



Inland Regional News

Inland Bird Banding Association

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IBBA GOES NORTH OF THE BORDER

The 2001 Annual Meeting Committee is actively putting together an event filled fall meeting for **7 - 9 September, north of the border in Manitoba, Canada**. Our host for the weekend will be the Delta Marsh Bird Observatory. The program, which is still under construction at this writing, will potentially include sessions on the North American Banding Council's Bander Certification program, hands-on banding experience, a scientific paper session, and field trips in the historic Delta Marsh region. Friday evening will include an executive board meeting and a mixer for all arrivals with a program introducing the area to the attendees. Saturday will include the paper, certification discussion, and banding sessions with an evening banquet. Sunday morning will consist of field trips to the area's wide range of habitats. There will be lodging available on site and in nearby Portage la Prairie. Meeting details, registration information, and lodging arrangements may be obtained by writing

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IBBA's Board of Directors are committed to assist banders to improve their banding skills, their ability to develop sound studies, and to perform adequate analysis of their results. With this direction in mind, preparation for certification, training opportunities, and round-table discussions will be a major focus of the annual meeting. At this time, it is not planned to

conduct actual bander certification sessions. However, we will provide banders with a better understanding of the program objectives and assist them in acquiring and honing their skills to raise the overall quality of the banding fraternity.

We are also working on the planning phase of the 2002 meeting tentatively scheduled for Texas. It is the intent of the Board to have the annual meeting scheduled at least a year ahead so that the future site host can attend with a short presentation on highlights and attractions of their meeting site. So hopefully, with Texas on line, we will be entertaining hosting offers for the 2003 meeting while in Manitoba.

Another topic discussed in Louisiana last fall was the resurrection of a banders' annual compilation within the IBBA region similar to WBBA's program. Banders will be requested to supply their banding totals for the calendar year. Daniel Ortego has agreed to take the lead for this endeavor. Look for information in a future issue of *NABB* for details of the program. It is hoped that all correspondence can be accomplished via e-mail to facilitate reporting in a timely manner.

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