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SERVING WBBA EFFECTIVE 11 SEP 04

At our annual meeting in September, the membership approved the following slate of people to lead WBBA for the coming year.

President: Gary Blevins
1st Vice Pres.: John Alexander
2nd Vice Pres.: Diana Humple
Secretary: Mike Boyles
Treasurer: Tricia Campbell
Membership: Ken Burton
Outreach: Walter Sakai
Past President: Ken Burton
NABC Rep.: John Alexander
NABC Alt.: Jim Tietz
Editor: Kay Loughman
At Large: C. J. Ralph

ASHLAND MEETING 2004

Glorious weather, educational workshops, stimulating papers and presentations, and a wide selection of field trips helped to make our 79th annual meeting a huge success. Thanks are due to John Alexander and the staff and volunteers at Klamath Bird Observatory, who really outdid themselves in coordinating and producing this meeting held jointly with Western Field Ornithologists and Oregon Field Ornithologists.

The plumage and molt workshop with Peter Pyle was fully subscribed in advance, and received rave

reviews from participants. WBBA members not enrolled in that workshop were able to visit KBO's banding stations, where observation and assistance were welcomed. Steve Howell's hummingbird identification workshop helped banders and birders alike to separate similar species. And, as always, informal chats with colleagues in the hallways and during meals rounded out a fine weekend.

Selected abstracts from the meeting will be published in *NABB* 29(4).

Next year's meeting is scheduled for the first weekend in October in Camarillo, CA.

BIRDS BANDED in 2003: The WBBA Annual Report

The Western Bird Banding Association is extremely grateful to Chris Otahal for compiling the 2003 Annual Banding Report and to Ken Burton and Rita Colwell for helping with proofreading the final document. Compiling and proofreading this report takes an enormous amount of volunteer time and effort. We also thank all the banders that took time out of their busy lives to forward data to Chris. The number of banders reporting data, 179, was lower than 2002. Let us hope that trend does not continue. The annual report is an excellent resource that allows individuals to review the data collected by many dedicated banders in the WBBA region.