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Title: Guiding Protection of the Diablo Wilderness: Scott Hein Elected Save Mount Diablo's New Board President

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After fourteen years of leading Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors, past President Malcolm Sproul, welcomed longtime fellow Board Member and supporter Scott Hein as he accepts the position as the new board president for 2013.

Continuing in the original spirit of the local environmental non-profit organization's late co-founder, botanist Dr. Mary Bowerman, both Sproul and Hein lend their scientific perspectives to assist with Save Mount Diablo's work to preserve, defend and restore the remaining unprotected 70,000 acres surrounding Mount Diablo. "We are fortunate to have amazingly talented and dedicated volunteers to assist with our work to preserve, defend and restore the Diablo wilderness. All of our Board and Committee members go above and beyond to share their expertise. We welcome Scott in his new role as Board President," explained Executive Director Ron Brown.

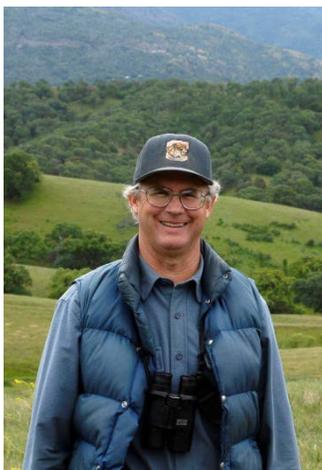
Scott Hein, New Board President



In addition to Chairing the Land Committee and serving as a member of the Stewardship Committee, Hein has been a Board Member for more than a decade. He also happens to be a naturalist and nature photographer- providing Save Mount Diablo many of his gorgeous images of the wild lands and life in our backyard. "My personal expectation is that, if we are successful in our efforts to preserve its wild lands, we will one day have California Condors flying over the Diablo wilderness," Hein expressed.

Hein has a Doctorate in Analytical Chemistry from Oregon State University and a B.S. in Chemistry from Indiana University. He is co-owner of Diablo Analytical, Inc, a small technology business located in Antioch. Hein was appointed by the Concord City Council to serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse Project. He has received Diablo Magazine's Threads of Hope award for his volunteer efforts with Save Mount Diablo. He and his wife Claudia, live in Concord.

Malcolm Sproul, Past Board President



Sproul served as President of Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors from 1998 until 2012 providing his vast wildlife knowledge to project discussions. An experienced field naturalist and Principal in natural resources management and environmental planning at LSA Associates, he has spent most of his life exploring our local parks and open spaces. "I was the kid who hiked around the hills and brought back frogs, snakes and lizards. To know that there are kids growing up right now who want to get outdoors and that they have the opportunity, in part because of our work, is really satisfying," said Sproul. These rambles have given him a deep appreciation for the complexity and diversity of our natural resources and the need for their protection.

Sproul continues to contribute his expertise as a member of Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors, Land and Nominating Committees. "We are grateful for Malcolm's leadership over more than a decade and his continued support as a member of our Board of Directors and Land Committee," said Land Programs Director Seth Adams.

Summary:

WHAT - After fourteen years of leading Save Mount Diablo's Board of Directors, past President Malcolm Sproul, welcomed longtime fellow Board Member and supporter Scott Hein as the new Board President.

WHO – Malcolm Sproul, an experienced field naturalist and Principal in natural resources management and environmental planning at LSA Associates, served as Save Mount Diablo's President of the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2012.

Scott Hein, a longtime Save Mount Diablo volunteer, has served on the Land and Stewardship Committees in addition to the Board of Directors for more than a decade. Hein is also a naturalist and nature photographer.

WHERE – Save Mount Diablo is an environmental non-profit organization based in Walnut Creek working to preserve, defend and restore the remaining unprotected 70,000 acres surrounding Mount Diablo for people and wildlife to enjoy. Since its founding in 1971, preserved acres in the Diablo wilderness have expanded through joint efforts from less than 7,000 to more than 110,000 acres.

WHEN - Malcolm Sproul served as Save Mount Diablo's President of the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2012. Scott Hein has accepted the role of Board President.

WHY - Continuing in the original spirit of the local environmental non-profit organization's late co-founder, botanist Dr. Mary Bowerman, both Sproul and Hein lend their scientific perspectives to assist with Save Mount Diablo's work to preserve, defend and restore the remaining unprotected 70,000 acres surrounding Mount Diablo.

Photos: Hi-res images may be downloaded here:

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Captions and Credits:

1. Scott Hein, Save Mount Diablo's new Board President, on Mt. Diablo's Mary Bowerman Trail which was named for the non-profit's co-founder. By Claudia Hein, www.heinphoto.com.
2. Malcolm Sproul served as Save Mount Diablo's Board President for 14 years and will continue to lend his wildlife expertise as a member of the Board of Directors and the Land Committee. By Scott Hein, www.heinphoto.com.

Save Mount Diablo is a non-profit 501(c)(3) conservation organization, which has been preserving lands on and around Mount Diablo and educating the public to the mountain's natural values since 1971. Preserved lands have increased from 6,788 acres in one park to more than 110,000 acres in more than 40 parks and preserves. Save Mount Diablo continues to preserve, defend and restore the remainder of the mountain for people and wildlife to enjoy. Contact: Save Mount Diablo, telephone: (925) 947-3535, fax: (925) 947-0642, 1901 Olympic Blvd., Suite 320, Walnut Creek, CA 94596; www.SaveMountDiablo.org ###