

SOUTH SHORE KIMMER



SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON SOCIETY

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A very special invitation to all South Shore Audubon members and their friends:

ANNUAL SOUTH SHORE AUDUBON DINNER

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1977

Valley Stream Park Inn

Cocktails 7 to 8 p.m.

Complete Dinner including gratuities \$8.50 each

Main Course ... Sirloin of Beef

(If fish is desired as a replacement please indicate on check)

Our guest speaker will be Otto Hecht, Assistant Professor of Biology at Trenton State College and visiting Professor at the Nature Conservancy at Cold Spring Harbor. Mr. Hecht will present "The Comparative Ecology in the Life of the Great Horned Owl - Suburban vs. Rural." This program will explore the life of owls, in particular the Great Horned Owl, on the North Shore of Long Island as compared to its habitat and life style in Southern New Jersey. If you wish to join us on this special occasion, notification would be appreciated by June 7, 1977. Checks should be made payable to the South Shore Audubon Society and mailed to: Mr. Elliott Kutner, 461 Dunster Court, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

President - Elliott Kutner
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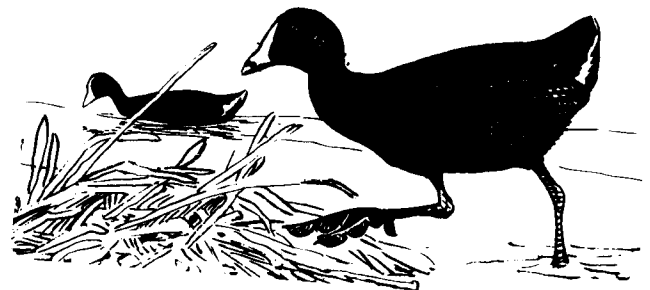
For 3 year terms as Director:

Francis Cooper

Sol Weinstock

Miriam Raynor - 1 year

Joe Worthington - 2 year term replacing Mike Smiles who has resigned.



Additional nominations, seconded, may be made from the floor now or may be mailed to the committee care of Asa Starkweather, 101 Lexington Ave., Malverne, N.Y. 11565.

Asa Starkweather

CANOE TRIP



CARMAN'S RIVER CANOE TRIP - JUNE 5TH

Meet at the parking lot of the Nassau Coliseum on the Hempstead Turnpike side, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Bring a lunch and something to drink. The canoeing part of the trip will last from 4-5 hours.

We will depart from the Coliseum parking lot promptly at 8:00 a.m. and travel together to the South Shore end of the river. Half of the cars will be parked there, and we will all travel to the North Shore end of the river to the Booslanstain Restaurant at the intersection of Mill Rd. and Middle Island Pkwy. in Yapank.

We've got an iron-clad guarantee that the weather will be perfect that day.

Francis H. Cooper

Note: If you have not sent me your check for the number of spaces you've reserved, please do so. This will confirm that you are going. Make checks payable to: Francis Cooper. Send them to me at 1022 Jerusalem Ave., Uniondale, N.Y. 11553. My phone number if there are any problems concerning the canoe trip is 485-8173.

Here is a list of the birds seen on the May 8th Bird Field Trip to Jamaica Bay. It was a beautiful Mother's Day with between 35-40 birders.

rose-breasted grosbeak
 glossy ibis
 black-crowned night heron
 grackle
 myrtle warbler in beautiful spring plumage
 posed for us so we all had a great view of
 him.
 ruby-crowned kinglet
 brown thrasher
 snowy egret
 flocks of least or semi-palmated sandpipers
 dipping, turning and flashing in unison
 making a graceful ballet.
 yellowlegs
 black ducks
 redwings
 dowitchers
 ruddy duck
 bufflehead
 (a beautiful grey wild rabbit)
 great blue heron
 coots



semi-palmated plover
 killdeer
 yellow-crowned night heron
 many Canada geese and brandt
 two families of Canada geese with
 their yellow tufted goslings keep-
 ing close to their parents.
 2 glossy ibis displaying.
 flock of dunlin
 common terns mating
 tree swallows
 laughing gulls
 cormorant
 female Wilson's phalarope
 redhead duck
 green heron
 black-bellied plover in new summer
 plumage - very striking
 yellow warbler
 prairie warbler
 clapper rail

Eleanor Glaser

Dear Folks:

As this is our last publication until Sept., I would like to take a line or two to thank you all so much for your help this past year. I think the Skimmer is improving with each issue and that's because of YOU. So many of you have sent in articles, I did not have the room to print them all. These will be printed in next fall's Skimmer. A special thanks to Stan Ziminski who has sent me so many excellent articles --- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! See you in September. P.Davis

Mr. R. Halpern brought a very excellent magazine to my attention at our last meeting. It is THE CONSERVATIONIST, a bi-monthly publication put out by N.Y. State. It is in color and will be enjoyed by every outdoorsman. The subscrip- tion price is \$3.50 per year. Please write to: THE CONSERVATIONIST, P. O. BOX 1500, LATHAM, N.Y. 12110

1977-78 FILM SERIES

Due to the success of the Audubon Wildlife Film series, the Town of Hempstead will be showing six films next season. The series, Hempstead's most popular show, is free to all town residents and Audubon Society members. The films are of outstanding quality, as are the lectures, and the price is right. Our continued support will assure the continuance of this program.

