

The Shasta Newsletter

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Bruce Waggoner: Longtime and Highly Esteemed Sierra Club Leader Will Be Missed

Our Shasta Group leader and friend Bruce Waggoner died of complications from surgery on November 6, 2014. During his years in Sacramento, Bruce Waggoner served on the chapter's Executive Committee as Vice-Chair, and was the chapter's longtime Political Compliance Officer. When he moved to Palo Cedro, near Redding, Bruce assumed leadership of the Shasta Group. Here he led the Sierra Club's involvement in challenging plans for sprawl in the proposed update to the Tehama County General Plan. Bruce also led opposition to the Westridge Subdivision, west of Redding, and the Shasta Ranch Aggregate Project, on the Sacramento River. In 2008 the Mother Lode Chapter presented Bruce with the Special Award for Dynamic Leadership. Bruce was dedicated to protecting the wild places that he loved and enjoyed.

Bruce also enjoyed tabling for the Shasta Group, where he connected with others in the many organizations in the area. He was active in the community as well, taking part in the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event. Each holiday party at SCIF, Bruce was Santa Claus for the employees' children.

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ExCom meetings: Meetings dates through June 2015, on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Foundation Room (first floor) @ the Redding Library: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9. Meetings begin @ 6 p.m.

Executive Committee: Group Chair & Outings Chair: John Livingston, livingstonjohn@att.net; Treasurer/Newsletter: Dianna Thrasher, diannamt@c-zone.net; At-Large: Linda Pankonin, Lycastle@gmail.com

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Shasta Group ExCom Annual Election: The Shasta Group bylaws require an Executive Committee of five members. There are currently three incumbent members; one is on the ballot this year. David Ledger is a new nominee. Each member serves for a term of two years. Each year up to three positions will be open for nominations in order to meet our bylaws requirement for five committee members. Please vote for two positions below. If you are joint members, both vote on the same ballot.

David Ledger: **Group Member:** _____ **Joint Member:** _____

Dianna Thrasher: **Group Member:** _____ **Joint Member:** _____

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Return the ballot to: Sierra Club Shasta Group, P.O. Box 491554, Redding, CA 96049. Please return the ballot by January 5, 2015. Thank you for participating in the Shasta Group.

ACTION ALERT: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO JANUARY 20, 2015 Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Moody Flats Quarry Project: Members of the public and other interested individuals are invited to provide written comments, which will be accepted through 5pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. INFO: http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm_index/planning_index/eirs/moodyflatshome.aspx

Shasta Group Outings & Events: January to April 2015

Outings schedules are posted in local newspapers and many radio station calendars in the Redding and Red Bluff areas. A schedule of the outings is provided below, and on the Shasta Group website: www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/shasta. The outings are also posted on the Meet-Up website: Norcaladventurers.com. If you are interested in finding out more information about an outing, please call Outings Chair John Livingston 530.243.4124 Livingstonjohn@att.net or check one of the websites above. http://motherlode.sierraclub.org/MLC_Outings/MLCOutingsInformation.html

Hike Classifications: Total distance in miles: Grade 1 (up to 6), Grade 2 (6 - 10), Grade 3 (10 - 15), Grade 4 (15 - 20) Grade 5 (20 or more); **Total elevation gain in feet:** A (up to 1000), B (1000 - 2000), C (2000 - 3,000), D (3000-4000), E (4000 or more).

NEW: Type and Purpose of Outing Classification: C: Conservation E: Education H: Hiking W: Walk T: Trail Work

Hiking Essentials: Hat, Water, Sun Protection, Lunch, Layered Clothing, Sturdy Shoes/Boots

Jan. 1, Thurs., New Year's Day Westside Trail Walk. Sponsored by California Native Plant Society (see below).

Jan. 10, Sat., Burney Falls Day Hike on the Pacific Crest Trail (2A, WE). This outing will start at Burney Falls State Park northeast of Burney. We will hike north on the Pacific Crest Trail approximately 3 miles and backtrack on the same trail. The terrain is hilly with moderate amounts of tree cover. Bring rain gear, water, lunch and appropriate clothes. Meet in Redding at the ShopKo parking lot near Arby's at 8 am or at the Safeway parking lot next to Highway 299 in Burney at 9:15. Arrive back in Redding around 5 pm. Rain cancels. Contact leader John at 530.243.4124 or livingstonjohn@att.net for questions.

