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Ventana Chapter turns 40  See p. 12

The Club successfully demonstrated in 1972 for passage of Prop. 20, the Coastal Protection Initiative, which preceded the Coastal Act. From left, unidentified, State Senator Don Grunsky, Julian Camacho, Ansel Adams, others unidentified.

Roy Anderson (l) and Art Bensus (r), seated; Ed Sloan standing on summit of El Capitan looking east toward Half Dome, 1973.

Chris Broadwell and Robin Brooks atop Silver Peak near Lake Thomas Edison debate the view, 1980.
Proposed legislation to regulate cruise ships

Recent visits by cruise ships to the port of Monterey have generated enormous concern for the health of the Marine Sanctuary. A very popular division of the travel industry, cruising is attracting up to 80,000 passengers a year. Yet, when the first mega ship was scheduled to arrive last year, environmentalists were unprepared for the impacts. We learned that there were very few regulations for cruise ships at the federal, state or local level. Within days, led by Kaitlin Gaffney of the Ocean Conservancy, several groups including the Sierra Club were gathering information and lobbying public officials to protect the coast and the ocean from the wastewater discharge and smokestack emissions of these polluting vessels.

Now, local Assemblymember John Laird has co-authored (with Assemblymembers Nakano and Simitian) three bills to protect California’s shores and ocean habitat. AB 906 prohibits the dumping of gray water from kitchens, laundering and showers as well as discharges from dry cleaning and photo processing chemicals. AB 121 prohibits dumping treated or untreated sewage or bilge water into state waters. AB 471 requires cruise ships in California coastal waters out to 25 miles to burn only high-quality diesel fuel. Cruise ships would also be required to turn off their diesel engines and hook up to electric power while in port to reduce smokestack emissions. In addition, AB 906 and AB 121 contain language to direct the state water agency to petition the federal government to extend these provisions to protect the four marine sanctuaries along the California coast. Dedicated environmentalists and politicians are working hard to protect the Sanctuary, but there needs to be more work on the federal level to clean up cruise ship practices. The cruise ship industry has an abysmal record for environmental compliance. EPA figures have showed a large percent of major cruise lines have violated air pollution laws.

Royal Caribbean has pleaded guilty to 21 felony counts for dumping oil and dangerous chemicals in ports in Alaska and Florida. Recently in Monterey, Crystal Cruise Line admitted to dumping a variety of wastes in the Sanctuary several months after the fact. The cruise lines cannot be trusted to monitor their own activities, and some states visited by cruise lines are reluctant to pass laws to protect their resources. While Alaska has led the way with some strict laws against air pollution, proposed legislation in Hawaii restricted the cruise industry to states which have never even received hearings in either the House or the State Senate.

The precious coastal waters belong to us all. We must ensure that these waters receive strong protection.

—Rita Dalessio

Let’s continue to make a difference

This issue of The Ventana recounts some of the history surrounding the founding of the Chapter and the Sanctuary. It is the story of people with a vision who set out to provide a sharper focus on environmental activism on the Central Coast and succeeded in achieving a great deal.

It is by no means a comprehensive narrative of the environmental battles fought, won or lost, but instead a tribute to the fulfillment of a dream that has touched all our lives.

Enjoy the old photos, remember old times, and strengthen your resolve to carry on the fight to preserve and protect this beautiful area. I hope especially readers under 40 will be inspired to increase their activism and continue the tradition. Perhaps learning how the Chapter functioned in the early days will inspire creativity in members today.

Special thanks to the following people who expended a great deal of effort in locating buried photos, recalling old battles, and scouring shaky memories to recall who the heck the people were in the photos. Thanks go to Rod Holmgren, Corky Matthews, Lois Robin, Kirk Smith, Joyce Stevens, Gabrielle Stocker, Dave Bockman, Chris Broadwell, and Gil Galbreath. (I hope I didn’t forget anyone.)

While I’m thanking folks, I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of Mingzhi Wei who donated a 19-inch color computer monitor to the Ventana staff. This larger monitor is a big help during the layout process, enabling us to see more of the page at one time. Thank you, Mingzhi.

Read about the last 40 years, and get ready to deal with the increasing pressure on the environment which will occur in the next 40.

—Debbie Bulger

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Club sponsors six state bills

At press time six bills the Club is sponsoring were still alive and working their way through the legislative and negotiating process. In all, the Club is tracking about 350 bills that could affect the environment.

AB 1502 (Eskam). This bill levies a fee of $1/barrel of crude oil at the refinery gate generating $750 million for petroleum-related clean- up/prevention including diesel pollution mitigation and brownfield site clean-up. At press time this bill was on hold in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

SB 810 (Burton). Nearly all of the rivers on the North Coast have been designated as impaired by excessive sediment by the EPA, largely due to logging and other activities. The California Dept. of Forestry has failed to protect and restore water quality and has often refused to incorporate the comments of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. This bill gives a stronger role in timber harvest review to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. SB 810 passed the Senate in May. At press time it was awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

SB 511 (Figueroa). SB 511 deals with fluorescent light bulb recycling. Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury. At press time the bill had cleared the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and was in the Appropriations Committee.

