

## EDITORIAL

After two years as Editor of *The Chat*, I am taking this opportunity to thank many of the people who have helped me to learn this job and produce our journal. My prime motivation for doing so is that we have undergone major turnovers in the positions of Field Notes Editors in both states and without the experience and enthusiasm of each of these professionals, there would not have been a journal.

At my request, David Lee agreed to help with the North Carolina field notes to ease the transition between *Chat* editors. It was assumed on both of our parts that this would be an interim arrangement until the anticipated North Carolina Breeding Bird Atlas project, and the unanticipated work with the Navy and offshore oil exploration ate up all of his available time. During his tenure, Dave initiated a more formal review process of field notes, and we attempted to streamline the turn-around time in publication. In his letter of retirement dated December 1988, Dave expressed deep thanks to the people who had served as reviewers; Laurance Alexander, Steve Cardiff, Robert Dickerman, Donna Dittman, John Gerwin, Wayne Irvin, Harry LeGrand, Douglas B. McNair, Ted Parker, Jim Parnell, Dennis R. Paulson, Eloise Potter, Van Remsen, Ken Rosenberg, Tom Schulenberg, and Mike Tove. In particular the contributions of Doug McNair were noted. Since then he has continued to review articles and field notes.

William Post has been a most dependable supporter of the Carolina Bird Club's journal. Every time I thought I would never come up with enough material to produce an issue that would be close to on schedule, Will came through with what was needed. A large number of personal and professional factors have forced Will to ask that he be relieved of his responsibilities as South Carolina Field Notes editor.

Finding replacements for each of these people has not been an easy job. As many of you know, Doug McNair served as N. C. Field Notes editor during the summer, but found that he was unable to continue. I am extremely grateful for the help he was able to provide. I am even happier to announce that we appear to have found two volunteers to fill the voids that have been created.

Dr. Lynn Moseley of the Biology Department at Guilford College has agreed to take on the responsibilities in North Carolina, while Dr. Dennis Forsythe of the Biology Department at The Citadel will take up the duties in South Carolina. I look forward to a long and harmonious working relationship with each of these Field Notes editors, as well as maintaining that with Harry LeGrand who continues to act as editor of Briefs for the Files.

Finally, it is necessary to thank all of the authors who have contributed their manuscripts to make *The Chat*. As I have said before, without those written observations *The Chat* does not exist. If that sounds like a plea to "keep those cards and letters coming", you are right.

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