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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lou Aiello

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make our Annual Picnic a success. Without you, we couldn't have any of our events!!!

I also want to thank Kathy and Rich Stephenson for the fabulous dinner they prepared for our June Western BBQ. Tom Rose and the Dry Creek Band did a great job also. Mark your calendars for next year so you won't miss out.

Don't miss our last potluck dinner of the year, Sunday, August 20th. This year's Kid's Day on the Pier is on Saturday, August 26.

Our first Monday Night football dinner will be September 11th. These are always fun and a good way to meet new friends. Even if you aren't a football fan, come down and enjoy the meal.

Our annual Ladies' Day on the Pier is on September 23. No fishing license required.

Oktoberfest - October 14

Eric Salvisberg is chairing this year's Oktoberfest. If you have worked such an event before, Eric would appreciate your input and he also needs volunteers. You can contact him at (707) 480-3374 or leave your name and number at the club office, (415) 456-3123.

Notice to Members: A few weeks ago a member and his wife were caught stealing Club property. The member was immediately expelled from the Club. Please be aware that anyone caught stealing will have their membership revoked and will not be allowed to rejoin the Club.

TIDEBOOK ADVERTISERS

NEEDED

If you would like to purchase a business card size ad to go into the 2007 Marin Rod & Gun Club tidebooks, please send your business card and a check for \$100 to the MR&GC at P.O. Box 150900, San Rafael, CA, 94915-0900. Please indicate this is for a tidebook ad. We only have space for six ads, so we will take advertisers on a first come, first serve basis and return your check if we are unable to include your ad.

Membership Applications are available at the bar. The cost of \$125 includes the initiation fee of \$75 plus \$50 for current year dues.

PIER REPORT

By Mario Ferrando

It always happens...after writing the last report about six of us were just talking at Station #7 when a large Sturgeon decided to surface, jump out of the water and make one great splash some ten feet away. You could feel the immediate senses of all of us saying "What the heck was that?" Sturgeon do that at times. For the past month legal Stripers have been very few, even the undersized ones currently are also scarce. One legal Halibut has been caught. Others caught have been about 12 inches (illegal). Halibut and Flounders are much different, color, etc. Be careful, watch that Halibut's *mouth*. Besides the pointed teeth, the strength at the mouth is tremendous. The good news for the month is that most of the large smelt are leaving the area. During the week of July 20, we started catching some Leopard Sharks, all in the two foot size, again illegal. As Disney sort of wrote in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, "Some day our fish will come". With this great weather, come down and cool off. Enjoy and "see ya on the pier".

HUNTER EDUCATION HOME STUDY COURSE

Richmond Rod & Gun Club is offering two home study classes on August 5 and on August 26. Both classes will meet at the Richmond Rod & Gun Clubhouse for registration at 11a.m. There will be a lecture and the gun safety test will follow. Fee is \$10 and there is a maximum of 20 students. Contact Fred Bowles, Hunter Education Instructor, at (925) 284-2711 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Kristina Boyd will discuss her research on the Roosevelt elk of the Olympic Peninsula and Carol Wilson will describe her research on the snowy plover in Humboldt County.

Editor's Note

Any club member wishing to submit an article for publication in this newsletter is always invited to do so. The editor reserves the right of selection and/or to shorten any letters published. Deadline is the third FRIDAY of every month.

The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Membership

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

Election alert! Register! Every Vote Counts! All politicians start at the local level. Ask each local candidate his/her view on the Second Amendment! (A refusal or weasel answer means they oppose it.) Then vote!

Ammo the next target? A *Chronicle* op-ed by Stanford's sophomore Milonopoulos twin brothers urges ~~banning all ammo sales within the City~~, claiming this will curb crime by keeping ammo from crooks, while good citizens can go to the next town to buy theirs and thus their rights are protected. *This is turning on the mouth without putting the brain in gear.* Crooks may be dumb, but do you really think they won't figure out about going to the next town? Duh!! Such idiotic law would result in a brand new criminal source of income from enterprising crooks acquiring ammo in bulk elsewhere to sell to others. Why do political nits have no wits?

National RTC measure. NRA reports that my Virginia U.S. Senator George Allen has introduced the Senate version of HR 4547, which would "require states to recognize each other's concealed carry permits and licenses just as they recognize each other's driver's licenses." Said Allen: "The Right-to-Carry movement has enjoyed great success throughout our nation." In Virginia, he said, the murder rate has plunged 40% since the RTC law he signed as governor took effect in 1995.

RTC permit privacy. NRA reports that three states have passed or are considering measures to ensure confidentiality of RTC permit holders. In Kansas the governor's veto of an RTC law was overridden by lawmakers. The governor has now signed a law to keep RTC permit holders identities confidential. In Michigan, the House has unanimously passed a bill to make information about permit holders exempt from disclosure. Florida's House Bill 687 was passed overwhelmingly for the same purpose.

Ownership protection. Louisiana Governor Blanco signed into law a measure to prohibit confiscation of firearms from citizens during future emergencies or natural disasters. Oklahoma City's mayor became one of the first big city mayors to sign pledges never to forcibly disarm law-abiding citizens during emergencies.