The schedule for next season is:

1. Tuesday, September 27, 1977 - Eben McMillan "Yosemite-An Ecological Visit"
2. Tuesday, October 25, 1977 - Richard Kern "Florida Cypress Sanctuary: Fish-Eating Creek"
3. Tuesday, December 6, 1977 - Tom Sterling "Footloose in Newfoundland"
4. Tuesday, January 31, 1978 - Doris Boyd "The Living Ocean"
5. Tuesday, March 7, 1978 - Greg McMillan "Central California's Coastal Plain"
6. Tuesday, April 18, 1978 - Bernard Nathanson "Okavango" and "Arribada" (two short films)

All films are shown at the Hempstead Town Pavillion, Town Hall Plaza, at 8:15 p.m. Tickets will be available in August. Write to the TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, RECREATIONAL OFFICE, 50 CLINTON STREET, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.



Al Lemke

Biology Lab and Field Workshop at S.U.N.Y. at Farmingdale

Instructor: Rita Rover, Biological Sciences Dept., S.U.N.Y., Farmingdale

Frog dissection, insect collection and identification, animal behavior (planaria), plant seedling studies, human bone study. These and other exercises aimed at familiarizing children with standard laboratory equipment (including the microscope) and scientific method.

Age: 1. entering 2nd - 4th grade 2. entering 5th - 7th grade.

Class size: 10 students maximum.

Dates: 7/18 to 7/29, M.W.F.

Hours: 2nd - 4th grade group: 9:30 - 12:30

5th - 7th grade group: 1:30 - 3:30

Fee: 2nd - 4th graders - \$55

5th - 7th graders - \$35

In Addition - Materials Fee: approximately \$4

Contact: Evening College Office, Mrs. Seskin - 420-2158.

Adult Laboratory Workshop - Principles of Plant Growth or Understanding How Your Garden Grows

Instructor: Rita Rover, Biological Sciences Dept, S.U.N.Y., Farmingdale

Principles of seed anatomy and germination, plant propagation, investigation of "seeking" of light and water by plants, how plants solve the problems of absorption, transport and conserve water. Students will gain an understanding of the use of the microscope and other laboratory equipment.

Age: Adult

Class: 15 students maximum

Dates: 7/18 - 7/29 T. TH.

Hours: 10:00 - 12:00

Fee: \$20

Contact: Evening College Office, Mrs. Seskin - 420-2158.





Without an outpouring of letters in support of the Adirondack Park Agency, the possibility exists that this essential agency will be dissolved. The importance of this agency in preserving a natural resource for all New Yorkers cannot be overstressed. The Stafford Bill #1569 is being pushed forward in the Senate Finance Committee. This bill would abolish the Park Agency, establishing in its place a Local Governmental Land Use Commission. Land speculators and private interest groups are lobbying daily on behalf of the Stafford Bill. The Adirondack State Park is one of the largest and most beautiful parks in the United States. Due to its close proximity to large population centers, it could easily become overdeveloped by private industry if not adequately protected. The complexity of the job of protecting this park for the benefit of all would be a difficult task for a local commission. The proposed commission, unlike the agency, would not be appointed by the Governor and would not be responsible to the state legislature. There would also be no incentive or requirement that the commission implement any plan or map they may devise. If you believe that the handling of the park for the benefit of all would best be carried out by an agency established by the Governor and responsible to the legislature, then let your state senator know. Urge them to take a stand against the Stafford Bill, thus saving the park for all of us.

On March 26, at a public forum held by Congressman Norman Lent at the Freeport Village Hall, I expressed concern about potential harmful amendments to the Clean Air Act. There was belief among a coalescence of groups, including the Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, and South Shore Audubon, that amendments which would weaken this act would pass out of the Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee for action on the House floor. Since Congressman Lent is a member of this committee, we sought reassurance that he would take a strong stand on this issue. In response to our concern, the Congressman invited us to a private meeting at his Baldwin office on April 16. At this meeting he expressed his concern for clean air and heard our wishes on the subject. In early May I received a letter from Congressman Lent stating that he had voted against the Dingell Amendment, an amendment which would have substantially delayed imposition of strict standards for auto emissions. The amendment was defeated by a tie vote 21-21. The committee then approved by a 30-12 vote an amendment put forward by Rep. Rogers on behalf of the Carter administration. This amendment if passed by the full house will set strict standards on hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions, on 1979 models, and would call for a 90% reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions if they are found harmful to human health by the EPA administrator. Congressman Lent supported this amendment and South Shore Audubon thanks the Congressman for casting these votes. Let us all hope that the full house will meet the challenge of improving public health by achieving better air quality.

Paul Butkerei, Conservation

The following are new members to South Shore Audubon. Welcome!