AB 306 (Kehoe). This bill requires water meters for all residential and most commercial buildings statewide. Several cities such as Sacramento do not require water metering. At press time this bill was in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Other bills that the Club supports include SB 656 which would reduce particulate matter in the air; AB 16 to require oil produced offshore California to be brought in by pipeline instead of tanker; and AB 1168 which designates tanker spill response at the Port of Los Angeles. At press time the bill was awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

A $500 grant from the Ventana Chapter will help spread native plant beauty at the busy corner of Canyon Del Rey Boulevard and Fremont Street in Seaside. Mary Wilson, garden designer and Sierra Club member, accepted the award on behalf of the project. The Chapter presented the award in commemoration of Earth Day 2003. The grant will go into a fund to cover garden expenses including the purchase of an electric string trimmer and some large boulders to keep motor vehicles from driving into the garden. The boulders are needed because vehicles have jumped the curb on three occasions and inflicted considerable damage. Plants are thoughtfully labeled both to educate passers-by and to encourage admirers to purchase native plants for their own gardens. Drivers waiting for the light to change can enjoy these drought-tolerant natives and contemplate using them at home.

The garden was created in 1995 by a group of Seaside residents with a $2,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Monterey County. This lovely spot replaced a weedy garbage-strewn lot at the entrance to Seaside. Volunteers meet once a month to weed and attend to other garden chores. A bench invites passers-by to rest and contemplate natural beauty.

Humaneus: Systems of thought stressing rational inquiry & human experience over abstract theorizing or orthodox religion. Humanist beliefs stress the potential value of goodness of human beings and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems. If interested, please contact HAMBA, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Humanist Association, annie@redshift.com or P.O. Box 222094, Carmel CA 93922.
The Trouble with **SEAWALLS**

by Owen Bailey

The construction of seawalls is one of the most controversial and misunderstood environmental issues on the California coastline today. Our state is known worldwide for its graceful and majestic beaches. However, developers and property owners alike have continued to build far too close to the edge of shoreline bluffs, in spite of the Coastal Act. As the land under coastal homes, roads and businesses naturally erodes, one of the most often employed actions is the reinforcing of the cliff wall. Seawall construction is a major contributor to the disappearance of the very beaches we all treasure.

Oftentimes, public money is used to protect private structures. Such steps to protect private property are often taken without consideration of the public land below. Seawalls and boulder curtains not only diminish public access to beaches and obliterate pocket beaches, they disrupt the natural processes that replenish beach sand.

Beaches naturally refresh themselves in several ways. Silt from rivers gets deposited on the beach, and the crumbling of shoreline cliffs provides a source of new sand. Dammed and diverted rivers have greatly reduced the amount of sand flowing toward beaches.

Armoring of the coast virtually eliminates the cliffs as a source of sand and also deprives cliff-nesting birds of essential habitat. Seawalls multiply with time. As the wall or boulders deflect the waves, embankment erosion is simply directed to either side of the seawall, increasing erosion on flanking cliffs, where neighboring property owners decide that they too need seawalls. Thus the cycle expands.

The California Coastal Act permits the construction of seawalls for “existing structures.” This wording has created a loophole that is currently involved. For centuries we have treated the oceans’ bounty as limitless and beyond our capacity to deplete. We have treated wetlands as wastelands, and rivers and streams as conduits for our pollution. The evidence of our neglect and mismanagement is before us. The question now is: What do we do about it? 


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Join the Great Coastal Places campaign by Sarah Ryan

Since the Sierra Club launched the biggest Great Coastal Places campaign to protect California’s coastline from development and pollution, over 5,200 people from all over California have gotten involved.

Thousands of activists wrote letters and spoke on behalf of our great coastal places at Coastal Commission meetings last year. As a result, the Commission twice denied the building of the proposed seawall at Pleasure Point. They prohibited off-highway vehicles on Humboldt Bay’s South Spit, an important nesting ground for the endangered snow plover.

The Coastal Commission continues to move towards a positive protection program for the Heath Ranch.

Fill out the enclosed insert and come to the next meeting in Santa Cruz, June 24, 7:00 p.m., Louden Nelson Community Center. In Monterey, meet on July 14, 7:00 p.m., Monterey Public Library.

We are making a difference!

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**Pleasure Point would receive “full bluff armoring” if the Army Corps of Engineers and Santa Cruz County get their way.**

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**County plans to armor Pleasure Point**

A proposed seawall at the popular surfing spot off Pleasure Point would stretch from 36th Avenue to 34th Avenue with a companion wall near the end of 41st Avenue at “The Hook.” The seawall would be constructed with public funds from The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the California Department of Boating and Waterways; with roadway, bicycle/pedestrian, recreation, stairways, and parking projects above the wall paid for by the County of Santa Cruz.

