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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer  
Say It Ain't So

My last column ended with an insight into our poor first quarter results financially. The feedback I've received reassures me that the membership is keen to assure the stability of our club. The number one question I get asked is, How did this happen? How can we be losing money without a mortgage or any debt, what has changed in the last few years? It's a great question and without trying to over simplify, a fair answer is; our revenues have not kept up with our cost. Looking back five years here are some of our larger expense items and how they've changed:

Expenses	2002	2007	Increase	%
Insurance	\$ 9,000	\$14,000	\$ 5,000	80%
Maintenance	\$19,000	\$88,000	\$69,000	363%
Utilities	\$ 8,900	\$21,500	<u>\$13,200</u>	48%
			\$87,200	

Inflation is not news to any of us. The truth is the club faces some challenges above those we do in our individual lives. For instance, the new Public Access Viewing Park has changed our long standing \$1 a year Driveway lease with Cal Trans to a \$600/year lease with an increase of \$4 Million dollars in Liability coverage. Given liability coverage costs about \$1,000 per Million, it's easy to see why our insurance has increased \$4,000/year. How about the Pier? I'm sure none of us maintains a 2/3 mile long pier. Members are very vocal that the pier is a club treasure to be saved, but what effort and cost have been given to making this a reality? The last time we did any major pier repair was in the mid-nineties when we replaced a majority of our pilings. Since then our investment in pier repair has been \$5,000 a year at most. Last year we invested \$30,000 in the pier, which was primarily spent on replacing a major beam and the supporting joists on the back 1/3 of the square. While the pier crew was at it (thanks Sarge), they installed new planking and railing in that section as well. They then moved to similar joist repair and planking replacement beginning at the start of the pier, which is making a night and day difference in the strength and overall feel of the pier. This year they are replacing the railing on the entire pier for improved safety. We also invested \$28,000 in new cement boat launch pilings (thanks Paul Tarzia and Bill Craig), the alternative of losing the boat launch was simply not an option. The boat launch and pier are perfect examples of ongoing and deferred maintenance respectively, for which our financial planning must provide.

**Revenue**      2002      2007      Increase      %  
Membership    \$50,000    \$81,000    \$31,000    62%  
Traditionally the club's made money four main ways: Membership - Club Events - Bar - Bingo  
The feedback I most often receive is: Hold the line on Membership, Club Events and Drinks. I concur; holding our costs as much as possible affords more people the chance to join us. These member services are the heart and soul of what we do and taxing them with any substantial price increases could be too big a burden for many members. Over the last year we have made incremental increases in Club Events tickets and simultaneously increased attendance at every event (thanks Lana Ghilarducci), but again we

are doing our best to keep these member service events as affordable as possible. We are seriously looking into why the bar basically breaks even. Given we charge no club overhead, it doesn't make sense why we're not making money. Coordinating with the bar chairs we hope to have a definitive answer very soon. That leaves Bingo. Partnering with a new group to run Bingo allows us to realize twice the revenue of running it ourselves. Yet, when combined with the membership increase, still leaves us \$32,000 behind in these areas alone when compared to just five years ago. The best solution is club rentals. This area is new to the club in the last year and has already proven to be the most profitable activity of the club (thanks Dianne Rodrigues). The challenge with club rentals is the trade off of reduced member access. The Club Rental committee is looking at varying rental options to determine which bring in the most money with the least member interruption. This is being actively worked on by this committee and I'm sure the results will be of great help.

I have purposely not cited totals as until this year our financials mixed Club and Bingo activities making it very difficult to present a clear overall club only financial picture to compare. As you may know, just over a year ago, we revised our financial reporting (thanks Larry Howard) to more accurately reflect how the club operates, so as to better understand how we are performing. The initial and ongoing bookkeeping effort (thanks Paula Litzky) to achieve this have been substantial and are a great additional effort on the office staff (thanks Laura Lentini) and the end results are allowing us to make better decisions on what we need to do to keep the club prospering.

We are the stewards of this unique and wonderful organization. We have inherited a wonderful building, on an incredible piece of land, located in one of the wealthiest areas of the world, with almost a million dollars in the bank. There is no reason why we cannot maintain and improve the club for all. That said, the past few years have proven we cannot rest on these blessings or we all to quickly could lose what our founders have left us to enjoy. Let's all remain diligent to protecting this club for many generations to come.

## PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends I can't tell you about the pier without making it known that the information below is based on hear-say. I have not been able to grace our splendid club for several weeks. Though a little birdie told me; "fishing has been on and off".

That being said let me get to the heart of this article. For those of you who don't know, my father has been in Kaiser ICU for the past several weeks and this will be relevant shortly. In the mist of my soul searching, I came to realize that life and fishing are synonymous. Fishing teaches you to be prepared. Rod, bait & extra line are essential tools to have a great fishing experience. Retirement, insurance...simply having a plan are the tools to a great life experience. Just as there are bad

days of fishing, there are bad days in life. These are balanced by the good days like when the sun warms your body from the chill of the bay breeze or your child tells you they love you. We all have something that drives us to try again and again for that record catch, that promotion or whatever your heart desires. But there is one thing that holds true....You need to have a plan!

