



The Osprey

The bulletin of the International Fellowship of Bird Watching Rotarians
www.Rotarybirdwatchers.com

October 2008

President:

Steve Leonard
15251 Charbono St.
Fishers, Indiana 46037 U.S.A.
765-318-0051 (cell)
steve.leonard@gmx.us

Vice President

Julie West
2774 Euclid Height Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106
U.S.A.
216 371 2407 (home)
jwest@ameritech.net

Secretary/Treasurer

Roger Borup
P.O. Box 57
Wellman, Iowa 52356 U.S.A.
319 321 6514 (cell)
rog.borup@aol.com

Newsletter Editor

Susan Leonard
susan.leonard@gmx.us

Librarian/Archivist:

Elena Laborde Bishop
elaborde@sbcglobal.net

From Your IFBR President:

Welcome to a new year of birding adventures! Like me, I hope you're eagerly anticipating the many new species to be seen at our next convention field trip in Birmingham, UK. See inside for a synopsis of our tour after the Los Angeles convention.

I sincerely hope that you will plan to stay after the 2009 convention to join other IFBR members and friends on an exciting venture! Member John Clutton has volunteered to coordinate the annual trip, since he is located nearby.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to those members who helped with the booth at Los Angeles. Roger and Pat Borup, Elena Laborde-Bishop, Gytha Nuno, Julie West and Gary Neuman, and Susan and I were among those who worked. I have always had fun working the booth, talking to Rotarians from everywhere about birds.

Now for the most important matter at hand: We need a project for this year. In the past, we of the IFBR have contributed to a bird sanctuary in India, a school in Botswana, and a sanctuary for vultures in South Africa. If you are aware of other bird/wildlife-related projects to which we could contribute, please let me know at steve.leonard@gmx.us

As a Fellowship that spans the globe, finding leadership can be difficult. At each convention, we see only a handful of our members, and those who attend are usually asked to help lead the group. As always, all offices will be open. Please consider taking on one of these responsibilities. The Fellowship will hold its annual meeting and election on the field trip after the Birmingham convention

Happy Birding,
Steve

Annual Birding Field Trip, Huntington Beach, California, USA

by Susan Leonard, newsletter editor



When visiting a dense urban area such as Los Angeles, it's difficult to imagine that wildlife can be seen very nearby. But when we traveled only 45 minutes from downtown, we found ourselves at a wonderful area called Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. Of course, we had to travel EARLY to avoid long traffic delays!

Bolsa Chica, along with the rest of Huntington Beach, CA, has some of the nation's best birding. Nearly half of the birds found in the U.S. have been seen there. That's why, when we left Bolsa Chica, we went directly to Huntington Beach Central Park, where we added 26 more species to the 35 we had already spotted! (See lists on page 4)



*Above, IFBR members leaving the Bolsa Chica wetland.
Below and right, local Audubon guide Jim Abernathy points out another species.*

Working the Booth Keeps Everyone Hopping!!



Our booth's corner location really made our bird posters stand out at Los Angeles!
*Left, Gytha Nuno and Steve Leonard share birding experiences with other Rotarians.
Right, stalwart IFBR volunteers Pat and Roger Borup enjoy talking with visitors to our booth.*

**IFBR Annual Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2008
Huntington Beach, California**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Steve Leonard.

Present were: Ian Black, Roger and Pat Borup, Len Gierach, Rand and Judy Ginn, Steve and Susan Leonard, Gunnar and Margareta Ljungberg, Gary Neuman, and Julie West.

Steve welcomed everyone and thanked Jim Abernathy (local Audubon Society) for his services as guide for the annual field trip.

Rand Ginn moved approval of the minutes of the 2007 meeting. Seconded by Julie West and passed.

Steve thanked Julie for sending in a newsletter article and encouraged others to do the same. Steve asked for ideas for our next project. He talked about the Cape Vulture project in South Africa (to which we donated \$500 during 2007-08) and the preserve in India. Julie said she had two ideas for projects that she would send to Steve.

Steve talked about birding in Guatemala and a possible future trip there. Gytha Nuno has also expressed interest in organizing a trip in Ghana. Rand suggested working out a wheelchair distribution or other project to connect with a birding trip.

Steve opened nominations for office. Gary Neuman moved to continue the current officers. Seconded by Judy Ginn and passed.

Steve mentioned MyWebPress as a vehicle to send out the newsletter. Rand moved to allow up to \$250 for research and possible implementation of such a service. Seconded by Julie and passed.

Julie brought up the idea of an IFBR-wide bird activity, asking members to lead a counting trip in their own area and report the results to Julie for reporting to all members.

Roger Borup reported on the finances. We have \$2300 in the bank, 16 new members at the convention, and several renewals.

Roger moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 for the annual photo.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Leonard
Newsletter Editor



**Birds Sighted, Huntington Beach, California USA
June 19, 2008**

Location: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve	Location: Huntington City Park
American Avocet	American Crow
American Wigeon	American Goldfinch
Barn Swallow	American Robin
Belding's Savannah Sparrow	Anna's Hummingbird
Black Skimmer	Black Phoebe
Black-bellied Plover	Brewer's Blackbird
Black-necked Stilt	Brown-headed Cowbird
Bonaparte Gull	Bullock's Oriole
Brown Pelican	California Towhee
California Gull	Coastal Bush Tit
Caspian Tern	Common Yellow-throat
Cliff Swallow	Downy Woodpecker (heard)
Cooper's Hawk	European Starling
Curlew	House Finch
Double-crested Cormorant	House Sparrow
Elegant Tern	Hutton's Vireo (heard)
Foster's Tern	Lesser Goldfinch
Great Egret	Mallard
Greater Yellow-leg	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Killdeer	Nutmeg Mannikin
Least Tern	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Lesser Yellow-leg	Orange-crowned Warbler
Long-billed Dowitcher	Red-Shouldered Hawk
Marbled Godwit	Song Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Swan
Raven	Western Bluebird
Rock Dove	
Royal Tern	
Ruddy Turnstone	
Snowy Egret	
Snowy Plover	
Western Gull	
Whimbrel	
White Pelican	
Willet	

New IFBR Website

In the last issue of the Osprey, we announced a new web address for IFBR:

www.Rotarybirdwatchers.com

(If you are used to the old address, it will also still work.)

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you did not pay your dues at the 2008 International Convention, please do so by completing this form and remitting your dues as noted.

The International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

Please PRINT clearly:

Last or Family Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Address _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Number(s) _____ **E-mail** _____

Rotary Club _____

Signature _____ Date _____ 20____