



# *The Western Grebe*

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## Dr. Harry Lyons: “Lessons from Green Water” topic of September meeting

Yuba College Emeritus Professor, Dr. Harry Lyons, weaves the stories of two nutrient-rich aquatic ecosystems, the Hudson River and Clear Lake, in addressing the problems and promises of such rich biological communities. Although differing in their geological and hydrologic histories, the two systems face similar problems with over-enrichment and point-source pollution.

Most feel the biological condition of the Hudson has improved; some feel the biological condition

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

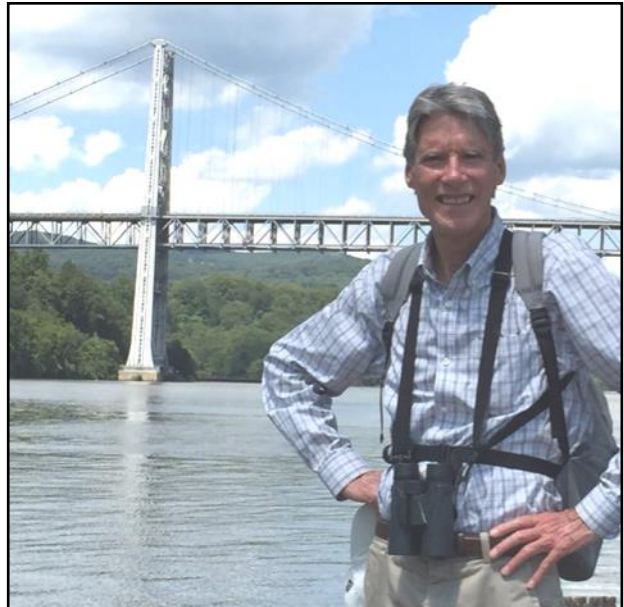
**Thursday, September 15**

- \* **SPEAKER:** Dr. Harry Lyons compares and contrasts the Hudson River and Clear Lake
- \* Refreshments: 7 pm  
Announcements: 7:15 pm  
Program: 7:30 pm
- \* Glebe Social Hall, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 4085 Main Street, Kelseyville

ing in the Hudson. His life-long interest in water led him to pursue his PhD in oceanography from the Scripps Institution of the University of California after academic work at Rutgers and Stanford. He has lived by, sampled from, and swum in Clear Lake for over thirty-five years. His talks are always peppered with the spirit of relevant songs.

of Clear Lake has not. Can the political action taken on behalf of the Hudson River serve as a model for pushing improvement of water quality in Clear Lake? How is the chance of success through political action dependent on the type of pollution and its causes?

Dr. Lyons grew up swimming and fishing



*Dr. Harry Lyons will explore the similarities and differences of two bodies of “green water,” the Hudson River and Clear Lake, at his presentation on Sept. 15.*



*Clear Lake with Mount Konocti in the background.*

# President's Message

by Co-President Roberta Lyons

As we begin another "season," of Redbud Audubon, Lake County is once again facing the aftermath of fires and drought. The past year has been a struggle for many people, including several of our members who lost their homes in the Valley Fire; and now, people affected by the Clayton Fire. All we can do is continue to move forward and try to bring positive activities, information, and education to our community.

Redbud Audubon has some fabulous programs planned for this year, starting with a popular speaker: Dr. Harry Lyons, who will be presenting his "Lessons from Green Water," program at our first meeting on Sept. 15. Dr. Lyons is a favorite and will present with his usual enthusiasm, humor, and music.

The first field trip will be out to the McVicar preserve at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. We haven't made this trek for quite a while so it should be interesting and fun.

The preserve was donated to National Audu-

bon many years ago by the McVicar's, and was purchased by the State of California, to become part of Anderson Marsh State Historic Park about 10 years ago. We won't be going to the end of the park boundaries as it is quite a long hike, but we will walk out to the boundary of the preserve and into the interior as far as those attending would like.

