Klamath Basin Audubon Society

The Grebe

June/July 2016

TOGETHER GREEN, ACT TODAY, SHAPE TOMORROW

President's Message

Welcome to beautiful summer time in the basin. My name is Beth Phillips and I am your President this year. I have been on the board several times and was secretary the last 3 years. My husband, Cy, and I moved to Malin in 2005 from Woodland, CA. We moved here first of all for the birds, but also for a quieter community with less traffic. I love listening to the early risers in the summer time, the robins and white crown sparrows.

My goal this year is to do more birding and I would encourage you to join me in finding new birding areas and new sightings. Consider a short trip to Malin, we have an outstanding 40-acre park with a large variety of trees, birds, picnic tables and an Olympic size swimming pool.

I want to thank our 2015-2016 board members and committee officers who served this last year; Sherry Pollock, Darrel Samuels, Sherry Lindley, Mary Ellen Sargent, Virginia Bary, Tom Essex, Molly Russell, Sandy Vequist, Marshal Moser, Shirley Alley, Jim Rooks, Diana Samuels and Anne Wenner. These folks are the back bone of our chapter and did a great job leading, making decisions and keeping us all informed of important issues and meetings.

A special thank you to Molly who did an amazing job with IMBD and took over when I wasn't able to help.

I also want to welcome four new board members and they are Kevin Spencer, Rick Hardy, Ron Cole and Carol Westfall. I will have them write a short bio about themselves for the next issue of the Grebe. For a complete list of the 2016-2017 board members and officers see the list under nominations.

Mary Ellen Sargent has planned two wonderful field trips for the summer that I hope you can take advantage of one or both of them. Complete information on these trips can be found under Field trips.

Planning Meeting

Our chapter does not have general meetings in the summer but we will have a planning meeting on **June 23 from 5:30- 8:30 p.m. at the Fisher Nicholson Realty office at 403 Main Street.** All members are welcome to attend to share their ideas for programs, projects or field trips. Come join us for pizza and salad! **Please RSVP so we have a count of people.** If you can't come, please email your ideas to myself or another board member.

Have a great summer birding!
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KBAS Nominations

The following list of next year's board officers and committee chairpersons were elected at the May General Meeting.

We still need volunteers for next year's committees. Please call Tom Essex (541-273-7442) or Molly Russell (541-884-3868) for information pertaining to any of the open committees.

Officers for Next Year:

President – Beth Phillips
Vice President – Molly Russell
Secretary – Darrel Samuels
Treasurer – Sherry Lindley

Board Members:

Tom Essex
Mary Helen Sargent
Carol Westfall
Rick Hardy
Ron Cole

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Conservation – Marshal Moser
Grebe Editor – Shirley Alley
Field Trips – Kevin Spencer
Hospitality – Sherry Pollock
Membership – Sandy Vequist
Publicity – Mary Ellen Sargent
Grant Review – Jim Rooks
Winter Wings – Diana Samuels, Anne Wenner

We still need:

Education
Programs
Historian



Winter Wings Festival Wrap-Up

by Diana Samuels

Birding Adventures TV Show

We are getting tremendously positive feedback on the TV show that James Currie created during his visit to the 2016 Winter Wings Festival. It was released in late April and repeated again in early May. We are expecting about 200,000 households to view it nationally on DirecTV. The show has also been released on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAPyOmRrJ9Y

As of this writing, about 2200 have viewed the episode online. Grants and sponsors helped to make the show possible. Thanks to our local birders, Gerry Hill, Dave Hewitt and Kevin Spencer who starred in the show along with our local birds.

WWF Volunteers - We Love You!

The Winter Wings Festival (WWF) relies on about 140 folks to make it happen over the four-day weekend. Our 20 key volunteers help to plan and organize the festival. This coming year we will be missing some familiar and well-loved and appreciated key volunteers who are moving on to different opportunities this spring.

- Julie and Bill Van Moorhem, whose positions included grant writing and reporting, facilities, equipment planning and signage coordination and placement, E-bird lists, activity evaluations, program planning, and other critical tasks too numerous to list here, have announced their retirement. Julie was also instrumental in transitioning the Festival back to KBAS about ten years ago and serving as a co-coordinator for two years. Julie and Bill plan to travel, bird, hike, and do all the other things that they love.
- Val Jones, who oversaw all off-site hospitality for the last few years will pass on her duties now that she plays a major role at Cleo's Expresso at the Running Y Ranch.
- Shirley Alley, our name badge coordinator, raffle poster creator, and concierge extraordinaire, to name a few hats she has worn, has decided to relax more.

