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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer
It's PICNIC time

July is here and that means PICNIC. This perennial club event represents everything that is good about being a member. If you're a member whose family has attended since you were kids, this will be a trip down memory lane. For you newer members here's a sampling of what you can look forward to and why you want to invite your family and friends to come join you:

- 1-Picnic area that seats a thousand with both shaded and sunny seats
 - 2-Mid-way full of booths with games and prizes for children of all ages
 - 3-Pier to take an afternoon stroll
 - 4-Hot Dog Stand
 - 5-An unlimited FREE Jumpee for the kids
 - 6-Rock n' Roll Band
 - 7-Outdoor Bar with cool summer drinks
 - 8-Music playing over the loud speakers
 - 9-Flags flying
 - 10-Salami toss
 - 11-Chicken Dinner with Corn on the Cob
 - 12-ICE CREAM!!!
 - 13-Booths updating our habitat restoration success and other club current events
 - 14-Silent auction with great eclectic items including wonderful plants
 - 15-And so much more.....
- Tips for first timers:
- 16-Arrive 10am or so to pick your picnic seats
 - 17-Picnic table umbrella if you choose (not necessary)
 - 18-Bring a picnic cloth and your favorite appetizers (summer fruit like peaches on ice, cherries and watermelons, crackers and cheese)
 - 19-Wild comfortable clothing
 - 20-Small bills and quarters for the games
 - 21-An appetite for a great BBQ chicken diner
 - 22-Dancing shoes

So, don't miss out on the event of the year, bring your family and friends and please purchase your tickets early.

Parking. Our normal "front entrance" creates a traffic bottleneck, so this year we're encouraging everyone who is physically able to walk the short way to enter via the Office park next door (look for the balloons), park next door and walk in the "back gate". If you do not walk well, please feel free to park in the spots available on the grounds, but again please do approach through the back gate. In doing so, we'll accommodate all members and leave more open space to enjoy for the party.

For everyone who attended last year, you know what a fabulous job **Lana Ghilarducci** did in her first year as chair. This year promises to continue that trend. No other event requires as many volunteers, so if you can spare an hour or two before or during the picnic to help out please give Lana a call for an assignment (415) 606-9777.

Speaking of events, the Western BBQ was terrific. The crowd enjoyed a great meal of Chicken, Ribs and Sausage with all fixin's prepared by **Tad Alvord** and crew, and then danced the evening away. Thanks again to **Tom Longman** for hosting this event.

The pier rail project is progressing well thanks to those of you who have volunteered to make this

happen. We did not get the level of volunteers we had hoped, however the project looks like it will be completed in July. Remember all those, and only those, who volunteered, the Pier Rail Appreciation Picnic is Saturday July 12, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends, I have been away but don't worry.....my pier reports will return in August. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual picnic **Good Fishing.**

Other Areas

The halibut fishing, due to a combination of fishing pressure and strong winds, has slowed down a bit, but anglers are still landing decent numbers of Halibut while drifting live bait on San Francisco Bay.

GOODBYE NORTH COAST SALMON

One Fisherman's Observation By Ron Jerome

I hope this makes everyone aware of the major problems we have on the Klamath and Trinity rivers in northern California. They used to host tremendous runs of salmon and steelhead. We fished the Klamath for 35 years but finally went to other rivers as fishing there went from great to poor.

The two major problems on the Klamath are: #1-the Netting and #2-water release (cool water) from the dam.

The Yorok Tribe and Hoopa Tribe have been netting and selling salmon for years. The Yorok tribe changed their tribal code so they could net 24/7 except on Monday when they take nets out of the river for repair. They are supposed to be out from 9 am to 5 pm. Don't bet they are out even then.

The Yuroks net from above the 101 bridge right down to the mouth of the river at the ocean. J. Bonnell told me he saw the netters with a conveyor belt running up the boat ramp by the 101 bridge, loading truck after truck full of salmon. With no counters of DFG present, who counts them.....the netters. This was in 2004. Now in 2008 when all of us who fish salmon in the north are shut down, its because nobody does anything about this. They are taking all they can truck out - very few get up to spawn.

In September 2006 while fishing the Trinity, a DFG warden came along and said the Trinity is closed to adult salmon fishing. Why? He said no salmon are going through the fish ladder or counter at Willow Creek. I went down river below Willow Creek to see what was going on. Five or six miles down, the Trinity was completely blocked by four nets in the river. Two from the east side almost to the west bank and two from the west almost to the east bank. These were placed so that an adult salmon could not have gotten through. Any salmon that makes it up the Trinity face the Hoopa netters who are blocking the river below Willow Creek.

They are breaking their own tribal fishing codes by daytime netting and blocking the river. The codes say 'no daytime net'. Just drive along the road and you can see them. They are supposed to have a channel for some fish to pass. There was no channel.

Gun Notes from Here & There

by Fielding Greaves

Eddie Eagle 20 years old! The Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The program ("If you see a gun: STOP! Don't touch. Leave the Area. Tell an adult.") has been presented to over 21 million US children during the past 20 years. "No other organization, and certainly no government, can match that accomplishment," said the program's creator, NRA Past President Marion Hammer. Praised by numerous groups, including the National Sheriff's Association, the US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, the Association of American Educators, the National Safety Council, and 26 state governors, the Eddie Eagle program has been utilized by more than 26,000 schools, law enforcement agencies and civic groups.

