

CORRESPONDENCE

Vince Schneider received a letter in Dec. from Boris Savik, jr., a fossil collector in California. Mr. Savik is very interested in trading specimens. For those of you who may be interested, his letter reads as follows:

I just recently had the pleasure of corresponding with Mark Johnson who used to be a member of the N.C. Fossil Club but moved to Wisconsin. He had some very nice echinoids to exchange with from the Castle Hayne Formation at the Ideal Cement Quarry. My field and specialty is irregular echinoids and I have spent 15 years studying them and organizing a reference collection. In those years I have made many contacts and exchanges thru out the country but somehow never in North Carolina. Mark suggested to have me get in touch with you and see if I can spark off some of your members in some echinoid exchanges. I hope you will pass my letter to your members. I would be able to supply California echinoids in return with proper identification and locality. My greatest problem in finding people interested in correspondence is the motivation to initially start the pen flowing. Hope you may have some enthusiasm in your club. I have enclosed a list of echinoids available for exchange. Hope that you may have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

For those of you that are interested, Mr. Savik's address is: 3144 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90034. Vince Schneider has the list of echinoids that Mr. Savik enclosed.

REPORT

On October 24, the Fossil Club held its annual meeting and Fossil Fair.

We met at Texasgulf at 9am and spent a profitable morning in the "pits". Some good finds were made including 2 big shark's teeth. We returned to the clubhouse around 1:30pm to find several people already there with their fossils for identification. The professors from U.N.C. were very helpful and interested. We appreciated their help and thank them for coming.

After the fair, the members sat down to a delicious meal of roast pork and trimmings prepared by Pete Harmatuk and his family. It was super and we thank them for it again.

BOOK REVIEW by D. Whitman

Dance of the Tiger by Bjorn Kurten (ppbk-Berkley Books, 1981) #2.95, 263p.

The author is a distinguished paleontologist who has blended his knowledge of mammals and the Ice Ages with his storytelling skills to produce a novel which is "a good story filled with insight into human character and the ways of nature." This is a tale of what might have happened if Neandertal man (Homo sapiens neandertalensis) and Cro-Magnon man (H. sapiens sapiens) had met somewhere in the European forests of 35,000 years ago during a temporary thaw in the Ice Ages. Although Kurten's two races have many physical and cultural differences, they combine forces to dispel a common evil and their continued amity gives rise to Kurten's hypothesis as to why the more primitive Neandertal died out.

Dance of the Tiger is a fast-paced adventure story. Fossil Club people might especially enjoy reading about the animals that Kurten populates his landscapes with.

DONATIONS

We are always happy to recognize those who unselfishly donate their significant finds. This list may be incomplete, so let us know if we've left you out, and please notify us when you make a contribution.

- Frank & Becky Hyne: (to the Smithsonian)
 - a first postcanine tooth of a monk seal (a rare find)
 - a first metacarpal bone from the right flipper of a seal
 - a tooth of an extinct porpoise, whose teeth have frequently been confused with those of seals.

A short meeting followed the meal. We elected four board members: Annette Seymour, Mike Wortham, Judy Raynor, and Denise Whitman. The board decided to meet at a later date to plan next year's trips.

(Carolynne Hertenstein)

THE FINE PRINT ...

These are the safety rules you'll wish you had read. Veteran fossil hunters will realize the importance of little rules such as: HARD HATS REQUIRED. Equally important, but not required, are sensible shoes. Tennis shoes are not sensible; sturdy shoes or boots are. Your cushioned feet and unsprained ankles will appreciate it.

Texasgulf adds a few rules of their own: no one under 18 years of age can be admitted, and everyone must a safe distance (at least 2 hills) away from equipment and machinery. In addition, the club's usual guest policy is void on Texasgulf trips; sorry, no guests, please.

Fossil hunters meet at the gates to each quarry at 9am on the specified dates. Please be on time; we will not wait more than ten minutes, and at some quarries (Texasgulf), if you don't go in with the group, you don't get in at all.

For most trips you may want to bring your lunch and something to drink.

Club members will be asked to sign up at each trip, and perhaps show a membership card (if we get them sent out). We just like to know who shows up where.

DUES ...

Dues are due by April 15th, or by March 13th if you're planning to go on the first trip. Don't send mail to the old P.O. box, as we're in the middle of having it changed. In the meantime, any correspondence may be sent to either:

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422 Buck Jones Rd. #10
Raleigh, N.C. 27606

or: Annette Seymour
902 Vickie Drive
Cary, N.C. 27511

NORTH CAROLINA FOSSIL CLUB
Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Type of membership(s):		Number of memberships:
Individual (new)	\$10.00	_____
Individual (renewal)	5.00	_____
Spouse	2.50	_____
Junior	1.50	_____

Signature _____ Date _____