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*"State Park experts and professionals advocating for State Parks since 1964."*

## World Ranger Day San Diego 2022



*Mike Ruiz, San Diego City's Chief Park Ranger addresses the World Ranger Day group. Photos by D. Carle.*

*By David Carle,  
CSPRA President*

"On a day when we honor our fallen, there is much to celebrate when you have rangers from every level of government here to honor our profession and share a moment," MC Jeff Ohlfs told our World Ranger Day (WRD) gathering on Sunday, July 31. With 56 representatives from 21 agencies and 4 associations, this was likely the most diverse celebration in the world, ever, held to mark WRD. We were in Balboa Park's International Cottages village, hosted by San Diego City Parks. State Parks Director Armando Quintero was the keynote speaker (making a special effort to attend on his 40th wedding anniversary!).

CSPRA, the Ranger Foundation, the California State Parks Anniversary Committee and Jeff Ohlfs together funded travel and lodging expenses for our special guest, Panamanian Guardaparque **Leovigildo Vargas**. Mexico was represented by the Terra Peninsular NGO of Baja, Mexico.

This annual event every July 31st is a time to remember colleagues that lost their lives in the line of duty and make sure their sacrifice is never forgotten. At least 150 Rangers died in the service of conservation across the world last year. Mike Lynch led the group in silence as the long list of names





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scrolled across the screen. Visit the [IRF/Thin Green Line WRD website](#) to see the current Ranger Roll of Honor.

The theme for [World Ranger Day 2022 was diversity](#) in the global Ranger community, from diversity among rangers (the term applies to all who work in conservation), to the diversity of wild places and cultural sites we protect. This year IRF and Thin Green Line Foundation invite you to share your personal Ranger story on social media – if Rangers all around the world do this, everyone will see just how diverse our Ranger community is! Tell us your story, or honor those that have fallen, by sharing a video message on social media. Use the hashtags: [#WorldRangerDay2022](#) [#WorldRangerDay](#) [#StandWithRangers](#) [#ProtectNaturesProtectors](#) [#ThinGreenLineFoundation](#)

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Jeff Ohlfs was the key organizer of this amazing day, pulling together rangers from these city, county, regional, state, and federal agencies: Carlsbad City, Chula Vista City, Claremont City, El Cajon City, Escondido City, Menifee City, Murrieta City, Rancho Palos Verdes City, San Diego City (our host), San Diego County, San Marcos City, Temecula City, San Dieguito River Park Authority, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Helix Water District, Orange County, Riverside County, US Marine Corps Conservation Law Enforcement, US National Park Service, and, of course, California State Parks. Those who were lucky enough to attend came away with a broadened awareness for their connected roles within our very special profession.



*Keynote address by Director Armondo Quintero. Photo by Dave Carle*





The memorabilia table, with Ann & Mike, and patch trading were quite popular at the WRD event. Photo by Dave Carle.

Director Quintero with the "House of Panama Princess" Graciela Cave. She appeared in native attire in support of Panamanian Guardaparque Leovigildo Vargas, along with Jeff Ohlfs. Photo by Yolanda Burgess.



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# President's Message



On July 6, I spoke via Zoom with Director Quintero. We discussed the Parks Funding and Staffing

document and the CSPRA outreach campaign to address the need for adequate, stable, dedicated funding for State Park operations. DPR has a major effort underway to hire new employees and fill vacant positions. It is still too early, Armando said, to characterize progress on that hiring campaign. A Career Center has been established just outside the Resources Building in Sacramento.

To assist current employees to move along their career tracks, a "Leader" mentorship program is being developed. We had offered, during our Board meeting in Sacramento last April, to supplement recruitment efforts with CSPRA members and Graybears willing to speak to school classes about careers in the state park system, but they now feel that such representatives should only be active-duty persons in uniform. Regarding the goal to identify stable, long-term funding, Armando feels we need a number of sources, rather than any single funding effort. Again, this year, the budget focused on help to DPR for special projects, rather than

commitments to the long-term operation. He is talking to some major benefactors as potential donors. The new Dos Rios SP received \$28M in the state budget for its development. There are plans for more river-wetlands units in the Central Valley, with \$154M for an "Urban Rivers and Waterways" program. Armando confirmed that he is OK with CSPRA's outside, parallel, efforts as described in our position paper.

