

2007 Volunteer Training Program

The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation will again be offering our Volunteer Training Program for potential volunteers or those just interested in learning more about Batiquitos Lagoon. Our 2007 program will run from January 27th through March 24th, 2007, from 9 AM to Noon each Saturday, except February 17th (a holiday weekend).

This training opportunity will provide trainees with an overview of the Batiquitos Lagoon and the many aspects associated with *Preserving, Protecting, and Enhancing* this treasure. Over the years, this program has resulted in a significant increase to our volunteer ranks – a critical success factor for any volunteer-based organization like ours. We envision that our success will continue and that



we will again have another large graduating class, increasing our pool of volunteers.

A nominal, non-refundable fee of \$60 will be charged and covers course expenses and student workbook, lecture materials, light refreshments, completion certificate, BLF name tag (after completing 24 hours of volunteer service), and a one-year individual membership in the Foundation. The course fee must be paid by January 25, 2007.

Information will be posted to our website (www.batiquitosfoundation.org), and brochures will be available at our Nature Center shortly. Since class size will be limited to the first 25 who register and pay the fee, those interested in attending are encouraged to register early.



BATIQUITOS LAGOON FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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

BLF Selected as REI's Non-profit of the Quarter!



On December 12, 2006, we were informed by REI that we have been selected as their *Non-profit of the Quarter* for the quarter beginning January 2007. This honor includes recognition on their Outreach Resource Center board at each of their stores (Encinitas, San Diego, and Chula Vista) with flyers for customers to take, recognition in their monthly clinic calendar flyers, and inclusion on their website for the quarter.

In November, they awarded us a \$5,000 grant to be used in completing our rope fence project along the North Shore Trail of the lagoon. On Saturday, January 27, 2007, they will be sponsoring a work day and will provide volunteers to begin installation of the rope fence. Other BLF volunteers are welcome to join in. We will shortly be posting information on this event on our website, www.batiquitosfoundation.org.

REI's support is really appreciated, and we look forward to an ongoing relationship with them in *preserving, protecting and enhancing* Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve and its associated watershed.

Board of Director and Foundation Officer Election Results

At the Annual Meeting held on October 17, 2006, Donald Connors, Rick Ransburg, and Dave Robertson were re-elected to the board for another three-year term of office each. Due to the resignation of Gary Wayne because of heavy consulting work commitments, the Board appointed Don Rideout, retired former Principal Planner for the City of Carlsbad, to serve out the remainder of Gary's term. Please welcome Don and his wife, Sheila, to our Foundation family! The Foundation thanks Gary for his dedicated service and valuable experience that he brought to the board. Gary and his wife, Toni, will continue to support the Foundation as members.

At the December 12, 2006 board meeting, the board conducted an election of officers. The results of the election were: President, Fred Sandquist (re-elected); Vice President, Dave Robertson (re-elected); Secretary, Don Rideout; and Treasurer, Rick Ransburg (re-elected). Prior to the election, Sheila Locko, our former secretary, indicated that she preferred not to run again due to heavy family commitments. The good news is that she also indicated she will be continuing to serve on the board. Please join us in thanking Sheila for her dedicated serve as our former secretary, and welcome Don for quickly volunteering to serve as a Foundation officer.

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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:

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

REMINDER TO MEMBERS:

Check the expiration date at the top of your mailing label to find out when you need to renew your membership.

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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)
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Nature Center Location:
7380 Gabbiano Ln., Carlsbad
(not BLF's 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
Don Rideout - Secretary
Don Connors
Paula Kirpalani
Steve Norton
Seth Schulberg
Sheila Locko

San Diego Foundation Opportunities



Endow
San Diego

The Foundation's participation this year at the Carlsbad Fall Street Faire yielded many side benefits. Mr. John Duca, new Regional Manager, for the new North County Coastal office of the San Diego Foundation (SDF) was one of many visitors to our booth. As a follow-up to this contact, Mr. Duca made a brief presentation to several members of the BLF Board of Directors on Wednesday, November 29th.

Mr. Duca indicated that the resources of the SDF were available to the BLF in support of our programs and projects. There are a number of grant opportunities that could be beneficial and available to us in the coming years for support in such areas as staffing, internships, land acquisition, education, training, environmental monitoring, and community outreach. Expertise will also be available to assist us in accessing this funding, and for assistance in identifying families and organizations wishing to become donors and grantors, including those involved with estate planning and establishing trusts and endowments.

Board members briefed Mr. Duca on a number of our key strategic objectives and also that the BLF was a participant in SDF's *Endow San Diego* Program to increase private investment in non-profit programs and projects in San Diego County. Contacts such as this will help expand the BLF's access to support for *preserving, protecting, and enhancing* Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve and associated watershed.

