number. I will then set up a file for emergency use when I receive information that must be acted upon immediately and cannot wait for our Newsletter. This way possibly we can generate a handful of letters on important issues.

Some of you may be aware that our dues are going up effective September. Inflation doesn't escape anyone! I hope the extra few dollars will not cause anyone to drop when renewal time comes. More than ever we need your help in fighting many of the abuses to our environment. Please stay with us. The new dues schedule is listed in this Newsletter.

I, and all my fellow officers, look forward to working with all of you and hope that you will call or write us when the need arises.

Michael Smiles, President

LEGISLATIVE - CONSERVATION ISSUES

Our former president, Al Lemke, has been doing more than vacationing this summer, although he has done that, too. The following news from is the result of his efforts. Letters do help!

Japanese Whale Boycott Bearing Fruit:

I have received a number of replies to my letter informing various Japanese firms (Newsletter, May 1974) of our support of the boycott of Japanese goods until the Japanese slaughter of whales is halted.

Every company, except one (HITACHI) expressed agreement with our concern and indicated they have relayed comments received (which apparently are quite numerous) to their parent firms. One (NISSAN MOTORS, makers of DATSUN automobiles) enclosed a copy of their letter to the Japanese Consul General in which they pointed with justifiable pride to their "Plant a Tree in a National Forest" program, indicated their environmental interest, and requested the consul to put pressure on his government to halt its depre-dation. The letter was dated February 28, 1974, indicating they have received previous communications on this subject.

The concern expressed by the various firms (except for Hitachi, which curtly stated that complaints should be addressed to the Japanese Whaling Commission) shows that they are worried. If we keep up the pressure they will in turn exert pressure on the Japanese government. Only in this way can we save the various species of these intelligent, harmless mammals from extinction.

Use of Natural Wolf Fur Protested:

It came to my attention through the June 1974 issue of "Defenders of Wildlife" that three concerns throughout the United States are manufacturing and selling in retail outlets Arctic "Snorkel" parkas with natural wolf fur trim on the hood. The writer of the letter in the magazine suggested an educational campaign might be in order since many people might buy these innocently.

Accordingly, I wrote to the concerns listed saying that many of our 1,000-member are bird watchers and are active in other outdoor activities; that I would recommend to the members that products from these concerns not be purchased until they discontinued the use of this fur, or that of any wild animal.

The three firms are: Schott Bros., 10 West 33rd St., N.Y.C. #10001
Seaway Importing Co., 7200 No. Oak Park Ave., Niles,
Illinois, #60648
Jones Tent and Awning, 2034 West 11th Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.

I received a reply from only one company - Schott Bros., N.Y.C. - which stated that they do not use natural wolf fur on their Snorkel Parkas anymore.

Al Lemke

- FROM THE BIRDING FRONT -

Bird Walks for fall:

- September - 8th - Tobay Beach
15th - West End, Jones Beach, Parking Field #2
22nd - Zachs Bay, Jones Beach, Parking Field #4
29th - Short Beach - West End -
Parking Field #2
- October - 6th - Jamaica Bay - Off Cross Bay Blvd.
-13th - Fishing Wharf, Jones Beach
- 20th - West End, Jones Beach, Parking Field #2
- 27th - Tobay Beach
- November - 3rd - Cedar Beach
- 10th - Short Beach (West End Parking Field #2)
- 17th - Tobay Beach



As always, all walks start at 10:00 A.M. and there is no walk if it rains, snows, or the temperature is 25 degrees or below.

Elliott R. Kutner
Chairman, Birding

SUMMER ACTIVITIES OF OUR MEMBERS:

From Marge Fischer comes this entertaining article:

I feed the birds all summer. I enjoy watching the fledgelings flapping and squawking as their parents stuff pounds of birdseed down their gullets; I want to see who gets stuck with raising the cowbirds; and sometimes I get an unexpected bonus.

On the morning of July 3rd, as I opened the back door there was a flash of white. -- Too small to be a pigeon, and too quickly gone to be identified. A fast check through the bird books revealed no small white bird. Next morning, I looked before opening the door, and sitting in the rose bush was the white bird, being fed by a perfectly ordinary male house (English) sparrow! He was pure white, except for a tinge of cream shading the wings; legs and bill pale yellowish tan, much lighter than the usual sparrow color, eyes startlingly dark.

Now to get a picture! He was a regular at the feeder until the camera was ready, and then would disappear only to reappear as soon as we gave up. We tried sneaking around the side of the house, to find him beautifully posed against the white shingles. We hung beach towels out on the line as a blind and got a few shots that way, and July 19 we took the screen out of the back door and shot the rest of the roll. I remember the date because that was the last time we saw him. ----But this morning there was a little yellow-olive backed bird in the mimosa tree, probably a warbler but I haven't the vaguest idea which one.

P.S. On August 14th, a 'phone call from Marge Fischer reported that the white sparrow was again in the bird bath that morning. So - happy ending!

-- KNOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN --

The following is a list of local congressman published by Newsday. It is suggested you might want to keep this list since we cannot put it in the Newsletter each month because of lack of space:

The First and Second Districts are Suffolk County and are omitted.

Third District

- Includes Bayville, Bethpage, Cold Spring Harbor, East Norwich, Farmingdale, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Huntington, Lloyd Harbor, Locust Valley, Massapequa, Melville, Northport, Oyster Bay, Plainview, Syosset, Upper Brookville, Woodbury.

Angelo D. Roncallo (R)

130 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. #11724

Fourth District

- Includes Baldwin, East Rockaway, Freeport, Jones Beach State Park, Levittown, Lido Beach, Merrick, Muttontown, Old Brookville, Old Westbury.

Norman F. Lent (R)

Baldwin Plaza Building, 2280 Grand Ave., Baldwin,
New York #11510

Fifth District

- Includes Atlantic Beach, Bellerose, Cedarhurst, East Meadow, Elmont, Floral Park, Franklin Square, Garden City, Hempstead, Hewlett, Lakeview, Lawrence, Long Beach, Lynbrook, Malverne, Rockville Centre, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Valley Stream, Woodmere.

John W. Wydler (R)

150 Old Country Road, Mineola, N.Y. #11501

Sixth District

- Includes East Williston, Great Neck, Great Neck Estates, Herricks, Kings Point, Lake Success, Manhasset, Mineola, New Hyde Park, Plandome, Port Washington, Roslyn, Roslyn Harbor, Sands Point, Westbury.

Lester L. Wolff (D-L)

156A Main Street, Port Washington, N.Y. #11050

In addition to the addresses given above, these congressmen can also be reached at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C. #20515.

Senators

New York State's two U.S. senators, Jacob Javits and James Buckley, get mail at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. #20510.

--TELEPHONE NUMBERS--

For Injured Birds:

A. & A. Veterinary Hospital, 414 Franklin Ave., Franklin Square - Tel. GE.7-2222. - Free care for any wild bird.

Mrs. Arlene Thomas, author of "Bird Ambulance" - at 212-HO.8-2330.

NEW for NASSAU/SUFFOLK:

Bird First Aid Station opened in Huntington. Mrs. Sallie Ruppert, a licensed bird salvage operator, heads the project, with 4 Huntington Audubon members and 2 cooperating veterinarians on the staff. TEL. 516-427-2639.

Information courtesy Killdeer
Huntington Audubon Society, 6/1974

Volunteers wanted in Lawrence area: - The Lawrence Environmental Action Corps needs volunteers badly to help with work in the local marsh and preserve. This is a program in part of high school students. If willing, please call:

Robert Gluck - 516-CE. 9-1337 or
Mitchell Horowitz - 212-GR. 1-1566

AND HOW ABOUT THIS! In case you don't recognize him in this Newsday picture, the man in the picture is Mike Smiles, with his 2-year old Irish Setter, who, along with Mike's 13-year old nephew, are all set to start on their vacation floating down the Hudson River on an inflatable raft. Mike told Newsday that this is something he has always wanted to do and this summer seemed a good time. The 285-mile trip will take about two weeks. He will have a little help from a four-horsepower engine, when necessary. He plans to make the in a very leisurely way and take many pictures along the way.

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Newsday Photo by Gerald Williams

Smiles and his dog, ready for the trip

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- 1974 - 1975 -

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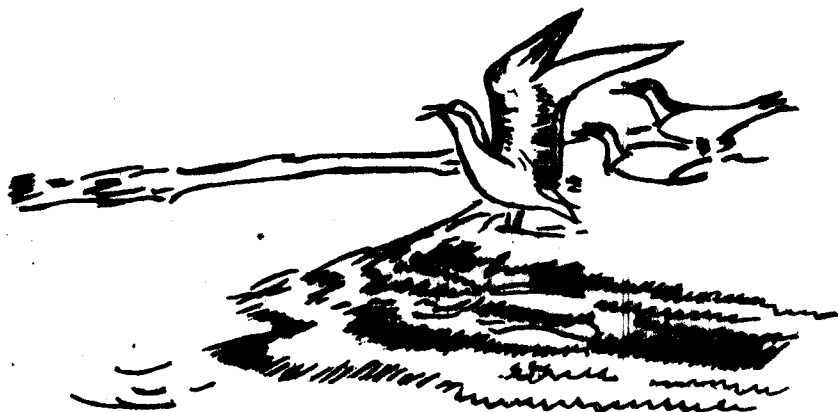
New dues schedule, effective September 1

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Family	18.00	Life	1,000.00
Sustaining	30.00	Affiliated Club	50.00
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Contributing	100.00		

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

-- NEXT MEETING --
-- Tuesday, September 10th --
-- Freeport Library --
-- 8:15 P.M. --



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