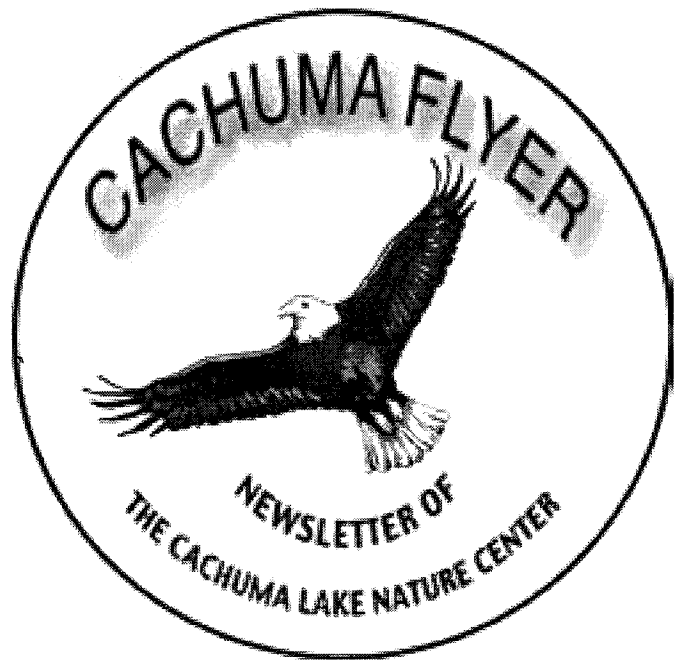


PHOTO OP EXHIBIT

By Patricia Martin

With grant monies from Wood- Claeysens Foundation, Santa Barbara Foundation and Delta Psi Fraternity (a chapter of the Phi Delt) through Ron Wilmot, the Cachuma Nature Center held four Photo Op Workshops for forty children from ages seven through fourteen years. At each session children and parents were given a half hour basic photography lesson by Larry Friesen and then turned loose with a CLNC volunteer to roam the park and take pictures with digital cameras. Along the way the children were given instruction on camera usage and ideas for photo ops. Meanwhile parents were invited to talk more with Larry Friesen about cameras, tour the Nature Center, accompany their children, or take a guided hike with a volunteer. The children took some amazing pictures and had to narrow down their takes to 8 pictures each, one of which was designated as his/her favorite.

On Saturday, June 3 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm there will an exhibition of the photographs taken by the children. Prior to the exhibit, photos will be divided into ten categories and first, second, third and personal best ribbons will be awarded by the judges – Larry Friesen, Pat Moropoulos and Roger Millikan. All participants – children, parents, and volunteers – and CLNC, Inc. members are invited to attend and view some remarkable photos. RSVP to (805) 693-0691 by May 26th.



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Alan Schwartz, Editor

GREETINGS FROM OUR GARAGE TO YOURS By Susan Ham

One person's clutter is another's treasure! July 1, from 9:00 until 3:00 the annual Cachuma Lake Nature Center yard sale will be held, featuring all the goodies currently being stored and sorted in the Center garage. We are hoping to top our record sales of \$1,536.00 last year with the money going to support the day-to-day operation of the Nature Center. You can help in several ways: Volunteer to sort and organize merchandise prior to the sale. Volunteer to help on sale day moving items from garage to yard, as a cashier or organizer of goods. Donate your no-longer needed possessions to this worthy cause AND get a cleaner garage / closets as a result. For sure, come as a customer and buy back some stuff to refill those empty spaces at home! Items being collected include household goods, small appliances, sporting and camping equipment, craft materials, books, tools, baskets, children's toys and baby/toddler equipment, pictures and frames, office supplies, small furniture pieces, costume jewelry, clocks, videos, CDs, DVDs, etc.

Please, no large equipment/ appliances/ furniture, beds, food items, shoes, (unless NEW), monitors, broken/non-working equipment. Clothing should be of good quality, clean and on hangers if appropriate and in dry cleaner plastic bags. We have a treasure trove of items to be sold at bargain prices from wine glasses to large mirrors, mailboxes to footballs, fishing gear to baby gear. We are considering a special section marked "You tell us what it is, it's YOURS!" Donations can be dropped off at the Center Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Pick up may be arranged by calling the Nature Center 693-0691. Donations will be accepted through June 28.

