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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Spring is upon us, which means lots of activity around the grounds. First, I'd like to thank everyone who helped put on a wonderful St. Patty's Day Dinner Dance. As always the Irish dancers were outstanding as was the dance band that followed. First time club chef Tad Alvord delivered an outstanding meal, including a cream sauce pea and onion dish that was worthy of a recipe book. Second, I ask you all to peer out the pier for the yellow flag that marks how far the new railing has been installed to date. Sarge's team of dedicated workers is now past half way and is doing a beautiful job, but they need and frankly deserve your help. Most of these tasks are as easy as rolling new boards in and old boards out. We have over 1,000 members, please don't let a handful do all this work by themselves. Please call Sergeant Roy (415) 246-3213 and tell him you'll help.

Speaking of the pier, Marin Municipal Water District's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Desalination Project prefers the water intake site be a rebuilt club pier. To this end, it was the club's responsibility to respond to this DEIR to best convey our position on this possibility. After a thorough review of the 800 pages of documentation, I prepared an 18 point summary for the board, highlighting those areas that pertain to our pier. Board members submitted comments and then we held a special board meeting with MMWD General Manager Paul Helliker as special guest to address our questions and concerns. Paul was cooperative and agreeable to our key concern that under no circumstances is the club willing to consider a rebuilt pier if we cannot maintain complete ownership of our existing land along with the privacy of member only access. The full 3 page official comment I submitted on the club's behalf is posted on the bulletin board for your review. The final EIR is targeted for the end of the summer, with a potential vote on desalination to be held as early as this fall. Work on rebuilding the pier at earliest would begin in 2010. However, let's not forget that approval of the project is the first step. A well written article on this subject in general, "Is a Desalination Plant the Answer?" by Jim Wood, Executive Editor for Marin Magazine, can be found at their web site under the March archive.

The bingo tables are no longer horizontal to the stage and there are three new monitors in the rear of the hall, because March 20 was the beginning of a new bingo era hosted by North Bay Youth Sports' two leads Casey MoneyMaker and Jaco Grobbelaar and their dedicated volunteer team who worked round-the-clock to convert over our existing operations with the addition of electronic handheld bingo machines as a new option for players. Club Audio Visual Chair Billy Sheehan helped save the day in getting all the monitors installed and working just-in-time for the opening. The initial two week results have been outstanding with well over 100 players in attendance for each, about a 15% attendee increase, and April marks the official Grand Opening month with special incentives and prizes. Bingo is very much alive and well at the

club. Please be sure to encourage your family and friends to come join in the fun.

Another new addition with bingo is Special Bingo Dinners, which are available to members as well. Bingo chef Debbie Chapman's menu for April follows: April 3-Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf & Vegetables; April 10-Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl; April 17-Pulled Pork Sandwich with Coleslaw; April 24-Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad with Roll & Butter. Debbie's cooking is fantastic and at just \$5 or \$6 a meal, a value indeed.

Before leaving bingo I would like to once again thank all the club volunteers who tirelessly made bingo such an integral and rewarding part of our club these past many decades and recognize Nancy Alfsen who stayed on this year selling the 50 cent flash games then shifting back to being a long time stalwart at the game itself.

I'm going to close with a recap of our first quarter financial operating results. (Rounded to the nearest thousand, 000.)

Revenue:

Membership Dues	\$48
Bar	(\$ 2)
Bingo	\$12
Club Rental	\$ 5
Club Events	\$ 7
<u>Investments</u>	<u>\$12</u>
Net Revenue	\$82

Expenses:

Overhead	\$20
Maintenance	
Pier & Boat Launch	\$19
Building & Grounds	\$ 4
Janitor & Utilities	\$10
<u>Taxes, Permits, Fees</u>	<u>\$34</u>
Net Expenses	\$87

Net Operating Profit (Loss) (\$5,000)

Three things jump out from these numbers:

- We lost \$5K in Q1 even with our dues coming in.
- We covered \$34K in property taxes.
- The bar lost money.

As I reported in this column last month, we need to build additional sources of revenue. Our Q1 results verify this need. Please know I am working with Master Planning and the Board of Directors to address this matter.

DELINQUENT DUES

Anyone whose dues were not paid by April 1, 2008 has now been declared delinquent and can only be reinstated by the Board of Directors. Reinstatement process must be completed by December 31, 2008. Contact office personnel to help you with this process.

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PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends the Herring made their yearly show in the bay, bringing along all the big fish that come to eat them. We have seen some "Sturgies" being hooked along with the Stripers and a few Halibut. But our friendly little Herring have moved on and our fishing has slowed. If you're willing to sit and soak some bait, the fishes are there for you. The word is people are catching an array of game-fish. My wish for this month....I am wishing all those shaker Halibut we caught last year are all grown and very hungry.....we can only wish!

If you haven't see it, the pier is coming along marvelously! When you are at the club, be sure to thank those boys and girls. Maybe even bring them a beer. My hats off to you gentle men and women.

