



# Friendly, fun, and Informative Bird Watching

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[southernoceanbirdinggroup.org](http://southernoceanbirdinggroup.org) **Due to Covid, all in person meetings at the Tuckerton Seaport are cancelled for the foreseeable future, but we are hoping that we can all get back together for meeting in August.**

## Annual Dues for 2022

Dues for 2022 are due from now. Singles are \$20, and couples are \$35 for the year. You can send a check, payable to Southern Ocean Birding Group, to: SOBG, c/o Jeanine Apgar, 206 N. Frankfurt Ave, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215. Online Paypal is available for renewals, new memberships, and donations on **our website**.

## A Busy April Wraps Up

April 9 the SOBG did its annual cleanup of Great Bay Blvd., Little Egg Harbor. This is our annual community service project, which helps collect trash and especially plastic, keeping it out of Barnegat Bay and the ocean. Over 40 bags of trash were collected by the 21 volunteers who came out to help.

Preceding the cleanup, we had our exchange program with Tucson Audubon, with 28 people on Zoom, who enjoyed learning about why that area is such a hot spot, and the great birds that can be found there. On April 14, our Greg Prelich did a program for them on the 'Four Seasons of Birding NJ', which again, had a good crowd on Zoom. Thanks Greg!

Finally, on April 22, we held our Wine and Cheese Scholarship Fundraiser at LBI Foundation. It was attended by 40 people, and was very successful, exceeding our goals for our "Lesser/Bacinski Memorial Scholarship Fund". Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it such a success. Our thanks also to

Virginia Rettig and Kimberly McKenna for their interesting and informative program.



## May 5, 2022 Virtual Meeting

Our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be "Birding Belize" presented by Susan Puder. Belize is about the size of Massachusetts, but with a population about half of that of Ocean County. It is one of the most environmentally conscious countries in the Americas. Over 600 bird species have been recorded within its borders. We will spend time at Rio Bravo Conservation Area and Crooked Tree.

So, sit back and take a trip to this wonderful Central American country. Also, learn about some of the animals and butterflies that can be found there and explore some of the ruins left behind from the Mayan Empire that stretched over most of Central America a thousand years ago.

A Zoom invite will be sent the end of shortly. In the meantime, stay safe and get vaccinated and boosted.

## Field Trips:

**May 14—Spring Migrants—tbd**

**May 22—Heislerville and Delaware Bayshore**



**Friends in Southern Ocean Birding Group (group)**

# Photos from Fundraiser

By Susan Puder, Val Henken, Linda Gangi



# Photos from the Great Bay Blvd. Cleanup

By Linda Gangi

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