The Preferred Alternative noted in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is “Full Bluff Armoring.” The Sierra Club along with Surfrider, Surfers’ Environmental Alliance and Save Our Shores oppose this approach.

The Club’s concerns include the fact that areas south of the Harbor have been suffering from lack of normal sand since the construction of the west jetty of the Harbor. Since the construction of the west jetty, numerous properties have applied for permits to armor their own section of coast which are suffering from the effects of the west jetty construction. Most of the pocket beaches between the Harbor and the mouth of the San Lorenzo have been lost under piles of boulders.

The Club asked for development of an alternative for a “sand bypass” around the harbor jetty that would return at least half of the sand to the natural system. Otherwise asked for development of a “planned retreat” alternative. Additional comments pointed out that much of the erosion in the Pleasure Point bluffs are due to drainage and maintenance practices of the County.

The final EIR is expected to be available sometime for public comment.

**Pajaro River mouth development should be relocated**

Another proposed local seawall is a 715-foot metal wall to protect the gated community at the mouth of the Pajaro River. The Club is on record opposing this project and suggesting the environmentally superior alternative of moving the condors off the public tidelands and away from the mouth of the river. These units were constructed right on the sand in the late 1960s just before the Coastal Act was enacted in 1972.

The proposed wall would be built on public property on Zmudowski State Beach, one of the premier snow plover habitats left along the coast. This project too is likely to be on the Coastal Commission’s August agenda.

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Concerned about beach closures, declining sea otter populations, overfishing, dredging, cruise ship pollution or jet ski? For the first time in the ten-year history of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary, the public has an opportunity to weigh in on the full range of Sanctuary issues and programs. With beach closures up and other populations down, now is the time to get involved in efforts to protect our coast and ocean. Currently, the National Marine Sanctuary Program is reviewing the management plans for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary, as well as the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Banks sanctuaries off of San Francisco.

The sanctuaries held public scoping meetings in early 2002 and have spent the past several months developing “action plans” to address a wide variety of issues. The action plans, which will form the basis of the new management plan, will be considered by the Sanctuary Advisory Council at meetings on June 26–27 (Monterey) and July 30th-August 1st (Santa Cruz).

The public is encouraged to weigh in early to have their concerns addressed. For more information, or for meeting times, locations and opportunities for public comment, go to: www.sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan or contact Kaitlin Gaffney at The Ocean Conservancy at (831) 425-1363.

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Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.
Morgan Stanley, 716 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz
or
Thursday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.
Live Oak Senior Center Annex, 1777 Capitola Road, Live Oak
Light refreshments
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Deborah A. Malkin, Estate Planning Specialist
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Sierra Club offers fundraiser cruises to Channel Islands National Park

Two separate cruises are being offered this fall to mark the 10th consecutive year of this popular fundraiser sponsored by Sierra Club California Political Committee. The first, a 4-day cruise, Sept. 19-23, will visit San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, and Anacapa Islands. The second, a three-day cruise, Oct. 23-25, will visit three of those islands. Both cruises will depart from Sea Landing, Santa Barbara, on the 68-foot twin diesel Truth. All islands are unique-rugged mountains, deep canyons, steep cliffs, and isolated sea caves are home to a plethora of sea life and birds. Each island has its own special charm: San Miguel for its white, sandy beaches, and many elephant seals; Santa Rosa for its rare Torrey Pine forest; Santa Cruz for high mountains and the Painted Cave—the world’s largest sea cave; Anacapa, for the west coast brown pelican rookery, steep cliffs, a picturesque lighthouse, a colony of friendly sea lions, and excellent snorkeling waters.

A ranger-naturalist will travel with us to identify marine mammals, and numerous species of birds. Guided hikes will be conducted on all islands. Other activities will include kayaking, snorkeling, beachcombing, or just relaxing at sea.

These cruises are strictly informal. Each guest will be assigned a bunk with a reading light and privacy curtains. The air-conditioned boat provides bunk space, sumptuous meals and gourmet service. Each guest will be assigned a bunk with a reading light and privacy curtains. The cost, $595 for the Sept. 19-23 cruise and $460 for the Oct. 23-25 cruise, covers bunk space, sumptuous meals and snacks, and guided tours. Proceeds from these events will benefit Sierra Club endorsed candidates running for office in 2004.

To reserve space send a $100 check payable to Sierra Club to leaders: Joan Jones Holtz and Don Holtz, 11826 The Wyse, El Monte, CA 91732. For more info. call Joan or Don, (626) 443-076.

San Lorenzo River celebrated

A series of art exhibitions, is currently being sponsored by the Museum of Art and History, 725 Front Street, Santa Cruz to celebrate the river that runs through the City.

