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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

What Next?

As detailed in my last column, 2007 was a year of many accomplishments. Let's build on this momentum and make 2008 even better. To that end, I outlined high level goals for our committee chairs at our kick-off Directors meeting earlier this month. I'm going to share those with you here and encourage you contact any committee chair with your input and/or talents as they may pertain to what they do leading for our club.

First though I'd like to site the four terrific club events we've enjoyed over the past 30 days.

1. The Children's Christmas Party once again was full of enthusiastic children (and their parents too) enjoying hot dogs, mac & cheese, Jeremy-the-Juggler, and a visit by none other than Mr. & Mrs. Claus themselves (thank you **Greg Peterson & Dottie Fecteau**). **Robyne Gue** accepted the baton as event chair from founder and ten year event lead **Joy Sousa**, and the formula just keeps on working. Never too soon to start being nice for next year.
2. New Year's Eve was better attended and more fun than ever. The **Cooper** and **Lando** families teamed up to chair this event and helped the 180 who attended have a grand time, including a great live performance by Eddie and the Boppers that kept things hopping well into the New Year. Thanks to all of you who made this event so much fun.
3. Speaking of fun, the Crab Feed was just that. **Tom Alioto** and **Laura Lentini** provided some of the best Crab, Salad and Spaghetti (thanks to **Louie Aiello** for the sauce recipe), and then added great raffle baskets and a terrific live Country Band. One member told me, "I've been to over 100 crab feeds, and this one was the most fun ever." I agree our events are not just food, they're fun.
4. Breakfast-by-the-Bay ended the year in style with the introduction of the "Christmas Pork Chop". Specially marinated by **Bill George & Louis Huerto-Rojo** they topped off a great breakfast as usual. You never want to miss a one of these third Sunday events.

Special thanks also to **Ron** and **Val Brozzo** and all the bingo volunteers who have stayed on some extra time, until we reach final agreement with our new charity. And my heartiest thanks to **Lillian Bracken** for jumping in to help me operate bingo, as we both learn 'on-the-job'. Lillian you've truly been a life saver, and I cannot thank you enough.

Back to objectives for this year, I see this as a year of planning, wherein we clearly identify where we stand, and considering all factors: define what we want to do, in what order, and at what cost within an overall master plan. Clear objectives will make it easier for all of us to work toward mutually beneficial goals.

	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Objectives</u>
Standing Committees			
Membership	Tom Yasuda	927-1090	Membership Drive, more interaction with Chairs to get new members involved ASAP.
Master Planning	Dianne Rodrigues	884-9428	Help create reserve studies and initial budget. Then make MP recommendations.
Service Committees			
Bar	Russ Damos	717-6962	Profitability, weekly inventory, expanded food & beverage offerings.
Bingo	Todd Meyer	925-1992	Document current bingo operations & contract outsourcing to a local charity.
Boat Launch	Paul Tarzia	707-762-7995	Stripe parking lot. Take lead on fence planting. Water conservation for boat washing.
By-Laws	Don Gregory	479-7320	Proactively look for positive changes to existing by-laws.
Club Events	Lana Ghilarducci	606-9777	Detailed directions and P&L accounting for all events. New events.
Front Entrance	Bill O'Connell	421-0730	Contract for ongoing use of front driveway. Replace. Get front sign replaced.
Grounds Maintenance	Rich Nave, Jr.	971-3431	Reserve study, involve more members, recommendation for improvements.
Grounds Improvement	Denis Hansen	310-2385	Recommend front lawn improvements and oversee implementation.
Habitat Restoration	Dr. Bud Abbott	847-1777	Maintain existing reefs & eel grass. Win new grants. Community Outreach.
Historical	Pat Damos	453-6106	Capture this years history, then gain back years as possible. Verbal interviews with longtime members.
House	Rich Nave, Jr.	971-3431	Reserve study, involve more members, recommendation for improvements.
Insurance	Lillian Bracken	531-0852	Continue to ensure club is properly insured and acts within all insurance guidelines.
Kitchen	Bill George	669-0538	Broader member involvement, kitchen investment recommendations.
Member Resolution	Jack Cooper	838-1133	Formal procedures.
Personnel	John Ahern	305-2135	Coordinate with Treasurer and Insurance to confirm valid HR policies.
Pier	Roy Jackson	246-3213	Reserve study, and outline of this years repair goals.
Publicity	Don Sharp	760-1968	Gain as much positive club press as possible.
Rental	Dianne Rodrigues	884-9428	Overview of rental options, with revenue possibility & club use trade-offs. Rental procedures.
Scholarship	Don Gregory	479-7320	Proactive inclusion of board in advance for scholarship selection.
Technology	Stephan Avanozian	902-0164	Involvement of club members, on-line purchase, voice mail system and recommendations.
Audio Visual	Billy Sheehan	328-4651	Big Screen TV/projection capability in function hall. Improved sound. Other recommendations.

Our club is poised to accomplish great things. Think about what your experience and skills are and then call the chairperson who best matches them, let he/she know you're interested and join us in making good things happen for all of us.

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

California's First State Court of Appeal on Jan. 9 ruled 3-0 that the San Francisco handgun ban is null and void because it is preempted by state law. That's the same court that back in the 1980s overturned then-Mayor Dianne Feinstein's handgun ban—and for the very same reason! SF politicians are slow learners!

FEBRUARY 2008
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-7pm
Third Friday of the Month
All Members & Guests Welcome
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-7pm
First Tuesday of the Month
All members welcome

!!!BINGO!!!