Jan. 17, Sat., Clikapudi Trail at Shasta Lake (1A, WE). Hike near Shasta Lake on a fairly easy five-mile trail, which follows a peninsula along the Pit River arm of Shasta Lake with great views of the Lake and surrounding areas. Part of the trail follows where the human caused Jones Valley Fire and the Bear Fire burned and is a good education as to how fire adapted plants survived or proliferated in the aftermath, depending on their particular strategies for dealing with fire. We will walk through scattered ponderosa pines, near thick young knobcone pine groves, chaparral and open areas. Some early wildflowers should be in bloom. Walk leader David Ledger will identify native plants along the trail. A car shuttle will be used to keep the hike to about 5 miles. Meet at the Mount Shasta Mall parking lot near Chase Bank at 9 am to carpool to trailhead. Dogs on leash okay on this hike. For more information, call Leader David Ledger 530.355.8542.

Feb. 15, Sun., Mt. Shasta Bunny Flat to Horse Camp Hike (1B, WE). We will travel to Bunny Flat above the City of Mt. Shasta and walk in the snow 1.7 miles to the cabin on the lower slopes of Mt. Shasta. The trail will be either fluffy or packed snow. Snowshoes or cross-country skis will likely be needed. Provided the day is clear, great views of all the mountains around the City of Mt. Shasta will be available for your camera pleasure. Bring a lunch, water, and layers of clothing. Heavy snowstorm cancels. Meet at Redding Kmart parking lot at 8 am. Contact leader John 530.243.4124 or Livingstonjohn@att.net to ask questions and reserve a space.

Mar. 13, Friday, Annual Program, Potluck, and Fundraiser: See article on last page of newsletter.

Mar. 21, Sat., Lassen Park Manzanita Lake Snowshoe/Cross Country Ski Hike (2A, WE). Seven-mile round trip for experienced X-C skiers along roads and forest areas. Meet at Reed's Market in Shingletown at 9 am, and drive up to the Loomis Museum parking lot in Lassen Park. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothing. If you like bring a piece of plastic to sit on. Ten dollar entrance fee or Pass to enter the Park. Contact leader John 530.243.4124 or Livingstonjohn@att.net for questions and to sign up.

Mar. 29, Sun., Mountain Bike on Hornbeck Trail (1A, Bike). Join us for a fun trip from 10 am – 1 pm (approx.) to exercise and see some new sights. We'll pedal along the dirt Hornbeck Trail that follows the alignment of the Historic Quartz Railroad. Along the way, we may discuss the vegetation we see and some aspects of the federal Central Valley Project (e.g., Shasta Dam, Keswick Reservoir). I will also discuss proper trail etiquette including no skidding, sharing the trail with other users, etc. We'll take short breaks along the way, including a break at the Water Access spot. The trail is gentle, on rolling hills, but it is best if you have been exercising a few times a week prior to this trip. We'll go at about a 4 mph pace. Please call the trip leader, Tricia Parker Hamelberg, cell 530-200-3734, prior to the 28th to discuss any questions and/or get some more info. Meet at 9:45 at the Quartz Hill Rd. trailhead (near intersection with Comstock Lane). **Location:** 40.635872, -122.422014. Also, Redding's Sports LTD may have mtn. bikes for rent. Please call them directly 221-7385. (Hornbeck Trail map at: <http://healthyshasta.org/maps/HornbeckLowerSacDitch.pdf>)

April 11, Sat., Whiskeytown Davis Gulch Day Hike (2A, WE). Three miles down and 3 back around Whiskeytown Lake. This should be a wonderful springtime walk on a well-maintained trail. Meet at Sunset Market parking lot on Eureka Way in Redding next to Round Table Pizza at 10 am. Bring appropriate clothing, drinking water and a lunch. Heavy rain cancels. There is a parking fee which can be obtained at the Visitors Center. Contact leader John 530.243.4124 or Livingstonjohn@att.net for questions and to sign up.

