

CHAPTER CELEBRATES 70 YEARS AT ANNUAL GALA EVENT

by Karenlee Robinson

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On Saturday, June 9th more than 100 Sierra Club members and supporters joined in celebrating the Chapter's 70th Anniversary Awards and Gala Celebration held at the Hilton Harbor Island. The room was filled with memorabilia from seven decades of Chapter operation including a framed listing of the 53



chapter members who petitioned to create the San Diego Chapter in 1948. The room was dominated by the extraordinarily beautiful scenic mountain mural first used in the 1980's for the Chapter's booth at the Del Mar Fair.

Skip Forsht, long time member and past Ex Com member and past WBC chair was inspirational in his role as emcee. Ruben Arizmendi, Chapter Chair and Richard Miller, Chapter Director, oversaw the presentation of the awards.

San Diego City Councilman Chris Ward presented Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins with a FEAT (Fantastic Environmental Action Taken) Award recognizing her long years as an environmental champion first as an aide to City Councilperson Chris Kehoe and then as a City Councilperson, Assemblywoman and Speaker of the Assembly and now as a State Senator.

The other FEAT awardees were A-16 and Sunbelt Publications both long-time supporters of San Diego environmental community. A-16 was acknowledged for their nearly sixty years of cutting-edge advancements in developing backpacking and outdoor travel gear, for supporting the outdoor community and the San Diego Chapter and Wilderness Basics Course for many decades.



Sunbelt Publications was honored for their thirty years of publishing natural science and outdoor guidebooks, regional histories and reference books and stories that celebrate the land and its peoples. Sunbelt has been instrumental in documenting the natural, historical and cultural heritage of California, the Southwest and Baja California.

The first Joanne H. Pearson Memorial Award in Environmental Public Advocacy was presented to Ellen Shively. The Award will be presented annually to a Chapter volunteer committed to protecting public rights as they relate to land use or environmental protections in the greater San Diego region. The family of Joanne Pearson established the award and its \$1,000 grant in memory of their mother who was a San Diego land use and environmental activist.

Ellen has been an activist with the Chapter for 30 years that started with a Chapter hike, led to attending hearings and rallies for no-off-shore oil drilling, stopping orca captures for commercial interests and walking to protest SDG&E power lines cutting through Anza Borrego Desert State Park. For the past 10 plus years her mission has been to help save and protect the harbor seals of La Jolla.

Recognition was also extended to other Chapter leaders and volunteers who have contributed their time and effort to the success of the Chapter.

Rochelle Hancock, Chapter Treasurer, received the rarely given Chapter Service award for her exemplary efforts to manage the Chapter finances in very special circumstances. In 2016, she volunteered to assist Chapter Treasurer, Rob Morris, with bookkeeping and treasurer duties. Then with his sudden passing in July 2017, she agreed to step up and assume the full responsibilities of Chapter Treasurer.

Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Stefanie Maio recognizing her dedicated and outstanding efforts to further the Club's overall mission. Since her introduction to the Wilderness Basics Course in 2006, Stefanie has been a one-woman army covering a variety of roles with WBC including Chairperson in 2016 and 2017.

Michelle Di Nicola was recognized with the Rookie Activist Award for her volunteer activism as a new member around zero waste management. After attending a few Conservation Committee meetings



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Chapter Executive Committee Elections are Underway - VOTE! A Democratic Sierra Club Demands Grassroots Participation

The annual election for the Chapter's Executive Committee is now underway. Your participation is critical for a strong Chapter.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation.

In a typical year less than 5% of eligible members vote in the Executive Committee elections. Our grassroots structure is strengthened when our participation is high. Therefore, your participation is needed in the voting process.

Each candidate provides a statement about themselves and their views. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. Then make your choice and cast your vote!

There are three seats open this year. Each elected member will serve a term of three years. The Nominating Committee has nominated six candidates for election.

Please note your ballots must be received by no later than Election Day, August 5, 2018. Ballots will be counted by the Elections Committee on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Chapter office. Ballot on Page 6

Candidate Statements



Bob Stinton – The Basic Mountaineering Course was my first exposure to the Sierra Club in the 70's and since then I have been active in the Outings Program, holding many leadership positions. The Outings Program and the chapter's Wilderness Basic Courses change people's lives, making them more environmentally aware. Believing that one

cannot truly be connected to the environment, until one disconnects from the narrow focus of the day to day issues in life and reconnects to the broader natural world. This bottom up grassroots approach alone cannot achieve the Clubs mission. To achieve its mission, the Club needs strong and growing chapters such as our San Diego Chapter. The road forward has many possible paths and it will take a strong EXCOM team to pick the path forward and lead our Chapter into the future. Thank you for your support.



Amanda Mascia – My happiest days are when I have kelp stuck in my hair or dust caked on my hiking boots. I need nature. We, as a society, need nature. However, the reality is that we can't simply sit back and love nature, because our natural world is under unprecedented attack. Protecting our natural environment is our greatest duty and our highest calling.