Time and the River: Paintings and drawings by Terry Hogan. Through June 22.


Sierra Club Events

Friday, June 23
Potluck: Yellowstone
Kevin Osborn will share slides of winter in Yellowstone. The potluck will be hosted by Joan at her place in Live Oak. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own place, cup, utensils and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value $4) make great contributions too. For directions call Joan, 462-3803 or George, 335-7748.

Friday, June 27
Singles Potluck and Games
Friday evening potlucks are a great way to begin the weekend, and provide an opportunity to work out plans with others. 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own place, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value $4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Tuesday, June 24
Potluck - Camino Santiago
Elizabeth and Arthur Paquinelli will show slides of their trek across Southern France and Northern Spain on the Camino Santiago. This route, one of the three great pilgrimages of the world, was first walked in 982. During the Middle Ages over one million pilgrims made this trek during peak years. Bring food to share for 8 and your own place, cup, utensils, serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value $4) make great contributions too. For directions call Joan, 462-3803 or George, 335-7748.

Friday, August 8
Potluck: Spain
Vilma Siebers will present this slide show covering the Basque Country and Andalucia. 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own place, cup, utensils and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value $4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Non-Sierra Club events of interest

The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

Saturday, June 28
Learn about gardening and the joy of eating your own lemonade, sow seeds to take home, observe a bee hive. Sample fresh local strawberries and sustainable seafood. Educational games, face painting, Taeko Drummers and more. 2:00-5:00 p.m. UCSC Campus Farm & Garden, $5, kids 12 and under free. For more information call 459-2001. Sponsored by New Leaf Community Markets, Community Alliance With Family Farmers and UCSC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems.

Saturday, June 28
Garland Ranch bikes
The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland Ranch Park every Saturday and invite Sierra Club members to join them. An updated list of all hikes may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.
GENERAL INFORMATION:
All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and his/her guests. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club; they drive at their own risk and are responsible for the safety of guests while carpooling.

GLS = Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. All are welcome on GLS outings.

EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:
The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation are general guidelines. For more information about the difficulty of a particular hike, call the leader:
Walk: Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.
Easy: No more than 5 miles a day; slight elevation gain; easy pace.
Moderate: 5-10 miles a day; up to 2,000 ft. elevation gain; 1 to 2 1/2 mph; boots; better than average fitness required.
Strenuous: Distance variable; may involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

MEETING PLACES:
Big Sur Land Trust Parking Lot: 3/55 Via Nona Marie, Carmel. From Hwy. 1, heading south on Carmel, turn left on Rio Road, left on Via Nona Marie, then left into the parking lot behind Monterey County Bank, opposite the Post Office.
Albion Pier: Heading south on Hwy. 1, pass through Monterey. One mile past the Ocean Ave. intersection, turn left on Carmel Valley Road (Hwy. G-16), toward Carmel Valley. Go approximately 0.1 mile and then turn right at the light toward the shopping centers. Albion Pier’s on the right.
Santa Cruz County Govt. Center: This is the large green building at the corner of Ocean and Water Streets in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot that is nearest to the gas station.
Felon Faire: From Santa Cruz take Graham Hill Rd. toward Felton. Just after you pass Roaring Camp (on the left), make a right into Felton Faire shopping center. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.
41st Avenue Sears: From Hwy. 1 in Capitola, take the 41st Avenue exit and continue toward the ocean on 41st Avenue toward the Mall. Pass the main mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance heading toward Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road. Senior Saunter meets in Sears parking lot close to 41st Avenue.
MPC Parking Lot: Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1, take the Fisherman’s Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn left and left again into the first parking lot, parking lot A. This is the site of the Thursday Farmers Market. Plenty of parking without a fee on weekends.