Anne Wenner and Diana Samuels want you to know you are all very much appreciated for everything

you have done to make the Winter Wings Festival such a success over the course of many years. You have all played vital roles in helping to make the Winter Wings Festival one of the premier national birding events!

2017 Festival

We are negotiating with three nationally known speakers and leaders to appear at the 2017 Festival. Stay tuned for an announcement in a few weeks. If you have other program suggestions for 2017, please contact Anne Wenner or Diana Samuels.

2017 Winter Wings Festival

February 16-19, 2017

Program Schedule available in mid-November 2016

1-877-541-BIRD
info@winterwings.org

www.winterwingsfest.org

For all field information

Contact: **Kevin Spencer**
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to register, ask questions, have suggestions or can lead a field trip.
NOTE: Please check the KBAS website for updates on additional field trip information:

www.klamathaudubon.org

Field Trips

by Mary Ellen Sargent

June 11, 2016
Redband Ranch at Crystal Springs

Redband Ranch at Crystal Springs: Come join our hosts, Anne & Karl Wenner at their ranch off Westside Road. Directions: From Hwy 140 west, turn north on Westside Road. Look for mileposts 8-9, there is a right gated turnoff between those mileposts, just after crossing Rock Creek. For those wanting to carpool, meet at the Running Y Lodge at 8:30 AM. For those driving independently, the trip starts at 9 AM. The trip will be an easy AM walking trip around the ranch, to end before noon. For those who want to do some paddling on Crystal Creek (to see the giant redband trout and waterbirds), bring a kayak or canoe, but there will also be one at the site. If you plan on staying beyond noon, bring a lunch.



KBAS Annual Picnic
August 20, 2016

Our annual picnic will once again be held at Jean and Al's beautiful property at Rocky Point on August 20. Watch for details.

July 16, 2016
Canoe/Kayak on the Williamson River to Goose Bay Oxbow

Join Heather Hendrixson of The Nature Conservancy at 8:30 AM at the barn area on Copco Road, the first left just after crossing the Williamson River. From Klamath Falls, go north on Hwy 97 to Modoc Point Road, turn left onto it and go several miles until you reach the Williamson. Gary Vequist is co-lead from KBAS and also contact for the Basin Outdoor Group which may be coming (garyvq@gmail.com.) Only non-motorized craft are allowed and must have the standard Oregon required equipment onboard: life jacket,



whistle/horn, invasive species permit for 10' and over craft. TNC will not assume any liability. For those without a watercraft, there may be room onboard someone else craft, so come! Up to 20 boats are welcome. The trip should last 4-5 hours. Bring lunch and water to be eaten on one of the levees.

Field Reports

By Molly Russell

May 14, 2016 International Migratory Bird Day

The day started out sunny and warm. Thanks to Kathy and Ron Larson and a runner who helped to get the canopy set up. We had over 300 kids participating in the event this year. They made masks, bird wings, birdhouses and learned about trees, birds, bees and had fun with our habitat bingo. Master Gardeners planted shrubs on the Wingwatchers Trail, some kayaked and thanks to Gerry Hill and Karl Wenner who took people out on a bird walk. Thanks also to Mary Kelley, Anne Wenner, Diana and Darrel Samuels for helping at the booth. As the rain started coming in we closed the event early at 2:00 but everyone had a great time. A big thank you to Cindy Deas for coordinating a great event and Beth Phillips for helping with the planning!

May 19, 2016 Eagle Ridge Field Trip

We were greeted by a Pileated Woodpecker as six of us pulled onto the road at Eagle Ridge. The morning was a bit cool and breezy but that didn't stop us from having a great time. As we moved along the road we saw a Western Bluebird, Olive-sided Flycatcher, House Wren and a Great Blue Heron on the grass by the ranch. Down by the lake we saw Pelicans, Wood Duck, Grebes and a group of Cedar Waxwings. In the willows we found a Wilson's and MacGillvray's Warbler, Western Tanager, Bullock's Oriole and a Robin feeding her young in a nest. A Juvenile Bald Eagle flew overhead as well as Forster's Tern and Turkey Vultures. In all we saw over 35 species by noon. The diversity and variety of birds made this a fun time. This was a mid-week trip and we hope to have more of these in the future.

Greater Outdoor Alliance

KBAS has been a partner with the Greater Outdoor Alliance for several years. GOA provides field trips and education to school groups and children in the summer months. This is made possible by a grant through the Forest Service and partners include Fish & Wildlife, the Refuge, City Parks and Klamath Watershed Partnership. OSU Extension is taking the lead on the GOA and has hired Lisa Kochenderfer who does the Talking with Trees in the City and County schools. She is a great asset to the partnership and has already started organizing school groups for field trips to Badger Run, the Refuge and Moore Park. This summer interns from OIT and the Forest Service will help provide programs on outdoor education.

