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## President's Message

Jarome Wilson

Dear Volunteers, Members, and Friends of SGWA

SGWA volunteers will be spending the month of April gearing up for the coming season, sitting attentively in safety training while looking around to see new and returning faces. Volunteers impatient for the season to start will be helping clean up Barton Flats and Camp Tulake in anticipation of opening day. Some, no doubt, are puzzled at the strange behavior of US Forest Service uniform material – it always seems to shrink a bit during the winter months. Several new volunteers are eager to start, still trying to imagine exactly what they signed up for.

As we shake out equipment and inspect our gear it's also a great time to shake out and inspect the reasons we all volunteer. Of course, we all love being in

and around the Wilderness, but we could all spend the whole summer in the Wilderness without volunteering. At times, volunteer duties require us to save a peak for another day.

So what drives and motivates volunteers to keep coming back, giving up spare time and putting in so much effort for free?

I think most volunteers are motivated by the fact that they MATTER. While it is great to spend a weekend, say, hiking down the Ridge Trail or riding up South Fork, most volunteers want more than just a good time. They want to MATTER.

Knowing that the effort spent adds a little to the preservation of a wonderful wilderness area is a great motivator. A moment teaching a group of campers that keeping food away from bears will save a bear's life has an infinitely long ripple effect when they pass the word on to their friends at some future outing. A child learning about the squirrels and chipmunks from an interpretive program at Barton Flats can plant the seed of wilderness respect that just might be the turning point in some wilderness battle in the years to come. Many visitors are not aware of the work required to keep trails in order and encountering a trail crew hard at work might help them understand why cutting switchbacks is a bad thing to do.

We often never see the true fruits of our efforts, but volunteers should all know that their efforts are making a difference – today as well as tomorrow.

Jarome Wilson



## Environmental EXPO

**Karen Saffle, Contributing Member  
Program**

On April 26, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the SGWA will be manning a booth for Earth Share at this year's **Environmental EXPO** at California State University, San Bernardino. EXPO is the largest Environmental Fair in Southern California with an average attendance of 10,000. This event is the perfect place for SGWA to share both our mission and that of Earth Share. Exhibitors include groups such as Audubon, the Sierra Club, the Children's Forest, Edison, the San Bernardino County Museum, and Wildhaven. In addition to exhibitors, EXPO has many activities for families, such as the children's water festival. School children participate in contests such as habitat quilting, school garden scrapbooks, and a multimedia fair (which will amaze you) with the winners being honored at EXPO. Added this year is a rock climbing wall and aerial art where visitors can take part by forming the earth for a picture taken by helicopter. The Environmental Educator of the Year Award will be presented, honoring a teacher who has successfully integrated environmental education into their classroom.

And **Smokey** will be there! I'll be there as the assistant coordinator (read: chief gofer). If you would like to help out at this



event, contact either **Ted Schofield** or **John Flippin**. For more information on EXPO, check out our website: [www.expo.csusb.edu](http://www.expo.csusb.edu).

### Equestrian Safety Training Val Silva, Equestrian Coordinator

I'm sure the birds are singing and the bears are growling at Tulake right now. With this nice weather I'm wishing I were there with them. Like most of you, I can hardly wait to get back up the mountain.

You have all received the schedules and know there is safety training being held on May 10. As this is the only equestrian safety training, all equestrians should plan to attend. If you cannot attend, please call me and we will try to schedule something later. Of course, you may participate in the regular volunteer safety training scheduled on other dates, but you will need to do the equestrian one as well.

We are going to open Tulake camp that weekend, so feel free to stay the night and enjoy the time up there. **Joe** and **Cindy McGregor** and **Danny Silva** are going up Friday, so hopefully we will have bathrooms. If not, it's a short hike to the parking lot bathrooms at South Fork.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

### Letter From Your Editors Teri Cappuccio and Ann Robinson

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. The cut-off date for submission is the first day of the month. This allows time for editing articles, layout, review, printing and mailing. Articles submitted after this date will be featured in the following issue. Our goal is to have the newsletters mailed around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please remember, you do not have to wait until the cut off date on the 1<sup>st</sup> to submit your articles. Also, if you are not sure of the correct wording, i.e., grammar, punctuation, don't worry--we will be happy to edit your article as needed. Notify us of events and newsworthy articles that are date sensitive. These articles are extremely important to include in the newsletter

before they happen, i.e., something happening in June, should be submitted by May 1.

Please send articles to [teri.cappuccio@azteconline.com](mailto:teri.cappuccio@azteconline.com) (don't forget the dot between names). If possible, submit as a Word document attachment to the email or text in the e-mail. Articles may also be faxed to Teri at 909-357-0159.

### Thank you, Ideal Graphics!

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Horseshoe Tournament Val Silva, Equestrian Coordinator

It's hard to believe, but we are anticipating with great excitement the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Horseshoe Tournament at Tulake this summer. In the past two years, the competition was fierce. I am sure people have been practicing all winter in preparation of this great event being held on June 28, 2003. We will try to use the same rules (whatever they were) as last year. Hopefully, **Pat Peters** and **Jan Gudgell** will be able to officiate this year and keep us in line.



New this year we will be adding a children's tournament, for ages 6 and under. The children's tournament will be at 4:00 p.m. and the larger children (that's us) will compete at 5:00 p.m. Please let me know in advance if your age 6 and under children will be competing this year.

As always with this monumental occasion, there will be a potluck and a great amount of festivities including the yearly birthday party for everyone who has a birthday in 2003. So even if you don't want to participate in the horseshoe tournament, come for the potluck/birthday party and to cheer the competitors.

### SGWA Board of Directors

The annual election for Directors was held at the March 25 Board Meeting. The following individuals have been elected to serve a one-year term as Director:

John Dombrowski  
Mike Garant  
Sheila McMahon  
Sandy Messner  
Richard Nyerges  
Dan Riley  
Linda Roddick  
James Schofer  
Larry Stiles  
Bob Villa  
Cyndi Wilkinson  
Wiley Wohlf

The Directors are responsible for the administration of our Association. Each year they determine what programs and events we will perform, and they are responsible for making sure SGWA has the funding to follow through on those plans.

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