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Saturday, June 14
HIKE: EAST MOLERA
Lovely views of the coast, Sea Bluff, and the canyon of the South Fork of the Little Sur River. Towards Post Summit, 6 miles, 1,807’ gain. Bring water, sun protection, and lunch. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at 41st Ave. behind B of A. Leader: Andrea Phillips, 884-9725, andrea_philp@csUMB.edu.
Sunday, June 15
HIKE: DAN inn TRAIL TO TIN HOUSE
The Tulip Trail packs a lot of scenery in a fairly short length. The trail winds up the south side of Parsley Canyon, past a rushing creek and through a redwood grove, up through forests to the site of the named “Tin House.” Ocean views. Return on a dirt road. Car shuttle 6 miles with 2000’ elevation gain. Meet behind Brinntons at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dianton, 372-9472 or marydionton@juno.com.
Tuesday, June 17
SENIOR SAUNTER: CHAMINADE TRAIL
Almost 2 miles through the redwoods along a fern-lined stream. Optional lunch at the Convention Center ($9.95 and up). Or bring a brown bag lunch and eat at the picnic area. Wear sturdy shoes and bring $2 carpool fee. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. to carpool, or at the parking lot behind the tennis courts at Chaminade at 9:45 a.m. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.
Wednesday, June 18
FAMILY WALK: NEAR LAGOON
Picnic lunch and walk at Neary Lagoon for kids and families. Meet at the Lagoon entrance at the end of Blackburn St. at 12:30 p.m. We’ll walk around the lagoon, the playground, beach, and more. We can look for baby turtles, ducks, and geese, while enjoying our lunch in the peaceful setting. Kids of all ages and child-friendly adults welcome. Length optional. You and your small children can join us for any or all this easy walk. Leader: Chris Machett, lmachette@email-link.net or 429-8389.
Saturday, June 21
HIKE: ANDREW MOLERA STATE PARK
Come on this 2-mile hike through redwood forest, grassy meadows, and coastal bluffs with ocean views. 1,102’ elevation gain. Wear boots, hats and bring windbreaker, also lunch and water, sunscreen and some $ for it. Meet at the Bagel Bakery next to Albertson’s at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 621-4042.
Saturday, June 21
FAMILY THEATER AND WALK
See a show featuring Sierra Club’s Dustin Matchett as the Music Man before walking to the beach for an optional dinner at the wharf. Fun for all ages. We’ll decide where to eat after the show. The performance by Kids On Broadway is at Louden Nelson. Tickets are $12 general, $8 seniors/children (6-12)/students.

NOTICE
Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 6 in the Calendar listings.

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HIKES AND OUTINGS

Hike among giant redwoods, swim in the Eel River at the edge of our group site or go tubing. The water should be warm. Potluck dinners each night; live music. Bring along flashlights; field guides; a hat; and $4 for parking fee. Meet at the Bagel Bakery next to Albertson’s at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Saturday, July 6
5-mile hike on Sempervirens Trail, up Slippery Rock and then on the Skyline to the Sea Trail viewing some of the old growth redwoods. A shorter hike to Sempervirens Falls can be arranged. Wear boots, bring lunch, water, $3 carpool money and your share of park entrance fee. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave., or just before 10:00 a.m. at Felton Faire. Leader: Bob Mitchell, 426-5374.

Sunday, July 7
6TH ANNUAL TUBING/CAMPING: RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK
Hike a 5-hour, 4-mile route suitable for seniors. We’ll hike part of the Redwood Loop Trail and then caravan to the Arroyo Seco parking lot and hike about 3 miles to get into the water. Wade upstream through several small waterfalls, then swim through pools and the narrow gorge to reach big waterfall. If we are lucky we may climb it and enjoy lunch in the sun. Only good swimmers and energetic hikers allowed. Kids over 12 with parents are welcome. Pack your food in double plastic ziplock bags in an old rucksack on your back. Wear running shoes that are not too slippery and a bathing suit underneath your clothes. Bring water and hat, sunblock, wear an old white shirt. Bring $ for carpooling and a milk shake at Miller’s at the end of the trip. This outing takes the whole day. Call for reservation and time. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-467.

Monday, July 14
HIKE: JACKS PEAK
Join us on this 6.5-mile moderately strenuous hike with some steep trail through redwood, tanbark oaks, and madrones. Waterfalls, abundant ferns, and views of the Big Sur coast. Bring water, lunch, hat and $ for carpool. Meet at the Bagel Bakery next to Albertson’s at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Sunday, July 13
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Tuesday, July 15

SENIOR SAUNTER: ARANIA GULCH
This lovely greenbelt has trails leading to the Yacht Harbor. You can eat at Rosa's, the Crew's Nest, or enjoy a sack lunch while sitting on the beach. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or 9:45 a.m. at Mentol and Agnes Sts., just off Soquel. Bring a sun hat, water, $1 car pool money, lunch money or a brown bag lunch. Leader: Margaret Steed, 468-8685.

Saturday, July 19

HIKE: ELOWDEN TRAIL
Moderately strenuous, 6-mile hike starting at Plethor Burns State Park to panoramic viewpoint. Afterwards we'll go to the waterfall. Bring hat, water, lunch, and $ for hour-long carpool. Meet at Albertson's at 10:00 a.m. Back around 5:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, 884-9705, or andrea.phelps@csumb.edu, coleader: Charles Gagarin.

Sunday, July 20

HIKE: TORD PARK
Moderately strenuous 8-mile hike through wilderness. Tow Park with 1,022' elevation gain, Ollason Trail and Marks Canyon. Some shade. Fabulous views of the coast and Salinas Valley. Meet outside Tow Park entrance on Hwy. 68 at 8:00 a.m. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear good hiking boots. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, July 22

SENIOR SAUNTER: SPANISH BAY
Meet in parking lot of Spanish Bay Golf Course to the beach, Point Joe and beyond. Lunch at the beach. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or outside the Fishwife Restaurant near Asilomar at 10:30 a.m. Bring a windbreaker, lunch, water, and hat, and hope for the sun. $4 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 479-3809.