However, we need more people to understand and love nature like we, as Sierra Club members, do. When somebody loves something, they protect it. Therefore we need to grow our members and strengthen our advocacy.

I am an experienced marketing and communications professional, as well as a community organizer who has worked on several successful campaigns and environmental issues. I am a joyful and unifying communicator. I have a can-do attitude, boundless enthusiasm, and lifelong passion for environmental activism. I'd be honored to serve on the Executive Committee.



David Hogan – David Hogan is a life-long believer in the mission of the Sierra Club to improve the world for nature and people. David has been an environmentalist his entire career including his most recent position as Director of The Chaparral Lands Conservancy, a group dedicated to restoration of endangered species habitat. David worked at the

Center for Biological Diversity to preserve desert and forest wild places in California, Arizona, and New Mexico, and filed legal documents to protect two dozen endangered species including the original documents to list the California gnatcatcher. David co-founded the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and served on the boards of the San Diego League of Conservation Voters and the Executive, Conservation, and Political committees of the San Diego Sierra Club. David is again interested in applying his passion for nature and experience in organization management in support of the Sierra Club by rejoining the Executive Committee.



Krista Davidson – I grew up hiking and camping throughout California, sparking a lifelong love and appreciation for the environment. While earning my B.A. in Environmental Studies, I interned with the Sierra Club's Responsible Trade division in Washington, D.C. and loved how the organization offered members diverse opportunities to appreciate the environment while working to create a more sustainable future. Wanting to stay involved, I became a member of the Political Committee and a volunteer with Inspiring Connections Outdoors. I believe I can contribute even more to Sierra Club San Diego as a member of the Executive Committee. As a public finance professional with policy education, I can utilize my experience to help diversify the organization's membership base while expanding member engagement and fundraising opportunities. Through this and other initiatives, Sierra Club can be even more impactful in sharing the world's beauty while helping to protect it for future generations.

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70 Years of Environmental Protection and Leadership

September 1948 – San Diego Chapter, comprising San Diego and Imperial counties, founded with 53 charter members. First major conservation efforts to protect Torrey Pines.

1948

1958 – At request of State Division of Beaches & Parks, Chapter acts as co-sponsor at dedication of Butterfield Overland Mail Historical Marker in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

1965 – Campaign to oppose channelization of lower Colorado River from Davis Dam to International Boundary with Mexico.

1966 Widening of Cabrillo Highway through Balboa Park opposed. Campaigns in support of Channel Islands and Redwood National Parks. Campaign to prevent damming of the Colorado River in Grand Canyon National Park. Campaign to establish park at Old Padre Dam (Mission Trails Regional Park)

1971 – Chapter successfully leads efforts to stop proposed Corp of Engineers proposal to build San Diego River concrete flood control channel through Mission Valley.

1975 – Chapter efforts help establish Agua Tibia Wilderness, first wilderness area in San Diego County.

1976 – Inner City Outings program launched to provide safe and fun wilderness trips for low-income youth and others who have limited access to the outdoors..

1988 – Sierra Club and Chapter settle lawsuit to prevent development of Chula Vista Bayfront with transfer of 272 acres to US Fish and Wildlife Service for wildlife preserve.

1994 – Sierra Club and Chapter successfully lobbies Congress to pass the California Desert Protection Act. More than 7 million acres of new national park and wilderness areas are protected.

1957 - First public Mountaineering Course (later changed to Wilderness Basics Course) conducted in cooperation with San Diego Recreation Department.

1964 – Chapter, Torrey Pines Association, and Citizens Coordinate became concerned with bulldozing of Torrey pines on the north side of Los Penasquitos lagoon to make roads for residential developments. Chapter begins promoting efforts to extend Torrey Pines State Reserve..

Wilderness Act is passed by Congress after long campaign by Sierra Club Chapters and others.

1967 “Save the Desert” campaign to protect Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

1970 – Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve Extension was acquired after six years of effort.

Efforts of Sierra Club and others leads to passage of National Environmental Policy Act and creation of Environmental Protection Agency.

1973 – Campaign to oppose proposed concrete flood control channel from Tijuana north across the border to the Pacific Ocean. Northern portion was vetoed by San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson and the San Diego City Council in 1974.

1985 – Chapter begins successful 9-year campaign for passage of California Desert Protective Act of 1994.

1991 – Chapter halts 4-lane Jackson Drive extension through Mission Trails Regional Park.

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1996 – Campaign to prevent Glamis gold mining in Imperial County on sacred tribal lands. Chapter successful in closing Sorrento Valley Road.

2000 – Chapter prevails in court to prevent Bureau of Land Management from allowing Glamis gold open pit mining in Imperial County. This is the first time a mining permit has been denied since 1800's.