Other Areas

In other areas, the fishing is far from wide open, but anglers soaking baits in San Pablo and Suisun Bays are whacking an impressive array of fish. We look forward to this getting better as this great weather continues. **Good Fishing**

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

Supreme Court heard DC v. Heller case arguments on Mar. 19. From comments of the various justices, it seems clear that we have a least 5 votes (a majority) who consider our right to arms an individual right. However, there's a fly in our champagne, because there's a chance that some agree with the Solicitor General's argument that though it is a right, it is still subject to regulation by government--despite the fact that the pure English grammar of "the right shall not be infringed" in the imperative form of the verb- **a flat command. And if government can regulate it, it is no longer a right, but a privilege-and a privilege can be "regulated" out of existence!**

9 states want ammo registration: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington--despite the fact that the Haynes v. US ruling by the US Supreme Court said that felons had Fifth Amendment protection from having to obey gun registration laws, a ruling that clearly would apply equally to ammo registration laws.

47 US senators signed a letter to the Secretary of Interior asking that the Interior Department allow private citizens to carry concealed firearms for self-defense within national parks and national wildlife refuges.

21 million American children have received NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety program with its message: "If you see a gun: STOP! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."

APRIL 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*****

Every Thursday night

New - Special Bingo Dinners

*****BINGO*****

BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

8 am to 12 noon

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

APRIL 20

**Choice of Ham, Bacon or Sausage
or combo of above**

**Eggs, Potatoes, Toast, Pancakes
Orange Juice, Coffee**

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

Next Breakfast - MAY 18

WANTED: CLUB SECRETARY

After many years as the Club secretary I am planning to retire from that position at the end of my present two year term which expires December 2008. We need someone to run for Club Secretary this November. To run, you must have been a member for at least one year by November 2008. The job pays \$600 a month. I am willing to work with anyone who is interested and give them any help they require. If you want more information as to what the job entails, etc., please call me at (415) 453-6106 or email me at Pat21@juno.com. **Pat Damos**

NEW MEMBERS

**Jed Douglas, Kim Douglas
A. T. Lynne, Daniel McMillan
Arthur Moriguchi, Patrick Pollock
Robert Rames, Nshan Shirabad
Stan Shusda**

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 11

Tickets for the MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH will be on sale at the GENERAL MEETING April 18, and then at the bar as of April 19. TICKETS are \$15; KIDS under 8 are free. STEVE McKEEVER and his amazing crew will be on hand to serve you the Bay Area's best MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH of sausage, ham, potatoes, hot cakes and an egg dish that will melt in your mouth. In addition there will be cookies, fruit and bubbling champagne and fizzes.

There will be seating inside the clubhouse and outside, weather permitting. The CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Look for IRISH COFFEES, MARGARITAS, JIM'S MOTHER'S DAY FIZZES, GIANT BLOODY MARYS and DRAFT BEER all of which will be available at the bar from 9:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. along with sodas, wine, bottled beer and cocktails. We'll add some contemporary music videos for your listening enjoyment.

So start your planning now; tickets will go fast. There will be a cut-off date on May 9th, and no tickets will be available at the door. A limit of 275 tickets will be sold so get your tickets early or else you may end up ordering that SUPERSIZE breakfast from McDonalds! Not that there's anything wrong with that.

New Office Staff

We have an addition to our office staff. **Stacey Collins** will be in the club office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 5 pm. She will be available to help with any problems or questions you might have. Be sure to stop by to welcome her and introduce yourselves.

CLUB DEBRIS BOX IS FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Please do not dump your personal garbage in the club debris box. Violators will face consequences.

IN MEMORIAM

**Our condolences to the families of
Members who have passed away:
Jerry Shobar
Beverly Wheeler**

Clip & Save - 2008-2009

April 20.....Breakfast
May 11.....Mother's Day Brunch
May 18.....Breakfast
June 15.....Breakfast
June 21.....Western BBQ Dinner/Dance
July 20.....Breakfast
July 27.....Annual Picnic
TBA-CHAIR NEEDED-Kids Day on the Pier
Aug. 17.....Breakfast
Sept. 8-Dec. 15.....Monday Night Football
Sept. 20.....Lobster/Clam Bake
Sept. 21.....Breakfast
Sept 27.....Ladies' Day on the Pier
TBA.....Oktoberfest
Oct. 19.....Breakfast
Nov. 16.....Breakfast
Dec. 14.....Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 21.....Breakfast
Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve
Jan. 10, 2009.....Crab Feed
Feb. 1, 2009.....Superbowl
TBA 2009.....Men's Night Out

Remember.....Any time you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 percent probability you'll get it wrong.

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. Steve McKeever and Bill George our Master Chefs with their staff supported by our waiters who were selected and well managed by John Ahern, the combination produced an excellent, delightful dinner, served on time, hot and in tune with the flow. Not to mention a pre-dinner table spread that was well received. Russ and Lenny controlled the bar. They and their support staff, Tokyo Tom and Anders managed the bar. Drink tickets were sold and controlled by Hank Listman. All went without a hitch. Norman Collins and his Boppers did their best to keep the place hopping and they did, indeed, succeed. The ladies worked the floor to insure all were well attended to. Not to forget my two right hands, Al Romo the tickets at the door man and Tom Simmons who supported me at the event. Tom as usual had the difficult task of controlling the ladies selling on-site raffle tickets. Making sure he maintained a safe place for them to undress and redress. Here again, Tom survived it all. Bless you all and remember our strength lies in our supporting the Club, its purposes and members. With the team I had, we can't miss in continuing to bring enjoyable and profitable events to our Club. My thanks to you all that made this Men's Night Out a delight. **Nick Caputo, Chair**

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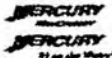
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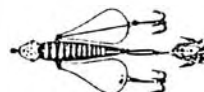


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