Sunday, July 26

KAYAK: CARME BAY
For experienced ocean kayakers only. Meet at 9:30 a.m., bring lunch. Call for info. and meeting place. Leader: Steve Brooks, 624-7022.

Sunday, July 27

BUS/STROLL IN BIG SUR
Did you know that for $1.50 we can take a bus to Big Sur and back? If we leave the driving to them, we can watch for beautiful sights without fear of driving over the cliff, and hop off whenever we feel like it. Let's give it a try. You'll need $ for the bus and a treat, a sandwich, shots for a little walking at the places we stop, layers in case of wind, and an explorer's attitude. For meeting time and place, call leader: Mary Gale, 422-6970.

Tuesday, July 28

HIKE: JACKS PEAK
See July 14 for details.

Tuesday, July 29

SENIOR SAUNTER: LOCH LOMOND
Enjoy this lovely lake where Santa Cruz gets most of its water. Lots of trees and a peaceful atmosphere. We'll start at Glen Corrie on the McLaren Trail to Huckleberry Cove, and follow the lakeshore to a picnic area. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, tick repellent and sun hat. Entrance fee per car is $4 plus a $3 carpool share. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Sears 41st Ave., or just before 10:30 a.m. at Felton Fair. Leaders: Bill and Marilyn Selby, 479-3809.

August

AUGUST

Saturday, August 2

WALK: CARMEL STATE BEACH
How about a Saturday morning saunter from Carmel River Beach to Monastery Beach, returning via the bluff trail? Enjoy the breathtaking view of Point Lobos, 3 miles. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather, windbreaker recommended. Bring water and a snack. Meet at 10:02 a.m. at the parking lot at Carmel River Beach at the lagoon (south end of Carmelo in Carmel). Leader: Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

Saturday, August 2

HIKE: LOST HOT SPRING
On Ted's 40th birthday, he gives you the location of this undocumented (until now) hot spring in the heart of the Ventana wilderness. Very strenuous 8 miles round trip. Pack a lunch and lots of water. We start at 9:00 a.m. from Escondido campground off Indians Road. Meet at Albertson's at 6:00 a.m. to carpool. Contact leader for more details. Leader: Ted Loret, loret@usa.net.

Sunday, August 3

HIKE: NISENE MARKS
Moderate hike to Maple Falls in the Forest of Nisene Marks. 6 miles with 602' elevation gain. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at S.C. County Government Center or at 9:30 a.m. at Porter Family Picnic Area inside the park. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Leader: David Williams, 471-2873, daw@bcpn.usc.edu.

Sunday, August 3

HIKE: TERRACE CREEK CAMP
We'll hike up the Fire Trail to lunch, then go up to beautiful Terrace Creek Trail to the Terrace Creek Camp for lunch. Strenuous 10-mile hike with 1,200' elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Sunday, August 3

HIKE: LOWER PEBBLE BEACH
Enjoy spectacular ocean views on this 9-mile hike starting near Asilomar down the coast to Bird Rock, then east through Del Monte Forest, Poppy Hills, and the S.B. Morse Golf Course. Bring water, lunch, and wear good hiking shoes. Meet in front of the Fishwife Restaurant on Sunset Drive at Asilomar Avenue in Pacific Grove at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Stacy Smith, 625-5256.

Monday, August 4

HIKE: JACKS PEAK
See July 14 for details.

Tuesday, August 5

SENIOR SAUNTER: NISENE MARKS
Park at the kiosk to begin our hike on Marcel's Trail. This shady 3-mile forest trail will cross the creek. We can view the “swet redwoods” and hidden garden. We'll then go on to George's Pines Area for lunch. Moderate ups and downs. Bring lunch, hiking boots, $1 for carpool, share of park entrance fee, and water. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. at 9:30 a.m. or at the park kiosk at 9:45 a.m. Leaders: Bill and Marilyn Selby, 479-3809.

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HIKE: FALL CREEK
We’ll hike a trail at the top of Fall Creek which runs along Empire Grade Rd. 8 miles and 1000’ elevation gain. The terrain is through redwoods and may be cool, so dress accordingly. Meet at the S.C. County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. to carpool. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, August 10
HIKE: WEST MOLERA
We’ll hike up Hidden Trail and Ridge Trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Post Summit. After lunch we descend via the Panorama Trail and Bluff Trail, with views of the ocean and Point Sur. Bring lunch, water, and a windbreaker. Meet behind Britton’s at 9:30 a.m. for this moderately strenuous 8-mile hike with 1200’ elevation gain. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427.