We have recently provided copies of the funding/staffing paper to leaders in The Nature Conservancy, the Save the Redwoods League, and the State Parks Foundation, and the California League of Park Associations, inviting them to join our efforts. We plan a meeting in August that will focus on media outreach and publicity.

Our Association's own recruiting needs remain a priority, aiming to add state park professionals from all categories to CSPRA membership. We have updated the CSPRA brochure and will be working with filmmaker **Jess Dizzard** (CSU Chico) on a short video about our organization that can be used during breaks at training classes at Asilomar or elsewhere.

At the end of April, 35 cadets (rangers) graduated from the academy. Tom Bernardo presented a \$500 check from CSPRA to the recipient of the Whitehead

Award. The Ranger Foundation (RF) and the California State Parks Anniversary Committee (CSPAC), put up displays and had a memorabilia table benefiting many park projects including the department Pink Bear Breast Cancer Awareness program and World Ranger Day.

Park Advocacy Day, sponsored by the State Park Foundation, was May 17 in Sacramento. Lynn Rhodes, Janet Carle and I represented CSPRA in meetings with legislators and their staff.

**Jeff Ohlfs** did an amazing job to organize our 2022 World Ranger Day gathering on July 31st, at the International Cottages in Balboa Park in San Diego. See recap on front page.

The writ of mandate order regarding the Jack London legal action has now (as of July) been signed by the Judge; only the reimbursement of costs negotiation remains to be finalized. We will be watching to see how CEQA requirements and Department special event policy are adhered to with future performances in the



*Sonoma County Sup. Court Judge Chouteau presided.*





*Much of the court proceedings were conducted via zoom with lawyer Don Mooney expertly representing CSPRA*

Old Winery Ruins at Jack London SHP. Link to official court documents [here](#)

CSPRA continues to monitor and comment upon threats to the Los Angeles SHP from a proposed gondola. Environmental documentation may finally be forthcoming August.

And we continue to monitor the threat within Red Rock Canyon SP from the Old Dutch Cleanser mining claim, as **Mark Faull** reports on page 11. I wrote to the Department and Resources Secretary for CSPRA about the urgent opportunity to acquire the parcel. To avoid sale to another mining interest, the Department’s acquisition process needs to proceed faster than its usual pace, with a mid-September deadline in mind for action by Kern County on the mining rights.

September brings our “Third Time’s a Charm” Parks Rendezvous at Donner I hope we will see you all there;

the Annual Members Meeting and our Fall Board meeting are part of the multi-day in-person Rendezvous.

Early September also is the month to start compiling a ballot for the fall election of CSPRA Officers and Directors. For the next election, we will select 4 Directors, the President, and the Secretary. Please consider adding your name or nominating someone to serve.

Finally, congratulations go to CSPRA Director **Erin Gates** on her promotion to Deputy District Superintendent for the North Coast Redwoods District and Redwood National and State Parks. (no more “acting” in her title).

Dave  
CSPRA President

## CSPRA Requests Your Service

The CSPRA Nominating Committee is now identifying member candidates for the election of President, Secretary and 4 Directors.

Please consider serving in 2023/2024, or make a nomination. Contact committee chair Ron Krueper <ron@cspra.com>, or committee members Sal Goshorn <sal@cspra.com> or Jeff Price <jeff@cspra.com>. The deadline for candidate selection is October 10, 2022.