2008 – 2010 Chapter campaign to stop SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink and prevent the high-tension power lines from being built through the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. While the Chapter was successful in having the route moved out of the park and getting SDG&E to underground lines in communities, the Powerlink was approved and built.

2009 Sierra Club and Chapter win legal fight to defend California's right to regulate gold mining.

2011 – Sierra Club and Chapter with Natural Resources Defense Council, RiverWatch, and the Pala Band of Mission Indians sues to halt proposed Gregory Canyon landfill in northern San Diego County. Landfill never built.

2014 – Power With the Sun campaign, in coalition with other environmental, labor and community groups, pressures proponents to withdraw proposal to build the Quail Brush power plant.

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2017 – Working with San Diego State University Faculty, Chapter helps stop the building of three dormitories in an undeveloped, coastal sage scrub canyon.

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1999 – Chapter launches San Diego Canyons Campaign that develops over 40 "Friends Groups" throughout San Diego County to steward the neighborhood canyons.

1999 – Chapter Wildlife Committee rallies members to protect the seals at La Jolla Casa Beach. Chapter testimony helps convince San Diego City Council to install rope barrier to protect seals during pupping season.

2006 – Chapter's long time efforts with other environmental organizations to have rope barrier at Casa Beach restored during pupping season is met with some success when San Diego City Council approves from December 15 to May 15, annually.

2008 – Chapter's successful Canyons Campaign becomes San Diego Canyonlands, incorporated as a tax-deductible nonprofit corporation.

2011 – Chapter successful in efforts to protect long-term water supply, especially for the residents who depend on well water in Imperial County when desert training center proposed.

2012 – Chapter launches Run With the Sun (later Power With the Sun) campaign with the vision of every home and business in the San Diego region have access to clean, local power.

2015 – Sierra Club and Chapter win at California Supreme Court to ensure San Diego County Climate Action Plan develops legally-binding, meaningful Green House Gas emission standards and policies.

2016 – Chapter rallied members to oppose proposed rule by the California Parks and Recreation Department to prohibit off trail use in reserves, preserves and state parks. The rule is withdrawn.

2017 – Chapter launches Seals campaign to protect harbor seals at La Jolla Casa Beach merging with Seal Society.



Rick Gurrero – We are in the midst of a new wave of eco/social activism that is focused on creating a healthier planet, a green, just economy, and social/environmental justice. I am committed to ensuring our chapter plays a vital role in shaping this Green Wave. We can help create a better tomorrow where energy is renewable, the earth and climate are

healthy; we have a green economy that helps lift up all people, including communities of color; and where the Green Wave finally brings justice for all. My previous qualifications include:

•Board member, Sierra Club Chapter Executive Committee

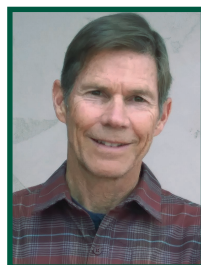
•Chair, Sierra Club Chapter Executive Committee – Climate Change Committee.

•President, Environmental Council of Sacramento

•Chair, SEIU Local 1000 Environmental Committee

•Currently Vice Chair, California Democratic Party state-wide Environmental Caucus

Please join me in making the Sierra Club San Diego Chapter a major contributor to a greener future for all. I would honor your vote.



Bill Tippetts – As a three-plus decades (and life) member of the Sierra Club, I fully support its historical mission of natural land preservation and responsible use/access.

However, the Sierra Club faces new challenges from climate change and sea level rise, and how to incorporate environmental (social) justice into its priorities. As an ecologist who has led successful conservation programs and projects throughout southern California for over 30 years, I realize these new challenges can fit the Sierra Club mission.

More recently my efforts have focused on improving this region's climate action plans and integrating those with our region's existing habitat and species conservation plans and social justice needs. If I were elected to the Executive Committee I would do my best to fulfill that agenda.

Executive Committee Election Ballot Instructions

How to Vote: You must write your membership number on the outside of your mailing envelope

(below your return address is a good place). Your membership number is required for your vote to count

(this is how the election committees can verify that you are a member).

Your membership number is the eight (8) digit number that appears above your name and mailing address on the back cover.

If you have questions or are unable to locate your membership number, please call the Chapter office at 858-569-6005.

What if I have a Joint membership?

Both members in a Joint membership can vote. The mailing label on this newsletter will indicate whether your household has a single ("SNGL") or joint ("JNT") membership after your 8 digit membership number.

Executive Committee Election Ballot

San Diego Chapter Executive Committee Members are elected to serve a term of three (3) years.

Vote for no more than three (3) candidates, including write-ins, by marking the box next to a candidate's name, including write-ins. For JOINT memberships please use the second set of boxes to vote.

(The order of candidates' names was randomly chosen.)

