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## Cape May Fall Weekend

**O**ur fall trip to Cape May will be held from October 27 to 29, 2017. We will be hanging out at the world-famous Cape May Hawk Watch, Morning Flight and visiting other local hotspots such as the Meadows, Higbee Beach and the Cape May Bird Observatory. We will start at 3 pm on Friday and finish up Sunday afternoon with a semi-pelagic on the Cape May Ferry (2:30 pm).

Space is limited to 20 people. NVBC membership and registration is required. Our hotel for the weekend will be the Sea Crest Inn. A group rate will be negotiated later in July or August. The rate information will be provided to people who sign up for the trip. You will be required to mail a deposit within 7 days of making the reservation. This hotel does not serve breakfast but many of the rooms have a kitchenette. The hotel is in walking distance of the beach pavilion that is our typical Saturday morning destination:

SEA CREST MOTOR INN  
101 Beach Avenue  
Cape May, NJ 08024  
Phone: 609-884-4561 or 866-733-1405  
Website: [www.seacrestinn.com](http://www.seacrestinn.com)

NVBC GENERAL MEETING—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8 PM

## A Birding Year In and Around Japan

*Speaker: Libby Lyons*

**L**ibby Lyons is a long-time Arlington resident who had the chance to live in Japan in 2016. She explored that amazing country with a focus on fauna, flora, fabric and food. She birded from Hokkaido with its Steller's Sea Eagles and Japanese Cranes to Kyushu with the sunrise spectacle of an eddy of 10,000 cranes, and to Okinawa viewing the elusive Okinawa Rail. She also took birding forays (often in conjunction with work trips) to Thailand, the Philippines, and Taiwan.



*Steller's Sea Eagle photographed by Libby Lyons*

Libby was a biology professor for ten years before she joined the National Science Foundation 20 years ago. She will present a travelogue peppered with scientific tidbits, e.g., the decline of such rare species as the Spoon-billed Sandpiper, the syntax of Japanese Tits and conservation attitudes in East Asia.

Early bird refreshments start at 7:30 pm. Any contributions of food or beverage will be most gratefully received. There will be a drawing for door prizes. Northern Virginia Bird Club pins will be available for members who would like to buy them (\$5 each).

**MEETING PLACE:** St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, 22207. Directions are on page 5.

To make a reservation, please call the Sea Crest Inn and provide your name and phone number. You will be asked to mail a personal check or money order within 7 days of calling. On the check enter the dates you will be staying and

NVBC. You will be mailed a reservation confirmation.

Please drop me an email at [drgerco@hotmail.com](mailto:drgerco@hotmail.com) if you would like to participate.

—Gerco Hoogeweg

## Presidential Peentings

Last year the second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas began its five-year mission to map the distribution and status of Virginia's breeding bird community. VABBA2, as it is known for short, is helmed by Dr. Ashley Peele who has been tireless in her efforts to train and educate Virginia birders about this atlas. It is supported by the Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO) and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). Not only will the data collected in this effort enable an assessment to be made of the current state of Virginia's breeding birds, it will also allow a comparison to be made with the data from the atlas completed more than twenty-five years ago. All of the data collected is done through a special VABBA2 eBird portal. This means that birders who are regular eBirders simply need to put their checklists with breeding data on the portal to have their data included in the atlas. You can even put checklists from last year on the portal.

When I am out in the field atlasing, I find that I bird a bit differently. Instead of just checking off a bird I see and moving on, I spend a little more time seeing what the bird is up to. Is it carrying food, collecting nesting material, or maybe visiting a nest? All of these activities would confirm the bird as a breeder. I call it putting on my "atlas

eyes." I find myself automatically noticing bird behavior in a more analytical way than I did before the atlas began. For example, it seems like every time I look at a bird, I check to see if it is carrying something in its bill which would likely mean it's a confirmed breeder. Another good way to confirm breeding birds is to find babies. On a recent walk for NVBC, our group found a Common Yellowthroat singing. We waited a bit instead of moving on and were rewarded by seeing a female Common Yellowthroat pop up and fly over to feed some babies. If we had not been in atlasing mode, we might not have seen this.