*NOW is the time to book your room for the Donner Rendezvous. To reserve, call (530) 582-9999. Tell them you’re with California State Park Ranger group (\$125 rate, 48 hr free cancel). For questions [ann@cspra.com](mailto:ann@cspra.com) Conference registration closes soon – don’t miss out. [Registration link](#)*

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# The History of Interpretation

*The following are excerpts from an historical outline written in 1940 by Deputy Chief Earl P. Hanson who was our first Civil Service Nature Guide. You may be interested to see that issues he raised back then still resonate today.*

Educational services in California's State Parks began with the establishment of California Redwood Park at Big Basin in the year 1902. **Mr. Andrew P. Hill**, artist and photographer, who had worked diligently for the establishment of the park, and who operated a concession there, spent much of his time revealing to visitors the natural phenomena of the recently created state redwood reserve.

State supported educational activities in the California State Park System started with the inauguration of the nature guide service in California Redwood Park during the summer of 1926. Originally sponsored by the Fish and Game Commission, it was largely through the efforts of **Colonel Charles B. Wing**, then Chief of the Division of Parks, that the newly-created State Park Commission, approved joint sponsorship of this educational program in 1928. The program was continued until 1931 when the Fish and Game Commission withdrew its support. The Division of Parks due to lack of funds was unable to support the



program the following year, and it was only through the generosity of **Mrs. Eda H. Walters**, concessionaire who provided room and board, and **Mr. Rodney S. Ellsworth**, nature guide who donated his services, that the educational program was carried on in Big Basin during the summer of 1932.

The following year, the State Park Commission reestablished the educational program at California Redwood Park.

About the same time - in 1933 - the State Division of Parks approved of privately sponsored educational exhibits and services in the state redwood parks. The Save-the-Redwoods League, through its educational committee, provided for the establishment of an outdoor exhibit at Richardson Grove based on a large redwood tree that had fallen there. **Mr. Emanuel Fritz**, forestry

professor in the University of California at Berkeley, undertook the responsibility of preparing this exhibit, which was considered one of the most outstanding displays of its kind.

The following year the Save-the-Redwoods League established nature guide service at Richardson Grove, which they supported until 1936 when the State Division of Parks assumed responsibility for it. During that time the League also employed a man to patrol the memorial groves along the Redwood Highway and to give information about state parks and the redwoods.

In 1935 the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C., provided nature guide service at Point Lobos Reserve in Monterey County. The Division of Parks financed this service in 1936 and 1937, but since that

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time the work has been performed by the "Warden" stationed there.

In 1937 and for several years, the Garden Club of America employed a nature guide at the grove which bears that name and toward the purchase of which they contributed so generously.

In 1936, the State Personnel Board conducted a civil service examination to establish a list of eligibles who might temporarily be employed in the parks as State Park Nature Guides. In that year summer guides operated at Point Lobos Reserve, Big Basin Redwoods, and Richardson Grove. In 1938, a full-time guide (Hanson) was employed to assist during the winter season in the preparation of publications and materials for use of the summer guides, and who would work in the field during the summer season. In 1940, he was able to observe and advise educational programs in the several parks, serving but three weeks as guide at the Founders' Tree.

With the employment of recreation directors in 1938, nature guides were relieved of some of the responsibility of conducting campfire programs. A well-qualified recreation director at Pfeiffer Redwoods consented to conduct educational activities as part of his recreational program.

During the war years a limited educational program was carried on. Today we have a summer field staff of

thirteen and in many of our parks such as Big Basin these services are overly attended. Reports show that some naturalists are accompanied on nature walks by as many as 100 people! This is almost three times as many as can be handled with ease, but on the other hand, it is encouraging to see so many persons interested in their natural surroundings. The numbers availing themselves of our educational services is increasing in greater proportion than the total number of visitors.

Where both Naturalists and Recreation leaders are employed in one park, teamwork is the keynote to success of the program. In general the RL spends most of his time during the day welcoming campers and visitors, and soliciting local participation of talent to be presented before the evening campfire programs. His life is not an easy one. If there is not enough talent, he must conjure up something - if there is too much he must diplomatically suppress someone's desire to make a debut in the theatrical world. He must lead community singing with a vigor and zest that will make the surrounding timber vibrate with resonant but pleasing overtones!