Another announcement is that Redbud Audubon now has "Co-Presidents." Bonnie Thompson of Hidden Valley Lake has agreed to share this job and I believe we are going to be a fabulous team! Bonnie has organized all of the programs for this year and will be sharing her thoughts in the newsletter through our president's messages as well.

She has also taken on several other jobs that are required to keep the organization running as smoothly as possible!

So, please join us for our first program and our first field trip. They will be fun and educational.

## Central Valley Birding Symposium

The Central Valley Bird Club will be hosting the 20th Annual Central Valley Birding Symposium Nov. 17-20, 2016, at the Stockton Hilton Hotel in Stockton, CA. Please join us for this special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary CVBS! Come meet the board and staff members! Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy the scrumptious Hors D'oeuvres buffet & No Host Bar on Thursday night.

The CVBS gets off to a great start with Thursday Night's Keynote speaker, professional bird photographer Bob Steele, presenting a program on "*Birding in the Central Valley Over the Past 20 Years*".

Friday Night's keynote program is presented by Kimball Garrett on "*The Central Valley's Prominent Place in the Past and Present of California Field Ornithology*".

Saturday Night's keynote program is presented by Ed Harper and friends on "*Celebrating 20 Years of the CVBC and the CVBS*."

Workshops include: "*Specimen Workshop*" with

Andy Engilis, "*Convincing Details and Other Birding Fiction*" by Joe Morlan, "*Challenging Shorebirds ID Workshop*" by Jon Dunn, and "*CVBC/CVBS Studies in Review*", a series of 15-20 minute programs by Dan Airola and Ed Pandolfino. Plus, attend informative workshops by Bob Steele (Image Editing), Keith Hansen (Bird Sketching), Sal Salerno (Beginning Birding) and Jim Burcio (Carving).

Field trips, offered Friday, Saturday and Sunday, always turn up exciting birds. Add in the entertaining and educational Bird ID Panel, the wonderful display of art and gifts at the Birder's Market and the camaraderie of hundreds of like-minded folks, and you know you'll have a good time! There's something for everyone interested in birds. Come and join us to bird, learn, and just have fun!

To look over the line-up of speakers, workshops, and fieldtrips, check out our website at: <http://www.cvbsreg.org>. Registration begins September 7, 2016.



# Members gather for annual picnic



Every May at the end of the Redbud Audubon "season," the organization holds a relaxed picnic/barbecue in the evening. The last two years have been at the County's Lakeside Park. It is always a fun and relaxing event. Join our group for field trips, program meetings and picnics like this one. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get involved and learn about the birds and environment of Lake County. From left are members: Katherine Lindsley, Nicola Selph, Marilyn Waits and Karen Weston.



*Pictured at the May 2016 annual picnic:  
Tom Wasson and Peter Shrive.*

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### *New & returning members*

Welcome new and returning members: Barbara Langer, Clearlake; Ruth Wagner, Clearlake; Gladys Bransford, Cobb; Jon Ballesteros, Kelseyville; Donna Perry, Kelseyville; David Woodward, Lakeport; Sandy Dean, Hidden Valley Lake; Holly Oswald, Hidden Valley Lake; Justine Schneider, Clearlake; Dixie Croft, Clearlake Oaks; Lorna Mahar, Kelseyville; Susan Kahn, Richmond; Betty Taylor, Clearlake; John and Jane Graham, Cobb; Linda Foster, Kelseyville; Charles Quistgard, Kelseyville; Patricia Patten, Lakeport; Stephen Obarr, Middletown; Chiyako Ito, Hidden Valley Lake; Colette Fletcher, Lakeport; Bonnie Dobbins, Lucerne; Barbara Hepburn, Hidden Valley Lake; Beverly Thomas, Upper Lake.



