



The Explorers Club Northern California Chapter

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SUMMER 2019

HANNIBAL'S SECRET WEAPON Dr. Patrick Hunt FN'19, May 31, 2019



For the final meeting of Steve Smith's tenure as Chair of the Northern California Chapter of The Explorers Club, we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Patrick Hunt FN'19 speak about Hannibal, the heroic military figure who led the Carthaginians against Rome in the Second Punic War.

The Punic Wars were a trilogy of the struggle between two major trading empires over the period 264 TO 146 BCE for control of the markets represented by the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. Rome had control of the Italian mainland; Carthage had control of the areas that surrounded the Mediterranean, a market built up by the Phoenicians who operated out of bases along the coast of what is Lebanon today. It covered North Africa and the Iberian Peninsula. The Celtic tribes controlled the country farther north.

In the First Punic War of 263 to 241 BCE, Rome and Carthage fought for control of Sicily. After many battles, Rome defeated Carthage and built its trading area to cover most of Italy and all of Sicily, just across the Mediterranean Sea at its narrowest point from Carthage.

This success was a first step for Rome on the road to empire and it left Carthage with a bitter animosity for its rival. As a young man, Hannibal was infused with a determination to oppose Rome and redress a perceived wrong. He is alleged to have sworn an oath of vengeance to his father, Hamilcar Barca, a Carthagian general and statesman. When Hannibal was 20, he was appointed a general in the Carthage army and embarked on his career as a leader in the Second Punic War, a war of vengeance and global expansion.

In the Second Punic War, Hannibal attacked Rome from the north, invading across the Alps using elephants. While surprise was almost always one of his greatest assets, especially combined with garnering superb military intelligence and mastering psychological operations, Hannibal's deep knowledge of local environments and topographies allowed him to exploit his enemies' vulnerabilities. He also carried Iberian silver on his elephants to pay the mercenaries and spies - Celts and disaffected Italians - to spy on Roman armies and their leadership.

He invariably arrived first to a battle site and turned the local conditions into advantages. He made a Roman army cross the freezing Trebia River, hid his army in fog above Lake Trasimene, and had the Romans chasing a herd of cattle disguised with burning sticks (torches) as a moving army at night in Campania. He also used an African dust storm at Cannae to blind Roman legions who faced the dusty wind and also disguised his army units as Romans.



The Roman Empire chose to let Hannibal operate up and down the Italian peninsula but he never attacked Rome itself, perhaps recognizing that it would be too tough to win. The Second Punic War ended with a battle in which Roman General Scipio's diversion of the elephants to rampage back through the Carthaginian troops resulted in the rout of Hannibal's army at Zama. This development led to Rome's ascent to power over most of its areas of conquest.

Dr. Patrick Hunt (Ph.D. Institute of Archaeology, UCL, University of London, 1991) is the author of twenty-one books, including several best sellers: *Hannibal* (Simon and Schuster, 2017) and also *Ten Discoveries That Rewrote History* (Penguin Group 2007). He also authored *When Empires Clash: Twelve Great Battles in Antiquity*, and *Alpine Archaeology*, among others. Hunt is an elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a newly elected Fellow of the Explorers Club and a National Lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America. His Alps research has been sponsored by the National Geographic Expeditions Council and he is also a National Geographic Expeditions Expert and NatGeo keynote speaker/explorer for NatGeo Learning. He has taught at Stanford University for 28 years.

ATTENDEES AT MAY 31 MEETING
All photos by Von Hurson



Speaker Patrick Hunt



Jimmy Friedman, Diana Picworth,
 Mike Diggles, Rick Saber



Rick Blake, Don & Elaine Dvorak



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Joan Boothe, Diana Pickworth



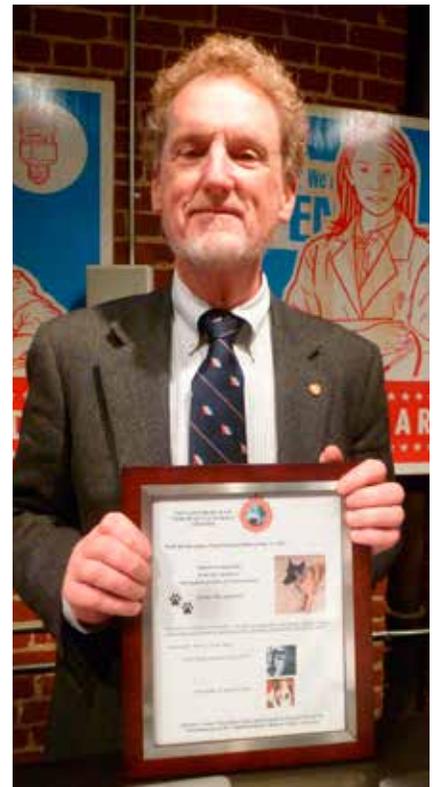
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Mike Diggles, Todd Carter, Blake Carter
 Rick Saber, Marco Maniketti