He must familiarize himself with all the detailed information concerning the park and an area within 100 miles, lest when answering questions the public will think that everyone in a ranger's uniform isn't the salt-of-the-earth after all.

He is because of his extensive contact work the sounding board for all the public's gripes and appreciations. This in itself involves some diplomacy in giving a correct on-the-spot answer, and in conveying suggestions to the very busy permanent ranger staff.

Nature trails are a form of self-help education that require little effort in maintenance, and should be developed, especially where naturalists are not available.

Content of Nature-Recreation programs in our overcrowded parks is much talked of these days. Maybe policies we can adopt now may save trouble later.

Our goal is the preservation of the natural features of California, combined with a program primarily to attract those who are interested in them. This obligates us to strike a balance between the amount of acquisition, development and maintenance on one side, and preservation and interpretation on the other.

These and innumerable other problems will make for interesting winter months of planning. The Conservation Supervisor only regrets that he has not had a winter of cogitation on the NR program before entering this busy season, so as to give more assistance to the people doing a good job in the field.



# Top 10 Things on CSPRA Website

by Jeff Price,  
CSPRA Webmaster

1. Scholarships & Grants, <http://www.cspra.com/scholarships.html>, CSPRA offers its members financial assistance through scholarships and grants under the direction of the CSPRA Training and Professional Development Committee.

2. The Wave, <http://www.cspra.com/newsletter.html>, Articles, humor, scientific studies, photographs, opinions, and comments about California State Parks.



3. Park Gatherings, <http://www.cspra.com/2022-conference.html>, We sponsor joint annual events for park professional education and for retirees. Next event is Sep 12 to 15.

4. CSPRAnet, <http://www.cspra.com/cspranet.html>, Join a free,

secure, and private forum for our members only. send note to <webmaster@cspra.com> with "CSPRAnet" in the subject line.



5. GrayBears ~ Retiree Issues, <http://www.cspra.com/graybears.html>, Retired? Join 400 GrayBears for retiree communication. We currently have over 400 subscribers. Want to be added? Send note to <webmaster@cspra.com> with "GrayBears" in the subject line.



6. Honorary Ranger Award, <http://www.cspra.com/recipients.html>, A list of current and previous recipients. To nominate, see policy <<http://www.cspra.com/policy.html>> for details.

7. CSPRA Membership, <http://www.cspra.com/>

[membership.html](http://www.cspra.com/membership.html), If you want to support CSPRA with your Active or Active Retired membership, go here.

8. Carl Burger's Satire Albums, [webmaster@cspra.com](http://www.cspra.com/webmaster@cspra.com), Members can receive a link to all six of Carl Burger's '85 to '92 satire albums. Drop a note and I will e-mail you the Login and Password.

9. News & Views, <http://www.cspra.com/news-views.html>, The first 30 years.



10. Early Park Training Group Rosters <http://www.cspra.com/rosters.html>, original '70 to '82 Trainee Rosters.







# State Parks Rendezvous

Donner Memorial SP, Truckee  
September 12-15, 2022  
Program



Sunday Sept 11: Very Early Arrivals - informal gatherings.

Monday Sept 12: Early Arrival & Optional field trips

- 10am Lincoln Hwy and Old Hwy 40 auto tour. Meet Greg Palmer at the USFS Fire Station, 2008 Hampshire Rocks Rd. Take Big Bend exit off I-80 (19 miles west of Truckee).
- 12:30pm Donner Summit Guided Hike. Meet Don Schmidt at the Donner Memorial SP Visitor Center for carpooling.
- 5pm Informal Hospitality Session at CSPRA area in the Donner campground.
- Dinner on your own.