Monday, August 11
EVENING HIKE: DEL MONTE FOREST
We’ll hike for about 2 hours through beautiful Del Monte Forest. 4 miles with a few hundred feet elevation gain. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and a snack. Meet at the following place: from Hwy. 1, take the Pacific Grove exit Hwy. 68 west, drive 1.5 miles. Pay attention after the overpass of a Pebble Beach road when you can see the ocean in the west, turn out on the left side of the road and park in the wide bend there at 6:00 p.m. Leader: Steve Legnard, 452-1422.
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Photographers have until October 30 to submit work

The Ventana and Loma Prieta Sierra Club Chapters are sponsoring a “River of Photographs,” an important feature of the exhibit. Contributors are encouraged to submit photos which will then be scanned onto canvas which will wind through the rest of the exhibit. Photos of the tributaries of the Pajaro are eligible and include Uvas/Carnedero, Llagas and Pacheco Creeks in Santa Clara County; the San Benito River, Tres Pinos Creek, Santa Clara Valley Water District has proposed the D2 alignment. This action would bisect the Arana Gulch Greenbelt. The Council selected the D2 alignment. This action violates the city’s own General Plan and Local Coastal Plan, which the Council is now seeking to have amended. No work can commence until the amendments have been approved by the Coastal Commission. As the entire Arana Gulch greenbelt has been declared “critical habitat” for the endangered Santa Cruz Tarplant, consultations with US Fish & Wildlife are also required in an effort to resolve their objections and those of California Fish and Game. The Santa Cruz City Council directed the staff of four city departments to begin work to try to resolve the legal obstacles. The Sierra Club remains committed to protecting all Greenbelt properties from inappropriate projects and will appeal this project at all available venues.

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Ansel Adams started the ball rolling

by Rod Holmgren

In Adams’ letter inviting Monterey County members of Sierra Club to meet at his home in March, 1963 he wrote, “The purpose is to organize an aggressive group that will effectively utilize the combined efforts of the Sierra Club in protecting those things that we consider valuable.”

Some 52 members gathered for a three-hour Sunday afternoon meeting at the Adams home in Carmel Highlands. Since Monterey was still within Loma Prieta Chapter boundaries, Frank Coale, then chair of the Palo Alto-based Chapter, came to the meeting and endorsed the idea of a new chapter here.

In addition to approving interim organizing steps, the members agreed to ask the Sierra Club Council and Board of Directors for a charter. Sixty-nine of the Club’s members signed the petition, sent in April to Club headquarters.

Less than a month after the March 17 meeting in the Highlands, the first edition of the newsletter appeared, edited by Mary Ann, “Corky,” Matthews. By the second issue, the paper was named Ventana Come, and by the third—in June—simply The Ventana.

The national office wanted to name the chapter Santa Lucia. But then it was pointed out that Santa Lucia was the name of a subsection of the Santa Barbara Chapter. So chapter leaders said they liked the name of the Ventana Wild Area in the heart of the Santa Lucia Range. So the chapter was named Ventana, and the Ventana Wilderness was designated as part of the Los Padres National Forest several years later.

Outside of California, there were then only three other chapters of Sierra Club—Atlantic, Pacific NW, and Great Lakes.

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Chapter exhibit at the Monterey County Fair, 1972.
By the end of the year membership had grown to 229. It soon became apparent that Santa Cruz had more in common environmentally with the newly-formed Ventana Chapter than with the folks over the hill. As a result, discussions were initiated in 1974 for transfer of affiliation with the change being effected in January, 1975. Group membership is now about 3,600.

If it seems as if the chapter no longer offers quite the variety of activities as it did during the first two years of its existence, it is worth noting that many of the early activists are now hiking in the Great Beyond. While many talented and dedicated members have continued to fill the gaps, there are never enough volunteers for all the projects that are worth doing. Especially now, when there are challenges on so many fronts, we need new ideas and energy more than ever. Volunteering is immensely satisfying and educational. Now is the time to get involved.

Inspired? Your talents are needed

I am reading about the activities of members during the early days of the Chapter has inspired you, take the next step and volunteer. Each of us has special skills. Some are good at organizing garage sales as a source of fundraising, others have artistic talents that could be used to create an exhibit. Some enjoy gardening and weeding invasive plants from our parks. Perhaps you have a political bent and could help monitor public meetings. Are you an attorney or botanist or hydrologist or biologist who could help review EIRs? Do you enjoy leading hikes and outings? Perhaps you have retail experience and could organize calendar sales or work at the Club bookstore. Do you know how to organize events such as Earth Day or a Chapter dinner? Whatever your skills and experience there is a place for you. The Club needs your help. Please volunteer.

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1. Chapter/Group Election Timetable


June-August: Nominating Committees consider chapter/group members for Executive Committee; choose at least two more candidates than the number of openings on each ExCom.

July 1: Petition candidates may begin to circulate petitions. They may contact the Chapter Election Committee Chair, Mary Gale, 422-6970 to determine whether they are being considered for nomination.