I had it all thought out to take my father fishing on one of the local charters. Only because he has never been and it would be a nice getaway. But I didn't plan and now I may never have that opportunity to make it happen. Which brings me to the closing of this month's article....Think about your loved ones, just like preparing for an early morning fishing trip...is there something you need to plan?

## God Bless & Good Fishing

**Other Areas:** Striped bass fishing on San Pablo Bay was "terrific" for over a week until the last week of March. Sturgeon action is going strong during periods of moving tides and the halibut have been making their appearances.

## Gun Notes From Here & There

### By Fielding Greaves

**Preemption law trumps SF handgun ban.** The State Supreme Court unanimously upheld the earlier unanimous 3-judge State Appeals Court ruling that SF's Measure H handgun ban was illegal because it violated state preemption law reserving firearms regulation solely to state control, denying local governments the power to regulate firearms. Thus for the third time in a row, the politicians who devised it (despite the *same* appellate court ruling back when Dianne Feinstein was mayor!) have come up with egg on their faces. They should personally reimburse the City for the huge costs they caused in wasted legislative time and election expenses.

**Heller case amicus briefs** in support of the Second Amendment included a brief by VP Cheney and a bipartisan majority of 55 senators, the largest number of co-signers in a congressional amicus brief in history! A companion brief was filed by 29 California district attorneys, the SF Veteran Police Officers Association, the Long Beach Police Officers Association, and other law enforcement groups across the nation. (CRPA report)

**Guns in National Parks.** The Dept. of Interior, responding to a letter signed by 51 senators, will submit proposed new regulations to allow persons with CCW permits to carry arms in National Park Service and National Fish & Wildlife lands, suggesting that the new regs would put such lands under the gun laws of their respective host states, as is currently the case for BLM and Forest Service lands. The new regs are expected to be submitted for public comment by April 30. (CRPA report)

# MAY 2008

# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

## May 11

Tickets for the MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH are on sale at the bar. Tickets will be \$15; CHILDREN under 8 eat free. The menu will include a buffet breakfast of an egg dish, sausage, ham, potatoes, hot cakes, miscellaneous fruit and pastries and, of course, champagne. That CHEF ABOUT TOWN-STEVE McKEEVER and his diligent band of slicers, dicers, and hot cake flippers will be at the starting line and ready to serve you the best Mother's Day Brunch in the county. There will be seating inside the clubhouse and outside, weather permitting. If you don't have a mother available, don't let this keep you from coming. I'm sure we can find one for you to share. The bar will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH will be served from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Look for IRISH COFFEES, FABULOUS BLOODY MARY'S and JIM'S MOTHER'S DAY FIZZES, along with sodas, wine, beer and drinks. And don't forget we are now serving DRAFT BEER. TO SPEED UP SERVICE WE WILL HAVE TWO SERVING LINES. CUT OFF DATE for tickets is Friday MAY 10 at 6 p.m.!!! You might want to call the club before you come down for tickets in case the event is sold out. Sorry there will be NO tickets sold at the door.

### 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*

*~ ~ ~ Dinner Available ~ ~ ~*

## \*\*\*BINGO\*\*\*

### BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

**8 am to 12 noon**

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

**MAY 18**

**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 - JUNE 15***

### 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.

### NEW MEMBERS

Denise Parker, Francine Ortiz-Schuler

Andrew McCullough, James Keating

Ahmed Issa, Steven Horgan

Chas Denicke, Peri Demarco

Sarah Daniel, RV Clementz

Ellen Bennett

### IN MEMORIAM

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

**John Taylor**

## WESTERN BBQ DINNER/DANCE

### **Saturday, June 21**

### **TICKETS - \$25**

**Cocktails - 6pm**

**Dinner - 7pm**

**Tom Rose and the**

### **Dry Creek Band**

**Hors D'oeuvres**

**Chicken, Ribs**

**James Pedro & Scott Gillespie,**

**Co-Chefs**

**Chair: Tom Longman**

*Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect; it just means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.*

### Clip & Save - 2008-2009

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  
 Oct. 4.....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

### BOAT RAMP

The boating season at the Marin Rod & Gun Club is officially open. Thanks to volunteers, the floats were repaired and installed the second week in March. We try to install the floats in March and remove them in November due to possible weather damage in the winter.

Due to the addition of the new Cal Trans park, parking around the ramp is not permitted. The parking lot by the ramp will be restriped to designate a no parking area around the ramp. This is necessary to give members adequate room to turn around and launch their boats.

Please park all boat trailers in the rear parking lot. Also those boaters who use the boat washing facility, please limit water use as much as possible. We ask that only boats launched at the club use the wash area and, as always, no soap is allowed. This is a privilege we don't want to lose! Please conserve water.

Thanks again to the volunteers who maintain the ramp and especially Bill Craig and Roy Jackson for their help.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the boat ramp, please call me at (707) 548-2941. **Paul Tarzia, Boat Ramp Chairman**

## ANNUAL PICNIC

### **Sunday, July 29**

### **NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS**

**Servers, Ticket Sellers**

**Set-up, Decorating**

**Clean-up, Parking Commander**

**Game Booth Workers**

We can make this the best Annual Picnic ever. Call me if you want to have fun. Also, the **Silent Auction/ Bucket Raffle** is in need of items. If you have anything you want to donate, call us. We will even come to your home to pick up! Lana - (415) 606-9777

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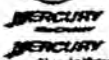
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