Tuesday Sept 13: Field Trips

- 9:30am Donner Party Historic Camp (USFS) tour. Meet Don Schmidt & Greg Palmer at the Donner Visitor Center for carpooling to the site.
- Lunch on Your Own - Allow 90 minutes to drive to Vikingsholm.
- 1pm-3pm - Insiders Vikingsholm Tour by Sierra State Parks Foundation.
- 5pm-6pm - Donner history walking tour by Hannah Doss, Park Interpreter. Meet at Donner Visitor Center.
- 6pm-7pm - Hospitality & light meal at Donner Memorial SP Visitor Center.
- 7:30pm - Donner Party story presentation - Bill Bowness, Park Interpreter.



Wednesday Sept 14: Presentations, Awards, CSPRA Annual Meeting at the Truckee Community Arts Center, 10046 Church Street & BBQ at Donner Memorial SP group picnic area.

- 8:15am - Coffee. (Truckee Community Arts Center, 10046 Church Street).
- 8:30am -11:30am - Presentations: Sierra Wildfires in California State Parks, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program, Sierra State Parks Foundation, CalHR/Savings Plus, Parks California, and the Ranger Foundation.
- 11:30am - Director Armando Quintero remarks & Q&A.
- 12:30-2:00pm - Lunch with Honorary Ranger presentation & other awards.
- 2:15-4pm - CSPRA Membership Annual Meeting.
- 5-7pm - Hospitality and BBQ - At the Donner day use group area, Frank's Smoked Tri-tip and Borracho Beans dinner.



Thursday Sept 15:

9:30am-11am - CSPRA Board Meeting. Donner Memorial SP Adm building.

Conference Lodging: Truckee Donner Lodge



10527 Cold Stream Road, Truckee CA 96161  
Rate: \$125+tx /night for 1K or 2Q room includes continental breakfast  
Rate period: Sunday 9/11 thru Thursday 9/15  
Reserve by 8/28. May cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival  
To reserve a room: Call (530) 582-9999. Tell them you're with California State Park Ranger group.

Free camping at Donner Memorial SP by contacting Ann Meneguzzi at [ann@cspra.com](mailto:ann@cspra.com).

Partnering with Sierra State Parks Foundation - <https://sierrastateparks.org/>



# Park Advocacy Day 2022

CSPRA was pleased to send a contingent to Sacramento in May to support this important endeavor. Since 2003 the State Parks Foundation has hosted Park Advocacy Day to demonstrate the political strength of the parks movement and build a strong community of advocates to support park policies and legislation.

The need for strong advocates for California's state park system is greater than ever.

The day's activities included hearing from legislators, park leaders and community members, advocacy trainings, meetings with legislators, and more. In addition to traditional legislative advocacy day activities, California State Parks Foundation also held an educational expo on the



*The CSPRA advocacy contingent included members Lynn Rhodes, Heidi Doyle and Janet Carle.*



Capitol lawn during the afternoon. The event closed with a big rally and award presentation.



This year the focus was on what parks have meant during the pandemic. During this crisis, people have turned to their parks like never before—for fresh air, exercise, meditation, solace, and a much-needed break from the stresses of a quickly changing world. This year's theme revolved around how Californians have relied on California state parks, and outdoors spaces, and how it is important now more than ever to protect and preserve these places.



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# Preserving the Old Dutch Cleanser Mine

By Mark Faull

CSPRA continues to follow this issue closely. The Kern County Planning Commission at first deadlocked on whether to grant “vested status” to the Old Dutch Cleanser Mine, but later in the meeting voted 3 to 1 to deny such status. Matcon then appealed this decision to the Kern County Board of Supervisors and that appeal is due to be heard on September 13th at the Board’s 2PM meeting.

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department is again expected to express the option that vested rights do not apply. We presented evidence to the County, which included four State of California mining and mineral publications and several newspaper articles, that the original Old Dutch Cleanser Mine closed in 1947 and the majority of the



*Thanks to Mark Faull, retired ranger, and Jean Rhyne, District Interpreter (and CSPRA Director) for giving Dave an orientation and tour.*



equipment necessary for mining was removed from the site in 1958, never to be returned. Therefore, by the time of the implementation of the State Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) in 1976, the mine had long been non-operational and in fact was abandoned - not qualifying for vested rights.

