



SCAN *South Carolina Association of Naturalists*

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Hello and goodbye all!

Actually, I am not going anywhere, just will no longer be writing this part of the newsletter. I think you will find our new president, Jules Fraytet, a very fine successor.

The annual meeting was a gorgeous day outdoors. The indoor program was "gorgeous" too. It exceeded my expectations, with serendipitous common stressing of how habitat and habitat changes affect what flora and fauna are present both short term and long term.

Irvin Pitts, chief biologist for the state park system, talked about how bird populations have changed over the years in South Carolina. He generated lots of questions, many still unanswered by lack of concrete long-term data.



Brian Scholtens, of the College of Charleston Biology Department, gave us a look at the structure of the sampling done for the All Taxi Inventory being done for Great Smoky Mountains National Park, especially in lepidoptera. Again habitat plays a major role in species living in a particular area. He gave a summary of the factors and their effect. All of it stimulated lots of discussion, cut short by need to break for lunch.



After a short lunch break, our founder and first president Rudy Mancke courageously fought off laryngitis to reminisce about SCAN's reason for being and how it has taken off toward 'adulthood'.

Thanks to hours of hard work, Jerry Bright then showed digital photographs taken on the year's field trips, narrated by your truly. This was followed by a business meeting with election of 2006 officers and announcing of the field trips. See the enclosed sheet for results.

After a late adjournment, those who could adjourned to Jan Ceigler's for a potluck (lots of good luck!) supper, Talk!, photos of the Dominica trip and Jan's trip to Madagascar.

Folks, it has been a great two years. I feel certain you will be as enthusiastic for Jules as you were for me. See you at Wannamaker.

Lynn B. Smith,
now Vice-President..



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Feb 2006 Newsletter

Dear SCAN members,

Welcome to our first field trip newsletter of 2006.

Thanks for approving me as your new president, a position I have never held in any organization, so I am still in a "break in" period.

For all who don't know me, my name is Jules Fraytet and I am from Charlotte, which is almost in South Carolina with the suburban growth around the Catawba! I have been involved with SCAN since 2001 and have enjoyed our past trips and the friendships I have made. I have many interests in the science and nature fields, especially botany and birds, and I also belong to the Carolina Butterfly Society (CBS). It was at CBS that I met Lynn Smith who introduced me to SCAN (through the purchase of SCAN's second field trip book.)

I apologize for not being at the annual meeting to see you. In my work, as a medical field service engineer, I periodically have to be on-call on weekends in Charlotte.

Let me take this opportunity to thank everybody who has been, and is, on the board and volunteered to organize and lead our trips. Thanks especially to Virginia Winn who does the newsletter and minutes, plus so many other behind-the-scenes things, that keep the association going. I want to thank another invaluable contributor, Lynn Smith, for all the great integral "foot" work she has done as the past president and for continuing in that capacity after the sad passing of Roger Springs. Thanks Lynn for also helping me transition to this position. I want to thank Tom Jones and Mary Garland for their dedicated work in keeping up our database and to Greg Mancini for his valued contribution in keeping up our bookkeeping, a tedious job I am familiar with from another organization. And, of course, thanks to our regional directors (Jerry & Pat Bright, Claudia Houck, Quentin Webber, Gordon Murphy, Eva & Sam Pratt, Lynn Smith, Tom Jones & Mary Douglass) who suggest field trips, scout them out and plan our monthly outing.

And, lastly, thanks to all of our SCAN members who make this association such a special group to belong to.

I look forward to another year with many of you in our various activities.

Jules Fraytet,
President

Wannamaker Nature Preserve
Calhoun County, SC
February 25, 2006

“The Wannamaker properties consist of three disjunct tracts in Calhoun County, several miles north of Orangeburg, SC and about 3 miles east of St. Matthews, SC. The tracts are: 50 acres off SC Hwy 6, 5 acres on Hwy 6 and approximately 422 acres that straddle Hwy 6.

The focus of the Wannamaker Nature Preserve is the 422 acre parcel. This property features old agricultural fields, classic bottomland hardwoods, mature pine stands, free flowing Lyons creek and old river formed bluffs.

