



Music from the Mesa

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STATE PARKS ARCHEOLOGIST PRAISES COGGED STONE SITE

At the Land Trust's October Town Hall Meeting, State Parks Senior Archaeologist Rick Fitzgerald announced that the Cogged Stone Site at Bolsa Chica "represents in many ways the height of achievement and complexity of these early coastal cultures." Artifacts from this site have been dated at over 8,000 years old.

"What made all this possible" Fitzgerald went on to say, "is that these early people with simple tools such as these milling slabs were able to subsist rather well on a mixture of plants, shellfish, fish, birds, and apparently to a much lesser degree, large mammals such as deer, antelope, and elk. This truly unique adaptation relied upon foraging and some degree of residential mobility in which both men and women actively participated in a group effort."

"The advantages of this type of existence at this very early period of prehistory are underscored by the beautiful and enigmatic cogged stones. The Cogged Stone site represents in many ways the height of achievement and complexity of these early coastal cultures and serves as a constant reminder of the ingenuity and creativity of human behavior no matter what the time period or the level of technology at hand. It is for this reason that the Cogged Stone site should be preserved for future generations of Californians to learn from and appreciate."

Ken Kramer, District Superintendent for California State Parks further stated that the State Parks-Orange County district has placed the Bolsa Chica Cogged Stone site at the top of the State Parks' list for acquisition.



Joe Milligan, Superintendent North Sector, California State Parks; Ken Kramer, District Superintendent California State Parks; Paul Arms, President of the Land Trust; and State Parks Archaeologist Rick Fitzgerald enjoy the Bolsa Chica Town Hall meeting.

President's Message

By Paul Arms

A YEAR IN REVIEW

It takes a lot of heart, passion and dedication to protect the Bolsa Chica ecosystem and there really is nobody better at protecting it than the members of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. Thank you for another great year and for being part of the winning Bolsa Chica team. We seriously can not do it without you.

We continue the fight to protect the Upper Bolsa Chica Wetlands from a major housing project. We continue to work to highlight the significance of Bolsa Chica Cogged Stone Site on the upper mesa. This year, we have discovered that at least 174 Tongva native remains were removed along with thousands of ceremonial objects and ancient artifacts from the Brightwater project. We continue to highlight this 8,000 year old site in hopes of ultimately preserving it. This year Bolsa Chica Land Trust members were seen side-by-side protesting with our Native American friends.

We finished our 12th year of mesa restoration through the Bolsa Chica Stewards, the restoration team of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. The Stewards have planted an astonishing 15,000 plants to date! We are starting our 2009 planting season.....come grab a shovel and join the team!

This year we also did beach clean-up as part of the Coastal Commission's Adopt-a-Beach program, sometimes bringing kids to the Bolsa Chica beach for the first time in their lives!

Miracles of the Marsh, our elementary school education program which brings hundreds of children a year to Bolsa Chica, finished another successful year!! We would love to see you volunteer to become a docent in 2009!

In 2009 we will continue the fight to save the Upper Bolsa Chica Wetlands and highlight the issues of Bolsa Chica Cogged Stone Site. Our education and restoration programs will continue to grow and become even more effective.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank you for all you do. You have given the Bolsa Chica yet another wonderful year! We wish you, your family and friends the very best. We look forward to seeing you next year. . . at Bolsa Chica!

Paul Arms has been a Member of the Land Trust's Board of Directors since 2001. In July, he was elected Board President.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT !

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust's

Wings Over Bolsa

2009 full-color calendars are now on sale!

Featuring over 40 extraordinary color photos

All photos taken at Bolsa Chica

\$10 each plus tax

or

5 for \$39.95 plus tax



Photo by Steven Eric Smith

The calendars can be purchased at the Land Trust office
5200 Warner Avenue near Bolsa Chica Street or
on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the south parking lot at Bolsa Chica
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or at the following businesses:

Bill's Camera on Warner Avenue and Springdale

Wildbird Store on Beach Boulevard and Adams

Jan's Health Bar on Main Street, downtown

Dr. Gerald Chapman, dental office on Main Street and Garfield

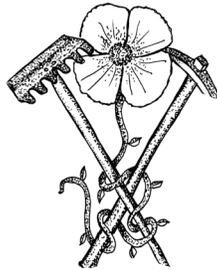
Acorn Naturalists, 155 W. Camino Real, Tustin, California

Or call the Land Trust office 714-846-1001

Grab Our Tools

BOLSA CHICA STEWARDS: 13 YEARS OF RESTORATION

By Kim Kolpin



This October the Bolsa Chica Stewards began our 13th year of habitat restoration on the Bolsa Chica Mesa!! It doesn't seem that we started so long ago, and it means so much to be able to say that almost everyone who began this journey is still on it, and we have also picked up wonderful friends along the way. The Stewards Core Team Leaders are an amazing bunch; together we have grown older and wiser, and have truly changed the Mesa for the better.

