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Western Bird Banding Association

Founded 1925

President's Message

In this issue I would like to recognize all the life members of WBBA. They are people who have made a long-term commitment to the organization, and who we know will be part of WBBA each year. We have 32 life members, they are:

T. A. Beckett, III	L. Richard Mewaldt
Don L. Bleitz	William Pepper
Roger B. Clapp	Leonard J. Peyton
Christian P. Dau	Wilbur B. Quay
Mike Davis	*Eleanor L. Radke
Stephen Lee Deatrick	Chandler S. Robbins
Mrs. Ben G. Eizinger	*John M. Robertson
Alice E. Fries	Ronald A. Ryder
Clarence Gervais	Frederick S. Schaeffer
Gary L. Hickman	Mildred O. Snyder
Richard M. Hinchman	*Fern R. Tainter
Michael Holst	Charles VanRiper III
Dorothy B. Hunt	Jack Wallace
*James E. Jackson	John S. Weske
Jerome A. Jackson	Steve West
Eugene Y. Makishima	Carl E. Wolf

The four persons with an asterisk before their names are Honorary Life Members, elected for their contributions to WBBA. Mr. Robertson has the additional distinction of being a charter member of WBBA, part of the organization from its founding in 1925.

Many thanks to all of our life members on behalf of WBBA for their long-term support of the organization and their individual contributions.

Dr. Robert C. Tweit

New Life Member Ronald A. Ryder

Ronald A. Ryder, Professor of Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University, is WBBA's newest Life Member. However, he is not new to bird banding. His first banding was in 1949 and he has had his own permit since 1950.

Following the obtaining of B.S. and M.S. degrees at Colorado A & M College, Ronald served in the U.S. Navy as a Line Officer in active duty, and then went on to complete a Ph.D. at Utah State University. He has been outstandingly productive in teaching and research in wildlife biology. His numerous publications show a concentration of effort concerning waterbirds, but also a striking breadth of interest in diverse avian species and their environments.

Ronald is a member of many professional organizations in ornithology and wildlife biology. He is a Past President of WBBA (1968-70), Fort Collins Bird Club, Fort Collins Chapter of the National Audubon Society, Colorado Field Ornithologists, the Colorado Audubon Council, and is currently President of the Colorado-Wyoming Academy of Sciences. Ronald is an Elective Member of the American Ornithologists' Union and a Life Member of the National Wildlife Federation and the Wilson Ornithological Society.

He is the organizer of WBBA's 1985 Annual Meeting, to be in Estes Park, Colorado, in June. We anticipate with pleasure a most enjoyable and productive meeting, - and getting to know Ron, his colleagues and students, in surroundings of superlative beauty.