



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

President's Message

This first issue of NABB Vol. IX marks a change in format, change in some editors and editorial policies as well as a change in typesetter and printer. We hope it is a change that will be well accepted by the members of all three associations. The plan is to get NABB back on schedule by December 31 of this year.

Making so many changes in such a short time seems very radical, but has been done to save time and money. Neither IBBA or WBBA's treasury has the luxury of a financial cushion to fall back on such as EBBA does. Both of the aforementioned organizations have to be able to cover their share of the cost of NABB from their membership dues this year.

To save costs, all issues of Volume IX will be 32 pages in length. As you can see by the change in format, many pages have been consolidated so you as members will continue to receive close to the same number of pages of content as we had in previous issues. It is also easier to contract with a printer for a set number of pages.

To counter some of the pain and frustration that I have experienced in this whole effort, I have to admit that my fly-in meeting with Martin McNichol, Walter Protzman, Robert Tweit and other directors of Western in San Francisco was a real treat. It is great to meet so many wonderful people who are devoting their spare time to the avocation of banding birds. Not only banding birds, but in addition, working as officers in each organization to further banding efforts across the continent.

It seems that we as individual banders are separated by so many miles and may often feel our problems and frustrations are unique and singular. Yet if we come to our organization's annual meetings, we will find that our problems and worries are probably shared by many others. It is a great experience to share on a one-to-one basis the efforts of other banders with the same species which we are trying to study and facing the same problems we are trying to overcome.

This communication is very important throughout the year. Which brings me back to the NABB Journal itself. All of the banding associations are striving toward the goal of keeping NABB as a semi/formal-informal type magazine which is useful to all banders whether they are university or government employees or the backyard bander. We all can gain so much from everyone else. Let's make NABB a sharing experience just like an annual meeting. It can be done, but only if each of you will share your own experiences by putting them on paper for the enjoyment of others.

The presidents of both Eastern and Western have indicated that they plan to be in Oklahoma for IBBA's convention in October. Why not mark your calendar now and join us. It'll be a great opportunity to learn first hand what frustrations the other organizations have been facing in the past year. Only by sharing our frustrations can equitable solutions be developed. Join us and help keep Inland and NABB both healthy and active.

Terrence Ingram

Willetta Lueshen Student Membership Awards

Several Willetta Lueshen Student Membership Awards are available for 1984. These awards consist of a one-year full membership to the Inland Bird Banding Association, including subscriptions to North American Bird Bander and Inland Bird Banding Newsletter.

The award may be made to any high school, undergraduate, or graduate student who has demonstrated a sincere interest in bird banding, and who shows potential for making contributions to the knowledge of North American birds through the use of bird banding.

Anyone may nominate an individual by sending information about a potential candidate to the Membership Secretary, Noel Cutright, 3352 Knollwood, West Bend, Wisconsin 53095.