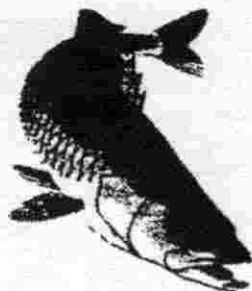


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Todd Meyer**

I'd like to begin by introducing you to our new Treasurer, Terry Rosenthal. Terry is a life long Marin resident who spent his career in finance primarily in the health care field, including a stint as CFO at Children's Hospital. Terry's background and talents are perfectly suited to build on the advancements we've made to our accounting and financial procedures at the club and has already met with our office and bookkeeping staff and put a plan in place to review how we schedule our work and proper separation of duties. I am confident that Terry will help take us the next step toward an improved accountability and more efficient operations. The club is fortunate to have a member with his talents step up and contribute his expertise. When you get a chance, please welcome Terry to his post.

The inaugural club Sunday Breakfast by the Bay was a complete success. With tables set up on the patio and along the windows of the Red Room, guests were able to enjoy our incredible view over coffee, conversation and great food. This first event had 76 attendees and Louis and Bill are planning on over 100 for this month, the 3rd Sunday of which just happens to be **Father's Day**, so this year the club will have a de facto Father's Day too. It just doesn't get much better than that. We hope you'll join us Sunday morning June 17th. (No reservations required - come when you can between 8 and Noon.)

For many years now we've enjoyed Mario Perrando's Pier Report and alas, this month will be his last. I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Mario for his dedication in bringing to life what's happening on the pier. It has always been a most enjoyable section of this newsletter season-in and season-out. Mario and his wife Jane are both great examples of club members who give so much back to our overall well being--you both are very much appreciated. If you haven't had the chance to sit down and talk with Mario, he's a history book of club information and his delivery is as enjoyable as they come. Believe it or not you can catch him on the pier most any given morning. Mario, thanks again for your service to the club.

Be sure to stop by and see the club booth at the **Marin County Fair**. Our habitat restoration conservation work gained us an invitation to participate in the fair's new EcoSphere zone, located right next to the front entrance. Our booth will feature a touch pool for children of all ages to see what grows off our pier and an oyster water clearing display to show just how fast our little native oysters can clean the water. If you would like to volunteer for this event please leave a message on the club voice mail.

June is Western BBQ month and this year promises to be most outstanding. Tom Longman is chairing the event and he's secured guest chef Scott Gillespie of Real Restaurants and James Pedro, executive chef at the famed Fairmont Hotel. The meal sounds truly scrumptious, topped off with the potential of real Georgia Peach Pie. Tom Rose and the Dry Creek Boys will be providing Country and

Western music to kick your heels to. This is a flat out fun event you don't want to miss.

I've saved our biggest event of the year for last. Next month is the club picnic and I encourage you to set the date aside and **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU**. Once each year our picnic grounds come to life. The flags are flying, the BBQ is smoking, the outside bar is serving, the oyster bar is shucking and the midway is full of games for all ages from go-fish for little ones to the salami toss and boss dice for adults. The Co-Chairs for this year are: Robyne Gue, Lana Ghilarducci and Sandra Camiccia and they're working together to have the best event ever. Two new venues you will enjoy are a fishing themed photo booth where you can pose with the fishing gear and have a souvenir Picnic picture to take home with you and a dunking booth, which I fear needs no explanation at all, save we know who gets to go first. Big thanks to Billy Sheehan for rewiring the outside sound system, Louis Huerto-Rojo for resurfacing the picnic table area and Bill Irons for heading up the picnic table restoration. A lot of members are really pitching in to make this a great event. The only thing they all ask is that you come and bring a friend. If you would like to volunteer, and this event needs many, call Lana at (415) 606-9777. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

PIER REPORT

By **Mario Perrando**

Fishing once more is spotty. Most are caught one hour before or after the change of tide. **Mike Kozak** brought in a 5 lb. Striper around the 10th of the month using a lure. There still are the Rays (big ones), smelt and small sharks. Very few boats are going out or over to the islands so that sums it up easily - the lack of fish.

I don't recall how long I have been writing these articles. Off and on for many years, but now I feel that this should be handed down to someone younger, while my bride and I do some traveling, before we no longer can. Maybe you got a laugh or disagreed with the text but I hope no one was ever personally offended by me. Arrivederci. "Happy fishin'."

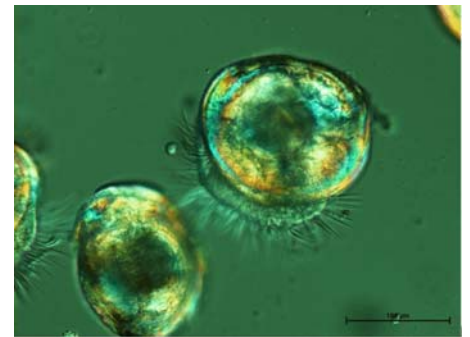
Editor's Note: I want to thank Mario for the many years he has been doing this report. When the fish aren't biting, it's very hard to write an interesting article. Luckily that doesn't happen all the time. Sometimes the fish are very cooperative.