In the early years when we were able to plant 100 plants in a work day we were so excited and felt that we had really accomplished something. This past work day we planted 400 plants in less than three hours and sure it feels good, but darn we should have had more! Our years of experience have taught us well, and now we are quite efficient while watering plants with fashionable kitty litter containers. This planting season we will be filling in the gap along the Mesa trail with over 3,000 plants, and we hope you have a third Saturday morning to share with us.

We began this planting season with eighty wonderful students from Cornelia Connelly High School from Anaheim who put 300 plants on the Mesa on October 9th. October 18th was our third Saturday work day and we were thrilled to have a large employee group from our friends Alcoa Fastening Systems – Fullerton join us to celebrate. Along with students from Connie Boardman's classes at Cerritos College, the group planted 400 plants and used 2,000 gallons of water in under three hours.

The future of the Bolsa Chica Mesa is shining brightly, and although it will take some time and effort the Mesa will be healed and restored by the Stewards and our army of community volunteers. It is a labor of love and friendship that is still going strong thirteen years after the first shovel dug into the soil. Guy Stivers, our fearless leader, asked me when we started, "So, which part do you want to restore?" I answered "All of it." It was crazy then, but it's becoming a reality now.

Come join us on the mesa!

Kim Kolpin is a director of the Bolsa Chica Stewards, the restoration team of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. She can be reached at (714) 717-6304 or at Kolpin@Stanford.edu

JOIN THE LAND TRUST FOR BEACH CLEAN-UP

For the past ten years, the Land Trust has participated in the City's program to clean the beach. The program runs from November through March.

This year we will gather every **Monday** between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Lifeguard station 18, located between 19th and 20th Streets. Carol Koelle, our fearless leader, will supply the gloves, bags, and free parking permit for all who participate.

It's fun. It's beautiful. It's great exercise. You'll meet other Land Trust members. Come on down and join us. You'll be glad you did. Dolphins, pelicans, surfers and the sheer beauty of the Pacific Ocean await.

For more information contact the office at 714- 846-1001.

COASTAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS BRIGHTWATER

The Coastal Commission will hold a meeting in Long Beach on Thursday, November 13th, to discuss the archeological concerns at Bolsa Chica's Brightwater development where over 6000 bags of artifacts and human remains were found and are still in trailers.

The meeting will take place at Long Beach City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 333 W. Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach. It is Agenda Item #17 which reads: "Revocation Application No. R-5-05-020 to revoke permit issued to Hearthside Homes for approval of tract map 15460 for subdivision and development of 105 acres. . . Request for hearing came from the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, California Cultural Resources Preservation Alliance and 20 Native Americans."

We need all interested people to attend. It is an outrage how the Native American human remains have been handled at Brightwater. Please check our website for more information as the date draws near.

Join us at the Coastal Commission.

LAND TRUST INCREASES REWARD FOR PELICAN ATTACKER



The Bolsa Chica Land Trust has joined with the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center, the Found Animals Foundation, and International Bird Rescue in pledging \$5,000 each for a total of \$20,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who brutally attacked eleven pelicans that washed ashore at Bolsa Chica State Beach in September. Only one of the birds has survived thus far, but it has not fully recuperated.

If you have information, please call the Land Trust office at (714) 846-1001.

Bolsa Chica Hero**JIM ANDERSON – LAND TRUST TREASURER**

Jim Anderson took over the reins as the Land Trust's Treasurer in 2003. His degree in Business Administration and Finance from U.C.L.A. has served him – and the Land Trust – very well.

Jim has a unique relationship with Bolsa Chica. He first saw the Bolsa Chica in 1940 as a child riding in the family car. He grew up in Southern California, but moved out of the area for many years. Returning in the 1970s, he found the landscape had changed drastically, but the Bolsa Chica was still open and undeveloped. As an avid runner, Jim started running at Bolsa Chica and found it to be a very special place. Today, he and his equally amazing wife, Maria, live in Long Beach.

Always an optimist, Jim says, “I am happy to be involved with the best grass roots organization I have ever seen in my life. Helping preserve Bolsa Chica is reward enough for me.”

