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MARCH 2007

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

*Third Friday of the Month
All Members & Guests Welcome*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

*First Tuesday of the month
All members welcome*

!!!BINGO!!!

7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday night

*Sweet rolls, coffee & tea
served at your seat*

Bring your friends & neighbors

SAFE BOATING CLASS

The Marin Power & Sail Squadron is offering a U. S. Coast Guard approved safe boating class, "Boat Smart", at their Kell Educational Center, 789 North Hamilton Drive, Novato, on March 13, 14, 20, 21 and May 15, 16, 22, 23, 2007. Registration and questions, leave a message at (415) 883-6777.

25 and 50 Year Members

The list of 25 and 50 year Members is at the bar and also in the office. If you think you have been a member for 25 years or longer and have not already received your pin, you may pick one up at the bar or leave your name and member number at the office and we will mail it. You may check on your initiation date at either the bar or office to see if you qualify.

Bar (415) 456-8142

Office (415) 456-3123

NEW MEMBERS

**Adrian Dayton, Edward Gerry,
Jeff Grey, Paul Husby,
Jeannette Schmitz**

IN MEMORIAM

**Our condolences to the families of
Members who have passed away:
Anthony Giudici, Besby Holmes,
Charles Nelson, Richard Perry**

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY!!

**"On Paddy's Day - Everyone has a bit
of the Irish in 'em!!!"**

Join us for a real "Irish Ceili" night!!!!

Saturday, March 10th

Tickets - \$25

Cocktails (Guinness Stout) - 6pm

Dinner - 7pm

**Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage
Dessert and all the fix'ns!!!**

*******Terrific Entertainment*******

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GOLDEN GATE

FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

7 p.m. - 10p.m.

at the clubhouse

MR&GC Members Welcome

CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

23rd ANNUAL

MARIN COUNTY BANQUET

Thursday, March 29

Marin Catholic High School Gym

Contact Lee Leardini

(415) 897-5559, ext. 2682

for info and reservations

before March 15

WEB SITE ADDRESS

www.marinrodandgunclub.com

Changing from snailmail newsletters to electronic OR website based can be done on the club's website. Click on MRGC Newsletters, then on Newsletter Opt-Out.

**Wi-Fi is now available in the
clubhouse**

Clip and Save

March 10.....St. Patrick's Dinner

May 13.....Mother's Day Brunch

TBA.....Western BBQ

July 29.....Annual Picnic

Super Bowl Thank You

The Super Bowl Party held on February 4 was a great success (except perhaps for those fans who were rooting for Chicago). We were able to serve over 100 folks who enjoyed huge amounts of appetizers, chicken, beans, coleslaw and homemade bread pudding. None of this could have been done without the help of **Peggy Rivette, Pat Damos, Bob and Marti Camiccia, John Ahern, Walt Cuthbertson, Billy George and our wonder-bartenders**. Many others made invaluable contributions. This kind of "can do" spirit is what makes this club a joy to serve. Thank you one and all.

Dianne and Ron Rodrigues Co-Chairs

"Hunting Amazing Africa"

Long-time member Col. J. H. Roush has written a Collection of Stories of Hunting in Africa in the Modern Era. Contact him at 600 Deer Valley Road #2E, San Rafael, CA, 94903 for further information regarding the purchase of one of these interesting books.

Men's Night Out Event

Compliments to the Staff

My thanks to all the volunteers who made the Men's Night Out event a rousing success. **Bill George** our lead chef supported by the Club's old faithful chef **Steve McKeever**, in concert with their staff teamed with the waiters selected by **Jack Camiccia** produced a delightful dinner, not to mention a pre-dinner table spread fit for a Club-with-Class. **Lenny Gaskell** controlled the bar and as always, layback **Lenny**, did it without a hitch. **Norman Collins** and his band, recommended by **Al Romo**, was, by numerous comments received not to mention yours truly, "fantastic". They will no doubt be sought for future events. Their phone number is available at the office. After a music set-up glitch was cleared by our sound tech, **Bob Camiccia** aided by Club Pres. **Todd Meyer**, the ladies took charge. They twirled and thrilled to pleasantly round out the event. We will be working on providing more food cooking capacity in our kitchen so that in the future we will have the option to bring back the attendance of years gone by. **Larry Howard**, our treasurer, stayed with us assisting and supporting. Not to forget my two right hands, **Al Romo** and **Tom Simmons** who supported me at the event. **Tom** had the hard part, controlling the ladies selling the on-site raffle tickets. He did, however, manage to survive. Bless you all and remember our strength lies in our supporting the Club, its purposes and members. **Nick Caputo, Chairman**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Who's supposed to do what around here?

The fire department needs new emergency keys, every club event needs tickets, the bar wants soda guns, the picnic area needs the piles of dirt spread out, two toilets aren't working and the sewers back up.....The cooks say the kitchen limits the number of attendees to events; we need to spruce the building up as it's showing 50 years of wear, the cash register tape is on its last legs, and the bingo volunteers desperately need reinforcements....and these are but a few of the issues that surfaced the first 45 days of 2007. Thus, the question: "Who's supposed to do what around here?"

The answer is all of us.