Atlasing also has prodded me to visit more local birding spots. I have found several productive locations in the two atlas blocks that I am responsible for that I may never have known about otherwise. Keep in mind that you do not need to be assigned a block to atlas to contribute.

Any data anywhere in Virginia by anyone is welcome. The VABBA2 is citizen science at its finest. Data that you collect will be fully utilized and will not sit on a shelf or in the cloud somewhere. I encourage you to find out more about, and hopefully become involved in, this important project.

—Larry Meade



*Osprey streaming nesting material photographed by Larry Meade*

## NVBC Officers 2017-2019 Term

At the Club meeting in April, members approved the slate of officers nominated for re-election. Re-elected were President, Larry Meade; Vice-President for Programs, David Farner; Vice-President for Field Activities, Elton Morel; Secretary, Diane Marton; and Treasurer, Jean Tatalias; as well as Directors, Catherine Kubo, and Joanna Taylor. Newly-elected Directors include Tom Nardone, Ghazali Raheem and Phil Silas.

The Board extends its appreciation to Emily Caven for her service as a director and for her contributions including designing and producing the club's business cards. We will be losing another director, Catherine Kubo, when she moves to Indiana. She will be missed not the least for her contributions in leading trips, setting up and maintaining the group email exchange and serving on the board. Our club could not sustain itself without the dedicated services of many volunteers.



*Mating American Oystercatchers photographed during the May Chincoteague trip by Larry Meade*

## Spring Weekend Trip: Chincoteague

Members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club went on our annual spring trip to Chincoteague on the weekend of May 19 to 21. We collectively saw and/or heard 85 species during the weekend. By our standards, 85 species was a low number mostly due to 20+ mph winds on Saturday that severely limited bird activity, especially land birds.

Our weekend started with the usual drive around the Wildlife Loop at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. We had a few good birds in close, mostly Dunlins, Semipalmated Plovers, Semipalmated Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitchers and many fine looking Black-bellied Plovers in their breeding plumage, but most of the birds were far out in the center of Snow Goose Pool. We spotted an unusual looking ibis amongst the Snowy Egrets and Little Blue Herons that we initially identified as a White-faced Ibis; however, there were a few features about the bird that weren't quite right. After reviewing the photos later in the weekend and having expert review of the photos, it was determined that the mystery ibis was a Glossy X White-faced Ibis hybrid. A quick trip out Beach Road to the north beach parking lot netted us good views of a Piping Plover on the nest inside a protective wire cage.

Our evening trip to find the Chuck-will's-widow at sunset on Friday night was a mixed bag. Plenty of "Chucks" were heard, one very close to us, but all we could manage to see was fleeting glimpses of a shadowy bird flying through the foliage. On the other hand, what we did encounter was an abundance of ferocious and unrelenting swarms of mosquitos that eventually cut short our efforts to search for another "Chuck."

On Saturday morning, we woke up to a brutal forecast for the day – high winds throughout the day. We started our birding by walking to the new boardwalk nearby the hotel. There we heard several Clapper Rails and a few of us managed to see the rails. Our trip out to Tom's Cove and the beach parking lots netted us more Piping Plovers, Least Terns, Black Skimmers, Ruddy Turnstones and Sanderlings, several of which were already in their reddish breeding plumage, which we don't often get to see. In the late morning, we ventured out to Queen Sound Flats to find Black-necked Stilts, American Oystercatchers and the Common Tern colony. The afternoon's birding was really

difficult given the high winds, but we did manage to add White Ibis at Mariner's Point and a couple of Royal Terns on our return trip to Tom's Cove.

Sunday morning brought much better weather, good enough to go on the highlight event of the weekend – a boat trip out on Chincoteague Inlet provided to us by Daisey's Island Cruises. We did a big circle around the inlet across the channel opposite Mariner's Point, then out to the far end of the point off Tom's Cove, and finally back to Mariner's Point. Our highlights of the

trip were Red Knots transitioning to breeding plumage, several non-breeding Common Loons, a couple of Common Terns, a pod of dolphins feeding on a school of fish and finally, a Clapper Rail out in the open amongst the pieces of wood piled up along the beach next to the nearby salt marsh.

