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Paradise Pursuits Begins Fifth Year

by Sylvianne Yee and Linda Paul

The 1995-'96 school year heralds the fifth year of the Paradise Pursuits program for high school students in Hawaii's public and private schools. Sponsored by the Hawaii Audubon Society with major funding from Hawaiian Electric Company, Paradise Pursuits is an environmental quiz game designed to encourage and challenge students to learn more about Hawaii's unique ecosystems and the need to protect them. Eighteen schools from four islands participated in the competition in 1994-'95. This year the Society, in partnership with the Department of Education, will also be offering two teacher in-service workshops in October and November to give teachers and coaches training in how to teach the environmental educational material tested in the competition.

Competitions will be held on O'ahu, Hawaii'i, Maui, and Kaua'i in March and early April, 1996, with each neighbor island's winning team traveling to Honolulu for the statewide finals to be telecast on KITV-4 in April. In the competitions this past spring, teams and coaches were flown to O'ahu courtesy of Aloha Airlines and overnight accommodations were provided by Outrigger Hotels Hawaii. Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii provided financial assistance to help cover additional production costs.

Paradise Pursuits teams consist of at least four student members, three of whom will participate in the competitions against other schools, and one or more alternates. Each team must have at least one teacher/coach who agrees to help the students prepare through the fall and winter for the spring competitions. Team preparation involves study and activities covering four main areas that reflect the game question categories. These are: native species, alien species' threats to Hawaii's environment, natural history of Hawaii, and human impact on the environment. The Hawaii Audubon Society provides each team with a variety of source material and a bibliography of

Second Annual Awards Dinner

by Linda Paul

On 21 September the Hawaii Audubon Society held its Second Annual Awards Dinner where Society volunteers, corporate leaders, and public servants who have contributed to protecting our environment were honored at a delicious Italian dinner at the Waioli Tea Room. The President's award was presented to Robert Smith, Pacific Islands Ecoregion Manager with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, for his many contributions towards preserving wildlife and habitat in the Pacific Basin, and in particular for his continuing and hard fought efforts in behalf of the endangered 'Alala, the native Hawaiian Crow. The President's Award is given annually to a public servant for action that has had a major conservation effect in Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific.

Robert Pyle, Membership Committee Chairman and former president of the Hawaii Audubon Society, was given the Charles Dunn Lifetime Achievement Award, which is awarded to one who has made a major contribution to the Society over a long period of time.

Lynne Matusow and Christi Moore were co-awardees of the Service/Volunteer Award for their unflinching volunteer work doing a whole gamut of the Society's operations over several years. It is volunteers like Matusow

and Moore who make the Society's conservation efforts possible.

references from which the quiz questions are formulated. Posters and videos are included as recommended study aids. Hikes and field trips are also encouraged as fun and productive ways to help prepare for the Paradise Pursuits competition.

If you are a high school student or teacher, the Hawaii Audubon Society would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to form a Paradise Pursuits team. The intangible rewards are great and so are the T-shirts and prizes. Please contact Sylvianne Yee, Paradise Pursuits coordinator, at 373-3062 to receive an application form. Completed applications must be received by Friday, 27 October to qualify for this year's challenge.

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Andy Cowell, former conservation chair and environmental advocate extraordinaire, was awarded the Conservation Award.

Wendy Johnson, Paradise Pursuits Coordinator for 1994-'95, was given the Program Award, awarded to one whose development or involvement in an HAS program has made a significant contribution. She successfully guided the Paradise Pursuits Program through a difficult time last year and will continue to assist the Program this year as a volunteer on the Education Committee.

The Corporate Conservation Award was presented to Chevron USA for providing major and continuing funding for the Society's Oiled Wildlife Program. The Corporate Conservation Sponsor Award was awarded to KITV-4. KITV-4 leads the commercial broadcasting field in this state in environmental programming. It is also the producer of the semi-final and final competitions of Paradise Pursuits.

The Corporate Education Award was presented to Hawaiian Electric Companies (HECO) for continuing to provide major funding to the Paradise Pursuits Program, the Society's high school environmental education program now entering its fifth year. HECO has provided primary support for this one-of-a-kind program since it began and it wouldn't be possible without it. Corporate Education Sponsor Awards were given to Aloha Airlines, Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii Inc., and Outrigger Hotels Hawaii for the much needed support that they also gave to the Paradise Pursuits Program.