☐ ☐ David Hogan

☐ ☐ Krista Davidson

☐ Write In: _____

☐ ☐ Bob Stinton

☐ ☐ Rick Gurrero

☐ Write In: _____

☐ ☐ Amanda Mascia

☐ ☐ Bill Tippetts

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Walkin' the Walk

Skip Forsht

On February 24 and 25 I had the pleasure of leading a WBC Land Navigation outing to an area in Anza Borrego State

Park called Jojoba Wash. When I had gone out there the previous weekend with my assistant leader Natalie Rubin, we saw that someone who was either unaware or uncaring regarding the fragility of the desert environment had driven a vehicle thirty yards off the established jeep road on soft, pristine ground. They had gotten stuck several times, leaving large holes and logs where they had dug themselves out, and they had driven over several plants, crushing them. They had created a firepit with large surrounding rocks, blackening them and leaving behind a firepit full of large charcoal pieces mixed in the sand as well as a dozen unburned logs.

We brought some tools out with us for our weekend, and on Sunday after we had completed the land navigation curriculum

for the outing we got to work. There were 13 of us, eleven students, a leader and an assistant leader and together we filled in the ruts and holes, dispersed the fire blackened rocks, and removed the charcoal and ash and the left over logs. We smoothed the soil so as to have it not look like a campsite and took pictures of the



repaired area. It took about an hour but was time very well spent.

We also on our dayhike had picked up many discarded cans and bottles, as well as mylar balloons, which end up landing in the desert when released in San Diego. While these are small things given that Anza Borrego is the largest state park in the lower 48 states, they are things we should all do if we

are to really live the club motto of Explore, Enjoy and Protect the environment. We can't just talk the talk but we must walk the walk. We, by our behaviors and examples, influence and educate others. It's probably the most important thing we can do a Sierra Club members. I tip my hat to Natalie and the eleven WBC students, they are outstanding examples of what the club is about.

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during the past year, Michelle took a leap and became the Chapter's Zero Waste Chair, became a member of the Sierra Club California Zero Waste Committee and been a leader in helping with the Chapter's member orientations.

Two outstanding volunteers were recognized with the Outings Leader Award—Kit Davis and Rachel Rench. The Outings Leader Award recognizes a Chapter Outings Leader who has done exemplary work in outdoor leadership and education.

Kit first took the Wilderness Basics Course in 2002; she became a volunteer for the North County WBC in 2004 and a Chapter Outings Leader in 2006. In the last few years she was the North County WBC Treasurer, WBC Outings Chair and serves on the North County Group ExCom.

Rachel Rench has been with the Chapters Outings Program for many years. She became a Chapter Outings Leader in 1998, started leading WBC car camps in 2004 and land navigation and snow camp in 2011. She has been active with the Chapter bus trip outings and provided leadership evaluating outings leaders.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to Sally Prendergast, Chair of the North County Coastal Group. In 2015, Sally joined and led the effort to reorganize the North County Coastal Group. Sally has been involved with a number of local issues related to development, traffic and conservation.

Derek and Nancy Cassady received the Conservation Activist Award in recognition of their efforts in raising awareness about the crisis of climate change. Derek and Nancy's San Diego Climate Mobilization Coalition seeks to move the U.S. to an energy system based on wind, water and solar energy.

The Club's highest award, the Silver Cup, which is presented to the person who has most significantly contributed to the success of the

Club's mission over a lifetime, was presented to Peter Andersen, Chapter Vice Chair. Peter's activism with the Chapter goes back to 1991 when the San Diego City Council authorized a four-lane extension of Jackson Drive through Mission Trails Regional Park. Peter organized Sierra Club activists, formed a committee and eventually became the lead plaintiff in a successful lawsuit to stop the extension.

Peter has been a member and activist of the Sierra Club for over 40 years serving two terms on the Chapter's Executive Committee, with the Chapter's Political Committee and has also become active state-wide, elected to the Executive Committee for Sierra Club California.

Events like the Annual Awards and Gala do not just happen by themselves. Event sponsors included Sullivan Solar Power, the Port of San Diego, Republic Services, Senator Toni Atkins, San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action and Mike Levin for Congress. Auction item donors included a host of San Diego businesses and organizations and provided an array of auction items for which the Club is most grateful. This special event was created, planned, organized and presented by the Gala Planning Committee of Richard Miller, Stefanie Maio, Suzi Sandore and Karenlee Robinson. John Hancock provided the photography, Martha Marquez, Administrative Assistant, provided much needed administrative assistance as well as Scott and Judy Thomas from Thomas Creative that so willingly provide their talents with design of invitations, program and other Gala materials. But it was Richard Miller's leadership and colossal efforts—ably assisted by husband, Curtis Robertson that made the event happen.

Now on to the next 30 years working to the century mark for the Sierra Club San Diego!