Jim oversees all of the Land Trust's financial activities. He carefully records our donations as well as our merchandise sales, and participates each year on the calendar committee. As a volunteer organization, the Land Trust has a unique way of doing things. We take on projects with abandon. We create new merchandise and start new campaigns when the need arises. Even though all of these activities have significant financial impacts for the organization, Jim offers quiet encouragement. He spends two or three afternoons a week at the office trying to figure out exactly what we have done. And he makes sure our records reflect exactly what has taken place.

Jim Anderson is one of the unsung heroes of Bolsa Chica.

WILL THE MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT HELP BOLSA CHICA?

Is Bolsa Chica going to get more protection or less? The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) was passed in 1999 in order to better evaluate and protect the current state of California's coastal waters and Marine Protected areas. The Bolsa Chica is currently a Marine Protected Area. However its status could change.

Over 90% of California's coastal wetlands have been lost, coastal waters have become contaminated with a variety of urban and agricultural

runoff, and a large number of species have declined. Over the last two decades, California fish catches have decreased. These impacts have diminished the health of the California's coastal ocean. The Marine Life Protection Act hopes to achieve a more systematic approach to marine conservation. The Department of Fish and Game will be managing the process. Currently the Department is looking at the South Coast Region which reaches from Point Conception to the Mexico border. We will keep you posted as this process moves forward.



Executive Director's Report

GREAT GIFT IDEAS FROM THE LAND TRUST!

by Flossie Horgan

If fighting the crowds, waiting in long lines, and paying high prices are ruining your holiday spirit, then the Land Trust has the answer. Let our Bolsa Chica Store be your one-stop shopping spot during the holidays.

This year all our favorite gift items are back including our spectacular 2009 "Wings Over Bolsa" calendar which is selling for the lowest price in its history. This spectacular calendar is more beautiful than ever before, with every photo taken right at Bolsa Chica. This year's calendar also helps to commemorate Huntington Beach's Centennial. Inside, the calendar not only includes Land Trust and environmental events, but all the important dates during Surf City's year-long celebration.

Our "Cool Azul" t-shirts remain a popular favorite among kids and adults alike. And our classic "Save the Bolsa Chica" t-shirts and sweatshirts are made of 100% cotton and their colorful message will let everyone know you support saving all of Bolsa Chica.

This year we have a stylish, new Bolsa Chica pelican poster by Seal Beach artist, David Meyer. And Land Trust Board member and former Mayor of Huntington Beach, Connie Boardman, has created "Bird Notes" beautiful new note cards based on photos she has taken at Bolsa Chica.

We also offer our inspirational video, "Bolsa Chica: The Beautiful Dream" which - through beautiful music, still photos, and video - highlights the history of Land Trust leading up to the successful purchase of the Lower Bench.

It's easy to order gifts from the Land Trust.

You can fill out the enclosed order form and mail it to the office.

You can visit the Bolsa Chica Store on our website at **www.bolsachicalandtrust.org**

Or you can stop by the office at 5200 Warner Avenue, Suite 108, in Huntington Beach.

Whatever you do, we'll make your holiday shopping easy and fun! Happy Holidays!



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We must preserve our sacred places,
 in order to know our place in time. . .

-- N. Scott Momaday

Regular Land Trust Events

BCLT Board Meetings
 2nd Thursday of each month. 7PM
 Call 714-846-1001 for location

BCLT Wetlands Table & Wetlands-Mesa Tour
 3rd Sunday of each month. 9AM-3PM
 Free Guided Tour 10AM-12noon
 PCH Parking at BC Wetlands
 For info & to help call 714-964-8170

Bolsa Chica Stewards
 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month.
 9AM-12noon. Meet in parking lot at PCH &
 Warner. Habitat restoration, trail maintenance,
 etc. For information, call 562-920-4215

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All Bolsa Chica Land Trust gift items available at Land Trust
 Office: Office Hours: 9:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday-Friday

Membership Renewal Application to
 Bolsa Chica Land Trust
 5200 Warner Avenue, #108
 Huntington Beach, CA 92649
 I want to join the Bolsa Chica Land Trust and help
 preserve the whole Bolsa Chica Ecosystem.
 Annual dues are tax deductible
 Members: Renewal date shown on your mailing label

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_____ \$50.00 + Honor Roll
 _____ \$20.00 Family
 _____ \$15.00 Individual
 _____ \$10 Senior/Student

Name _____
 Address _____
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