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From the Presidents . . .

Eastern Bird Banding Association

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the Western Bird Banding Association as we begin our partnership with the publication of the combined journal.

Now that we have opened a new era for EBBA publication, let's give new focus to another concern. One of the topics on the Council Agenda, which was side-tracked, at the Annual Meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia, was the consideration of Regional Associations. There has been an increasing concern voiced for better communications and for increasing field activities and training sessions by 'regionalizing' EBBA territory. This raises two questions: 1. How general is this interest? and, 2. How can we best give organizational leadership to such an effort? There is a partial answer in that we have three Vice-Presidents and twelve Councillors who could help to coordinate and communicate activities for 'Northern', 'Middle' and 'Southern' regional associations. Island Beach Operation Recovery in New Jersey was the

focus of considerable training and activities in the Northern area as early as 15 years ago. More recently, there has been a rush of activity, field demonstrations, workshops and banding in Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia, or the Middle area ... and so it goes for a group in the Charleston, South Carolina, or the Southern area! I would appreciate some comments from the membership on this proposal.

Short Quotes: In his letter of January 13, George Jonkel, Chief of the Banding Laboratory: "The new 370/115 computer will be installed around April 1976." This means the Reports to the Hunter System will be run at the Banding Laboratory rather than at the Geological Survey computer in Washington.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the combined EBBA-NEBBA Annual Meeting at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, April 9-11, 1976.

Christopher N. Rose

Western Bird Banding Association

As we begin our first issue of the *North American Bird Bander*, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our fellow banders in the Eastern Bird Banding Association. The joint venture which we have just begun provides an excellent opportunity for increased communication and exchange of ideas among members of our respective Associations. I anticipate and look forward to a closer working relationship with banders throughout the country as a result of our merger. In the immediate future I would strongly encourage and hope that such things as joint banding projects could commence.

In line with the general topic of this message, I would also like to extend an invitation to members of EBBA to attend our Annual Meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado on June 5 and 6. For the WBBA members who wish to participate in the program

and workshops at the meeting, please contact Dr. Ronald Ryder at Colorado State University. All details such as call for papers, accommodations and meeting registration can be found in the following pages of this issue.

At the upcoming meeting I shall be stepping down as your president. Because this will be the last chance to do so in the Journal, I would like to thank all who have spent so much time and effort in helping out during the past two years. I am especially thankful to Editor, Eleanor Radke, and Treasurer, Shirley Spitler. Those two officers are at the heart of our organization and it is their hard work that really makes the Association function.

Hope to see you all in Fort Collins.

Mike San Miguel

Memos to members

Those EOY Reports

Now that you've filled out your EOY Report for 1975, the following excerpt from George Jonkel's letter to Presidents Chris Rose and Mike San Miguel should be of interest to you:

"End-of-the-Year Banding Reports are coming in and today we have almost 1,700 returned out of the 1,981 that were sent out. We will make a listing of most EOY information. It is useful for planning and for detecting discrepancies where banders' information is not the same as ours. This year we are making a separate tabulation of banders' publications. In each Association's area, we suggest that a selection be made for an outstanding publication based upon effort and contribution toward ornithology. Possibly by next year we could supply a list of the past year's publications to a representative of the Association or a committee that could then make a selection of the most deserving paper or study. The association could award or commend the person or persons."

Color-marked Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers

In 1976 and 1977 the Surinam Forest Service plans to color-band large numbers of Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers along the Surinam coast, in northeastern South America. All birds will be banded above the tarsus ("knee") with one standard aluminum Fish and Wildlife Service band and two orange color-bands of about the same size as the aluminum band.

The objective of this study is to obtain more information about the origin of the birds visiting Surinam and about their migration routes to and from this country.

Should you see any of these birds, please write to: Arie L. Spaans, Surinam Forest Service, P.O. Box 436, Paramaribo, Surinam, South America. Please give species, location and date of observation, the position of the aluminum and color-bands (left or right; and, if more than one band is on a leg, which band is above and which below), and number of color-banded birds involved.

NOTICE TO ALL EBBA MEMBERS

I would like to introduce your new Editor, (Mrs.) Nadia M. Mutchler. Micky, as she would like to be called, has been appointed to this position by our Council during the EBBA Annual Meeting at Chevy Chase, Maryland, on 10 April 1976.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members for their fine cooperation and friendship I've enjoyed over the past six years. I'll continue to be available to anyone who needs my assistance; however, from now on, please mail all manuscripts and mail of any type that concerns the magazine to the Eastern Bird Banding Association, care of:

Nadia M. Mutchler
112 13th Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Thank you very much!

F.S. Schaeffer (retiring Editor)

OSPREY BANDING

The Mexican Wildlife Department (Departamento de la Fauna Silvestre) has recently undertaken studies of the Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) in the area of the Migratory Bird Refuge of the Bahia de Sebastian Vizcaino. This area, better-known as Scammon's Lagoon, is located on the West Coast of Baja California. The studies include banding activities, with bands placed on the left legs, bearing the following information:

FAUNA SILV. 69
A. SERDAN NO. 28
MEXICO 2201, XXXX

Please also refer to a similar-style band reported in the April 1971 *Western Bird Bander*, 46(2):32. Any sightings or recoveries of these birds, as well as any other information of interest, should be forwarded to the address on the band, or better, to:

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Direccion Gral. de la Fauna Silvestre
Programa Aves a Bahia de S. Vizcaino
Guerro Negro, Baja California, MEXICO