It is unknown for certain how the Kern County Board of Supervisors will view and vote on this issue, as they have not been particularly friendly towards California State Parks in the past and are very business oriented.

Progress towards evaluating acquisition inside California State Park appeared to have some traction by late June, but has been exceedingly difficult to ascertain of late.



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# Wave Goodbye

## Inez Cook

Inez J Cook (née Zindel) was born in 1933 and passed away on February 9, 2022 from Congestive Heart Failure in Placerville, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald, and her two sons Eric and Stephen. She leaves behind two daughters Denise and Wendy; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Inez came to State Parks in the mid-1970's to Administrative Services from DMV and from there she moved to Interpretive Services (Railroad Museum); then to District 3 (Stockton); then to Off Highway Vehicles; then to Interpretive Services (Collections) where she retired in 1989.

Her early gray hairs and nurturing nature had many calling her "Mom"; and she had a large "Park" family. She greatly adored everyone she worked with and referred to everyone as her children. Shortly after Inez passed away she lost her remaining son Alan. It's been a difficult year for her family as Inez decided on no services and was cremated per her wishes. Inez, Gerald, Eric, and Alan reside at Wendy's house and hope one day she can spread their ashes somewhere near Bodega Bay as the family would vacation there every summer for many years.

## Neil Power

Neil Power enjoyed his tenure as "the oldest living former state park ranger" in California. Neil Eugene Power was born Nov. 6, 1920 at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, according to a family history put together by Jay Power. His family owned a grocery store and lived in Sausalito during the Great Depression. When his father died, Power's mom found a teaching job at June Lake on the east side of the Central Sierra, where construction had started on the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

After serving in the Navy, Neil Power got a job working as a seasonal ranger at the El Portal entrance to Yosemite. He and his wife Lois lived in a log cabin at Wawona. In 1948, Power began his decades-long career with California State Parks, in a maintenance position at what today is known as Fort Ross State Historic Park. He also worked at Armstrong Redwoods, Monterey Monuments, Folsom Lake, Calaveras Big Trees, and Samuel P. Taylor State Park, before he came to Columbia State Historic Park in 1965.



## Sheila Skjeie

Sheila Skjeie was born in 1926, and attended Stanford University, graduating in 1949 with a B.A. in history and a minor in English. In 1953 she received a M.S. in magazine production from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Later, she was an assistant editor of the California Arts Council bulletin.



In 1974 Sheila began a career with the California Department of Parks and Recreation creating exhibits for museums and visitor centers at state historic parks. In her most noteworthy assignment, she supervised a team creating exhibits for the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento. Other projects included the Bale Grist Mill visitor center near St. Helena, Empire Mine State Historic Park, Crystal Cove State Park, two Native American museums, and the Plaza Hotel in San Juan Bautista.

Sheila loved reading, photography, tennis, the Southwest, and the Sierra Nevada. Sheila and Dick also enjoyed travel to Scandinavia, Europe, and New Zealand. For many years they supported the Opera, Symphony, and Jazz Festival in Sacramento.



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# Ed Tavares

Edward Daniel Tavares, Jr. was born on July 1, 1942 and attended Monterey Peninsula College until he joined the Army in 1963.



After his service in he tried some odd jobs he decided to go back to college at Sacramento State.

He also started working at Big Sur as a seasonal employee. This is when he knew he wanted to be a Ranger. He became a non-badged intermittent Ranger until he graduated from Sacramento State. He took the Ranger exam and was hired as a State Park Ranger Trainee in 1972 at Santa Cruz Mountains. In early 1978 he was promoted to a State Park Ranger II at the Mendocino Area State Parks.

On November 22, 1986, Edward and Sue were married in Carson City, Nevada (thanks to Rick Sermon). In the summer of 1990 - what has been called Redwood Summer, Edward was one of the rangers assigned to assist with crowd control in the City of Fort Bragg. By 1991 back injuries forced him into Industrial Disability retirement.