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Chapter Activities

**All Activities are held at the Chapter Office 6:30pm unless otherwise stated:
8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92111.**

Our entrance is on the west end of the front building of Kearny Office Park, just west of I-163 and on the north side of Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
Other environmental and activist events are posted at www.sdeln.org

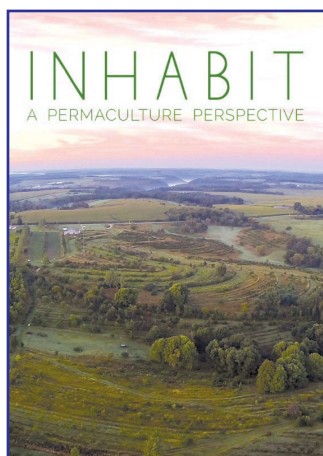
2nd Friday Movie Night

July 13, 6:30pm

Movie: Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective

(2015) 1 hour 32 minutes

A different way of relating to the Earth, permaculture is a design method that offers an ecological lens for solving issues related to agriculture and many other facets of life. Focused mostly on the Northeastern and Midwestern regions of the U.S., Inhabit provides an intimate look at permaculture peoples and practices as they present a diversity of responses to local and global challenges from issues of food, water, and medicine to governance, economy and culture.



August 10, 6:30pm

Movie: The Garden

(2009) 2 hours

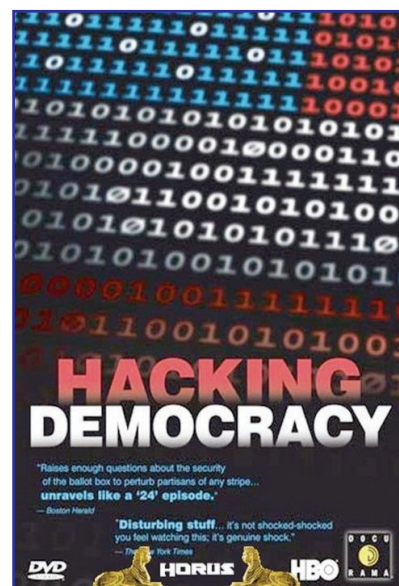
This film depicts the history and fate of a huge community garden in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods, South Central Los Angeles. Created as a form of healing after the L.A. riots of 1992 by mostly immigrant farmers from Latin America, this urban farm was destroyed, and the land sold to a wealthy developer by the L.A. City Council in a closed-door session. The farmers organized and fought back, but to no avail. The Garden raises crucial and challenging questions for Americans about liberty, equality, and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable among us.



September 14, 6:30pm

Movie: Hacking Democracy
(2006) 1 hour 22 minutes

This documentary exposes the dangers of the voting machines used in America's mid-term and presidential elections. Diebold voting machines and their hackable software are still used in many states. "Hacking Democracy" uncovers incendiary evidence from the trash cans of Texas to the ballot boxes of Ohio, exposing secrecy, votes in the trash, hackable software, and election officials rigging the presidential recount. The film takes a non-partisan look at the secrecy, cronyism, and privatization of elections in America as it captures a citizens' movement intent on taking back our elections and our democracy itself.



Chapter Outings

**Chapter Outings are now an
online listing only.**

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Then click on "Get Outdoors"

Sierra Talks

Sierra Talks are on the first Friday, starting with refreshments and representatives from Chapter groups at 6:30 pm and programs at 7 pm with discussions afterward. The location is the Joyce Beers Center at 3900 Vermont St., San Diego, 92103, across the street from Trader Joe's. Parking is available under Trader Joe's and Ralphs Market.

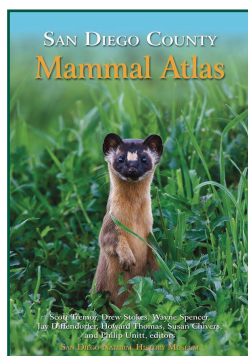
Sierra Talks are free and open to the public. Program Coordinator: Ernest "EL" Lotecka sdwalks@interactor.cc

July 6

San Diego County Mammal Atlas

The diversity of mammals in San Diego County is greater than any other county in the United States, yet there has been no synthesis of their identification, distribution, natural history, or the conservation challenges they face—until now. The new San Diego County Mammal Atlas will serve as the definitive guide to the mammals of San Diego County. More than a decade in the making, the 432-page, full-color book covers the biology of all 91 terrestrial species and 31 inshore marine visitors known to have occurred here during recorded history (since 1769). Species covered in the book range from the desert bighorn sheep to the abundant California ground squirrel seen in neighborhoods across the county to the immense blue whale found along our shorelines. Mammalogist and lead editor Scott Tremor will share stories about the mammals who call San Diego County home.

Scott Tremor is Curator of Mammalogy at the San Diego Natural History Museum (the nat). His expertise with mammals, especially rare rodents, spans both southern California and the Baja California peninsula. This local experience and relationships with the experts in the region have helped bring San Diego County Mammal Atlas to completion. Scott specializes in surveying for and identifying southern California mammals to the subspecies level.