The club by-laws set out a management structure based on committees. Further the by-laws name six standing committees, and provides service committees be named as required. We now have twenty service committees, which brings the total to 26. That's a lot of committees to keep track of, but it's also a lot of committees to get work done.

The key then is to build the committees, help them set clear written goals for board approval, and then for the board and, our operations in general, to honor the responsibilities of each committee to get these targeted goals accomplished. The alternative is counting on a limited number of people to get done what time permits. The downside of this latter option is that many areas simply get passed by year after year, which is precisely what's been occurring for a bit too long.

The number one goal this year is to turn this trend around.

We all know the saying, "Many hands make light work." Of course those many hands require good direction, and I am pleased to release the list of 2007 Committee Chairs in this newsletter. The skill sets these members bring to their prospective appointments is truly outstanding. And having personally interviewed each, I am confident in reporting that they are enthusiastic and goal driven in their approach. With these folks at the helm, we're bound to have a break-out year.

The only missing part is you. If you know you have a skill set that fits a particular committee, take the initiative and give the

chair a call. Let them know who you are and what you can do. When called to assist, go out of your way to make an afternoon available to help the cause. I promise that your joy from the club will be greater than the effort you put in. I look forward to seeing you during the year.

2007 DUES

must be paid before March 31, 2007. New members who joined during October, November or December 2006 are paid through December 2007.

PIER REPORT

By Mario Perrando

As you will recall, about this time last year the Herring came up to our pier to spawn. Once more, during the week of February 10th, the Herring decided to spawn near our pier, about 50 feet from our cleaning station. Seals were chasing them into the shallows. Many herring were jumping out of the water onto the rocks near the shore, where they were consumed by waiting gulls. The gulls were all over the pier. A big flock of ducks were devouring the roe as it was disposed from the herring. In a few hours, once again the seagulls and ducks moved out to the extreme end of the pier where they continued the action. Needless to say, fishing on the pier was useless, at least during that period. For fish...the catch currently is a few small sharks, small flounder and some bullheads. The weather has been so nice and enjoyable as you sit and watch the world go by. Come on down! It's very peaceful.

FISH DERBY 2006

Winner Corrections

The information listed above the Fishing Derby Chalkboard that has the postings of the individual catches indicates that first place should receive 75% and 2nd place 25%. There is no mention of 3rd place so we will conform to the posting.

STRIPED BASS - 25 entrees

Russ Damos.....\$93.75.....7 ½ lbs
Mike Kozak.....\$31.25.....7 lbs

HALIBUT - 21 entrees

Mike Kozak.....\$78.25.....7 lbs
John Arruda.....\$26.25.....6 lbs

SALMON - 9 entrees

Frank Oele, Jr.....\$33.75.....26 ½ lbs
Ed Robinson.....\$11.25.....18 lbs

STURGEON - 24 entrees

John Arruda.....\$90.00.....48", 26 lbs
Tim Sharkey.....\$30.00.....46", 19 lbs

New DFG Sturgeon regulations went into effect on Thursday, March 1

A Sturgeon Fishing Report Card and serialized tags are now required by all anglers fishing for sturgeon. There is a three-fish annual bag limit on white sturgeon. The daily bag limit is one and the slot limit is 46 inches minimum length and 66 inches maximum length. Green sturgeon may not be kept since they were listed in 2006 as a threatened species.

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

Dem. Senators support UN gun resolution. GUN WEEK Senior Editor and former NRA director Dave Workman reported in the 1 Jan. 07 GUN WEEK that 14 Democrat senators urged US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to vote yes on a UN resolution, part of UN's campaign for massive worldwide gun control. The 14 anti-Second Amendment senators are: **Feinstein & Boxer (CA), Leahy & Jeffords (VT), Kerry (MA), Lautenberg (NJ), Feingold (WI), Akaka (HI), Harkin (IA), Durbin (IL), Bingaman (NM), Dorgan (ND), Levin (MI) and Mikulski (MD).** The US voted no. Resolution passed 153-1 with 24 abstaining.

Game wardens are "endangered species," said CRPA's Feb. 07 *Firing Line*, due to serious decline in the number of applications to attend the game warden training academy, now down to only a third of last year's level. A major reason is that the starting pay for wardens is so much less than that of other law enforcement, e.g., \$16,000 less than that of CHP officers.

CRPA's Firing Line says the state legislature's Democrat leadership is considering reintroduction of the punitive ammo tax (10¢ per round, failed last year) to fund emergency rooms and trauma centers because they have to provide medical care for illegals and gang gunfire victims—thus penalizing law-abiding gun owners for the crimes of illegal immigrants and gang thugs. The tax would vastly increase costs for frequent target shooters, especially for .22 ammo, e.g., raising the \$1.50 cost of a 50-round box, plus the \$5.00 tax, to a \$6.50 total— or adding a \$100 tax to a 1,000-round \$15 brick for a total cost of \$115.00—a staggering 433% increase!



St. Patrick's Party!!! One week Early!!!

“On Paddy's Day – Everyone has a bit of the Irish in ‘em!!!”

Join us for a real “Irish Celli night!!!!

Sat. March 10th – Cocktails (Guinness Stout!!) 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Enjoy authentic recipes from O’Pietrosilli’s and the Dunne’s country kitchen hearth in Timolin, Co. Kildare, Ireland!!!!



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