

## NOTES AND NEWS

We note with regret the retirement of Dr. Robert S. Hoffman from the review staff. Since the January, 1965 issue he had contributed many reviews, principally on wildlife management. Dr. Hoffman is now Curator of Mammals at the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History.

We note with pleasure the addition to the review staff of Dr. Douglass H. Morse of the University of Maryland, particularly for material on ecology.

The attention of all students of birds is invited to forthcoming awards from the Josselyn Van Tyne Memorial Fund in support of research projects. See *The Auk*, January 1969, on how to apply, or write Dr. Paul H. Baldwin, Zoology Department, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

The Wilson Ornithological Society offers one or more research grants to encourage and stimulate young ornithologists, especially amateurs. Application forms may be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 1969.

At the annual meeting of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association on October 26, 1968, Deborah V. Howard was elected Secretary; other officers were re-elected. Councilors elected for a four-year term were Parker C. Reed, Roger W. Lawrence, and Mrs. Glen Metcalf. The 1969 spring field meeting was set for Litchfield County, Conn. June 21 and 22. The 1969 annual meeting was set for October 25th, again at Drumlin Farm in Lincoln, Mass.

At the recent meeting the 1968 season at the Manomet (Mass.) Bird Observatory was described. It contributed substantially to Operation Recovery, made possible some local research projects, and had an appreciable educational impact—for conservation as well as in banding techniques. It is hoped that the Observatory can be established on a permanent basis, with endowment. NEBBA voted (1) general support of the Observatory (though without any financial obligations); and (2) a research grant of \$200. Any inquiries about the Observatory should be addressed to its director, Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, Wolf Trap Hill, R. F. D. #2, Winter St., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

By May, 1969, NEBBA expects to have in stock limited supplies of four new net types (making 18 in all); each of the new ones is tethered, with extra-full mesh.

Type	Length (meters)	Height (meters)	Shelves	Mesh (mm)	Denier
CTX	12	2.6	4	61	110
ETX	12	2.6	2	121	210
FTX	12	2.4	4	24	70
GTX	6	2.4	4	24	70

Note: the height of the 24-mm extra-full types (FTX and GTX) is less than that of other extra-full nets, 2.4 meters instead of 2.6. It is, however, greater than that of the corresponding non-tethered nets, F and G (2.2 meters). In view of the larger number of meshes resulting from the smaller size of each square, we found that manufacturing difficulties in going to 2.6 meter height in the 24mm mesh would increase costs substantially, compared to the moderate increase in going from 2.2 meters to 2.4. When the four new types are on hand, NEBBA will then have tethered and extra-full types to match all regular types except type B. As the point of type B is to fit into very limited space, an increase in that one did not seem appropriate.

The prices of the four new types reflect the price increases in Japan in early 1968. For the meaning of column headings, see the list published in *Bird-Banding* in January, 1966, or the separate list of August, 1968.

Net type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTX	\$5.75	.50	.25	.25	\$5.25	\$5.00	\$4.75	\$5.50	\$5.00
ETX	6.00	.50	.25	.25	5.50	5.25	5.00	5.75	5.25
FTX	6.25	.50	.25	.25	5.75	5.50	5.25	6.00	5.50
GTX	3.75	.40	.15	.15	3.45	3.30	3.15	3.60	3.30

For example, column 9 reflects discounts to members or subscribers, and for cash, but not quantity (10 nets).

Inquiries or orders for NEBBA nets should be directed to Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06117.

### NEBBA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements below cover the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association's fiscal year ending August 31, 1968 (with the previous year for comparison). For the last prior statements, see *Bird-Banding*, 39: 76-77, January, 1968.

As in the past, the figures in the General Account do not include those in the Net Account, except for specific transfers from the Net Account. For the 1968 fiscal year, the item shown as "printing of *Bird-Banding*" covers the first three issues, while the fourth issue is covered by the "reserve for fourth quarter" (as July ran late, the printer's bill for it was not paid until after the end of the fiscal year). Taking this reserve into account, the overall "net surplus" in the General Account was about \$150. Note a particularly good year in the sale of back issues, almost \$900, a significant part of total income.

The sharp increase in assets of the General Account represents mostly the receipt of the principal of the legacy of the late Christian J. Goetz. This legacy was first mentioned in *Bird-Banding* in October, 1964 (35:291). The fund amounts to endowment to help support the journal; part of the 1968-69 income will be used toward printing and mailing costs. The current long issues (averaging over 80 pages in the 1968 volume) cost more than current subscriptions and dues will support (even though the latter total rose again in the 1968 fiscal year). NEBBA and all readers of *Bird-Banding* are indebted to Mr. Goetz for his generous support.

### NORTHEASTERN BIRD-BANDING ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### General Account

##### *Income Statement*

	Year ending Aug. 31 1967	Year ending Aug. 31 1968
<i>Receipts</i>		
Subscriptions and dues (current year)	\$ 4,304.44	\$ 4,684.25
Sale of back issues	290.65	889.75
Sale of reprints	20.90	17.80
Contributions	3.19	10.20
Contribution to publication account	120.00	100.00
Annual meeting		25.50
Bank Interest	360.74	1,043.26
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	\$ 5,099.92	\$ 6,770.76