

Announcements

Central Valley Bird Club Service Awards – Tim Manolis and David Yee

At the November 2007 Central Valley Birding Symposium, The Central Valley Bird Club's President John Sterling, on behalf of the Club's Board of Directors, recognized Tim Manolis and David Yee with its first Service Awards for their substantial and long-term contributions to the Club and to birding and ornithology in the Central Valley.

Tim Manolis is a charter member of the "school" of birders who grew up in the Sacramento region in the 1960s. He is widely recognized as one of the premier authorities of birds of the Central Valley with several key publications, including: working on the Checklist of the Birds of the Sacramento Area, published by Sacramento Audubon Society; producing, with co-author Bruce Webb, the first annotated Checklist of the Birds of Butte County; and writing papers on survey techniques and status of rails, shorebirds, and a variety of other subjects. Of course, he is also a talented biological illustrator and artist, and through his field guide to California dragonflies is a prime originator of the recent movement to study and identify dragonflies in California. Tim has brought his broad and deep knowledge of Central Valley birdlife and natural history to his work as the editor of the CVBC Bulletin over its 10-year history.

Tim has been instrumental in establishing the CVBC Bulletin as an important publication that documents both observations and local studies of birds of the Central Valley that are of value and interest to science, conservation, and the birding community. As editor, Tim has the primary responsibility for soliciting articles, advising authors, managing the editorial process, editing articles, preparing the layout, and working with printers to produce each issue.

Tim has put in long hours on a strictly volunteer basis. He unfailingly approaches his work with authors and editors with fellowship and good cheer. We are lucky and deeply appreciative for his considerable service to our Club.

David Yee has served as chairman of the CVBC Symposium Committee over its 11-year history and was a founder and President of the CVBC.

David has been widely known as the leader of San Joaquin County birding for several decades, contributing greatly to the knowledge of bird status and distribution in that county. He has mentored many local birders, especially the late, great Waldo Holt, with whom he coauthored the bird list of San Joaquin County. For several years he had also held the position of co-editor for the Middle Pacific Coast Region (northern California) for North American

Birds. His vision and energy were directly responsible for the success of the founding of the club. His membership on the Board of Director for ten years included stints as President and Treasurer in addition to his responsibilities in organizing and hosting the annual Symposium. In addition to these services to the CVBC, David has also been on the Board of Directors of Western Field Ornithologists, including serving a term as President. David's infectious enthusiasm is a magnet which draws many to follow his lead, and his influence on our club is a prime example.

David has devoted many long days as a volunteer in serving the club and in ensuring that the Symposium is successful each year. His gracious nature and genuine affection for birders is recognized by all. We have been fortunate to have had David's considerable service for so many years.

John Sterling, President

