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From the Editor

Sara Lee

The nights are a little cooler and the mornings hold a chill that foretells of a season to come. Fall is by far my favorite time of year. It seems to borrow some of the magic of winter while still hanging on to the last bits of summer. Fall signifies the slowing of a busy, sun-filled, fun-filled, fast-paced season that is summer, and chance for one to take a moment to ... *breathe*.

So if you've got some room in your schedule, you may want to consider attending one or more of the upcoming workshops held by the Chapter. This may be the chance to learn something new. I hope you take advantage of what we have to offer!

As always, The Magpie is available on the Chapter website: www.tws-west.org/sac-shasta/index.htm. If you know someone who did not receive an email announcing this issue, please refer that person to the website or have him/her contact me: slee@esassoc.com.

CHAPTER NEWS

Treasurer's Report

Kirsten Christopherson

As of 30 Sept 2004, the current Chapter balance is \$17,983.50. Income for the calendar year so far is \$1,482.39 and was mostly based on membership dues. Expenses during the first 3 quarters of the calendar year totaled \$1,216.93. Major expense items were the Tracking Workshop deposit, Chapter Social activities, and a contribution to the TWS National Conference.

Chapter Meetings

Executive members of the Board met at Granzella's Restaurant in Williams on September 22, 2004 to discuss Chapter business and events. Meetings are generally held once a month and are open to all Chapter members. If you would like to attend the next meeting,

please email Sara Lee to be notified of the next Chapter meeting date.

Website Updates

We are again moving in the direction of having our website redesigned and updated. We have had great volunteers do this in the past. The board has discussed having a whole new look for the site, and have opted to make this a priority and commit chapter funds. Some of the redesign has been completed already but the finishing touches still have to be made. Once our new site is completed we will send an email out to members to visit it. If you have ideas for links or a specific page please let me know at mdorin@energy.state.ca.us. We'd like to have the finished website as user friendly and informative as possible.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met in July and looked at the Chapter books from January 2003 to June 2004. The audit committee members were Melinda Dorin, Gail Presley and Kevin Hunting. The Chapter book keeping looked fine and no inconsistencies were found. The audit committee did have a list of suggestions to make book keeping easier and more consistent when the Treasurer changes with elections. The audit committee wrote a memo to the current Treasurer and President documenting the suggestions. If you are interested to see what those suggestions are contact one of the chapter board members, or audit committee members.

UPCOMING EVENTS, INFORMATION SOURCES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracking Workshop Postponed

The tracking workshop to be held October 7-8, 2004 has been postponed. The workshop was organized without a lot of time to advertise it to members and because of

that we had low enrollment. There were a lot of people that expressed interest who already had other things planned. We have new tentative dates scheduled for **April 26-27, 2005**. As soon as we get the dates confirmed we will re-advertise and send out registration forms. That should be sometime in November. We will also post the dates and registration form on our website so check back with one of the board members or the chapter website if you are interested in attending.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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Scholarship and Conference Attendance Grant Update

The Chapter will initiate its scholarship and conference grant program this autumn. Wildlife students attending any of the 30+ colleges within the Chapter's geographic boundary will be eligible for the awards. Undergraduates from both junior colleges and four year schools will be considered, as well as graduate students.

Specifically, several \$500 academic scholarships will be available in 2004. The application due date will be **December 1, 2004** with an award date of **January 1, 2005**. Applicants will be asked to address two important questions:

- First, how the applicant is deserving of the scholarship, based upon criteria contained within the application.
- Second, how the awarding of the scholarship to the applicant would be considered an investment in the wildlife profession and The Wildlife Society.

Conference attendance grants of up to \$200 will also be available and can be submitted by the applicant at any time of the year, prior to a conference.

Applications for both academic scholarship and conference grants are available through the Chapter's website, or you may click on the link below.

Please spread the word to worthy students that you might know about these great opportunities!

[TWS Sac-Shasta Chapter Scholarship / Grant Application](#)

Aspen and Meadow Restoration Workshop

There is still time to register for the Aspen and Meadow Restoration Workshop to be held on **October 26**. The workshop will be held entirely in the field in scenic Lassen County. The event will explore the logistical issues associated with implementing projects for restoring these valuable montane habitats. The field trip will visit projects recently completed on National Forest and private timberlands. Biologists, foresters, agency staff and all other interested parties are encouraged to attend. More information and registration material are available at the Chapter website (www.tws-west.org/sac-shasta) under "Upcoming Events," or by contacting **Brett Furnas** at bfurnas@dfg.ca.gov.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP – January 3-7, 2005

The Natural Resources Communication Workshop, sponsored by the Western Section of The Wildlife Society, is designed to help natural resource workers more effectively communicate with general as well as technical audiences through personal presentations using good visual aids. The workshop focuses on the use of computer-generated images (i.e., PowerPoint images). The workshop is practical-oriented and enhances participants' communication skills in planning, preparing, presenting, and evaluating presentations. Since many of the problems in natural resources management are people-oriented, more effective communication can significantly improve many management programs.