The property was bequeathed to CNHS by John D. Wannamaker. His wishes were that the preserve be used for education, research & recreational purposes. “

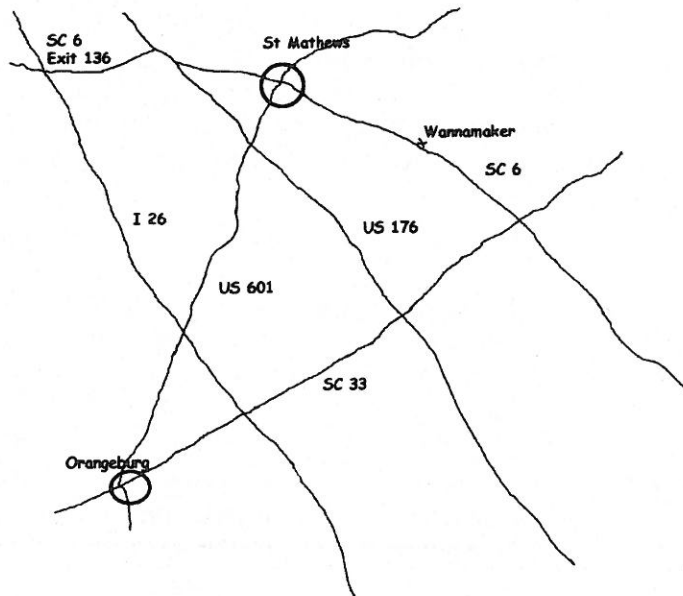
The above was taken from the Audubon site <http://www.homestead.com/cnhsaudubon/Wannamaker.html> Go there and see some photos.

Read “Ecological Mapping and Characterization of the Wannamaker Nature Preserve, South Carolina, USA” by Daniel Tufford, John Nelson, Norman Brunswig and David Cowen at <http://www.biol.sc.edu/~tufford/TuffordetalNAJ-2004.pdf>

I will provide topographical maps that show several marked trails in the preserve. Bring the usual – sunscreen, raingear, bug repellent, lunch and drink. We will have lunch on the trail.

Directions

From St Matthews at the intersection of US 601 and SC 6 - go east on SC 6 for 3.8 miles and cross Lyon Creek. Continue for 0.7 mile. We will park off the road on the left in a driveway in the preserve.



2006 Field trip Dates:

January 28: Annual Meeting—State Museum
February 25: Calhoun County—Wannamaker Preserve—Bright
March 25: Kershaw County—N. R. Goodale State Park and Savage Bay—Webber (& Smith)
April 22: Berkeley County—Bonneau Ferry . Houck (& Jones-Douglass)
May 27: Oconee County—Sharpton's Prarie – Pratts with Bill Sharpton.
June 24: Barnwell County—Craig's Pond (with Patrick McMillan)—Houck
July 22: Anson County, NC—PeeDee National Wildlife Refuge—Murphy & Fraytet
August 26: Oconee County—Coon Branch—Pratts
September 23: York County—Rock Hill Black Jack Heritage Preserve—Webber
October 28: Augusta, GA & Aiken County Overnight—Phinzy Swamp & Henderson Heritage Preserve
November 18: Cherokee County—Cowpens National Battlefield—Webber (& Campbell)
December 9: Georgetown County—Hobcaw Barony—Murphy (& Banks)

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SCAN Regions by County:

<i>Central Region</i>	<i>Eastern Region</i>	<i>Northern Region</i>	<i>Southern Region</i>	<i>Western Region</i>
Aiken	Clarendon	Cherokee	Allendale	Abbeville
Calhoun	Darlington	Chester	Bamberg	Anderson
Lee	Dillon	Chesterfield	Barnwell	Edgefield
Lexington	Florence	Fairfield	Beaufort	Greenville
Newberry	Georgetown	Kershaw	Berkeley	Greenwood
Orangeburg	Horry	Lancaster	Charleston	Laurens
Richland	Marion	Spartanburg	Colleton	McCormick
Saluda	Marlboro	Union	Dorchester	Oconee
Sumter	Williamsburg	York	Hampton	Pickens
			Jasper	

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS**

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE I: NAME - The name and title of this organization shall be the South Carolina Association of Naturalists (SCAN) hereinafter referred to as The Association.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE II: PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION - The purpose of The Association shall be to gather and share factual natural history information within its membership and with the general public. An overall goal will be to publish and update checklists of the flora and fauna of the state and to update natural history information in all areas.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE III: COMPOSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION - The Association shall consist of people who have an amateur or professional interest in the natural history of South Carolina.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - The Executive Committee, whose duties are executive and judicial, shall have charge of all property and all financial affairs of The Association, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed bylaws governing the management of corporations, or as may be prescribed in the Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of eleven (11) officers, who are elected annually, or such members as the Executive Committee may appoint.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE V: CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS - The Association shall hold an annual meeting during which there shall be a business meeting and a general election of Executive Committee members.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS - The officers of The Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a parliamentarian, a historian and five (5) regional directors.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE VII: VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS - Every member of The Association, excepting associate and honorary members, shall have equal voting rights.

CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS - This constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the voting members of The Association. The membership must be informed of any proposed changes in the Constitution or Bylaws 30 days before the changes are voted on.

**BYLAWS OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS**

BYLAWS PREAMBLE: - The Association shall be representative of naturalists, professional or amateur, interested in the natural history of the State of South Carolina. The primary objective of The Association is to enhance the current knowledge and teaching of natural history to the people of South Carolina by bringing informed and interested parties together in a medium conducive to that end.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP Section I: - Membership in The Association shall consist of persons, fifteen (15) years or older, who are committed to the purposes of The Association and who meet the requirements for membership as prescribed by the Bylaws.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP Section II: - Active members shall be persons fifteen (15) years of age or older, who are committed to using their knowledge and skills to further the purposes of The Association. Active members may participate in all activities of The Association. Active members under the age of eighteen (18) will be required to submit a signed permission form from a parent/guardian for each trip attended unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. Active members are subject to annual dues or other charges and/or assessments of The Association. - Associate members shall be organizations interested in the natural history of South Carolina. Associate members may participate in all activities of The Association except the holding of an office or voting. Associate members are subject to annual dues or other charges and/or assessments of The Association. - Honorary members shall be those persons who have rendered special service to The Association and whom The Association wishes to honor. An honorary member may participate in all activities of The Association except the holding of an office or voting: A nominee for honorary membership will be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by an active member. The nomination, detailing specific reasons for consideration, must be submitted no later than November 15 for consideration before the next annual meeting. Subject to approval by a majority of the Committee, the nomination will be subject to confirmation by the active members at the annual meeting. Honorary members are not subject to annual dues or other charges and/or assessments of The Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP Section III: - An application for active or associate membership shall be made in writing on a form provided by The Association. The applicant(s) shall be considered a member in good standing upon payment of dues to the Treasurer of The Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP Section IV: - Dues for each category of membership shall be established by the Executive Committee and shall be payable upon notice. Membership dues are for a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31; individuals wishing to join The Association after July 1 can do so by payment of one-half the annual dues. The amount of membership dues will be determined by the Board of Directors based on information supplied by the Treasurer. Changes in dues must be approved by a majority vote of the active membership attending the annual meeting.

BYLAWS ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP Section V: - Any member of The Association may, in good faith, prefer charges against any other member who is believed to have violated the principles of The Association or who allegedly has engaged in conduct justifying censure, suspension, or expulsion from The Association. Such charges shall be brought in the following manner: 1. Such charges shall be made in writing and signed by the accuser and shall state the specific acts or conduct in question. 2. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary of The Association who shall then send copies to the President and all other members of the Executive Committee. The President shall set a date for a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider such charges. This meeting shall be held no later than thirty (30) days after the date the charges were filed with the Secretary. 3. After giving the accuser and the accused every opportunity to be heard, including oral arguments and the filing and consideration of any written briefs, the Executive Committee shall conclude the hearing and shall render a decision within thirty (30) days. The affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute the verdict by which the accused may be exonerated, censured, suspended, or expelled from The Association. The Executive Committee shall issue a resolution which shall contain its decision without other statements or opinions about the case, and this resolution shall be signed by the President and Vice-President of The Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section I: - Without prejudice to the powers conferred by these Bylaws, it is expressly declared that the Executive Committee shall have the following powers: 1. To appoint and employ, and at its discretion to remove and suspend, permanently or temporarily, any necessary assistants and to determine and fix their duties. 2. To determine who shall be authorized to sign, on the organization's behalf, bills, receipts, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts, and documents. 3. To impose such charges, dues, and/or assessments as it may deem advisable for purposes of furthering The Association's objectives. 4. To institute special elections to fill vacancies occurring in their number between annual elections. The president, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, may appoint individuals in an acting capacity to fill vacancies until such time as an election may be held.