Charles & Harriet Andrews	Mrs. Vita Hochstadt	Ms. Cynthia Moussas
Mr. Thomas Bade	Mr. Walter Jacobsen	Mrs. James W. Murphy
Ms. Constance Demarco	Miss Joann Kruszewski	Mr. & Mrs. R. Peters
Mrs. Roseanna Emmel	Mr. James Levering	Mr. Leonard Riportella
Hope & Arnold Fox	Mrs. Edward Libby	Bernice & Bill Taplitz
Ms. Joan Greenfield	Ms. Margaret Lucas	Ms. Florence E. Whalen
Mr. Robert Hassler	Mr. Edward Moss	

South Shore Audubon is in the process of planning an Environmental Art Fair for the coming year. Among the proposed events will be a nature photography competition. Although this event is many months away, it might be helpful to keep it in mind during summer field trips and vacations. Further information will be posted in the September issue of the Skimmer.

This is the last in a series of articles by Al Lemke on his trip to South Africa.

South Africa Revisited
Conclusion - Zululand - White Rhino and Water Birds

Zululand, where we spent the last half of our vacation, is the name given to the northern half of the state of Natal. Located on the Indian Ocean, it is an area of relatively high rainfall in a generally semi-arid to arid nation.

In Hluhluwe (pronounced shloo-shloo-wee) Game Reserve, atop a 2,300 foot mountain, we spent delightful days and cold nights in a large hut complete with two bedrooms, bath, dining room and a Zulu who did the cleaning and cooking. The spacious lawns, adorned by aloes and kaffir trees, were constantly patrolled by a large hadeda ibis, occasionally emitting raucous squawks, his curved bill highlighted by a touch of red. Wild poinsettias added their flaming scarlet. Pied crows, yellow-throated langclaws, bronze mannikins and red-winged starlings contributed to the colorful scene.

Hluhluwe and nearby Umfolozi Game Reserves were created primarily to protect the endangered white rhinoceros. These rather ungainly creatures are thriving in the parks, and under the guidance of a Zulu game ranger we saw considerable numbers. The white, or square-lipped, rhino is far gentler and less inclined to charge than the black rhino, although even the latter's nasty disposition is exaggerated.

Another common resident is the nyala, a particularly beautiful antelope with a rich brown striped coat, yellow legs and large, lyre-shaped horns tipped with ivory.

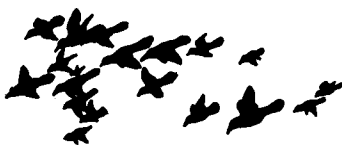
From a blind constructed at a water hole in Umfolozi we whiled away the better part of an afternoon watching stately kudus, graceful nyalas and a rhino mother with her calf come to drink. A group of warthogs, after imbibing deeply, enjoyed a refreshing wallow in the mud before wandering back into the bush.

Reminders of America keep cropping up on our trip, so it seemed rather appropriate that our base for the balance of our visit was a Holiday Inn in the village of Hluhluwe. A fifteen-minute drive took us to False Bay National Park. False Bay is a large, shallow body of brackish water connected to the ocean by a narrow inlet. This being the only park in South Africa where we were permitted to leave our cars at will we took full advantage to wander along the shore admiring the extensive array of water birds. The striking Goliath heron, standing seven feet tall when his long neck is extended, patrolled the water's edge, frequently posing near his smaller but still imposing cousin, the gray heron. Large numbers of gray-headed gulls, with bright red bills and feet, swarmed everywhere. Black-winged stilts probed the mud flats for prey, and great-, little-, and yellow-billed egrets searched for food in the waters. Brilliantly marked Egyptian geese roamed freely, and numbers of white pelicans swam gracefully by, occasionally dabbling for food (like the Australian pelicans they do not dive for fish).

The highlight of our stay was a boat trip conducted by the park service into a distant part of the bay where no private boats are permitted. On several flat islands huge numbers of water birds nested. Wisely the boat stayed at a sufficient distance not to disturb the birds, but still close enough to provide spectacular views of a vast flock of flamingoes as well as fish eagles, sacred ibises, Caspian terns, African spoonbills, pelicans and striking white-faced ducks.

All too soon our idyll ended, and sadly, but with fond memories to be treasured throughout our lives, we headed homeward.

Al Lemke



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NEXT MEETING---TUES., JUNE 14, VALLEY STREAM PARK INN

FIELD TRIPS: Starting time - 9:30 a.m.

No walk if it rains, snows, or temperature is 25 degrees or below.

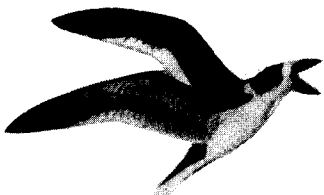
- AUG. 28 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- SEPT. 4 - NO BIRDWALK
11 - West End, #2, N.W. corner
25 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- OCT. 2 - West End #2, N.E. corner
9 - Short Beach
16 - West End #2, N.W. corner
23 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
30 - Zach's Bay, Pkg.Fld.#4, N.E. corner
- NOV. 6 - Tobay, J.F.K. Sanctuary
13 - West End #2, N.E. corner
20 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
27 - Zach's Bay, Pkg.Fld.#4, N.E. corner
- DEC. 4 - West End #2, N.E. corner
11 - Pelham Bay - Meet at 9:00 at Toll
Booth Throg's Neck Bridge

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!

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