Crime decline continues. FBI data for 2007 shows drops in the rates of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault of, respectively, 2%, 7%, 2% and 3%--the 14th annual decline in the last 16 years. While crime continues to decline, the Sarah Brady group, having lost in its attacks on guns as cause of crime, has switched its target to ammunition. They now are pushing for bullet and cartridge case ID registration; background check, registration, licensing and waiting periods for ammo buyers; and more stringent controls and records requirements for ammo sellers.

Bloomberg slapped down by 2nd Circuit. New York Mayor Bloomberg took a major hit when the 2nd US Court of Appeals upheld the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act and tossed out the city's lawsuits that sought to make a host of gun makers and distributors pay for the costs of gun crime committed by third party criminals.

Han Dynasty crossbow ban? An early Chinese history reports a petition by Imperial Chancellor Kung-sun Hung to ban crossbows, because "when ten bandits bend their crossbows to the full, a hundred officials dare not advance." When the Emperor asked his council for comment, an elder, Shou Wang, replied: "The cause for prohibition is that bandits use them to attack and rob. The crime of attacking and robbing is subject to death; yet that they have not been stopped is because the great law-breakers do no care to avoid severe punishment. Should the suggested prohibition be enforced, your subject fears that wicked persons will still carry weapons, and that good people who keep their weapons for self-defense will encounter the prohibition of the law. This will make the power of the robbers exclusive and take away the means of defense from the people...."

When the petition was presented, the Emperor questioned Imperial Chancellor Hung, who promptly withdrew his suggestion. (From *The History of the Han Dynasty* for the year 124 BC).

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

JULY 2008

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-7 pm

Third Friday of the Month
All Members & Guests Welcome

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-7 pm

First Tuesday of the Month
All Members Welcome

*****BINGO*****

Every Thursday Night

*****BINGO*****

BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

8 am to 12 noon

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

JULY 20

Choice of Ham, Bacon, 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 - August 17

ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, July 27

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Someone once said "Recruiting Volunteers is simple. You ask." Volunteers are needed for our Annual Picnic! Some of the jobs available are: Booth Workers, Ticket Sellers, Lunch Servers, Set-up, Clean-up. Be a part of the fun and help make this the best picnic the club has ever had! Call the office (415) 456-3123 and leave your name & number.

NEW MEMBERS

Dale Bartley, Kenneth Blassingame
Tim Boddy, Ryan Bonilla
James Curry, Dave Garbarino
Neal Gingras, Margaret Grover
A. J. Jordan, Jay Mancini
Don Miller, Rory O'Neil
Alan Onizuka, Maureen Pero
Steven Restivo

ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, July 27

Tickets - \$10

includes half BBQ chicken

Corn on the Cob

Salad, French Roll

Midway opens 10 am

Lunch Noon to 1:30 pm

Fun & Games for all ages

Dancing to Eddie and the Boppers

Hot Dogs, Popcorn

and Oysters of course

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNERS

Starting September 8

COMING TO A
PIER NEAR YOU

Ladies' Day on the Pier

September 27

Fishing 10am - 1pm

Delicious Lunch follows

No Fishing License

Required

Champagne served on the Pier

OKTOBERFEST

October 4

Clip & Save - 2008-2009

July 20.....Breakfast
July 27.....Annual Picnic
TBA-CHAIR NEEDED.....Kid's Day on the Pier
Aug. 17.....Breakfast
Sept. 8-Dec. 15.....Monday Night Football
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. 21.....New Year's Eve
Jan. 10, 2009.....Crab Feed
Feb. 1, 2009.....Super Bowl
TBA 2009.....Men's Night Out

Volunteers Needed for Oyster Restoration Project

Hazard buoy maintenance

July 12 or 13

2 volunteers to mix cement in buckets for anchors, good skiff & operator, two strong guys, about 2-3 hours

Pre-construction Monitoring

July 12 or 13

Boat & 1 volunteer to help Rena Obernolte, half a day to collect bottom samples & plankton samples

Bagging Oyster Cultch

July 14 or 15

A dozen volunteers to go to Drakes Bay Oyster Farm, 3/4 day

Reef Construction

July 19 or 20 or August 2 or 3

4 boats & drivers, 8 people with wet suits (two 4 hour shifts), 10 people all day on shore to load boats & bend iron

E-mail if you can help and to confirm the dates MRGC.treasurer@yahoo.com

25 Year Pins

The list of 25 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 up one at the bar or leave your name and member number at the office and we will mail it. Initiation dates may be checked at:

Bar (415) 456-8142

Office (415) 456-3123

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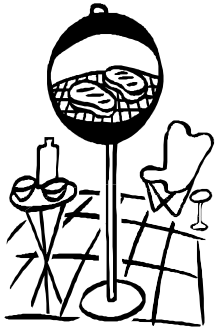
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Membership Applications are available at the bar. The cost of \$150 includes the initiation fee of \$75 plus \$75 for current year dues.

Marin Rod & Gun Club

Annual Family Chicken Bar-B-Q

Sunday, July 27, 2007



Midway opens 10 AM — Lunch Noon — 1:30 PM
Fun & Games for all ages

Dancing to a Live Band

Hot Dogs & Popcorn

Oysters, of course!

\$10.00 includes Bar-B-Q

1/2 BBQ Chicken * Corn on the Cob * Salad * French Roll

Members & Guests

DETACH AND RETURN WITH TICKET ORDER

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MAIL TICKETS TO:

Name _____

Member Card No. _____

Credit Card # _____ exp ___/___

Address: _____

Name on card _____

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Yes—I would like to Volunteer! Please call me at _____

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