BYLAWS ARTICLE II: POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section II: - A majority of the Executive Committee will constitute a quorum for conducting business. The Executive Committee shall conduct all of its affairs by majority vote of those present. The Executive Committee shall maintain on file written minutes of its meetings.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section I: - The Executive Committee shall designate the time and place of the annual meeting of The Association and shall inform the membership of such meeting at least thirty (30) days before such meeting. At this meeting, reports on affairs of The Association for the preceding year will be given by the officers of The Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section II: - Special meetings of The Association may be called by the President, or by order of the Executive Committee.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section III: - One-fifth (1/5) of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of The Association.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section IV: - Smoking is prohibited in the immediate meeting area, and smoking is banned if a suitable location with adequate ventilation cannot be provided in adjacent rooms which open directly into the main meeting room. This shall be extended to field trips, especially in enclosed (caves, buildings, etc.) or confined areas.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section V: - Field trips will usually be held on a monthly basis at predesignated locations and will be planned by the Executive Committee with the advice of the membership.

BYLAWS ARTICLE III: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP Section VI: - Alcoholic beverages shall not be displayed or consumed on the premises of public or private areas prohibiting that activity (e.g. State Parks) and shall be discouraged at other times.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Section I: - The Vice-President shall form a Nominating Committee. This committee shall consist of the Vice-President and at least two (2) other active members. An active member, for the purpose of this nominating committee, will be a person who has attended at least four (4) field trips in the current year. This meeting shall be held no later than November 1. The Nominating Committee shall study the leadership requirements of The Association and select nominees who meet the needs of The Association. The Nominating Committee shall interview prospective nominees personally, by telephone or by mail and secure their consent to serve if elected. The slate of officers shall be mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting the Vice-President, or his/her appointee, shall present to the membership the committee's slate of nominees for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, and the five (5) Regional Directors.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Section II: - Elections may be conducted by voice vote or by show of hands at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor if prior consent has been obtained from the nominee; each active member may cast one vote for each of the eleven (11) positions on the Executive Committee. If there are two or more nominees for any position, a written secret ballot will be required.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Section III: - When a candidate receives a majority of the legal votes cast for a single office, he is elected. Elected candidates shall take office at the end of the Annual Business Meeting. Length of term of office shall be one year. The president must notify each candidate of the election results within ten (10) days of the Annual Business Meeting.

BYLAWS ARTICLE V: MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section 1: - The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as may be designated by the President, but in no event shall there be fewer than two (2) such meetings in any calendar year. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. These meetings shall be called at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

BYLAWS ARTICLE V: MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Section II: - Special meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or upon written request to the President by at least fifteen (15) members of The Association. The object of special meetings shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted. Notice of a special meeting shall be transmitted by mail no less than fifteen (15) and no more than thirty (30) days prior to such meetings.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section I: - The President shall preside at all business meetings of The Association and of the Executive Committee. The President shall make a full report of the year's activities at the Annual Meeting, and shall appoint all standing committees of the Executive Committee and shall designate the Chairperson thereof, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section II: - The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence or incapacity of the President. The Vice-President will organize and conduct, with assistance of the Secretary and Treasurer, all annual elections.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section III: - The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of The Association, be responsible for all Association communications, and notify all members of meetings.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section IV: - The Treasurer shall maintain accurate records of the financial status of The Association, collect yearly dues from all members, deposit into The Association's account all money received by The Association and with the President's approval pay all bills approved by The Association and record all receipts of those payments.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section V: - The Parliamentarian shall insure that *Robert's Rules of Order* be used to govern all meetings.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS Section VI: - The Historian shall keep archival records of the activities of The Association and shall keep a record of possible field trip sites for use at the annual site planning meeting.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS - These By Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the voting membership by a majority vote if at least one-half (1/2) of the voting members are present.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII: GIFTS - Gifts in the form of money or its equivalent, or material goods, made to The Association will be accepted only after approval by a majority of the Executive Committee. Such gifts, as stated above, will be in the form of a written contract between the donor and The Association. The Executive Committee will assess in depth what impact, positive or negative; the donation may have on The Association, including potential effects on its tax-free status. All gifts and their disposition will be under complete control of The Association as represented by the Executive Committee.

BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII: DISSOLUTION - Upon dissolution of The Association, the assets will be dedicated to a tax-exempt purpose.