Edward really enjoyed being a Ranger and he was also an avid hunter, fisherman and abalone diver. The highlight of his career was when he got to meet his hero John Wayne at Hendy Woods State Park.

# John Fehling

John A. Fehling was a California State Park Ranger and derived much pride and satisfaction from his 30-

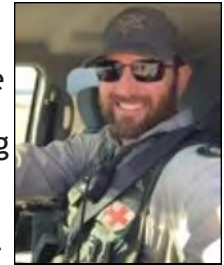


year career. He moved his family to some of the most beautiful parks in all of California, from as far south as Ventura and far north as Del Norte County. He Graduated from College of the Redwoods Police Academy in 1969. John was respected for the work he did as he promoted through the ranks of the department, from Ranger to Superintendent. His son Michael followed in his footsteps.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman and passed his passion on to his two sons. He was also known as a storyteller who could easily capture the attention of his audience and fully engage them in the tale he was telling. Often, they were tall tales that ended with a punchline that left everyone laughing, even his family who heard the stories multiple times! He had a profound impact on many people during his lifetime as he played various roles such as coach, mentor, friend, husband, father and Papa. He provided a safe and secure foundation that allowed his family to grow with confidence that they could achieve anything.

# Kyle Leo Trahan

Kyle Leo Trahan loved to spend time with his children along with planting and watering a small forest of trees at his home, working on countless projects including woodcarving, metal working with his forge, and building a Datsun 510 project car with friends.



Kyle attended Cal Poly State University, graduating with a degree in History, and received his teaching credential in 1998. Kyle was drawn to a career as a California State Park Ranger. He was accepted into the program and attended the academy in Monterey. With only the final physical testing left, he was asked to participate in a cancer research study and was informed that he had advanced kidney cancer.

Kyle served most of his career as a California State Park Ranger at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area followed by his last few years of active duty at the Hearst Castle division. The love and respect shown by his fellow Rangers over the last several months and during the time since his passing has been a testament to his character. Kyle described his duty as an officer as one of educating and wanting to have made a positive impact on people's lives.

# Mixed Metaphors & Malaprops

by Jeff Price,  
Seriously Retired

Mixed Metaphor: A combination of thoughts that when strung together produce a ridiculously funny effect of melded clichés. Send along any overheard slips of the tongue to [jeff@cspra.com](mailto:jeff@cspra.com).



**Dead ringer.**  
*I had a growth on my hand, so the dermatologist sent it in for autopsy.*

**Cheap Sports?**  
*Just like in love and war; anything is free game!*

**Probably not a math whiz.**  
*He finished in the top 98% of his class!*

**Thermo-ammo-meter maybe.**  
*Dress warm today, the temperature is going to drop like a bullet.*

**Bill please ~ and my compliments to the chef.**  
*Thank goodness we kept the sales recipe for Alaska...LOL!*

**Said in the wrong vein?**  
*His concentration is unbelievable, he has a pulse like ice water.*

**Diurnal polling?**  
*You don't believe me, just ask the common day person.*

**A Scene from "Blazing Saddles?"**  
*He's really got the wind between his legs now.*

**Maybe too many motorcycle crashes caused brain swelling?**  
*I have been in the motorcycle sales industry for over 30 years and cannot wrap this around my head.*

**Hospital bed safety for Shiites?**  
*Iraqi rebels were trying to siderail peace efforts.*

CSPRA is affiliated with several other non-profit organizations that share our goals.

**The Park Rangers Association of California** is a professional organization for park Rangers and other employees of municipal, county, special district, state and federal agencies.



**The International Ranger Federation** supporting the critical work that the world's park rangers do in conserving our natural and cultural heritage.



**Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs** Promotion of the Proper Use, Enjoyment and Protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Resources.



**Association of National Park Rangers** communicating for, about and with National Park Service employees of all disciplines and providing a forum for professional enrichment



**California Park Hospitality Association** representing companies and individuals who provide hospitality services under contract with the California State Parks.