**Everyone Come Join Us For a
Sunday at The Lake
June 11, 2006 - 4:00 pm
Cachuma Lake Rec Hall**

**Sun Slide Program (presented by Chuck
McPartlin)**

**Solar Telescope Observing
Silent Auction, Door Prizes**

**Supper (provided by Mystery Chef)
Enchilada Pie & Veggie Lasagna
Salad, Bread & Dessert**

**Lemonade & Coffee - BYO anything else
(Suggested Donation: \$3.00 per person)
RSVP to Helen by June 7 - hco@west.net
or 964-0419**

**Silent Auction Items include: San Simeon
Getaway, Goleta Valley Paint,
Figueroa Farms Olive Oil,
Upham Hotel, Cold Stone Creamery, etc.**

TROUT DERBY RESULTS

by Linda Taylor

More than 830 anglers participated in the Cachuma Lake Nature Center Eleventh Annual Trout Derby held April 22 and 23. A total of \$5,000 in prize money was awarded to lucky anglers.

Richard Mata, Lompoc, took home \$2,000 for catching the rainbow trout with the highest tag number #979, measuring 14 3/8 Inches and weighting 1.46 pounds.

Robert McDonough, Ventura, won \$1,000 for the longest trout 23.5 inches and 7.24 lbs pounds. This generous winner is sharing his prize money with his friend Edgar Candia also of Ventura who netted the fish. The prize fish was caught at a depth of approximately 5 feet on a silver needlefish off El Dorado Point. Available records for past derbies indicate that a longer trout was registered at a previous Derby, but this is the heaviest trout to be entered in any Derby.

Major sponsors for the Derby are Cachuma Lake Boat Rentals, Cachuma Lake Store, Santa Barbara County Park Department, and Carol Smagala. In all, eighty-four businesses donated cash, gift certificates or merchandise; twenty Nature Center volunteers and fifteen other individuals also donated to support the derby. Net income for the Nature Center appears to be approximately \$22,350.

Fifty people volunteered an estimated 418 hours during the weekend, helping with registration, trout weigh-in, prize awards, silent auction, the kids activities, parking, and the pot-luck. In spite of drizzly weather 51 children and their parents participated in the Kids' Activities, which was moved to the recreation hall at the last moment. Games and crafts occupied the participants for two hours.

Not all the fun was had by children and anglers. Volunteer workers managed to have a wonderful time while working very hard. Beginning on Wednesday before the derby, many folks moved to Cachuma in RV's to prepare for the derby and to relax and enjoy many happy hours and many "Happy Hours" together. To assist the Park maintenance department volunteers mowed the lawn around our group camping area and picked up heaps of litter throughout the Park. Lois Cofiell was the Star of the "Picker Uppers," collecting several large bags of trash around the Lake's edge. Saturday night's pot-luck was again a huge success, allowing all people who helped a chance to socialize. Sandi Witcher did an outstanding job of decorating with hand-printed fish placemats and other

decorations. Cool weather contributed to a quiet weekend. The weigh station went smoothly with nary a discussion or disagreement about fish weights, length etc. The Awards program organized ably by Ron and Sandi Wilmot went quickly; Additional winners were as follows:

2nd Highest Tag Number: \$550 : Nathan Ho
gland, Santa Ynez, tag # 0944; 12 7/8"

3rd Highest Tag Number: \$300 : Jeff Mc
Cullough, Ventura, tag # 92515 1/8"

2nd Longest: \$500: Ken Linder, Carpinteria, 18
1/4" 2.44 lbs.

3rd Longest: \$250: Atreyu Pence, Oceano, 18
1/4" 2.22 lbs.

Longest caught by a Boy (11 yrs-16 yrs):\$100:
Scott Mc Beth, Santa Ynez, 17 5/8" 2.12 lbs.

