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HOWARD COGSWELL

January 19, 1915 - June 8, 2006

We note with regret the passing of Howard Cogswell, a Life Member who was active in WBBA for close to 40 years. He served as Vice-President from 1954 to 1957, and as our President from 1957 to 1959. In 1986 he was WBBA's Treasurer and Membership Secretary; in 1987, became the Historian. Between 1954 and 1973, Howard contributed more than a dozen articles to *NABB's* Western predecessor publications; and as recently as 2001, he reviewed a paper for possible publication in *North American Bird Bander*.

Howard continued banding into the 1980s, but he was also involved with other bird-related projects. He was active in several ornithological societies, including the Golden Gate, Ohlone Audubon Society and Cooper Ornithological Society. Several of his scientific contributions were published in the *Condor*. He worked with the San Francisco and Point Reyes Bird Observatories, the Golden Gate Recreational Area Advisory Commission, and helped develop Regional Wetlands Goals for the entire San Francisco Bay system.

He was a Professor of Biological Science at CSU Hayward, and a director of the East Bay Regional Parks District. Cogswell Marsh at the EBRPD's Hayward Regional Shoreline is named in his honor. He was the author of *Water Birds of California*, published by the University of California Press in 1977, and the scientific mentor/guiding light behind the Alameda County Breeding Bird Atlas [in preparation].

C. J. Ralph recalls "Howard was a mentor for me in my early years of banding. He took Rich Stallcup and me on many of his field trips when we were in our early teens, and was supportive of our adventures over the years. As a board member of WBBA, he was one of the half dozen WBBA members that really made PRBO happen. When Dick Mewaldt and I first brought the proposal to start a Bird Observatory to the WBBA Board, he was enthusiastic and served on the first PRBO board. He often came out in the early days and banded at our first site, and was always a supporter in many ways."



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