

Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO), located near Rochester NY, will be holding a North American Banding Council (NABC) certification session for landbirds on *4-6 Oct 2013*. Testing will be available at the bander level for up to six candidates seeking or already possessing a US or Canadian banding permit or subpermit, and at the trainer level for up to three candidates who have already achieved NABC bander-level certification.

Applications may be obtained from the NABC website <<http://www.nabanding.net>>, and may be submitted no later than 24 August to Andrea Patterson, 144 Greystone Lane #24, Rochester, NY 14618; phone 585-490-5361; <[andrea.j.patterson@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.j.patterson@gmail.com)>. An additional charge of \$25 per person is needed for snacks, lunches and dinners. Checks or money orders should be made out to Elizabeth W. Brooks. Accepted candidates will be notified *no later than 31 August*. NABC manuals and certification expectations are also available from the NABC website.

Those seeking bander certification are encouraged to contact an NABC trainer (see NABC website) as early as possible to proctor the written exam portion of the certification prior to coming to BBBO; however, for those not able to do so, the exam may be taken at BBBO by prior arrangement. Passing the examination is required in order to participate in the bander field evaluation.

Trainer candidates who have previously passed bander certification need not retake this written exam if they obtained a grade of 90 or better in the last five years. Persons not yet bander certified may apply for both the bander and trainer candidate positions, and will be evaluated for trainer based on first passing the bander certification at this session and a written exam score of 90 or better.

## EBBA Memorial Fund

Over 50 years ago EBBA established a Memorial Fund in memory of deceased members with income from the fund to be used to support student research in the field of ornithology using bird banding. The Fund consists of memorial contributions, dues from Life Memberships and other contributions members may make.

Many grants from this Fund have been made to worthwhile students through the years. Student interest in applying for an EBBA Memorial Grant has grown to record levels. The past three or four years there has been a record number of applications for which EBBA made three grants annually. We need more funding to support this worthwhile effort.

If you would like to support EBBA's quest for supporting more student research in ornithology, please consider a tax-deductible contribution or bequest to either the Memorial Fund or to next year's budget for 2013 awards by contacting EBBA's treasurer,

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