... Don Connors



NEW RECYCLE/TRASH CONTAINERS ARRIVE AT LAGOON TRAIL

Recognizing a goal of *enhancement* of the North Shore Trail and in cooperation with the City of Carlsbad, two new recycle and trash containers were delivered on August 2, 2006 by the manufacturer, Quick Crete of Norco, CA. A third unit is on back order. These containers will be placed along the trail, replacing the present garbage cans.

We are encouraged by the acceptance by trail users of the dual-use containers which contain a separate section for re-cycleable cans and bottles. The universal recycle image on the sides will aid in recognition of our international responsibility to conserve resources.

Many thanks to the City for their support by providing these containers and placing them along the trail.

... Don Connors

Note: This arrived just a little too late for the last newsletter in August, and these containers are working well! Thanks, Don!!

Second Annual *Nature's Magic Extravaganza* Fall Fundraiser A Success!



Our *Second Annual Nature's Magic Extravaganza* was held on Sunday, November 12th at the Windmill Banquet and Catering facility in Carlsbad. A special thanks is extended to Dr. Wilderness - our own Khevin Barnes - for dazzling us again with his environmentally oriented magic! This is the second year that he has kindly donated his magic show for our fund-raising event.

The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation wishes to thank our sponsors for their support for this event:



The Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation gives a special thanks to those who donated items for our *Silent Auction and Raffle* and provided exhibits and displays:

Silent Auction: *California Originals; Callaway Golf; Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort; Casa de las Orquideas; Davina's Cabo Grill; El Torito; Embellishments; Fidel's Mexican Restaurant; Hansen's Surf Boards; Kitchen Witch; Lucia Bell; Pacific Coast Homes, Cardiff-By-The-Sea; REI, Encinitas; Screams of Passion Salon & Spa; Sharon Anthony Photography; Skin Trade; Sunset Valley Orchids; The Sage Grill; and Tuscany Restaurant.* **Raffle:** *Chilie's; Fresco Trattoria; Island's; Leucadia Pizzeria; Magic Child West; Queen Eileen's; Sandi Sandquist; and TGI Friday's.* **Exhibits and Displays:** *Bat Rescue; Our Barn; Plein Air Painters of San Diego (PAPASAN); Sharon Anthony Photography; and Virgil & Betty Kruger.*

Finally, we want to thank all of our volunteers and friends who worked to make our annual event a success.

We expect to change the venue for our 2007 *Third Annual Nature's Magic Extravaganza* so stay tuned as our event grows!



The public had fun at Swamis Beach in Encinitas on Saturday, Dec 2, during a very low tide. The outing was led by BLF docents Cecile Wadley, Joan Lubowe, Kathy Dickey (the photographer), and Dudley O'Dell.

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.

Annual Meeting—November, 2007

»See the monthly events calendar on our website

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). Be nice to our neighbors: DO NOT block driveways or park in front of mailboxes.

Bella Lago—Parking lot and trail access is off Batiquitos Dr. east of Gabbiano.

Aviara Cove—Parking lot and trail access is on Batiquitos Dr. east of Bella Lago and just west of the Aviara Golf Course.

East Parking Lot—Parking lot and trail access is on Batiquitos Dr. east of the Aviara Clubhouse and Golf Course.

Arenal Road—Off El Camino Real south of Aviara Blvd.; park on the street.



From the Desk of the President . . .

It is really a pleasure to wrap up CY 2006 with so many positive accomplishments as a Foundation. Our volunteer docents are really on a roll in providing support for local schools. Joan Lubowe continues to do an outstanding job at scheduling and coordinating our school events. Attendance at our public walks has significantly increased, helped by Paula Kirpalani's outstanding publicity work. Cecile Wadley has done a great job in planning for and coordinating our public *walk and talk* events. We have received grants totaling \$55,000, with prospect very good for receiving some very large awards in early 2007. Our fund-raising projects to support our various programs, projects and operations were outstanding. Our *Birds of Batiquitos* calendar project is a big success, and we are planning to make it one of our signature recurring fund-raising endeavors in succeeding years. Sharon Anthony's bird photographs and her marketing work have really paid off for the Foundation. Our *Second Annual Nature's Magic Extravaganza* featuring Khevin Barnes and his Dr. Wilderness magic show was again a success. Russ Whitman has worked very hard to keep our Nature Center operating at peak efficiency. As a result of his recruiting efforts, we now have a very solid base of Nature Center hosts who are serving the public and our lagoon visitors.

As we go into CY 2007, we are making significant progress in completing the North Shore Trail through to El Camino Real. While a complex project and process, I remain optimistic that we will eventually see it happen. We also stand a good chance in leading a 6-year monitoring and restoration project for the lagoon. This, in itself, will significantly increase the role that the Foundation plays in *preserving, protecting, and enhancing* Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve.