RESTORATION NEWS

Bud Abbott and Rena Obernolte

Our native Olympia oysters "Olys" have come back strong since the devastating rainfall events of March and April 2006. You may recall those wet, miserable days as inconvenient and dreary but for our native oysters and eelgrass projects, it was a total unmitigated disaster. For weeks at a time the Bay waters in front of the MRGC were close to being fresh water not brackish. Olympia oysters do best when the salinity is about 20 parts per thousand (PPT). The ocean beyond the Golden Gate is around 30 PPT and drinking water is 0 PPT. The water in front of the MRGC was down to 0-10 PPT for weeks at

a time. We lost over 90% of our native oysters during that rainy period. The water was also a rich brown, from all the suspended sediment washed down from the hillsides and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers. The sediment blocked out the light and the eelgrass starved to death for lack of solar energy. There may have been other factors but the evidence seems to point to too much rain in 2006. The spring of 2007 was not very wet at all and our new crop of oysters and eelgrass spawned in the summer of 2006 are doing just fine, thank you. We have numerous eelgrass sprouts coming up but a new nemesis lurks in the shallows; bat rays. It appears that there has been an unusual influx of bat rays this year. Anglers complain of catching 20 in a few hours. Bat rays use their wings to waft up the sediment to find clams and marine worms, and end up digging basketball diameter depressions all over the mud flats. We hope they do not settle on our new eelgrass bed before they have a chance to become established. And yes, the three new reefs you helped construct last July are holding up very well. The herring just loved our reefs. They loved them so much that they spawned millions of eggs on them last winter. But most importantly, on each reef there are thousands of juvenile oysters. Dr. Jim Moore from CDFG came down and looked at them on May 6th and determined that they were not in spawning condition yet. Probably another month before the mothers start releasing the baby (veligers) into the water to start the next generation. Speaking of reefs, we need to build again. We will need lots of volunteers Saturday, June 9th to help build the next set of reefs. We also need three boats. We need people that can load bags into the boats and people in the boats to unload the bags from boats and people in the water to build the reefs, strong men to bend the iron hooks, people to register volunteers and collect data throughout the day. It should be great fun. Call Bud at (415) 847-1777 or send an email to Rena at obernolte@comcast.net to get details.



Baby Olympia oysters are free swimming for several weeks. They are called veligers at this stage. Note the hair like cilia around the margin. These little hairs propel the larvae through the water.

JUNE 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

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7:00 p.m.

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Who, Who, Who's Your Daddy

JUNE 17

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Breakfasts are the Third Sunday of Every Month

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Meet at the Clubhouse

JULY 3 - 12:00

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IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to the families of
Members who have passed away:
Earl Harris

POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, June 10

HORS D'OEUVRES - 4:00

DINNER - 4:30

July 22, August 26

WESTERN BBQ DINNER/DANCE

Saturday, June 23

TICKETS - \$22.00

Cocktails - 6pm

Dinner - 7pm

Tom Rose & the Dry Creek Band
Ribs, Chicken, Beans, Salad
Co-chefs James Pedro, Executive Chef,
Fairmont Hotel and Scott Gillespie,
President, Real Restaurants
Chair: Tom Longman

FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, July 29

TICKETS - \$10.00

Midway 10am - 3pm

Lunch served 12 to 1:30

Chicken, Corn, Salad

Volunteers Needed.

If you can help, please call co-chairs
Lana (415) 606-9777 or Robyne (415)
298-9191. Thanks!

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OPERATION TRIPLE H

to support our troops in Iraq

Operation Triple H has welcomed several new club member volunteers. Donations have started to trickle in. We just received 100 individual personal hygiene packets for the troops full of assorted travel size goodies. We have over 30 boxes ready to ship. The R&R center in Qatar says they are currently low on single serve sizes of powdered Gatorade, Crystal Light and Kool-Ade for the troops water bottles. Also Ben-Bay for muscle pain, DVD movies, CD music, paperback books, Wet Wipes and telephone calling cards. For a complete list of items needed, contact Tom at marinbackroads@comcast.net, subject line "Troops" so we know its not spam. Someone will be at the container in the back of the clubhouse every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. to happily receive donations. Or contact Tom at 847-1592 to set up an appointment.

Clip and Save - 2007 - 2008

June 10.....Pot Luck Dinner
June 17.....Breakfast
June 23.....Western BBQ
July 15.....Breakfast
July 22.....Pot Luck Dinner
July 29.....Annual Picnic
TBA.....Kid's Day on the Pier
Aug 19.....Breakfast
Aug 26.....Pot Luck Dinner
Sept 10-Dec 17.....Monday Night Football
Sept 16.....Breakfast
Sept 22.....Ladies' Day on the Pier
TBA.....Oktoberfest
Dec.....Children's Christmas Party
Jan 12, 2008.....Crab Feed
Feb 3, 2008.....Super Bowl Dinner
Feb 2008.....Men's Night Out

LADIES' DAY ON THE PIER September 22

MOTHER'S DAY VOLUNTEERS by Len Gaskell

JEEZ did MOTHER NATURE smile on us this MOTHER'S DAY. The sun came out, the wind died down and the air smelled fresh. Everyone pitched in and made this event not only a blast, but comfortable and very pleasant. It was great to see a few new faces volunteering. This years stand out was our new kitchen manager **Billy George** who just stepped in and got things done. This guy does not know the word TIRED. He was a non stop GET-ER DONE dude. Thanks Billy. And I know we thanked her last year, but I've got to sincerely thank **Dianne Rodrigues** for her flower decorations. The hall looked just fabulous. When you are blessed with the type of volunteers that we have in our club, being a chair person becomes almost a piece of cake. We also owe a lot of thanks to our cooks, our head chef **Steve McKeever**, his cooking staff, our servers, bartenders, champagne bartenders, set up guys, **Peggy Rivette**, the ticket lady, and the clean up personnel. They were attentive, efficient and just all around **Marin Rod & Gun Club** type friendly. It's become a pleasure to chair this event because of the people who attended and the people who volunteered. A whole hearted thanks to everyone who was present this year, and to those who helped make it happen. I'm looking forward to seeing you next year.

Women on Target Basic Handgun Clinic

Wednesday, June 6...6:15 pm-9:00 pm
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SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007

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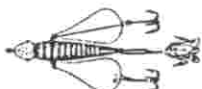
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