Sue Estey, Tom Paterson,
 Maggie & Rick Blake



Retiring Chair Steve Smith with
 Koda's Canine Sirdar certificate



Jimmy Friedman, Mike Diggles



Karin Baye, Kathy Jepsen, Sue Estey

MADONNAS AROUND THE WORLD



PHOTOGRAPHS BY EDWARD S. ROSS, PhD EDITED BY SANDRA MILLER ROSS, PhD
WITH SANDRA B. COOK, PhD AND EDWARD S. ROSS, PhD

Editor's Note

MADONNAS AROUND THE WORLD by Edward Ross PhD FE'79 and Sandra Ross PhD FN'93

A second publication has emerged from the vast collection of quality photos that Ed and Sandy Ross obtained during their explorations in the 1950s. With editorial help from Sandra Cook PhD MN'16 and Sandra Fish, Sandy has compiled a wonderful peek at Mother and Child images from around the world. With quotations from famous names past and present, this volume deserves to be included on everyone's gift list.

My special favorite quote is a poem by Edgar Allen Poe

"Because I feel that, in the Heavens above
The angels, whispering to one another
Can find, among their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of 'Mother'."

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THE TAIL OF A NEW SIRDAR

Steve Smith FN'96



At the Chapter's Annual Meeting, I was most pleased to be given some great appreciation gifts, including a surprise certificate for my friend Koda, the first official Canine Sirdar! Koda, whose actual name is Tomoro's Dawn's Early Light TT, CGCA is a Belgian Tervuren (sounds like Van Buren) dog. How does she deserve such an honor? The Belgian Tervuren has a long and proud history of serving police and the military and has become the dog of choice for service in military installations, airports, and in battle theaters like Afghanistan where their duties include alerting to IEDs. Taki, a Belgian, was the first dog to carry messages between troops in WW1. Cairo, a short-haired Belgian, was a member of SEAL Team 6 that captured Osama bin Laden, and later, by request, met President Obama. As a member of a SEAL team, they wear body armor, carry cameras, and even use night vision goggles. The British SAS are now performing high altitude (20,000 ft+) parachute jumps with Belgians wearing oxygen masks. I visited the village of Tervuren, from whence the breed came, in Belgium some years back and spent time at the Royal Museum. There, in a rather dusty corner, I discovered an extensive collection of the personal effects of Henry Morton Stanley ("Dr. Livingstone, I presume"). Belgians represent a long history of exploration, service, and adventure. What more can you expect of a Canine Sirdar?

Not convinced? I invite you to check out this Belgian!: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu_rLIq7-5

WECAD THIS WEEKEND

The Southern California Chapter invites you to this year's West Coast Explorers Club Annual Dinner — WECAD on the evening of June 22nd, 2019 at the Bowers Museum, located at 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, Ca. 92706

For more information:

<https://explorers.org/events/detail/wecad-west-coast-explorers-club-annual-dinner>



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FROM THE CHAIR– June 2019

I'd like to start by saying, on behalf of all the officers, thank you to the members for your vote of support. We are excited about the next two years and hope you share your ideas with us for speakers, special events, field trips and people who should become new members or Sirdars. The chapter has grown a lot in the past few years and the new folks are bringing some great energy, ideas, and stories of exploration. We hope to keep this good momentum going.



We had our summer picnic on June 9th at Tilden Park's Island Picnic area. This spot came equipped with a grill and shaded tables. It provided a respite from the heat, and once people could find the site, a great opportunity to meet and talk with new and old friends. Canine Sirdar Koda, along with Buster, Tilly, Louis and Coco were all on their best behavior and added to the festivities. Thanks to everyone who brought friends and yummy pot luck dishes. Thanks also to those of you who brought reusable utensils and plates. If you brought a small, handled chopping board, but forgot to take it home, let me know how to return it to you. A final thank you to Silvia for taking the unclaimed leftovers to some homeless people whom she passes on her way home.

Traditionally the summer has been a slow time for the chapter since many people go out in the field and parents and grandparents nurture the next generation of explorers with camping trips and visits to state and national parks. Our next scheduled event will be September 27th, with a presentation by Michelle Westmoreland, FN '95, from the Pacific Northwest Chapter. Michelle will talk about her film, *Headhunters Revisited*, and her experiences in retracing the 4-year journey to Papua New Guinea that Caroline Mytinger started in 1926. If you want a preview of this project, you can go to Michelle's web site: <https://headhuntrevisited.org>.

Finally, sometime this summer, Celine Cousteau plans to show her film, *Tribes on the Edge*, in the Bay area. Yes – there are Cousteaus who work on non-aquatic projects. We may join with the Green Film Festival for a special viewing of this movie and we'll send out a mid-summer notice if anything gets arranged.