Longest caught by Girl (11-16 yrs.): \$100:
Lauren McCullough, Ventura, 16 1/8"

Caught by the Oldest Angler: \$50: Ollie Alcorn,
86 years, Santa Barbara

Shortest: \$25: T. J. Bright, Arroyo Grande, 10
yrs. old, 9 3/8"

Ten Longest Caught by Kids Ten Years Old
and Younger:

- 1.Olivia Ostberg, Ellendale, 10 years, 16 5/8"
2. Sarah Briones, Ventura, 9 years, 16"
3. Sage Newell, Simi Valley, 10 years, 15 7/8"
4. T. J. Bright, Arroyo Grande, 10 years, 15 5/8"
5. Ian True, Carpinteria, 9 years, 15 5/8"
6. Shane Cheverer, Santa Maria, 9 years, 15
1/2"
7. Savannah Longstreth, Orcutt, 9 years, 15
1/4"
8. Owen Ostberg, Ellendale, 5 years, 15 1/4"
9. Shane Cheverer, Santa Maria,

The Nature Center had some very important visitors on Saturday, May 20. Calvin Klein, a two year old Striped kunk; Opie Cunningham, an Opossum; Echo, a seven year old Great Horned Owl; Justice, a two year old immature Bald Eagle (no white head or tail yet); Twister, a very chunky four year old Porcupine; and Lucy, a four month old Red Fox (just beginning her performing career). These visitors came to the Nature Center with their handlers, David and Anita Jackson of Zoo to You. Their charges "performed" on the front lawn during two appearances for park visitors and friends of the Nature Center. A crowd of about 300 people showed up for the morning program and a smaller crowd of about 175 people in the afternoon.

Zoo to You is a homeless shelter for injured, orphaned, displaced, abandoned and otherwise not releasable wild animals. Their mission is to provide a home for these animals and to educate the public about the importance of every animal in the wild. This is the seventh year that the Nature Center has hosted Zoo to You at Cachuma Lake. To learn more about Zoo to You, visit their website <www.zootoyou.org>.

Many thanks to Barbara Gutmann, once again, for making this happen, and helpers: Brian & Ilona Lincoln, Dick & Lois Cofiell, Gene & Pat Shock, Roger Millikan, Annie Ruano and Helen Osenga. Marilyn Whitfield and Bob Runnels hosted the Nature Center and Gift Shop.



PHOTOS BY ROGER MILLIKAN

MARILYN WHITFIELD, VOLUNTEER

By Eileen Aylesworth

Marilyn was born in a small community in Georgia. When she attended school, the schools were segregated. She walked two miles each way every day to a segregated school. Only white children rode buses, and they jeered at the walking students as they rode by. Marilyn said the only difficult part was that she and her friends could only play together on weekends or during the summer. She went to Columbus, Georgia, to go to high school.



When she came to Santa Barbara she worked as an aide at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, where she met many nurses who encouraged her to become a nurse. While working full time, she enrolled at Santa Barbara City College, became a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), and continued working at Cottage. During her 32 years

at Cottage she worked in the Intensive Care Unit, the Cardiac Care unit and finally in the heart catheterization lab. In 1986, as part of a cardiovascular group, she travelled to China with Dr. Larry Luan to demonstrate the latest techniques in diagnosing and treatment of cardiac patients. Thirty-two people, including doctors, nurses, X-ray and lab technicians, respiratory therapists, and ultrasound technicians made the 21-day trip. They took supplies which were no longer used in the U. S. but which could be sterilized and reused. (Disposable supplies and equipment are used and were used at that time in the U. S.) When the Chinese doctors discovered that ultra sound technicians were with the group, they took them to a closet where an ultra sound machine was stored unused. This piece of equipment, donated by Oxnard, California, had never been used because none of the hospital staff knew how to use it.

During the trip she spent time in Quindaou, which was Dr. Luan's home town and in Jinen--a city famous for its terra cotta soldiers found some years ago buried underground. She was able to visit six different provinces in China, but she says she never got used to the food!

After retirement she became a docent at the Nature Center in 2001, as a result of her friendship with Barbara Gutmann. "The docents here are all so wonderful people, so pleasant and easy to work with," says Marilyn.

Author's note: "and vice-versa."

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