August 3

The Harbor Seals of Casa Beach: Preserving a Unique Natural Treasure

If you have been to La Jolla, you probably took a walk to see the harbor seals at Casa Beach, also known as Children's Pool Beach. It is here that you can see the marine life closer than at any other viewing spot along the California coast. The Seal Society of San Diego has merged with our local Sierra Club chapter as part of the Conservation Committee. Docents Carol Archibald and Ellen Shively will present a comprehensive overview of the habitat, life cycle and survival needs of the harbor seals. They will share some of their stories and observations of public reactions to viewing the seals, and explain why the beach has been contested by both seal



and beach use advocates. They will also describe an opportunity to take the training needed to prepare volunteer docents to enlighten the many visitors from around the world about the seals and encourage safe viewing practices.

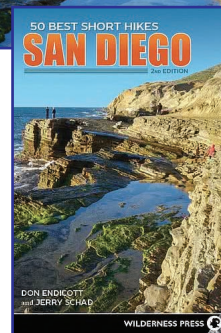
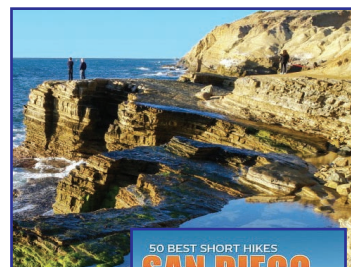
Ellen Shively has been active with the San Diego Sierra Club since her retirement from the Army Nurse Corps and returning to her hometown of San Diego in 1989. She joined the Chapter's Seal Campaign in the mid 1990's, becoming past president of the docent organization and has served on the Chapter's Conservation Committee for many years. Carol Archibald retired from UCSD Medical Center as a clinical nurse specialist and medical researcher. She has volunteered at the American Lung Association in environmental and health programs for 25 years. Carol served the Seal Society as vice president and has been a docent for over ten years.

September 7

50 Best Short Hikes San Diego

Join co-author Don Endicott for a presentation on the revised 2nd edition of 50 Best Short Hikes, San Diego, the last book originally written by groundbreaking local hiking expert Jerry Schad, first published shortly after his untimely death in 2011. This new edition features easy-to-find, easy-to-follow day hikes from 1 to 8 miles in length, overview maps for 5 urban regions and 50 trail maps, at-a-glance hike descriptions and complete route details, GPS coordinates for each trailhead, and updated photographs. Don's talk will include a photographic and narrative tour of representative hikes from the book, stories of times shared with Jerry during three decades of friendship and joint adventures, and to answer questions about these and other local hiking opportunities.

A long-time hiking and running companion of Jerry, Don partnered on field research leading to the first edition of Afoot & Afield: San Diego County and three subsequent updates. He advised and supported fieldwork for the fifth edition of the book with coauthor Scott Turner. Don has contributed hike write-ups and photography for "Roam-O-Rama" and the recently published San Diego Natural History Museum's Coast to Cactus: The Canyoneer Trail Guide to San Diego Outdoors. His photography has been featured in print and online publications for Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Cabrillo National Monument, Yosemite National Park, and the Yosemite Conservancy.





Call for Nominations

Sierra Club activities are driven by volunteers at the local level and are one of the only environmental groups where volunteers set the agenda. With the re-launch of the North County Coastal Group, now is a great time to

get involved and be a part of your local Sierra Club group from the ground level!

The North County Coastal Group (NCCG) will be holding elections this Fall to fill four (4) vacancies on its Executive Committee. The NCC Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for the benefit of the members are consistent with the Bylaws, Rules, and Policies of the Chapter and National Sierra Club. These activities may include outings, membership services, financial management, conservation and political programs. The Executive Committee meets monthly and attendance



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Upcoming Solar Seminar

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Encinitas Community Center

1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

For more information and to RSVP visit:

www.sierraclubsolarprogram.org

is expected. If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Amelie Catheline at amelie.catheline@gmail.com, Mark Jenne at markjenne@aol.com or Carl Pope at seatp3@gmail.com

Names must be submitted by July 25th, 2018.

The North County Coastal Group comprises the zip codes of: 92007 - Cardiff, 92008 - Carlsbad, 92009 - Carlsbad, 92010 - Carlsbad, 92011 - Carlsbad, 92013 - Carlsbad PO Box, 92018 - Carlsbad PO Box, 92014 - Del Mar, 92023 - Encinitas - PO Box, 92024 - Encinitas, 92054 - Oceanside, 92055 - Oceanside, 92056 - Oceanside, 92057 - Oceanside, 92049 Oceanside PO Box, 92051 - Oceanside PO Box, 92052 - Oceanside PO Box, 92067 - Rancho Santa Fe PO Box, 92075 - Solana Beach, 92091 - Rancho Santa Fe.

Candidates may also submit their names through an alternative process by submitting a petition. For more information go to <http://sandiegosierraclub.org/get-involved/coastal/>

Save the Date!

Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, July 10th, 7:00 pm

Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway
Oceanside, 92054

Transportation Topics

by Dave Grubb

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in our region. It is essential that we reduce these emissions quickly to avoid a climate catastrophe. You can help in this effort by volunteering for the Transportation Committee or joining the SANDAC volunteer program.

Transportation Committee Restart

We are restarting the San Diego Chapter Transportation Committee. To minimize our carbon footprint, we will be meeting electronically. The meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Information on joining the meetings will be circulated on a new Transportation Announcement list: "Transport Topics". To join the list, go to <http://sierrasd.org/Transportation/>.

SANDAC Training Launched

The first SANDAC training sessions were held in June. There will be more during the summer. These training sessions are designed to help you become a more effective environmental activist. There are two classroom sessions, followed by a practice assignment to prepare and deliver a comment at a public meeting. The first sessions were held at the chapter office, but we are looking for additional locations around the county to make it more convenient for volunteers to attend. We will hold both daytime and evening sessions, in an attempt to fit into more people's schedules.

We still need volunteers to adopt SANDAG board members in many of the cities. Our goal is to have volunteers in each city in time for the critical votes on the Regional Transportation Plan this fall. For more information about the SANDAC project, see <http://www.sandac.org/>. To join the SANDAC team, send an email to join@sandac.org.

Inspiring Connections Outdoors

Bill Tayler

San Diego, ICO Co-Chair



A Weekend of Firsts

by Greg Shadoan

When was the last time you did something for the first time? I first learned of San Diego ICO from a High Sierran article, and after my first guest outing I was hooked! Since then, one of my favorite parts of volunteering with ICO has been watching the kids experience things for the first time, which is extremely rewarding.

In April I led my first ICO backpacking outing with the guidance of our resident backpacking guru Ellen Feeney. We led 15 students and 4 adults on a backpacking trip – also a first for them – into Noble Canyon in the Laguna Mountains. This was definitely a new and exciting challenge for all involved!

Our group experienced many firsts such

as carrying everything they needed on their backs, breaking open acorns, crossing a creek, setting up camp, sleeping outdoors, not having any electricity, running water, restrooms or cell signal, exploring a cave, and seeing bats chasing their insect dinner at dusk. Another first, and one of the highlights for the kids, was getting to filter all of the water we used for drinking and cooking from the nearby stream. Not only did the kids have lots of fun, but the outing helped to increase their feelings of self reliance, curiosity and social connection as well as their empathetic connection to life in all its various forms.

As John Muir did, I truly believe that people who experience wilderness firsthand are much more likely to be motivated to preserve it for future generations. The future of our environment depends on an ever growing and

Inspiring Connections Outdoors is a Sierra Club outreach program that provides free outdoor experiences to under-served youth, to help them exploring the outdoors, develop the skills to do it safely, and nurture a desire to protect natural spaces. Please visit our website at www.sandigosierraclub.org

Volunteering With ICO – For information about volunteering with ICO, please contact Greg Shadoan (gregshadoan@yahoo.com).

How to Donate – We appreciate your support helping us to provide exciting, safe adventures free of charge. To receive a tax credit for your donation, please make your check payable to “Sierra Club Foundation/San Diego ICO” and send to:

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San Diego, CA 92116

increasingly diverse group of people connecting to the great outdoors, and a significant part of ICO’s mission is to spark that connection early in life. San Diego Inspiring Connections Outdoors is helping to build the next generation of environmental leaders, and I hope you’ll join us in our fun and rewarding mission!



Sierra Club Bus Trips

Part of the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country, Sierra Club provides environmentally friendly outdoor adventures.

Since 1982 the San Diego Chapter has been offering bus trips to a variety of National and State Parks.

What makes these trips special is that they are organized by a fantastic team of volunteer leaders and nobody pays them for their efforts. They do it out of an appreciation for these special places and a passion for sharing them with you. We look forward to having you join us on a bus trip to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.



**Save the date for the following trips:
2018**

July 11 - 15

Yosemite National Park

Trip type: Backpacking

Registration Wait List Open

August 15 - 19

Mammoth Lakes

Trip type: Bus Camp or Backpacking

Registration Now Open

September 13 - 16

Channel Islands - Santa Cruz

Trip type: Backpacking and Tent Camping

Registration Opens: July 28, at 6:00 am

October 5 - 7, 2018

Mammoth Fall Colors

Trip type: Day Hikes and Condos

Registration Opens: August 18, at 6:00 am

**For more information
or to register for the above Bus Trips,
please visit www.sdsierraclub.org.**

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Gala Celebration & Awards Dinner



FEAT Award - John Mead, President of Adventure 16, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Joanne Pearson Memorial Award - Ellen Shively



FEAT Award - Lowell and Diana Lindsay, Sunbelt Publications, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



FEAT Award - Senator Toni Atkins, San Diego Councilman Chris Ward



Volunteer of the Year Award - Stefanie Maio, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Conservation Activist Award - Derek and Nancy Casady, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Chapter Service Award - Rochelle Hancock, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Outings Leader Award - Kit Davis, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Distinguished Achievement Award - Sally Prendergast



Outings Leader Award - Rachel Rench, Chair Ruben Arizmendi



Rookie Activist Award - Michelle De Nicola



Silver Cup Award - Peter Andersen

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Call for nominations

The North County Group (NCG) will be holding elections this Fall to fill 4 vacancies on its Executive Committee.

