

In addition to her invaluable role as the linchpin of the CVBS, Frances has also served as Membership Secretary since 2001 and on the Board of Directors since 2006. In total, her efforts have contributed to the success of the CVBS and the CVBC in more ways than can be described. To have Frances so involved in our organization from its inception has truly been most fortunate for all of us, and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

*John Sterling*

## **2008 Report from the Editorial Board**

With completion of the Central Valley Bird Club Bulletin's 11th volume, we offer news of the bulletin, and solicit your suggestions and help.

We have a diverse, effective, and fun group of volunteers (see names on the inside cover) who work hard to get interesting and valuable information into both your hands and the long-term record. We thank outgoing Editorial Board member Sid England for his good work and welcome an impressive crop of new board members: Shelly Kirn, Jim Rowoth, Jon Dunn, and John Trochet.

The Bulletin exists to serve you. We try to provide a diverse array of articles on the distribution, status, ecology, and conservation of the Central Valley's bird life. In 2006, we conducted a membership survey and found that most members were satisfied with the Bulletin's contents, and we continue to hear compliments about the publication. But we are always open to feedback, so feel free to contact any of us with your ideas.

More importantly, we encourage members to submit and solicit articles that we can publish. Our Editorial Board members are committed to assisting authors in putting their observations in a form suitable for the Bulletin. If you know of someone with information that would fit into the Bulletin, suggest it as an outlet and have them contact us.

We are proceeding in an effort to electronically scan back articles of the Bulletin and make them available on the internet. This will make our information much more available, and thus more valuable for all potential uses. New webmaster John Sterling has begun loading Bulletin articles from issues prior to 2007. Check it out.

Finally, help us broaden the value of the Bulletin by increasing its circulation through recruiting new members for the Central Valley Bird Club. Most of our members come via attendance at the annual Central Valley Bird Symposium and through renewals. If you know non-members who are candidates for membership, encourage them to join by visiting our web site or by contacting Frances Oliver (see inside cover). We particularly want to encourage membership among students and those involved in bird conservation and management. Thanks for your support of the Bulletin!

*Dan Airola*