

draped kennel cab] to dry. While preening to try and remove oil, waterbirds will often ingest some of the oil, so our bird was gavaged [tube fed] with Pepto-Bismol [yes, that is the state-of-the-art treatment!] to coat the intestines and keep oil from reaching vital organs. The next day he was offered hand-fed whole fish -- and ate, and ate, and ate! An exceptionally gentle bird, [remember, gannets never see man and haven't developed a fear of us] the sight of a rubber-gloved hand constantly inspired him to open that big mouth!

While he was returning to normal weight, we gave him ample opportunity to bathe and restore his waterproofing. OKay - he's ready to go, but you can't just take a gannet to water and release him. Ideally, he needs open ocean -- it looks familiar and he can adjust. Phone calls located a NOAA boat leaving for the Gulf Stream. They took our bird with them and the crew had the thrill of seeing a rehabilitated Northern Gannet join a flock of his own and head north to breed.

OWLS NEEDS: A small microwave oven [big enough to hold a baby bottle!] Call 240-1200.

Welcome to the newest PKS graduates of the OWLS volunteer training class: Susan Phillips and Clare Winslow. They're now handling hawks and getting very dirty cleaning pelican cages!

A big thank you to all PKS residents who responded to our recent fund drive. With people like you, our permanent "wildlife hospital" in PKS will become a reality soon! And very special thanks to Libby Schlimper "in memory of Harry Schlimper"- our supporters from the beginning.

STEPHANIE GOETZINGER

#### ANCIENT MARINERS

January finds Team #2 Captain Lester Scarpone slipping into first place. Team #3 Captain Libby McCulley has faltered and finds themselves in second place.

The men's 200+ club had repeaters only with Bob Gallo's ringing 242 and Dave Hasulak at 218

Lo and behold, the women's 180+ club had no, yes I said no, new or repeat members.

Men's 500+ club had repeaters only, Bob Gallo 580, 517, 509; Dave Hasulak 566, 507; Frank Herbst 505; Lester Scarpone 515; Art Stone 522, 519.

The women's 450+ club roared in with Lib Fleming at 465; Millie Herbst 473, 456; Edna Kent 456; Vern Wallace 455,

The Mid-season banquet was a resounding success as usual. The Stones, Peg and Art, headed up the dinner and set-up arrangements and they were ably assisted by Mary and Matt Clark, Pat and Steve Nelson, Jo and Lester Scarpone. Many, many thanks for a job well done.

"The Live Entertainment" headed by Rene Ingram; written by Jack Morris; narrated by Stew Cox and Hank Ingram; Music by Libby McCulley. The players, may they be forgiven: Lester Scarpone as the soldier; Kathy Keegan, The Black Jack Dealer; Ted Goetzinger, the Tennis Player; Stephanie Goetzinger, The Lighthouse Keeper; Dave Hasulak at the Dancer; Mary Wiker, the Seamstress and Steve Nelson, the Bowler.

Hey! What can I say? The food was good.

DAVE HASULAK

#### FROM THE AQUARIUM

February events include the following: -- Films will be shown at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The following weekend films are scheduled -- February 24 and 25 "How Do Fish Swim". These film presentations will take place on Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 p.m. -- February 19 and 23 - "Return of the Great Whales" and February 26 - "The Restless Sea"

Field excursions are scheduled in February at the Aquarium. All trips require pre-registration. Fees are charged for certain field experiences. For more information, please call [919] 247-4004. The field trips are: February 22, The Winter Beach and February 24, Cliffs of the Neuse [fee].