Our main contribution in the past has been donating and participating in the IMBD each May. We have been asked to help with bird walks on some of these programs and field trips in the future. We participated at Badger Run this spring. Thank you to Mary Ellen Sergeant. If you are interested in going out with school groups, please contact a board member. These are elementary students so you do not need to be an expert, just help give them a love and respect for the birds and outdoors. They really are excited about nature at this age and we want to encourage that into their adulthood.





Klamath Basin Bird News Information

Klamath Basin Bird News [KBBN] Reminder: Klamath Basin Bird News is an informal email network (a mailing list) of over 100 bird enthusiasts in the Basin and elsewhere. You can learn more about the group at its web site https://sites.google.com/site/klamathbasinbirdnews, and it is linked from the "Birds" section of the KBAS web site. Please participate! Sign up online or contact Dave Hewitt at dhewitt37@gmail.com

Refuge CCP/EIS

The Refuge has issued their Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (CCP/EIS) for the next 15 years for the five Refuges they manage. This includes Upper Klamath Lake, Bear Valley, Lower Klamath Lake Tulelake and Clear Lake. The Klamath Marsh CCP was completed in 2010.

The Improvement Act requires that the Service develop a CCP for each refuge, and that refuges be managed to ensure the long-term conservation of fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats and provides for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The purposes for developing a CCP are:

- To provide a clear statement of direction for the future management of the refuge;
- To provide long-term continuity in the Klamath Basin Refuge Complex management;
- To communicate the Service's management priorities for the refuges to its conservation partners, neighbors, visitors, and the general public;
- To provide an opportunity for the public to help shape the future management of the refuges;
- To ensure that management programs on the refuges are consistent with the mandates of the NWR System (NWRS) and the purposes for which each refuge was established;
- To ensure that the management of the refuges fully considers resource priorities and management strategies identified in other federal, state, and local plans;
- To provide a basis for budget requests to support the refuge's needs, staffing, operations, maintenance, and capital improvements; and
- To evaluate existing and proposed uses of each refuge to ensure that they are compatible with the refuge purpose(s) as well as the maintenance of biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health.

The entire document is available at all Klamath County libraries and the following link. **The comment period is open until June 20, 2016.** KBAS board will be meeting to discuss if we want to comment on this. If you would like to participate, please contact Molly Russell at russellx1@msn.com and we will make sure you are notified of that meeting to be held in early June. We will also send out a notice via email when that is scheduled. Portland Audubon will be sending out Action Alerts and plans on commenting. They have an issue with the agricultural leased lands at the Refuge and would like them removed. The board has expressed their disagreement with this approach and that will be discussed at the meeting.

https://www.regulations.gov/#%21searchResults%3brpp=25%3bpo=0%3bs=fws-r8-nwrs-2016-0063%3bdct=FR%252BPR%252BN%252BO%252BSR











Most photos are from the Klamath County Refuges Webpages

Western Field Ornithologist Conference September 28-October 2, 2016

Western Field Ornithologist (WFO) is planning a conference in Fortuna, CA on Sept 28-Oct 2.

Western Field Ornithologists is an organization of amateur and professional field ornithologists that promotes the study of birds throughout western North America including Hawaii, the northeastern Pacific Ocean, and Western Mexico. The organization strives to increase knowledge, appreciation, and protection of birds and their habitats through annual meetings, field trips, and publications, primarily *Western Birds*, a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal that focuses on field-oriented descriptive ornithology.

Western Field Ornithologists is pleased to announce the availability of a youth scholarship for the WFO 2016 Conference to be held in Humboldt County, California from September 28th through October 2nd. The scholarship is open to youths between the ages of 12 and 22, with six scholarships for youths in Grades 6 through 12, and two scholarships for collegiate youths working towards a Bachelor's degree. The annual WFO conference is a four day event that includes scientific presentations, workshops, field trips, experts' sounds and visual identification panels, and social activities. The conference offers the opportunity for motivated youths to meet those who earn their living and/or volunteer in field ornithology, bird conservation, biology and other distinguished fields. For further details and conference registration (opening June 12th) visit http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/conference.php.

For further details about the scholarship, please refer to the attached application, or visit http://www.westernfieldornithologists.org/scholarship.php. The application deadline was May 15, 2016.

Thanks!

Frances Oliver
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KBAS is a chartered chapter of the National Audubon Society.

The Board of Directors meets 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce offices, 205 Riverside, Klamath Falls. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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KBAS general meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month except June, July, and August. The next meeting will be **in September.** Watch for August/September Newsletter for details.

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