

THE PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

New memberships are beginning to trickle in! My sincere thanks to those of you who've made use of the new membership brochures that were inserted in your last issue of EBBA NEWS. An urgent plea...that YOU join me in the effort to bring our membership up to 750 by next Annual Meeting in Apr. 1976.



*Pres. Mike San Miguel (WBBA) on the left, conferring with Pres. Chris Rose (EBBA) on the right (8 Jul '75)*

\*\*\*\*Update on the Combined Journal: The effort to publish the Eastern and Western Bird Banding Associations' Journal under one cover. I met for an evening with WBBA President Mike San Miguel in Woodland Hills, Ca., for a general discussion of this project. The very practical consideration of finances seems to be our "great problem!" This is tied-in directly to a need for an increased membership for both organizations. (See photo, upper right).

I would remind you that "finances through an increased membership" is not an easily arrived at goal or solution, since WBBA and EBBA may have already enrolled 75% of its potential membership! The alternative proposals for financing a combined journal, which has been suggested, is a REDUCTION in the number of pages we offer and/or increase in dues.

Our EBBA journal lends focus to the work of our organization as well as providing the matrix and structure through which we can communicate to our members. Research of the last 15 years of EBBA NEWS reveals that our Editors have provided an average of 250+ pages of birding and birdbanding information annually to meet the interests and needs of our members. We would appreciate your comments concerning a combined EBBA/WBBA Journal!

In response to a recent request, I offer the following as general information. If you are preparing your estate and wish to have EBBA as benefactor and recipient of any part of your properties or birdbanding materials...that you use the recommendations of our Attorney Stanley Dickerson in the following format:

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Eastern  
Bird Banding Association, a non-profit Association of the State of New Jersey\_\_\_\_\_."

A note of thanks to George Jonkel, Chief of the Bird Banding Lab who is sending a monthly letter to keep us posted on the highlights of current activity at the Banding Office (*see also p. 200 and p. 202. Ed.*). From the August letter I quote: "So far in 1975 there have been 492,794 birds banded"...We have also been involved this month in preparing for requirements of the PRIVACY ACT(*Con't*

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