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From the President

My term as president of WBBA will end in April with the annual meeting at El Coronado Ranch. I have enjoyed this job — a job that has been made rather easy by an exceptional group of people whose combined efforts make our organization work. Over the past two years, I have appreciated the assistance and support I've received from all members of WBBA's board of directors and from committee chairpersons. The association and I also have benefited greatly from the continued active interest of past presidents Charlie Collins and Otis Swisher. From time to time I have received comments and suggestions from the general membership on a variety of association concerns, and this input has been most helpful. To all I extend my thanks.

The association and I owe a particular debt, I think, to those individuals whose positions with WBBA have demanded the greatest amount of time and effort. They include our editor, Eleanor Radke; our treasurer, Shirley Spitler; Fern Tainter, who has served variously

as secretary, membership chairperson, and annual report compiler; and Jane Church as secretary. On behalf of the association and myself, I want to express appreciation for their outstanding dedication.

During my tenure as WBBA's president, I also have had the opportunity to interact with presidents Bob Pantle and Valerie Freer and editor Mickie Mutchler of our sister organization, EBBA. I have found it a real pleasure to work with them, and I want to thank them for their cooperation on various matters of mutual concern. I am particularly gratified by the success and continuing growth and development of EBBA's and WBBA's joint banding journal, *NABB*, now in its sixth year of publication.

I hope that future presidents of WBBA will be as fortunate as I have been in the quality of support they receive.

Martha Balph



New Life Member

Carl Wolf

WBBA welcomes its newest Life Member, Carl Wolf. With his wife and two children, Mr. Wolf lives in Libby, Montana, where he is employed as a professional forester for the U.S. Forest Service. His work as Lands Officer includes responsibilities tied to wildlife.

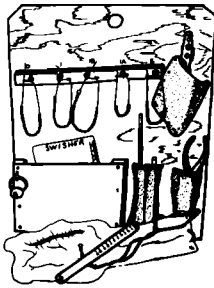
He holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and Forest Management and is currently working on his Master's Degree in Wildlife Management. He is a Life Member of the Mt. Shasta Audubon Society, American Birding Association and, now, WBBA. In 1977, Mr. Wolf received the Conservationist of the Year Award from N. California Audubon (Mt. Shasta) Society. He has also received national awards and recognition for his work in conservation and with birds from the National Wildlife Federation, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers. He was recently elected to the chairmanship of the Society of American Foresters, a national working group on Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Wolf's interest in birds began while he was in his pre-teens. Like Audubon, he shot birds and put feathers, etc. in books. Graduating to bird "study" rather than destruction, he eventually became a Master Bird Bander. He now teaches birding and bird identification to adult classes, schools, and bird clubs. He holds

memberships in Colorado Field Ornithologists, Denver Audubon Society, and Southwest Hawk Watch and is president of the newly-formed Kootenai Bird Club.

As his goal, Mr. Wolf states that he wishes "to learn more about birds so that I can pass the information on to others." His primary concern is that people are not aware of their environment and the changes taking place and that, unless educated or at least made aware, then the world will be diminished for all of us in the future. His projects are several: he is helping to fill out latilong and distribution data for Northwestern Montana; his specific banding project is to study and write up findings about the winter use of coniferous forest by key non-game birds. Other projects include trying to devise better age/sex guides for certain species, and to develop a 30-week training program on birds, bird identification, habitat, habits, etc., for extended use by others. As a contributor to the quarterly reports for *American Birds*, he believes that more analysis of the mass of miscellaneous information being generated is badly needed.

To quote again from Mr. Wolf: "Incidentally, the fellow who really turned me on to banding is a man I admire greatly and will never forget for his patience and understanding — Otis Swisher, [WBBA's Past President]."



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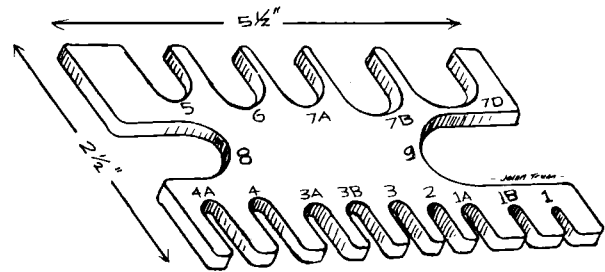
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