7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday night

Sweet rolls, coffee & tea served at your seat

!!!BINGO!!!

BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

8 am to 12 noon

\$8.00 - Adults, \$3.00 - 16 & under

FEBRUARY 17

Eggs, Potatoes

Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage
 or combo of above

Toast, Pancakes, Orange Juice, Coffee

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

Next Breakfast - MARCH 16

Pier Report - by Christopher Badouin

Well my friends the year started off with big "WooHoo" for the annual New Year's Day fishing derby. The food brought by everyone was excellent, of course a wee-bit of cocktails helped with the chill in the air. But believe me when I say; "There was fish being caught!" Pinch me if I'm dreaming but there were a lot of Leopard Sharks and some beautiful Perch wriggling on lines. But don't get started yelling at the wife that you're going fishing because Mother Nature, in all her beauty, has laid waste to a portion of the pier. So sorry my friends but the fishing will have to wait until the pier is reopened. I will be there like a shop-a-holic at a White Sale waiting to grab a bite!

Other Areas: In other areas, fishing is by no means hot in the San Pablo Bay, but anglers who put in the time are catching sturgeon and striped bass. Also a lot of leopard sharks are being taken by anglers on a variety of bait-**Good Fishing.** P.S. Whoever made them meatballs, you are my favorite member! Feel free to email the recipe!

2008 MARIN EXPRESS BOOKS

2 for 1 Dinners - Last Chance to Buy!!!

The MARIN/SONOMA EXPRESS book now called THE SAVINGS CARD will be available at the club on Feb. 2 and 3. Buy as many as you like. The club discount price of \$20 still applies. Call the club before coming down to ensure there are enough books (415) 456-8142. Or call Len Gaskell at (415) 884-2989 and leave a message. **Note: these are the final sale dates that the books will be available at the club.**

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Alvarez, Edward Bosco
 Geoffrey Butler, Ernest Rizzuti

SUPERBOWL

February 3, 2008

TICKETS - \$13.00

Hors d'oeuvres starting at 2 p.m.

Chicken, etc. - Dessert
 served at halftime

Chairs: Ron & Dianne Rodrigues

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

February 23, 2008

Music by

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Steak Dinner

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Tickets - \$40

Sold at Club Bar & Office

No Tickets Sold at the Door

Purchase of Six or More Tickets Reserves

Your Table - Doors Open at 6 p.m.

Must be Over 21 to Attend

New Year's Day on the Pier Fish Derby

by Len Gaskell - The rain gods disappeared and the annual NEW YEAR'S DAY FISH DERBY went on without a hitch. Forty-seven people entered the derby which was won by MONICA CRIVELLO who caught a 33 inch shark for the largest fish and CHRIS BADOVIN who caught two perch for the most fish. They both split \$141. A 400 pound tuna was posted next to RON POTTER'S name, but I think that might have been bogus. Ya think? Only 7 fish and 1 crab were caught that day but everyone seemed to have fun socializing and eating meatballs, hot white bean stew, chow mein, sandwiches, and most important of all CHEETOS! There was also plenty to drink from those who survived New Year's Eve. The only major complaint was that we ran out of Bloody Mary stuff within a couple of hours into the derby. We'll have to correct that next year. The WILD BUNCH had won the WILD BILL TROPHY for team catching the most fish on New Year's Day for the past three years. This year the SMELT KINGS team captured the honors by catching the most fish. The JIMMY JOHNSON/FISHING FOOLS TROPHY went to BILLY SHEEHAN who left the derby early to go to the movies. Now what's up with that? We think the movie was "RAMBO Meets BAMBI". Way to go BILLY, you cost the WILD BUNCH the chance to retain the WILD BILL TROPHY. In addition to all the mayhem OLD ED pulled in a ten inch rubber dolphin that was deftly placed on his line by a member of the WILD BUNCH whose name will remain anonymous but who's initials are R.D. See y'all next year, and look for postings at the club for future derbies.

Friday Night

ST. PATRICK'S

DINNER-DANCE

FRIDAY, March 14

Tickets - \$25

Friday Night

2008 Membership Renewals

Upon reviewing the bylaws regarding the collection of dues the Board found that our policies needed to be updated. 1: 2008 dues are payable as of January 1, 2008. 2: If you don't pay by April 1, you will be declared delinquent. 3: The late fee for delinquent members is \$50. If you are delinquent, you will be required to pay your dues AND the late fee AND show good cause for reinstatement. Reinstatement can ONLY be done by the Board and you must complete the process by December 31, 2008. See clip & send coupon below. You will also receive a dues notice in the mail. The club counts on your membership dues to pay for property upkeep and to help fund our many conservation projects. Please come down and join us! Treasurer Catherine Coffey

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- \$10.00 - Dependant Card, Renewal
- \$25.00 - Dependant Card, New/Replacement
- \$_____ - Additional Voluntary Contribution

\$_____ **TOTAL Enclosed**
Members who joined October, November or December 2007 are paid through December 31 of 2008. NOTE: IF DUES NOT PAID BY APRIL 1, you will be declared delinquent and can only be reinstated by the Board of Directors. Each member understands that he/she is responsible for any losses he/she may cause or may suffer while using Marin Rod and Gun Club facilities. As a member of this Club, the person warrants that he/she currently possesses adequate liability insurance to cover any loss that may be attributable to him/her and for any losses suffered by him/her. In addition, the member understands that the Club is not responsible for any errors or omissions of any other member of the Club.

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