The Group Executive Committee has overall responsibility to assure that the activities and services provided for the members are consistent with the Bylaws, Rules, and Policies of the Chapter and National Sierra Club.

These activities may include outings, membership services, financial management, conservation and political programs.

The Executive Committee meets monthly and attendance is expected.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration by the Nominating Committee, or would like more information, contact Kelly Conrad at slpypup@gmail.com. Names must be submitted by August 1, 2018.

**The North County Group consists of
the zip codes:**
**92003, 92025-30, 92033, 92046,
92058-61, 92064-65,
92069-70, 92074, 92078-79, 92081-85,
92088, 92127-28, 92198.**

**NCG Social Committee invites you to join
us at Carlsbad's TGIF Concerts in the Park**

Friday, August 10 (Funk/Soul/Afro-Disco)

Alga Norte Community Park

**We will save a space at the concert for our
group. Due to the popularity and crowds,
please plan to arrive early. More info at
sierraclubncg.org**

**Email: LLA8832@gmail.com Phone: Lisa
(760) 822-5939**

NCG Fall Car Camp

Sept 28-30, 2018,

Mount Laguna El Prado Group Camp

Open to all Sierra Club Members and
Guests, RSVP required

Contact DJ (events@sierraclubncg.org)
for more info and to RSVP

VISTA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

For those interested in the Vista Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update, the city is planning a series of community meetings in June and July to obtain public input on the measures to be considered for reducing GHGs in our CAP.

• **July 17, 6PM, Planning Commission:**
City Council Chambers (200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084).

• **July 19, 6PM, General Public (2 of 2):**
Morris B. Vance Community Room, (200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084)

The meetings will all follow the same format, covering status of our plan and seeking input from the public on reduction measures to be considered.

The city's Climate Action Plan can be viewed online at:

<http://www.cityofvista.com/services/city-departments/community-development/climate-action-plan>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail John Conley, Director of Community Development & Engineering, City of Vista 760-643-5388
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Seal Society News



Ellen Shively and Roberta Wolff with our banner.



Ellen, Lori Mendez and Laine West and Nancy Bartels with our "catch" from Casa Beach.

Photos by Pam Thomas.

Mid May every year, the harbor seals of La Jolla have to make major adjustments to their living conditions. The beach opens up to human recreation after five months of sole occupancy to help them in their later pregnancy, birthing, nurturing of the pups and mating. In 2014, the City Council and California Coastal Commission (CCC) approved beach closure for this time.

Off pupping season, the beach once again opens to "shared use". The concept should work in theory.

In reality, the needs of the marine life do not change that much. The beach allows the marine air-breathing pinnipeds to get out of the water for at least a half a day to rest, warm up, stabilize their metabolism, molt and retain their sense of belonging to a colony.

The beach is small - only about 160 feet across at the widest part. Hardly room for a hundred or so people recreating and doing what one usually does at beaches - sunbathing, walking the length, collecting shells, picnicking, children splashing everything in sight and climbing atop submarine rock, throwing balls and flying kites.

The chapter's Seal Society docents worked with the rangers this winter to make the cautionary signage more effective and placed where new visitors

could not miss seeing them. While some of the language improved - no "selfies" with the seals, be aware of pups with mothers, etc, the location of the signs is still easily obscured when crowds intersect at the entry way to the stairs and seawall. The "No Dogs" signs are almost impossible to see and contradicts other rules signs saying dogs are allowed after 6 pm until 9 am - which pertains to South Casa only. The signs attached to the "guideline rope" advising that the water exceeds safe levels of bacteria are in small print and hardly read. In other words, enforcement of safety guidelines are not emphasized or enforced over the warm summer months, often to the detriment of the marine mammals we are to "share" the beach with.

To summarize for this audience, the rules are basically 'self evident' to any responsible wild-life viewer: respect the space between yourselves and the seals, do not feed them, or do anything to disturb or change their behavior. Watch the children so they don't get too close. Stay behind the guideline rope as requested by the City. Remember, the seals tolerate us as long as their own safety is not compromised.

Thanks for following the rules laid down for everyone's safety, enjoyment and education. If the animals feel comfortable, they may "share the beach" with us. Otherwise, it's just another summer time beach filled with our own recreational pleasures to the detriment of the seals.

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