Lesley Ewing, FN'93

A NOTE FROM THE RETIRING CHAIR

As your outgoing Chapter Chair I want to first express my appreciation for all of the support and assistance that I have received during the past two years from the members of our great chapter. I have now had the privilege to serve in all of the chapter's officer positions, including twice as Vice Chair, and twice as Chair. While never expecting to re-take the helm after serving as Chair previously, it's been a great time working with some excellent compatriots. Having two past Chairs serving as Vice Chair and Treasurer certainly provided an organizational memory and a level of experience that created a degree of responsibility and efficiency that was a joy to take part in.



We have achieved a number of operational goals during my term, not least of which has been the recruiting of a great lineup of quality speakers. Our 501c3 status has given us access to a number of benefits of a corporate entity and a level of 'seriousness' that will continue going forward. Kudos to all of the officers, past and incoming, and to the Board members who devote their time and energy to making it all work.

As a continuing member of the Board I feel honored to be able to remain active in Chapter operational affairs and I look forward to contributing to our continued development and success. And, lastly, as an aside, I made a closing farewell comment at our season's final meeting, "So long, and thanks for all the fish". Some of you thought it might be in reference to the lovely socks I received as a parting gift. Appropriate, but not so. Perhaps some of you may enjoy elucidation from the following: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_dUmDBfp6k

Here's wishing you all a great summer break of rewarding explorations.

Steve Smith FN'96

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Chapter Calendar of Events
 (Venues are identified as soon as known.)

2019

September 27Michelle Westmorland
 Headhunters Revisited. TBA

Earlier Chapter Events

2017

November 17 Jordan Fisher Smith
 Engineering Eden Grace Lutheran Ch
 December 17 Holiday Party
 Home of Joan and Barry Boothe

2018

January 26 Dr. John All
 Climate Change on Mt. Everest. Dolan
 February 23 Dr. Sherry Wren
 Surgical Approaches in the Ebola Crisis Dolan
 March 30 Kimberley Chambers
 Swimming With Sharks Before Breakfast Dolan
 April 27 Alan Eustace
 The Stratospheric Jump Dolan
 May 25 3 Term EC Members
 Term Members Research/Annual mtg Dolan
 July 21 Chapter Picnic in Novato
 September 21. Michelle Trautwein
 Meet Your Face Mites: Dolan
 October 26 Sir Richard Feachem
 Shrinking the World Malaria Map Dolan
 November 30 Leon McCarron
 Exploration by Walking Dolan
 December 16. Holiday Party
 Home of Rick and Aldeana Saber

2019

January 25 Pat Scannon
 Recent Discoveries Dolan
 February 22 James Nestor
 Outdoor adventure. Dolan
 March 22. Paul Saffo/Richard Weise
 Dynamics of Change. Aquarium of the Bay
 April 26 David McGuire
 Swimming with Sharks. Dolan
 May 31 ANNUAL MEEETING plus Dr. Paul Hunt
 Hannibal". Dolan
 June 9: Picnic

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Late arrival phone number for Monthly meeting at the Dolan Law Center
 The door will be locked and unattended after 7:15 p.m.
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RESULTS OF CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the Explorers Club was held at our monthly meeting on May 31, 2019. The election of the incoming Officers resulted in the following :

Chair: Lesley Ewing FN'93
Vice-Chair: Tom Dolan MN'14
Treasurer: Anna Freitas MN'17
Secretary: Joyce Chang MN'17

Incoming Chair Lesley Ewing PhD thanked Outgoing Chair Steve Smith PhD for the achievements of his terms, including the meeting relocation of our meetings to the Dolan Law facility, a full array of interesting speakers, the achieving of Chapter 501(c)3 tax deductability status (with Chair Joan Boothe) and bringing the Chapter into the 21st Century with videos of past talks now available on our website.

James Barnes of the Dolan Law Firm asked if members could give the Firm some positive strokes via the various reviewing websites (Like Yelp or Google).

CHAPTER DUES

For those of you who wonder why your name is not on the Honor Roll of paid-up Chapter members, check with Joyce Chang to see if your dues payment was lost.

2019-2020 ROSTER

The preparation of the 2019-2020 Chapter roster will start soon. If you would like to work with Paul Freitas on the roster project, please contact at pmfreitas@

MEETING VIDEOS

Our Chapter now records all of our dinner meetings. Videos of the March and April speakers' presentations are available on the Chapter Website.

CHAPTER MEETING
Friday, September 27, 2019

Place:

TBA

Time:

6:30 - reception
 7:15 - dinner; 8:00 - program

Meal Options: TBA

Cost:

TBA

Please mail reservations, checks to Anna Freitas

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Or email haleena@pacbell.net]

or call Anna at 925-457-6424

You can also sign up and remit your meal costs online.(in September when available))