Following the awards presentations Jack Jeffrey, wildlife biologist and noted photographer from the Big Island, presented an informative slide lecture on Hawaii's native forest birds and their habitat. His colorful slide images of the common and endangered forest birds left everyone with a greater respect and understanding for these unique forest treasures.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of officers and directors for the December election.

Nominated for two year terms are Janis McCain, First Vice President; Dave Hill, Corresponding Secretary; Wendell Lee, Treasurer; and Reginald David, Mary Gabor, Wendy Johnson, Adeline Kam, and Suzanne Marinelli, directors. Nominated for a one year term is Kim Welch, Recording Secretary. Sherilyn Garrett, our current Recording Secretary, has announced that due to other

commitments she cannot continue serving on the Board in 1996.

The terms of President Linda Paul, Second Vice President Emily Gardner, and Director John Harrison will expire in December, 1996.

Should any member wish to run or nominate additional Society members, the nomination must be sent to the Election Committee, Hawaii Audubon Society, 1088 Bishop Street, Suite 808, Honolulu, HI 96813. Write-in nominations must be received by 10 No-

vember, 1995. The written nominations must be accompanied by a four line biographical description of the nominee and the nominee's written consent that he or she is willing to run for election and will serve in the designated post if elected.

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Scholarship and Grant Awarded

by Phil Bruner

Hawaii Audubon Society is proud to announce the awarding of the Rose Schuster Taylor Scholarship to Lance Tanino. This is a full tuition scholarship for the University of Hawaii. We are confident that Tanino will do well and are aware of his many contributions of service to the Hawaii Audubon Society and other conservation programs in Hawaii.

Scott Fretz, a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, was also chosen to receive a research grant in the amount of \$500 from the Hawaii Audubon Society. His work concerns the relationship between the distribution and abundance of endangered Hawaiian forest birds and their arthropod prey. Fretz's study area is at Hakalau on Hawai'i. We look forward to having Fretz report his findings in a future issue of the 'Elepaio.

Where Is the Scientific Article?

by Lynne Matusow

Unfortunately, this issue of 'Elepaio does not contain a scientific article. Of the half dozen that were submitted recently, none have completely made it through the review process. We will publish one as soon as possible.

Also, due to new postal regulations, membership/subscription information and the listing of Society directors will be published on the second page of each issue.

Moving?

Please allow four weeks for processing address changes. Because our records are kept in order by zip code, we need both old and new addresses.

Welcome Sylvianne Yee and Aloha Wendy Johnson

by Linda Paul

The Hawaii Audubon Society is pleased to announce that Sylvianne Yee will be coordinating Paradise Pursuits, the Society's environmental quiz program for high school students for the 1995-'96 school year. Sylvianne Yee holds a Bachelor of Education degree in Secondary Education from the University of Hawaii and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from New York University. She joins the Society's Paradise Pursuits program after 28 years teaching high school in O'ahu's public schools. The last three years of her career with the Department of Education were spent as the Resource Teacher for the Honolulu District Office.

Yee also serves as Service Project Chair for the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club and is a member of the Honolulu District Environmental Education Cadre, the High School Hikers, and the Nature Conservancy. She brings great enthusiasm and a wealth of experience in high school education that should greatly enrich the Paradise Pursuits Program as it continues to grow. Welcome Sylvianne!

The Society also bids a fond aloha to Wendy Johnson as Paradise Pursuits Coordinator for 1994-'95. Wendy did a tremendous job during a difficult year, that involved, among other things, successfully negotiating with KITV-4 to produce and broadcast the semi-final and final Paradise Pursuits team competitions. She was awarded the Hawaii Audubon Society's Program Award at this year's Second Annual Awards Dinner for her outstanding service. Johnson will continue to assist the Society's environmental education efforts as a volunteer member of the Education Committee, which serves as a support group for Paradise Pursuits. She has also been nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Directors next year. Many thanks Wendy!

Hawaii Audubon Publications

Hawaii's Birds by the Hawaii Audubon Society, 4th edition, 1993. Over 150 color photographs and illustrations. \$11.50 per copy (\$9.95 plus \$1.55 postage).

Please add \$1.00 for postage and handling for orders on the following:

Checklist of the Birds of Hawaii—1992 by R.L. Pyle. Lists all taxa naturally occurring in Hawai'i and introduced species that have established viable populations. Also includes all changes from the 1983 checklist. \$2.00.

Checklist of the Birds of Micronesia by P. Pyle and J. Engbring, 1985. Lists all taxa naturally occurring in Micronesia and introduced species that have established viable populations. \$2.00.