August 28: Chapter and Group NomComs submit names of candidates to Chapter ExCom.

September 8: Election Committee Chair provides candidates names to Chapter/Group officers and to webmaster for member information.

September 30: Election Committee Chair submits election article to Ventana.

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December 15: Counting of ballots.

December 30: Election Committee Chair reports election results to Chapter ExCom.

II. Election Rules and Procedures

Nominating Committees consist of at least 2 more candidates than the number of ExCom members to be elected; all must have given their consent to the nomination.

Deliberation of the NomCom may be open or closed at NomCom discretion; no committee members may be nominated. Names of nominees shall be published in the October Ventana.

Petition Candidates: the name of any chapter or group member proposed in writing by 25 members and who gives consent shall also be included on the ballot. The petition must be postmarked or delivered to the Election Chair by October 9. July 1 is the first day for circulation of a nominating petition, and shall be in a form prepared by the Election Chair. Material not received by the deadline may not be included in the mailing.

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III. Balloting Committee:

This committee of not less than 3 members is appointed by ExCom. No candidate may serve on this committee. Balloting Committee shall prepare for mailing by November 14 a brief description of the election procedure, the candidates' statements, and ballots with return envelopes. Separate ballots, accompanied by the candidates' statements, shall be mailed to each member. The return envelope shall bear a distinctive return address so as to insure prompt receipt by the Secretary, who shall hold the ballots unopened until the election closes, and then give them to the Balloting Committee for opening, validation, and counting of ballots. The counting process shall be subject to observers, one appointed by each candidate. Balloting Committee shall notify candidates of the time and place for opening and counting of the ballots. If the winning candidates' margin of victory is 10 votes or fewer, the ballots shall be counted again. Before counting ballots, Balloting Committee shall check names off a master list of Chapter members, unless computer print labels are part of the ballot.

IV. Election campaigning:

Campaigning for chapter/group office is permitted, however, no campaign statements other than those submitted to and approved by the Election Chair, and no advertisements, shall appear in the Ventana or any other Sierra Club publication. After publication of names of candidates, no article by or about a candidate may appear in the Ventana unless it pertains to the ordinary performance of the duties of the candidate as a member of the Sierra Club. Each candidate shall have an equal opportunity of free published or circulated campaign statements of other candidates and shall be given an equal opportunity to address Sierra Club meetings concerning their candidacy. No candidate may spend more than $100 for campaign expenses, regardless of source. The Chapter membership mailing list shall be made available to candidates for the purpose of sending campaign material. Campaign material shall be identified by source, and copies shall be sent to the NomCom and to all candidates in time to permit timely responses. Sierra Club entities shall not endorse candidates, but may sign arguments accompanying ballot issues or any other

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V. Amendments to Election Rules:

Any amendments may be considered and made each year, by May, by ExCom. The rules, as they may have been amended, shall be published each year in the Ventana for Jul/Aug.

VI. Election Timetable:

ExCom shall adopt this annually, in June, setting out the dates for all procedures specified in the election procedure and these rules. The timetable shall be published in the Ventana for Jul/Aug.
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**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Ventana Chapter (Monterey Co.)**

Information: 624-4032
Executive Committee:
Last Thursday of the month; Call for meeting place & time.

Conservation Committee:
Alternate 3rd Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 19, at 2:00 p.m.

**Santa Cruz Regional Group**

Information: 426-HIKE (426-4453)
Meeting place: Sierra Club Office
1001 Center St, Santa Cruz, Suite 11

Executive Committee:
Wednesday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Committee:
Wednesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Committee:
Wednesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m.
Volunteer now for summer stream monitoring

Under a two-year grant from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Coastal Watershed Council (CWC) will host Clean Streams monitoring programs in several Monterey Bay area watersheds in the summer and fall of 2003 and 2004. CWC is currently recruiting volunteers and will provide training in biological, physical and chemical monitoring to local residents interested in monitoring one of eight waterways in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties. In cooperation with area cities, CWC is also sponsoring Urban Watch programs in Capitola, Pacific Grove and Monterey focusing on dry season storm drain monitoring.

Since the Clean Streams Program’s inception in 1995, CWC has trained over 100 local volunteers to collect baseline data that has helped inform watershed assessments and led to restoration efforts throughout the region. In 2003-2004, Clean Streams programs will take place in the following watersheds:

San Mateo County: Pescadero Creek and Gazos Creek
Santa Cruz County: Aptos Creek, Corralitos Creek, and Branciforte Creek
Monterey County: Arroyo Seco River

Training for Clean Streams and Urban Watch programs will be held in June and July. Volunteers are needed now! CWC will provide all necessary training, materials, and supervision. Watershed monitoring is fun, easy, educational, and a great way to help the environment. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Tamara Clinard Doan, 464-9200 or go to www.coastal-watershed.org.