–Elton Morel

Photographs by Seth Honig of:  
Clapper Rail (above)  
Ruddy Turnstone (below left)  
Piping Plover (below right)



## Upcoming Trips and Events

Compiled by Elton Morel

**Note:**

- Beginning birders are welcome on all trips.
- When reservations are required, please call one of the trip leaders. Phone numbers are on page 6.
- If in doubt about a trip because of weather, please call one of the leaders.
- Check the NVBC website for updated information about trips: Breaking News or Field Trips.
- To receive email notices, join the NVBC eMail Exchange. For sign-up directions see back page of *The Siskin*.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>August</u></b>						
						<b>12</b> <b>Bombay Hook</b> <b>X-Trip</b> <b>Members only/</b> <b>Registration</b> <b>Required</b> Larry Meade Marc Ribaldo
						<b>19</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Huntley Meadows</b> Larry Cartwright
						<b>26</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Huntley Meadows</b> <b>- Hike &amp; Bike Trail</b> Larry Cartwright
			<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Dyke Marsh</b> Dixie Sommers	<b><u>September</u></b>		<b>2</b> <b>8 AM</b> <b>Shenandoah River Campus</b> <b>at Cool Springs Battlefield</b> Elton Morel Dave Boltz
<b>3</b> <b>7 PM</b> <b>Swift/Nighthawk</b> <b>Watch</b> Elizabeth Fenton <b>Call leader for meeting</b> <b>place and directions</b>			<b>6</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Long Branch</b> Tom Nardone			<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Leesylvania SP</b> Marc Ribaldo David Ledwith
			<b>13</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Royal Lake -</b> <b>Lakeside Park</b> Phil Silas Ghazali Raheem		<b>15-17</b> <b>VSO</b> <b>Chincoteague</b> <b>Weekend</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Algonkian RP</b> Elton Morel David Ledwith
			<b>20</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Huntley Meadows</b> <b>- Hike &amp; Bike Trail</b> Dixie Sommers Tom Nardone  <b>NVBC Meeting</b> <b>8 PM</b>			<b>23</b> <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aquia Landing</b> Elton Morel
			<b>27</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Fort CF Smith</b> Tom Nardone			<b>30</b> <b>8 AM</b> <b>Occoquan Bay</b> <b>NWR</b> Phil Silas Larry Meade

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>October</u></b>			<b>4</b> 8:30 AM <b>Long Branch</b> Phil Klingelhofer			<b>7</b> 8 AM <b>Silver Lake SP</b> Larry Meade David Ledwith
			<b>11</b> 8:30 AM <b>Bles Park</b> Jean Tatalias			<b>14</b> 8 AM <b>Sky Meadows SP</b> Marc Ribaud
			<b>18</b> 8:30 AM <b>Dyke Marsh</b> Dixie Sommers Ghazali Raheem			<b>21</b> 8 AM <b>Meadowood Recreation Area</b> Elton Morel
			<b>25</b> 8:30 AM <b>Burke Lake Park</b> Jean Tatalias		<b>27-29</b> <b>NVBC Cape May Weekend</b> <i>Reservations required/Members only</i> Gerco Hoogeweg Larry Meade	<b>28</b> 8 AM <b>Leopold's Preserve</b> Elton Morel Phil Silas
			<b><u>November 1</u></b> 8:30 AM <b>Long Branch</b> Phil Klingelhofer Ghazali Raheem			<b>4</b> 8 AM <b>Occoquan Bay NWR</b> Marc Ribaud David Ledwith

#### DIRECTIONS

**NVBC Meeting (9/20) St. Andrews Episcopal Church**, 4000 Lorcom Ln, Arlington 22207, at the intersection of Lorcom Ln and Military Rd. From the intersection of Spout Run Pkwy and Lorcom Ln, go about a half mile on Lorcom to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Military and enter the first driveway on the right. There is some parking near the Church's back entrance and a bigger lot up the driveway. There is on-street parking. Enter at the back door facing Military Rd which leads to the Undercroft where the meeting is held.

**Algonkian Regional Park (9/16)** 47001 Fairway Dr, Sterling 20165 From I-495, take Rt 7 west 11 miles (mi.) to Cascades Pkwy north and drive 3 mi. to the park entrance. Proceed on Fairway Dr turning left onto Volcano Island Dr, then turn right into parking lot. Meet at the parking lot beside restrooms and Park Shelter 1.

