



What a bander might never know, unless he or she kept records. . . . my chardonneret traps with an anti-tripping hoop had nearly 20 per cent of their closing due to birds which were not caught. From September 9, 1962 to March 20, 1963 I recorded the factors that closed my chardonneret traps and found the closing was 36% by birds caught, 20% by birds not

caught, 19% by wind, 1% by rain, hail or snow, 2% by squirrels, and 32% by unknown factors.

Twenty per cent seemed too great a waste of effort and therefore what looked like a better device was designed and put on all the traps. Record keeping for the next three months showed the closing was 40% by birds caught, 1% by birds not caught, 20% by wind, 2% by rain, hail or snow, 9% by squirrels (my next problem), and 28% by unknown factors.

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EBBA COMMITTEES -- 1963/64

The following members have been apointed to committees for the coming year by our president:

1. Program Committee: John R. Given
2. Local Committee: Dr. Jeff Swinbroad, with the next annual meeting on June 5, 6, & 7 at Douglass College, New Brunswick, N.J.
3. Finance Committee: Ralph K. Bell (chairman), Walter K. Bigger, Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, and Mrs. Eugene T. McDonald.
4. Mist Net Committee: Mrs. John Y. Dater
5. Publication Committee: Mrs. John C. Schmid (chairman), Mrs. Betty Knorr, Douglas Whitman, and Frank P. Frazier.



GEOFF GILL'S HEALTH IMPROVED

GOOD NEWS comes in a letter from Gilbert S. Raynor after a visit with Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Gill at their home on Long Island.

Geoff (long-time bander, trap inventor and make, EBBA News editor, and E.B.B.A. officer) is considerably improved from the severe illness he suffered several years ago, writes Mr. Raynor, and both he and Mrs. Gill would welcome visitors from among his old friends and colleagues who might be in the vicinity of their home at 24 Overlook Drive, Huntington, Long Island, New York.