Events sponsored by other groups:

Jan. 1, Thurs., New Year's Day Westside Trail Hike (sponsored by Shasta NPS). Start the New Year off right with an easy-to-moderate 4-mile walk with 600' elevation climb, starting at Mary Lake and proceeding up the Westside Trail through chaparral and oak woodland to the highest hill. Manzanita and coyote brush should be in bloom. Walk leader David Ledger will identify many different plants typical of chaparral and oak woodlands. There are great views of Redding and surrounding areas at the top of the trail. A free plant list will be given to participants. Meet at 9 am at the corner of Mary Lake and Lakeside Drive. No dogs, please. For more information call David at 530.355.8542.

Jan. 21-25, 2015, 16th Annual Snow Goose Festival, Chico, CA: This action-packed 5-day event celebrates the millions of waterfowl migrating along the Pacific Flyway that call the Northern Sacramento Valley their home during the winter months. For all the information: www.snowgoosefestival.org

Jan. 24, Sat., Earth Water Climate Series Program #3, Redding Library Community Room: 2:00-4:00 pm. The public is invited to a discussion on timber harvest impacts and regulations for Timber Harvest Plans in our area. Marily Woodhouse will speak on forest activities in the Battle Creek watershed below Lassen Park. A representative from the California Natural Resources Agency has been invited to speak to the group about timber harvest procedures, regulations, and opportunity for public comment. The presentations will have a question and answer period. If you have any questions, please email Virginia Phelps at ednva@frontiernet.net or call: 547.4907. Check out Facebook: www.facebook.com/EarthWaterClimateSeries

January 30-31, 2015: Building Connections: Trails, Playborhoods & Safe Routes: FREE Conference with two keynote speakers & workshops on Friday (afternoon and early evening) @ Sequoia Middle School. For more info: <http://healthyshasta.org/news/building-connections>

Feb. 7, 2015: The March for Real Climate Leadership: Our Water, Our Health, Our California: 11:30 am, Oakland, CA - exact location TBA Join people from all corners of California this February in telling Governor Brown that he needs to be a real climate leader, and in the midst of this drought, looking at a fourth dry winter, we won't settle for anything less. For more info:

Mar. 1, Sun., Earth Water Climate Series Program #4, Redding Library Community Room: 2:00-4:00 pm. The public is invited to a discussion on population impacts to our world and use of its limited natural resources. The speakers will be announced when the program is finalized. To receive a reminder, send an email to: sierrashastagroup@gmail.com

Mar. 26-27, 2015, This Way to Sustainability Conference X, Building Resilient Communities: This year's conference will focus on Community Resilience. Community resilience is a measure of the sustained ability of a community to utilize available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations.

We will explore opportunities to enhance community and individual well-being, and the resources needed to do so. For more info: <http://www.csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/conference/>

April 25, 2015, Saturday, Whole Earth and Watershed Festival @ Redding Sculpture Garden: More info later.

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2015 Annual Program / Potluck / Fundraiser

Badges, Bears, and Eagles—The True-Life Adventures of a California Fish and Game Warden
presented by Steven T. Callan

Date: March 13, 2015, Time: 6 pm

Location: UPEC Community Room, 1800 Park Marina Dr., Redding

Award-winning author and retired Fish and Game patrol lieutenant Steven T. Callan recounts his adventures during his thirty-year career in *Badges, Bears, and Eagles*, a “Book of the Year” finalist. One of the most important cases of Steve’s career began with a slain bald eagle dropped on the doorstep of the Redding Fish and Game office, along with a note threatening the life of a fellow warden. A decade later, Callan and his working partner, Dave Szody, conducted a three-year undercover investigation which exposed a statewide criminal conspiracy to kill California black bears for their valuable gallbladders. One of Callan’s proudest achievements was helping to save a beloved wildlife sanctuary from development.

Passionate about the environment, Steve and his wife, Kathy, are avid kayakers, bird watchers, scuba divers, and longtime members of no fewer than a dozen conservation organizations. Don’t miss this presentation focusing on this local author and his hit book.

The raffle fundraiser will feature diverse items; please support our group conservation efforts. If you have any items you would like to donate for the raffle, call: John Livingston 530.243.4124.

For the potluck: Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided; bring other beverages as you wish. **Note:** Please bring your own plates, beverage container, and utensils.