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THE WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING MAY 15, 2010

ANNOUNCING FOR THE FIRST TIME!

The team of all teams destined to win it all!



THE UNIONIZED GARLIC KNOTS!

Representing Rahway River Association, National Biodiversity Parks and all of central NJ's hopes!!!! - in no particular order:

Fred Virrazzi - Once birded 21 consecutive days via mountain bike, losing 20 lbs and a boot. Has viewed ~ 400 species in NJ, 750 species in North America and 3,000 en el mundo total. Survey teams he was on set several avidiversity records for NJ and have taken top honors in the WS of Birding 3 times. Notable recent sightings: Pine Grosbeaks in Jersey City, American Bittern in Ash Brook Reservation, Ivory-billed Woodpecker and an 8 lb Water Moccasin in the SE US; a Jaguar and Ornate Hawk-Eagle in Panama. Also goes by ***The Swamp-Thing*** or Tuco. He studies insects, reptiles and various rare animals under government permit and is on the Boards of Rahway River Association and National Biodiversity Parks.

Emile DeVito - Il Padrino (Godfather) has done a score of WSBs taking top honors; he has birded throughout the US and is a borderline Union County resident. He has been known to ID birds by their droppings. Interrupts birding by examining every plant in sight and its ecological significance; this led to the discovery of a unique, relic, outer coastal plant community in Ash Brook with the RR Association. He is one of the most dedicated conservationists and biodiversity advocates in the state. He oversees the management of several thousand acres of protected lands. Recent studies and sightings include Timber Rattlesnakes, Red-headed Woodpeckers and the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.

Brett Bowser - As a US Fish and Wildlife Officer, he protects an international collection of rare species, including tigers, rhinos and rare birds from extinction. He is an avid outdoorsman, managing large properties in multiple states. He has decided to join the team through a lapse of judgment. Will Bowser make it?

Please support the valuable work of the Rahway River Association (RRA) & National Biodiversity parks (NBP) by signing the attached pledge sheet. You can support a flat amount or an amount per species up to 100!!!!

**Learn more about the work of NBP & RRA on our websites
www.rahwayriver.org Or www.nationalbiodiversityparks.org**



To: Friends & Supporters of the RRA & National Biodiversity Parks

**From: "The Unionized Garlic Knots"
Crackerjack Birding Team**

Re: WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING 5/15

On Saturday, May 15, our team will be participating in the NJ Audobon Society's 27th Annual World Series of Birding. The objective is to identify as many different species of birds as possible within the 24-hour period, all within the boundaries of Union County, NJ. The "Knots" will be competing with other teams throughout New Jersey. Your **tax deductible pledge** will assist the Rahway River Association and National Biodiversity Parks. These organizations are studying, restoring and protecting the sensitive natural resources, migration corridors and animals in central NJ and elsewhere for future generations. **We need your support!**

In past years, members of our team have won the NJ, County Division three times in other Counties. This time they are on their home turf so anything can happen! The Knot is a threatened bird, hence the team name. The team will start at mid-night and go for 24 hours, non-stop, visiting the valuable open-spaces, marshes and forests of Central NJ. Can they do it again? Or are they so old, that Emile will need a nap?

Please consider helping these two worthwhile organizations by supporting our team. Thanks!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Yes! "I want to celebrate the diversity of Union County by sponsoring the team." Good luck!

For donation purposes, the max each team could tally is 100 species (for example $100 \times .25 = \$25$).

Let's see how well you can do. "I pledge per species":
 25¢ 50¢ \$1.00 \$2.00 other \$ _____ per species

OR

I prefer to make a flat donation of \$ _____ (enclosed).

(Make checks payable to Rahway River Association or NBP Inc. Mail pledge form and/or checks to: NBP 18 Tennyson Street, Carteret, NJ 07008. Thank you!!!!)