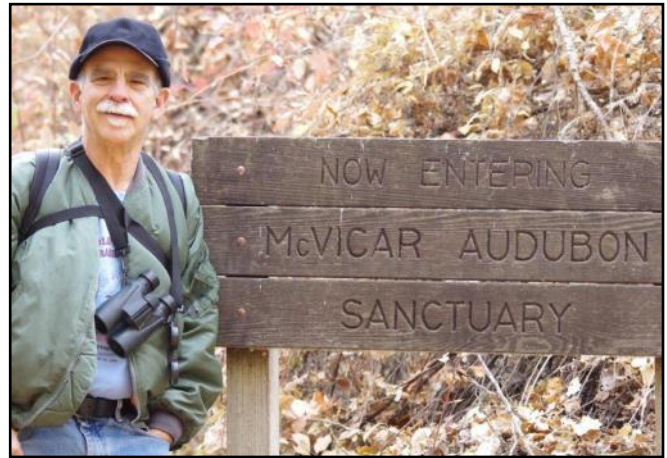
*The McVicar Trail at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is the site of the first Redbud Audubon field trip this year.*

## ***Field trip to McVicar Trail at Anderson Marsh SHP set for Sept. 17***

The first field trip of the Redbud Audubon season will be out to the McVicar wildlife preserve at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. The preserve was originally donated to the National Audubon Society many years ago and for years the Redbud Audubon Society managed it. Now, the preserve is part of the State Park system and included in Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. The park maintenance personnel do a wonderful job keeping the trails groomed and it is still a very special place to walk.

Expect a long, but relatively easy walk. We will walk to the border of the preserve and in a ways; it all depends on those attending and how far we want to go. Expect to see songbirds, raptors, and water birds. We might even spot a Pileated Woodpecker or two. Bring a lunch and water of course, binoculars and wear sturdy walking shoes.

Meet in the parking lot at the park, pay the parking fee and we will be on our way. The walk will start promptly at 9 a.m. The park is located off of Highway 53, between Lower Lake and the City of Clearlake.



*Redbud Audubon member Henry Bornstein at the McVicar Trail sign at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park.*

## ***Field Trip Calendar 2016-2017***

Following is the field trip calendar for the Redbud Audubon Society for 2016/17. Prior to each field trip a description will appear in the *Western Grebe* and on our website with more information about the upcoming outing. You can also call Pat Harmon at (707) 263-4977 for information. Outings start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

### **September 17**

McVicar Trail at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park in Lower Lake.

### **October 22**

TBA

### **November 19**

Lake County Land Trust's Rodman Preserve near Upper Lake.

### **December- CBC**

### **January 21**

Colusa and Sacramento National Wildlife Refuges.

### **February 18**

Bodega Bay

### **March 18**

Clear Lake State Park – Kelseyville

**April 22** – McKerricher State Park, Fort Bragg

**May** – Heron Days

# 2015-16 CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

## Redbud Audubon Society, Inc

### July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Revenues	Audubon Membership Revenue	\$1,245
	Contributions	1,634
	Grebe Conservation Grant	10,520
	Educational Programs & Events (Heron Days)	5,686
	Sales (books, booth sales)	367
	Interest	<u>88</u>
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$19,540</b>
Expenditures	Administration	\$3,154
	Educational Programs & Events	3,386
	Grebe Conservation Grant	10,442
	Newsletter Printing/Mailing	2,720
	Cost of Goods Sold	131
	Marketing Outreach	500
	Storage rental	<u>1,174</u>
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$21,507</b>
	<b>Net Income in Operating Funds</b>	<b>-\$1,967</b>
	Beginning Retained Earnings 6/30/15	\$44,356
	Net Income 2015-2016	-1,967
	Ending Retained Earnings 6/30/16	\$42,389
Assets	Cash & Equivalents (Checking, Savings, etc)	\$42,498
	Inventory Held for Sale	0
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$42,498</b>
Liabilities	Accounts Payable	110
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$110</b>
Funds	Restricted (Grebe Conservation Fund)	0
	Reserved (Committed to Specific Programs)	2,851
	Unreserved (Not Committed)	39,646
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$42,497</b>



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- ☐ From time to time, National Audubon may share its mailing list with other environmental organizations. If you do not wish to be contacted, please check this box.

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**My Email Address is:**

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\_\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_\_ \$20    \_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_ Other

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