**Aquia Landing Beach Park (9/23)** 2846 Brooke Rd, Stafford 22554 From southbound I-95 towards Stafford, take

exit 140 to Stafford, then left (east) on Courthouse Rd (Rt 630), go 3.5 mi. and turn right on Andrew Chapel Rd (Rt 629), go 0.9 mi. and under the railroad bridge to a slight left onto Brooke Rd (Rt 608) go 4.4 mi. to the park entrance, continue past park entrance gate to the parking lot at the end of the road. Meet in the parking lot.

**Bles Park (10/11)** 44830 Riverside Pkwy., Ashburn 20147 Take Rt 7 west to Loudoun County Pkwy. Turn right onto Loudoun County Pkwy and proceed 0.2 mi. Turn right onto George Washington Blvd and go 0.8 mi. to Riverside Pkwy. Turn left and proceed 1.1 mi. to park entrance. Meet at parking lot.

**Bombay Hook X-trip (8/12)** Take Rt 50 across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Go north 34 mi. on Rt 301. Turn right at Rt 300. Go 15 mi. to Kenton, Delaware. At the traffic light, turn right on Rt 42 to Leipsic. From there go left on Rt 9 for 1.5 mi. to the entrance of the refuge. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot.

**Burke Lake Park (10/25)** 7315 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station 22039 From I-495,

take exit 54 west (Braddock Rd). Stay in right lane of exit if you are coming from the north. On Braddock Rd, go 1.5 mi. and turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. Go 4.7 mi. and turn left onto Rt 123 (Ox Rd). Turn left at second traffic light (big park signs), and turn left immediately after the entrance booth. Park in the first lot on the right (by the mini-golf course).

**Dyke Marsh (8/30, 10/18)** 6401 George Washington Memorial Pkwy, Alexandria 22307 (Belle Haven Park and Marina) From Alexandria, take George Washington Pkwy south. Cross I-495; continue 1.2 mi. to Belle Haven Park entrance on the left. Meet at south parking lot.

**Fort C F Smith (9/27)** 2411 24th St N, Arlington 22207 From I-66 east, take exit 72 (Spout Run Pkwy). At traffic light, turn right on Lee Hwy. At successive traffic lights, turn left onto Spout Run Pkwy, then left onto Lorcom Ln, then right onto Fillmore St. Go one block on Fillmore, turn right onto N. 24th St (watch for speed humps), and continue to park on left. Meet in parking lot at east end of park.

### Trip Directions *from page 5*

**Huntley Meadows Hike and Bike Trail (8/26, 9/20)** From I-495, take Rt 1 south 0.5 mi to Rt 633 (S. King Hwy). Turn right (west), go 2.5 miles to park entrance and lot on left (just before Telegraph Rd).

**Huntley Meadows Park (8/19)** 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria 22306 From I-495, take Rt 1 south 3 mi. to Lockheed Blvd. Right on Lockheed; go 0.5 mi. to Harrison Ln, park entrance on left. Meet in parking lot.

**Leesylvania State Park (9/9)** 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Dr, Woodbridge 22191 From I-495, take I-95 south about 14 mi. to exit 156 (Dale City/Rippon Landing/Rt 784). Following the posted highway signs for Leesylvania State Park, exit east on Rt 784. Proceed eastward 1.1 mi. to Rt 1. Turn right (south) on Rt 1 and go 0.9 mi. to Neabsco Rd. Immediately past the Wawa service station, turn left (east) on Neabsco Rd and proceed 2 mi. to park entrance on right. After passing through the park entrance gate, go 2.2 mi. to end of paved road and park in "Picnic Area" parking lot, immediately before turn-around circle at fishing pier. State fee area.

**Leopold's Preserve (10/28)** 16283 Thoroughfare Rd, Haymarket 20169 From I-66 west, take exit 40 to Rt 15 toward Haymarket/Leesburg. Turn left onto Rt 15 south. Turn right onto Rt 55 and go 1.7 mi. to Thoroughfare Rd. Turn left onto Thoroughfare and go 0.3 mi. There are parking lots on both sides of the road. Meet in the right hand (west) parking lot. The left hand (east) parking lot can be used for overflow parking.

