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President's Note

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Inland Bird Banding Association

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As I write this little note to the membership, I have just finished my 29th year of spring migration banding at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve in northwest Ohio. Although I have only banded there about 13 days each spring, 7 each summer, and 13 days each fall, we have now banded 31,000 individuals of 122 species. Clearly we have documented what passerines are using the marsh and have a picture of trends for many of those species.

On 3 Jun 2012, we started our 17th summer season using the MAPS protocol. This is one of the most exciting times of our year. We banded 41 new individuals but had 29 recaptures of individuals from the past. One of the most exciting recaptures was an adult female Ruby-throated Hummingbird which was originally banded 7 Jun 2008. It is always fun to see "old" friends.

Our oldest individual this spring was an adult Black-capped Chickadee which was originally banded 18 Apr 2004 as an adult. Earlier this spring, while banding on Kelleys Island in Lake Erie, we had two ASY male Yellow Warblers in the same net about a foot apart. One was wearing band number 2440-16405 and the other was wearing 2440-16407. Both were banded in 2006 as ASY—one on 19 May and the other on 20 May. You have to love what we do.

If you have stories similar to these, please share them with the membership. Send in your notes and experiences to Peter Lowther, our editor, so others can see what you are doing and finding.

Do not forget to make plans to attend our Annual Meeting in Bellevue, Nebraska, over the weekend of 26-27 Oct 2012. Check the IBBA webpage for upcoming details.

Tom Bartlett
IBBA President

Report of Banding and Re-encounters of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds from 2000-2011

Over the few years I have been banding Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*), I manage to catch birds from the previous years' banding sessions. All but two of the re-encountered birds were caught at their original banding site in subsequent years, even though some of the banding sites are within two miles of each other, which indicates strong site fidelity. The percentage of re-encounters to newly banded birds is relatively constant, so I decided to find out how many birds from each year's list of re-encounters were from which previous year.

Over the 12 years of this project, there have been several banding sites that were visited in all years, some added, and some dropped for various reasons. The sites where I band weekly are in southern Illinois, and there are three sites in southern Indiana