**California League of Park Associations** supporting the Non-profits that are partners with State Parks.



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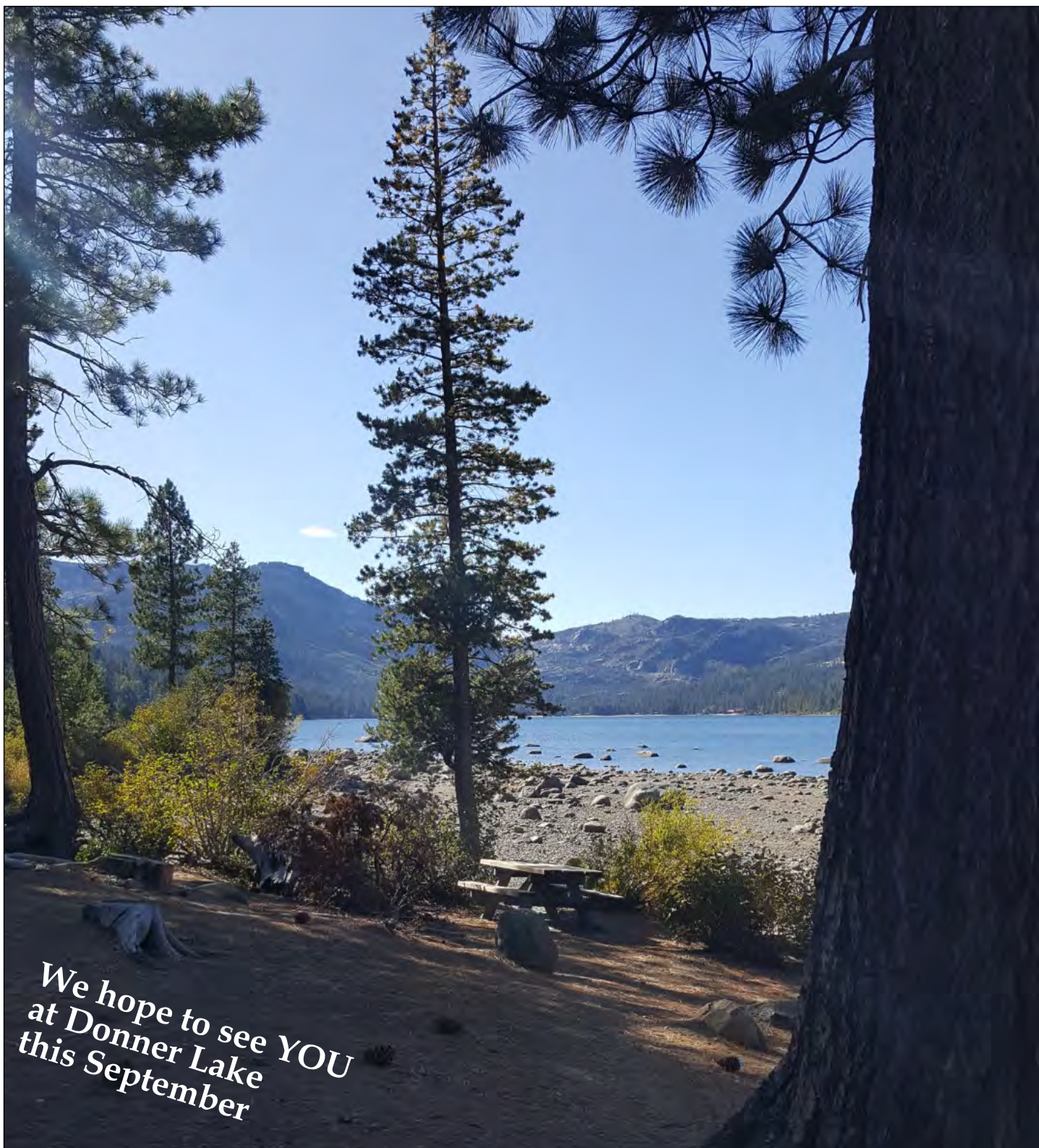
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