

## Important Numbers

**Nature Center**  
760-931-0800

**Carlsbad City Police**  
(for trails and surrounding lagoon)  
760-931-2197 (business line)  
760-937-2115 (watch commander)

**Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game**  
(shoreline or water issues)  
858-467-4201 (Regional Office)  
888-334-2258 (CALTIPS)

## Addresses

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member@batiquitosfoundation.org  
volunteer@batiquitosfoundation.org

**Website**  
www.batiquitosfoundation.org

**Nature Center Location:**  
7380 Gabbiano Ln., Carlsbad  
(not mailing address)

**Nature Center Hours:**  
Wednesday noon - 4 pm  
Thursday noon - 4 pm  
Friday noon - 4 pm  
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 2 pm

## Board of Directors

Fred Sandquist - President  
Dave Robertson - Vice-president  
Rick Ransburg - Treasurer  
Sheila Locko - Secretary  
Don Connors  
Paula Kirpalani  
Steve Norton  
Seth Schulberg  
Gary Wayne

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Due to an administrative error in preparing the ballot, Sheila Locko, who was a current board member and would have been up for re-election, was left off the ballot. Due to the fact that Khevin Barnes had resigned, the new board's first action was to appoint Sheila to serve the remainder of Khevin's term. Sheila's willingness to accept this appointment option saved us from having to cancel the election and delay holding the annual meeting and from the expense of another mailing – a special thanks goes out to Sheila for working with us to solve this problem!

Khevin Barnes, who operates the *Dr. Wilderness Show*, felt that he would not be able to regularly attend board meetings due to his need to travel. The good news is that he is still a member of the BLF and has agreed to do another show in support of our Second Annual *Nature's Magic Extravaganza* Fall Fundraiser! Khevin's continued support of our Foundation is really appreciated!

With the board back up to the full nine members, officer elections were then conducted. The results were: Fred Sandquist, President; Dave Robertson, Vice President; Sheila Locko, Secretary; and Rick Ransburg, Treasurer. The board decided to return to a more simplified officer structure by not filling the positions of Executive and Senior Vice Presidents.

The board wants especially to thank Seth Schulberg for serving as foundation president for so many years!

... Fred Sandquist

## Swami Beach Walk a Success Again!

On Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation again hosted a public walk at Swami's Beach in Encinitas from 2 – 4 PM. This time was selected because of a very low tide. The walk, led by docents Cecile Wadley and Joan Lubowe, was well attended, with over 32 people participating. Joan presented a great talk on the geology of the area, and Cecile following with her usual excellent marine life talk. Following this introduction, Cecile and Joan led the group on a beach walk to actually see the area's interesting geology and marine residents

up close and personal!

Some marine life that was observed included: a Two-Spot Octopus (*Octopus bimaculoides*); exoskeleton remains of California Spiny Lobsters (*Panulirus interruptus*); and a live California Brown Sea Hare (*Aplysia californica*).

Public walks along this interesting stretch of beach are planned in 2006.

... Fred Sandquist

## Incisivosaurus terribilis Joins Our Nature Center Exhibits!

Paul Weber, a local artist from Oceanside and noted for his sculptures and a member and friend of the Foundation, has honored us again with a new exhibit! The metal sculpture named *Incisivosaurus terribilis*, while not real (at least one has not been found other than our exhibit!), none the less has a very interesting story that Paul wrote and sent with it.

*A fast moving flightless bird from the early Cetaceous period. It was Indigenous to mesas and valleys of the Southwestern United States. Capable of high ground speeds with the aid of wings which could flap up to 8 times per second. Fossil remains at the foot of mesas tend to indicate misguided attempts at flight were unsuccessful. Incisivosaurus terribilis was carnivorous, leaping upon its prey and seizing it with its hooked beak, then using the spurs on its wings, legs, and claws to dispatch it. Starvation could result from accidental breakage of the beak. The earrings found with some remains indicate the bird had a high fashion consciousness.*



The next time you visit our Nature Center, make sure you take part in our new tradition – Rub the beak and you get three years of good luck! Join us in thanking Paul for his continued interest in Batiquitos Lagoon and our Foundation!

