

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Since I last communicated with you through this page, we have had our 19th Annual Meeting. For those of you who were there, I need not dwell on the fine hospitality of the sponsoring clubs, or on the outstanding birding opportunities they offered us. For those of you who were not in attendance, I can only say that you missed a wonderful weekend. Don't make the same mistake next year. The meeting will be held at or near Binghamton, and the host club will be the Naturalists' Club of the Triple Cities. I'd like to see you all there.

It's hard to pick out highlights of such an eventful meeting. We admitted more than 60 new members, and have a new club on the way. The State Bird Book is well under way, and I hope each club is busily accumulating information to supply to the editor. John Bull, at the American Museum of Natural History, is now working full time on this project. This is one of the long-range dreams of many of us, and it is exciting to see it at last taking shape.

The Lido Beach Hotel thoughtfully provided us with a House Finch nest in an outdoor light fixture, only a few feet from the meeting room. A Piping Plover was nesting a hundred yards down the beach. And on the field trips such items as Glossy Ibis, Black Skimmer, Least Tern, Seaside Sparrow and Clapper Rail made us upstaters grab our binoculars and our checklists. I don't know what the Triple Cities will produce next year to beat this, but they'll have to do some work.

To each of you, I wish a happy summer with lots of birding time, and numerous additions to your life list.

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CORRECTION: In "The 1965 Saw-whet Owl Invasion" by Thomas H. Davis, in the May 1966 *Kingbird*, Vol. XVI, No. 2, p. 71, the last line should read "*none* in February" a typographical error which is regretted.

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