**Long Branch Nature Area (9/6, 10/4, 11/1)** 625 S Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington 22204 Take Rt 50, east from Fairfax or west from Rosslyn to Carlin Springs exit. Go south on Carlin Springs 0.5 mi. to Nature Center on left, just south of N. Va Community Hospital on left. Meet at Nature Center parking lot.

**Meadowood Recreation Area (10/21)** 10406 Gunston Rd, Lorton, VA 22079 From I-495, take I-95 south 7 mi. to Lorton exit. Left on Rt 642. Immediately after passing under railroad tracks (0.25 mi.) turn right on Lorton Market Rd, which soon becomes Gunston Cove Rd. After crossing Rt 1, road becomes Gunston Rd. Go 1.8 miles to Meadowood on right. (BLM, Lower Potomac Station Office). Park on right next to horse barns just before field station building.

**Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge (9/30, 11/4)** 13950 Dawson Beach Rd, Woodbridge 22192 From I-495, take I-95 south 9 mi. to (left) exit 161 (Woodbridge). Go south on Rt 1 about 2 mi. to left turn onto Dawson Beach Rd. Continue on Dawson Beach 0.7 mi. to entrance gate. Meet in parking lot. US fee area.

**Royal Lake - Lakeside Park (9/13)** 5216 Pommeroy Dr, Fairfax 22032 From I-495, take exit to VA-620 (Braddock Rd) and continue on Braddock Rd for 2.36 mi. Turn left onto Rt 651, Guinea Rd continue .64 mi. and stay straight at intersection onto Commonwealth Blvd (do not turn left to follow Guinea Rd) for .4 mi. Turn left on Pommeroy Dr and then turn right at the intersection with Bronte Dr to the entrance leading to parking lot.

**Shenandoah River Campus at Cool Springs Battlefield (9/2)** From I-495, take VA-267 West (Dulles Toll Road) to Leesburg for 36.8 mi. Take exit 1A and merge onto US-15 South/VA-7 West/Leesburg Bypass for 3.3 mi. Continue straight to stay on VA7 West for 17.1 mi. After passing Snicker's Gap but just before the Shenandoah River Bridge, turn right at Parker Lane (F709) then go 1.4 mi. to the parking lot. To avoid the toll, from I-495 take VA-7 West (Leesburg Pike) to Leesburg for 47.2 mi. After passing Snicker's Gap but just before the Shenandoah River Bridge, turn right at Parker Lane, then go 1.4 mi. to the parking lot.

**Silver Lake Park (10/7)** 16198 Silver Lake Rd, Haymarket 20169 From I-495, take I-66 west 24 miles to exit 40 (Rt 15). Turn south onto Rt 15 (toward Haymarket) and go 0.3 mi. to Rt 55. Turn right onto Rt 55 and go 0.9 miles to Antioch Rd. Turn right onto Antioch and go 1.3 mi. to Silver Lake Rd. Turn right and proceed to park entrance and continue to parking lot next to the lake. Meet in parking lot.

**Sky Meadows State Park (10/14)** 11012 Edmonds Ln, Delaplane 20144 From I-495, take I-66 west 42 mi. to exit for Rt 17 north (Delaplane/Paris). North on Rt 17 6.5 mi. to Rt 710. Turn left into park and proceed 1 mi. to Visitor Center parking lot. State fee area

**Virginia Society of Ornithology Chincoteague Weekend (9/15-17)** For information, visit [www.virginiabirds.org](http://www.virginiabirds.org)

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Marc Ribaud	703-680-1134
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### Bird Walks at Local Parks

- **Dyke Marsh, Sundays, 8 am** See directions. Visit the Friends of Dyke Marsh web site, [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org)
- **Eakin Park, Mondays, 7:30 am** Meet at Prosperity Ave parking lot. Leader: Carolyn Williams
- **Great Falls National Park, Sundays, 8 am** Meet in front of the snack bar/concession stand at the Park Visitor Center.
- **Huntley Meadows Park, Mondays, 7 am (Mar-Oct) 8 am (Nov-Feb)** Meet in parking lot. Leader: Harry Glasgow

**NOTE:** new meeting location for Great Falls walk



**10% Birder Discount to NVBC members at Birdwatchers Seed and Supply Company.**

Mention you are in the club at checkout. Address: 396 Maple Avenue East (corner of Beulah Rd) in Vienna 703-242-4565