Field Card of the Birds of Hawaii by R.L. Pyle and A. Engilis, Jr., 1987. A pocket-sized field card listing bird taxa found in Hawai'i, with space for field trip notes. \$.25; five or more, \$.20/copy.

Endangered Waterbirds of the Hawaiian Islands by R.J. Shallenberger, 1978. Hawaiian Stilt, Coot, Gallinule (Moorhen), and Duck, each described in two pages of photographs and text. \$1.00.

Send orders, with check payable to the Hawaii Audubon Society, to Hawaii Audubon Society, 1088 Bishop St., Suite 808, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Also available free of charge, if you send in a self-addressed stamped envelope are:

A two-page guide listing areas on O'ahu where interesting birds may be found and where access is not a problem is now available. Written by Peter Donaldson, it offers important information for birders unfamiliar with Hawaii. The guide is not designed to give detailed directions or information on bird identification.

A guide to birding in the Hawaiian Islands which highlights birding spots on several islands.

T-shirts for Sale

The Hawaii Audubon Society has a stock of T-shirts designed to spread the Audubon message. Not only are they attractive personal apparel, but they make excellent presents as well.

T-shirts bearing the Society's 'Elepaio logo are available in blue spruce and oatmeal with a black design and in forest green with an ecru design. In addition, the "hot" Kolea (Pacific Golden Plover) T-shirts are also available. This T-shirt is white with a three-color design of the Kolea and native hibiscus. Proceeds from the Kolea T-shirt go to help HAS fund research on shorebirds in Hawai'i and elsewhere in the Pacific region.

T-shirts are \$12 each, plus \$2.00 per shirt for postage. They are available in medium, large, and extra large adult sizes only. When ordering T-shirts, be sure to list size and first, second, and third choice of color. To order T-shirts send your check, payable to the Hawaii Audubon Society, to Yvonne Izu, 1957 Alai Place, Wahiawa, HI 96786. Don't forget to add \$2.00 per shirt for postage. Insufficient postage will delay your order until the proper amount is remitted. T-shirts are not available at the HAS office.

Your Bequest Can Help

A bequest to the Hawaii Audubon Society is an excellent way to help in our conservation efforts. George C. Munro, enthusiastic and tireless field ornithologist and naturalist, provided for a fund to be used exclusively for the protection of native dry forests. Today, the George C. Munro Fund provides money for research projects on such forests.

Although an attorney should be consulted in the drafting of your will, a model clause for bequests is set forth below.

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Hawaii Audubon Society, Honolulu, Hawai'i, the sum of _____ dollars (or set forth a description of property), to be used for the general purpose of said organization."

For more information and assistance, contact the Hawaii Audubon Society, 1088 Bishop Street, Suite 808, Honolulu, HI 96813, (808) 528-1432.

Calendar of Events

First Wednesday of Every Month

Monthly meeting of the Education Committee, 7:00 p.m., at the Coffee Line, 1820 University Avenue (in the YWCA). To join or for more information call Emily Gardner, 734-3921 (H). The Committee is actively seeking new members to work on next season's Paradise Pursuits program. All are welcome.

Monday, October 9

HAS Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the office.

Saturday, October 14

Half day field trip to Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary to view waterbirds and to help with pond maintenance and cleanup. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the end of Paiko Drive, which is a right turn off Kalaniana'olae Highway just past the Niu Valley Shopping Center. Bring binoculars, hat, shoes that can get wet, gloves, sunscreen, water, and snacks. Call Linda Paul at 262-6859 (H) if you need a ride.

Monday, October 16

General Membership Meeting. Phil Bruner will give an illustrated talk about Diego Garcia, an atoll in the Chagos Archipelago located south of India in the middle of the Indian Ocean. The island is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory and supports a U. S. Navy facility. This month's program will take you to this remote island and introduce you to the beauty and variety of wildlife that inhabit the atoll. Seabirds, migratory shorebirds, resident waterbirds, along with some introduced species can be seen on Diego Garcia. Other wildlife include wild donkeys, coconut crabs, marine turtles, and an abundance of reef organisms. Access to Diego Garcia is restricted so this may be your only chance to visit this part of the world. Paki Conference Room, Bishop Museum, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Birders Network

HAS has a list of birders who are interested in informal trips with other members, allowing members to find others to go along with them on their outings—for the sake of safety, to share information on good spots, or simply to increase the fun. If you are interested in putting your name on the list, which would be circulated to all those on the list, call or write HAS.

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