Workshop Content:

1. Discussion topics include:
 - Planning: communication principles, audience analysis, graphic design
 - Preparing: creating computer-generated graphics, photographic composition, rehearsal tips
 - Presenting: equipment setup, speaking tips, dealing with difficult audiences
 - Evaluating: evaluation of performance
2. Each participant will bring a selection of computer-generated images (ex., graphics created with PowerPoint or other presentation software programs) for organization into an illustrated talk.
3. Each participant will prepare graphics (titles, graphs, charts, maps, cartoons, etc.) to be used in their presentations.

- Each participant will give a 5- and 15-minute presentation (which will include graphics prepared during the workshop). These presentations will be evaluated by the class and the instructors.

To view the agenda, click [here](#).

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Participants in the 2005 workshop will not only learn professional tips for using PowerPoint, but also will gain exposure to Photoshop Elements (photo editing software) and Photoshop Album (digital cataloging software).

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Instructors: Dr. Jon K. Hooper, Professor, Calif. State Univ., Chico (Certified Wildlife Biologist, Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology, 30 years teaching communication workshops around the country) and Mr. Ethan Rotman, Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (Coordinator, Fishing in the City in the San Francisco Bay Area, 20+ years professional experience as an environmental interpreter and communicator)

Location: California State University, Chico (90 miles north of Sacramento)

University Credit: Participants receive 1-unit CSUC Continuing Education credit; the workshop is worth 32 hours of continuing wildlife education credit through The Wildlife Society's Professional Development Program (Category II).

Application Procedure: The initial deadline for applications is **Friday, October 29, 2004**. Late applications are accepted (such applicants will become participants if the workshop is not yet full; otherwise, they will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations). The registration fee is \$645. The workshop will be limited to 16 participants. To apply, send a letter, fax, or email describing: (1) your current position within your agency or organization, (2) how you will use the training, and (3) any special reasons why you feel you should be chosen as a participant. In your application, include your address, phone number, fax number, and email. To apply or for more information, write or call:

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America's Lion: A Workshop

*Note: This is not a TWS-sponsored workshop.

Join us for a workshop exploring the natural history of mountain lions, as well as the complex issues which will affect their continued survival in this new century.

Saturday, October 9, 2004, from 9:30-4:00 at the Multispecies Reserve in Riverside County, California, **Michelle Cullens** and **Christa Mann** of the Mountain Lion Foundation will detail the biology, behavior and natural history of the mountain lion, an animal so elusive that wildlife professionals still don't know how many exist within California. In addition, participants will be provided with statistical references, background and findings of mountain lion research, analysis of the causes of lion-human conflict, and an examination of possible solutions.

Group activities will help you to better understand mountain lion behavior, and to use this new understanding to address human concerns about wildlife. We will take a hike to learn about the signs of mountain lion presence. Finally, we will discuss the challenges facing conservationists in insuring that mountain lions will survive in sustainable populations throughout their historic range, for the benefit of future generations.

This workshop is designed for people who work in mountain lion country, who communicate regularly with people subject to wildlife contact, or who are in a position to educate others regarding mountain lions.

Dress comfortably. Bring a lunch and drink you can carry in your backpack on the short hike. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. **There is no charge for the event, but an RSVP is required.** Please RSVP to:

Anthony Mann
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Southwestern Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve
37701 Warren Road
Winchester, CA 92596

Web (includes maps and directions): www.multispeciesreserve.org

Email: interpreter@multispeciesreserve.org

The workshop will be held in the Alamos Schoolhouse at Lake Skinner Recreation Area on 37701 Warren Road near Temecula, California.

Directions: Take I-15 to the Rancho California Exit in Temecula, then go East 10 miles. The Lake Skinner Recreation Area entrance is on the right (North) side of the transition between Rancho California and Warren Road.

Program related questions may be directed to:

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Employment Opportunities...

Keep checking the website for jobs and volunteer positions!

<http://www.tws-west.org/sac-shasta/getajob.htm>

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