## Highland County Spring Trip

Thirteen members visited Highland County, Virginia the weekend of June 2 to 4, identifying 79 species (with 7 of those being heard only). The trip started Friday, June 2, at the Highland Inn in Monterey, Virginia and proceeded to the Bluegrass Valley area with stops at a Trout Farm and the Forks of Waters. Highlights were a family of Wood Ducks at the Trout Farm, female Orchard Oriole at the Forks of Waters and Bobolinks, Ravens and Eastern Meadowlarks along the Bluegrass Valley Roads.

The next morning following breakfast the group went to Paddy's Knob where good views were had by all of a Mourning Warbler and Black-

billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos. Other sightings of note were Chestnut-sided Warblers, Indigo Buntings and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, along with a Scarlet Tanager and a Blue-headed Vireo seen by some. In the afternoon we returned to the Bluegrass Valley where a House Wren and Yellow Warbler were among the species seen. However, no Golden-winged Warblers were seen or heard during our stop at the usual spot.

On Sunday morning, June 4 instead of returning to the Bluegrass Valley, we drove south to the Bolar area based on reported Golden-winged Warbler sightings on Big Valley Road. Highlights were

sightings of Cedar Waxwings, Baltimore Oriole and Least Flycatcher at the Jackson River Bridge near Bolar and Northern Parula, Brown Thrasher, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and a heard (and partially seen by one person) Golden-winged Warbler on Big Valley Road.

—*Marv Rubin*

*Mourning Warbler (left) and Rose-breasted Grosbeak (center) photographed by Phillip Mitchell  
Least Flycatcher photographed by Paul Bielefeldt (right)*



## New Trip Site: Royal Lake - Lakeside Park

The club has added a new trip site for fall. Royal Lake is a J-shaped, 38-acre lake in Fairfax. The meeting place will be at the Lakeside Park parking lot at the Pommeroy Drive entrance. The park has a two-mile relatively flat, but with a few steeper grades with steps, mostly shaded loop along the lakeshore that will take about 3 hours to bird. Bikes are prohibited on the natural-surface trail, which makes it easier for birders. The woods, grassland, shore and lake should produce 30+ species. The timing of the walk, September 13, is in the midst of fall migration and hopefully some mud flats along the lakeshore could produce some interesting shorebirds.

—*Phil Silas and  
Elton Morel*



*View of Royal Lake photographed by Pat Gause*

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If you miss an issue of *The Siskin* or need to report an address or ZIP Code change, please send an email message to [lgmeade@gmail.com](mailto:lgmeade@gmail.com) or leave a message for Elizabeth Fenton at 703-533-0851.

*Please note: NVBC does not exchange, give away, or sell its membership lists.*

### **NVBC ON THE WEB**

Current information and special notices about NVBC meetings, field trips, and other activities, along with a printable membership form, are posted on the club's website, [www.nvabc.org](http://www.nvabc.org). If you have information or pictures you would like to see on the website, please email the webmaster, Ghazali Raheem, at [WebmasterNVBC@gmail.com](mailto:WebmasterNVBC@gmail.com).

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### **NVBC eMail Exchange**

By participating in the club's email exchange, you can get email notices of late updates to *The Siskin* and the field trip schedule. To join the exchange, send an email to [lgmeade@gmail.com](mailto:lgmeade@gmail.com). Put "EXCHANGE" in the subject field and your full name in the message area. You will receive a response from [nvbc-exchange@googlegroups.com](mailto:nvbc-exchange@googlegroups.com). The list is for NVBC members' use only.

**General Meeting Date:** September 20, and November 15, 2017.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 7:30 pm, at Diane Marton's home. All club members are welcome at board meetings. For directions or to have items put on the agenda, please call or email Diane Marton.

**Thanks to the mailing crew: Many thanks to the April mail out crew:** Sally Carson, Elizabeth Fenton, Diane Marton and Joanna Taylor.

**Deadline for next issue of *The Siskin*:** The November issue will include activities through January 2018. Please send items for

publication by **October 1, 2017** to the editors at [siskineditor@verizon.net](mailto:siskineditor@verizon.net).

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