Our volunteer base has increased, and we are looking forward to another successful 2007 Volunteer Training Program. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please see the announcement included in this newsletter. Since we will only be able to accept the first 25 who register, we expect the class to fill up quickly. We again will have some very outstanding speakers on a wide variety of topics, so I hope those of you who are interested will take advantage of our program.

Finally, I hope you will take this opportunity to consider making an end-of-year, tax deductible donation to the Foundation. I also encourage you to consider using our *Birds of Batiquitos* calendar as gifts during the holiday season.

As always, feel free to contact me at (760) 918-2408 or send me an email at volunteer@batiquitosfoundation.org if you have anything that you'd like to discuss or suggestions to offer. Our future is very bright and I really appreciate your trust and support in serving you as your President!

On behalf of the Foundation and the Board of Directors, I wish all of you the best during this holiday season and hope you have a very prosperous New Year!

*. . . Fred C. Sandquist
President*



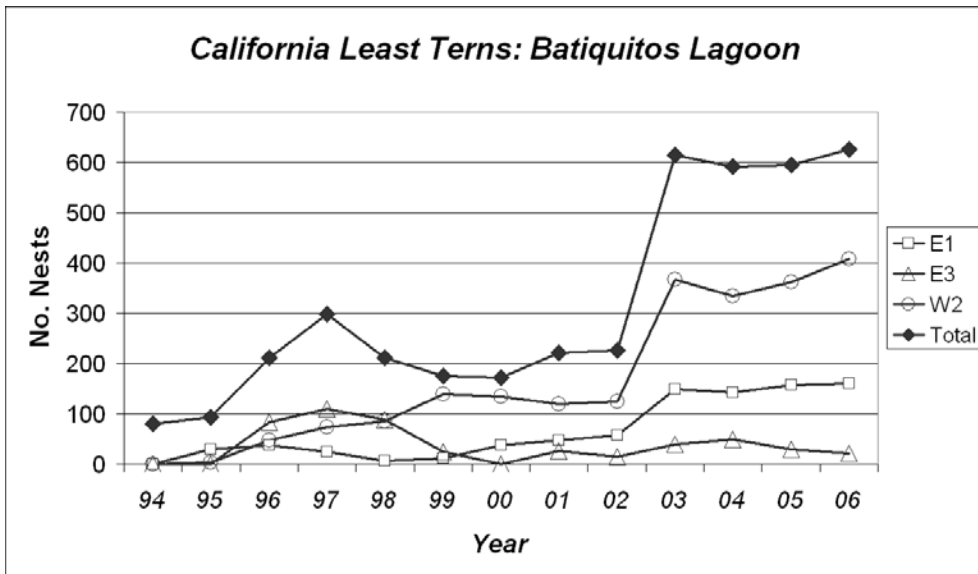


Least Tern Update

The data on this summer's nesting of California Least Terns has been made available, so I thought this would be good time to look at the numbers starting with the building of the first nesting site at Batiquitos Lagoon in 1994. That first year, only one of the sites (there are now five) was completed — called, poetically, W-1 — using sand trucked in from someplace else. The other four nesting sites were built in the next few years using sand dredged from Batiquitos itself.



That first year, all the nests were, of course, on the W-1 site (see graph—although W-1 is not shown but implied! I didn't put all five on here to make the graph less confusing: W-1 had a significant number of nests only in the early years, and E-2 never has had much activity: possibly nesting has been deterred by the herons nesting nearby—yes, the birds we love to watch—ah, the conflicts that arise in these man-made systems!). By 1997, most nests were on E-3, the island in the east end. However, the predator problem there is huge (partly from coyotes and also from ravens and other animals), and there isn't much nesting there any more. But the number



of nests on the big site just east of the freeway (E-1) has been increasing slowly. And then something happened in 2003: especially on W-2 (by the coast highway), the number of nests jumped up by more than a factor of two. The lack of increased nesting at Batiquitos since that time reflects what's happening in the rest of California as well. Last summer, about 2/3 of the nests were

on W-2, and most of the remaining 1/3 were on E-1. The total number of nests was 627.

Some comments on the rest of the data (details not shown here): the number of eggs started being recorded in 2001. In that and the subsequent five years, almost 5,000 eggs have been laid but only about 16% have fledged (have left the nest and are about to fly away, so can be easily undercounted!)—because so many eggs and hatched downy chicks have died or been eaten by predators. This problem just underscores what has been happening with nesting in this area!

Many thanks to Maryanne Bache and, especially, Shauna Wolf for sending me the historical and recent numbers.

... Mona Baumgartel