... Fred Sandquist

**NOTE:**  
**Reduced price for BLF T-shirts**  
**at the Nature Center: now \$10**



Clapper Rail at Batiquitos Lagoon

Sharon Anthony, Dec. 2005

## Calendar

**Lagoon Clean-up**—first Saturday of each month; meet at the Nature Center at 9:00 a.m.; bring gloves and water.

**Board Meeting**—third Tuesday of each month; call for meeting details.

## Lagoon Access

Batiquitos Lagoon is located in South Carlsbad. Most access points are on the north side of the lagoon off of Batiquitos Drive:

**Nature Center**—Parking lot and trail access is at the end of Gabbiano Lane (just east of I-5).

## Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation 2006 Volunteer Training Program

**DATES:** Eight Saturday sessions beginning January 28 and running through March 25, 2006 (no session on February 18).

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.-noon. Sessions start promptly with breaks for refreshment, stretching, and socializing.

**PLACE:** Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad.

**COST:** \$65

**To register, or for more info . . .**  
Stop by the nature center to pick up a program brochure. Or you may call the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation at (760) 931-0800.

[www.batiquitosfoundation.org](http://www.batiquitosfoundation.org)



### December Lagoon Bird Walk

On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation conducted a lagoon bird walk from 9 – 11 AM. The walk, lead by Bob Chaddock, was attended by over 23 people. As is usually the case, the birds cooperated, with our visitors seeing a wide range of birds, including a Kite, an Osprey, and many migratory ducks.



As often happens at Batiquitos Lagoon, the group saw a rare visitor – a Sora (*Porzana carolina*) which is a member of the Rail family. Here is a picture of what they look like.

The next time you walk the North Shore Trail, be on the lookout for it. You also may see another rare bird - the Clapper Rail - which has been observed in the Nature Center and I-5 berm areas! (See photo by Sharon Anthony inside - p. 3)

... Fred Sandquist

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# BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

*A public benefit corporation dedicated to the preservation, protection, and enhancement of Batiquitos Lagoon*

## Nature's Magic Extravaganza Fall Fundraiser A Success!



On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation held our first large fundraiser. It was a well-attended fun event, with our own Khevin Barnes, aka Dr. Wildness, presenting two outstanding environmentally oriented magic shows.

Mayor "Bud" Lewis, Councilwoman Ann Kulchin, and Tim Dillingham (Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve Manager), and Larry Clemens (Lennar, Inc.) were honored for their leadership roles in making the Batiquitos Lagoon the North San Diego County treasure that we all have come to love. Our event was sponsored by: Four Seasons Resort and Spa – Aviara; Pacific Southwest Wildlife Arts, Inc.; Invitrogen; and Electromagnetic Surface Technologies (EST).

Many BLF volunteers helped to make our first major fundraiser a success – well done!

Mark your calendars for our Second Annual *Nature's Magic Extravaganza* fundraiser! It is scheduled to be held Sunday, November 12, 2006 from 1 to 5 PM again at the Windmill in Carlsbad. Khevin Barnes has again signed on to present his Emmy Award-winning *Dr. Wilderness Magic Show*. Please plan on joining us again for this fun family-oriented event.

... Fred Sandquist

## Annual Meeting, Board Election Results, and New Officers

On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, the Annual Meeting of the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation was held, in conjunction with the regular November board meeting.

Three board positions were up for election/re-election by ballot from the foundation membership. Paula Kirpalani and Steve Norton (former board member) were newly elected, and Seth Schulberg was re-elected, all to three year terms.

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### Membership

Membership in Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation is a great way to support our efforts to maintain and improve this beautiful natural resource.

Annual memberships are available in the following categories:

Student/Sr Citizen	\$10
Individual	\$15
Family	\$25
Sponsor	\$50
Patron	\$100
Corporate	\$250





## *From the Desk of the President . . .*

I feel honored to be elected by the Board to serve as your new President. With this position, however, comes the responsibility to lead the BLF and continue moving our foundation to new heights. To continue this progress will require a lot of hard work, which must depend on the active involvement of our many members and volunteers. I pledge to you to do my part and ask for your help in supporting the many programs, projects and operational activities that have made our foundation so well respected in our community.

We are all volunteers, sharing family responsibilities and many have regular jobs to contend with. Whatever time we can carve out of our daily activities in support of our foundation can and does make a difference, no matter how big or how small. In essence, our members and volunteers are what make us organizationally successful! I look forward to working with each and every one of you to further build our fine organization!

I want to personally recognize Seth Schulberg who has served so long as your foundation president. Seth's keen interest in Batiquitos Lagoon, especially from a marine biology perspective, is well known and respected. The good news is that he remains a member of the board and will continue to serve. Seth - thanks for the years of service as our president!

On a more serious note, I want to share with you some of the challenges that the lagoon and surrounding habitat faces this year and in the future. I recently plotted some of the various current and future development and construction projects on a lagoon drawing, and was truly amazed! These include: Ponto Beachfront Development; I-5 Widening; replacement of the railroad bridge over the lagoon; the new Batiquitos Bluffs development project; construction of a convenience store and car wash at the I-5/La Costa Avenue interchange; storm sewer repair work all along the North Shore Trail; construction of a new intersection at Vulcan Road and La Costa Avenue that has potential storm water runoff impacts on the lagoon; Shoreline Resorts complex south of Carlsbad State Beach; a small hotel/time-share facility on the northeast side of the intersection of La Costa Avenue and Highway 101; and some proposed work on the bank along San Marcos Creek near the La Costa Golf Course. The BLF, in our role as a lagoon steward, will need to carefully monitor these projects to ensure that our lagoon is *pre-served, protected and enhanced*.

On the positive side, we have a lot of opportunities that we are actively engaged in. These activities include: significant progress in completing the North Shore Trail through to El Camino Real; identifying a site for a new BLF Nature Center; managing a number of Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout projects that will enhance the North Shore Trail; planning for our *Second Annual Nature's Magic Extravaganza* fundraiser (scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2006); working with Caltrans in planning for the widening of I-5 through the lagoon; conducting our 2006 Volunteer Training Program; and establishing a coalition, including the cities of Carlsbad and Encinitas, to address some common issues concerning the lagoon. The list can go on, but you can see we have been very busy!

Thanks to all of our members and those who regularly volunteer - we are truly growing as an organization! Please feel free to contact me ((760) 918-2408) if you have any ideas or wish to become more involved in your foundation.

*. . .Fred C. Sandquist, President*





## **WE ARE MOVING FORWARD! TRAIL, NATURE CENTER, AND LAND USE**

Good progress is being made in several important areas in the past several months:

- Discussions are ongoing with Mr. Michael Murphy, owner of the property at the east end of the trail to acquire space for a trail extension. Doug Baker, Licensed Surveyor and a local resident, will provide a *pro bono* survey on December 13 of the Murphy southern border to establish corners so that discussions concerning the trail extension options may begin. Funding sources are being identified to accomplish the many tasks necessary to meet all requirements and purchase the property. Approval from many federal, state and local jurisdictions will take months but we are moving forward.
- **Nature Center at the east end of the lagoon.** The center will be the latest state-of-the-art for buildings that follow the ecologically desirable "Green Build" technologies. Students at the New School of Architecture in San Diego are being organized to support the design stages. Members can support this design effort by submitting their ideas for activities and uses at the new nature center including **education, exhibits, construction materials, space design, laboratory, galley, sales area, outside activities, parking, solar use, etc., etc.** **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** Please call **Don Connors, 931-0200** or e-mail to: **[primussystems@earthlink.net](mailto:primussystems@earthlink.net)** with your ideas to make this the best nature center on the West Coast. Property for the new center is actively sought.
- The **BATIQUITOS BLUFFS** project in Encinitas is being planned for an area west of the intersection of La Costa Avenue and El Camino Real on the south side of La Costa Ave.. Of the total 51 acres, 20 single family residences would be built on the lower 9.8 acres. There are wetlands on the north and south sides of the street. It is proposed that the wetlands and the scrub slopes above the houses would be managed by a winning environmental bidder supported by HOA funding. Our foundation might be interested in this lagoon watershed management if conditions were favorable. A project map and biology report are available at our nature center. **Please let us know of your interest and thoughts.**

... *Don Connors*

### ***Register for Our 2006 Volunteer Training Program!***

Ever think about giving something back to your community? Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you interested in learning more about Southern California's beautiful coastal habitats and lagoons? Do you like to view wildlife upclose and personal? Would you like an opportunity to support a North San Diego County treasure - The Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve? Then here is your opportunity!



#### THE PARTICULARS

**Dates:** January 28, 2006 through March 25, 2006

**Time:** 9:00 am - Noon

**Place:** Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Nature Center

**Cost:** Non-refundable fee of \$65 to cover course expenses. Course fee must be paid by January 25, 2006.

The class will be limited to the first 25 paid reservations.

**Session Make-up:** Will be arranged individually.

**Refund Policy:** Refunds will be issued if cancellation notice is received prior to January 25.

**Attendees:** Open to anyone 16 years of age or older.

**General Session Format:** Lecture, short break, trail walk and/or outdoor demonstration, question & answer period.

*See our website ([batiquitosfoundation.org](http://batiquitosfoundation.org)) for further details: Look for the yellow "NEW" logo.*

