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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Picture Perfect Picnic

Sunday's picnic was perfect. The chicken and corn were outstanding, the oysters scrumptious, the games all fun, the parking well coordinated and the weather exceptional. Everything was right on schedule and the band kept things going all throughout the afternoon with the perfect tempo of upbeat music. Lana Ghilarducci outdid herself in this her second year of chairing this our largest event and brought a smoothness to the day that only comes after exhaustive planning and execution. To top it off, Lana's accounting of money, tickets, prizes, and inventory was nothing short of outstanding. A degree of accountability that we have been striving to meet for so long and I can say with confidence we have finally achieved. The checks and balances for this picnic genuinely bring confidence of our event accountability and contribution to the club. Congratulations Lana, you are a new member (just over two years) who has clearly demonstrated how the club can grow in meaningful and positive ways.

Another relatively new member (about 4 years now) Bud Abbott continues to grow the club's Habitat Restoration efforts in big ways. As I've noted previously, Bud has won the club a \$300,000 restoration grant this year expanding on the past three years grants by 600%. This huge accomplishment is a big feather in our hat. That said, these grants are predicted on club volunteer participation, and frankly, we need more of it. So, if you genuinely believe your club oath of "preserving the habitat of fish and wildlife" and you've never done a single thing toward making that happen, over the next few weeks you have the opportunity to take positive action to this end. We will be constructing and deploying this years native oyster reefs on Saturday and Sunday August 16th and 17th on the club grounds and subtidal property. Please call or email Bud with times during that weekend you will be available at abbco@att.net or (415) 847-1777. Participating in this project will give you a real world insight into how we can meet our club mission, a better understanding of how our bay works, plus it's fun and gratifying. Please make yourself heard by taking action this month - the club needs you now.

I will close this month with the saddest news I've ever conveyed to you. Our Past President Tom Longman unexpectedly passed away last week. As you all know Tom had a genuine love for the club and participated on the Board of Directors now for the past six years. Tom took great interest in all aspects of the club, was active in chairing events and sourcing club gear. I will always be grateful for Tom's attentiveness and vision for moving things forward and appreciated his responsiveness during his two terms as President to the demands of the special projects that so successfully took place during his tenure. Tom will always be remembered as a warm, thoughtful and kind person. Our heart goes out to you Debbie as we mourn his loss. Tom we miss you.

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends the bite has slowed down some. Mike Kozak has some Halibuts on the books along with some others taking a couple of Stripers. And even a nice Leopard shark and an assortment of outdoor fishing fun. But don't let the slow bite fool ya...our weather has been great and have you seen our pier? My hats off to you members which have done a stupendous job rebuilding our beloved pier. If you haven't taken the time to come down, say hi and see, I encourage you to do so.

Let me take the next following lines of this month's newsletter to share something with you. First and foremost, I have taken the honor to be sure that this year MRGC will be having a kid's day on the pier! Which brings me to this thought...Fishing was such a large part of my up bringing and Maddison's that I couldn't allow that function to move by like a leaf in the wind this year. As I have mentioned before, fishing principles run synonymous with life. But the true gift is to be able to share those joys and experiences of fishing with the coming generations that will carry the MRGC legacy. So what I ask of you, as you read this months article, is what can you bring in yourself? More importantly what can you bring to others? If you are interested in being part of the Kid's Day on the Pier team, give me a call (707) 774-1574.

Other Areas

Live bait drifters caught a mixture of halibut and stripers throughout San Francisco Bay over the Fourth of July weekend. "The live bait fishing on the bay is very good," confirmed Keith Fraser at Loch Lomond Live Bait and Tackle. Lingcod fishing has yet to bust loose, but that's okay with most Bodega anglers since big quality bottom fish are on an energetic bite.

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

The Supreme Courts 5-4 ruling on June 26 in District of Columbia v. Heller confirmed the Second Amendment right to arms as an individual right bringing joy to the nation and declared the DC handgun ban to be unconstitutional, as was also the DC requirement that all long guns be kept disassembled or locked up, and upheld the right of residents to have a firearm both functional and accessible for self-defense, but conceded that certain restrictions were legal and appropriate, such as denying gun rights to felons, the mentally deficient and juveniles. NRA promptly launched lawsuits to overturn the handgun bans in Chicago and its suburbs of Oak Park and Morton Grove (village of the 1981 first U.S. total handgun ban), and against San Francisco's prohibition of firearms possession by residents in public housing.

Meanwhile, DC just added new gun laws in an attempt to circumvent the Court ruling, by allowing only one handgun to be registered per resident, continuing to ban handguns from most places except for self-defense in the home, and carry fewer than 12 rounds of ammo (i.e., ten in magazine and one in the chamber), continuing to require handguns and legal long guns to be kept unloaded and disassembled or trigger-locked unless there is a reasonable perceived threat of immediate harm in the home.

DC people still largely disarmed, because all gun shops were long ago banned from DC, and current federal law (GCA 68) prohibits residents from bringing a handgun across a state line from some other state, so DC's unarmed residents still cannot legally acquire handguns from MD or VA, or anywhere. They can only register unregistered handguns already in DC, those secretly hidden, or bought from the criminal underground. So, for most DC residents, the handgun ban effectively still exists in DC despite the Supreme Court ruling.

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Picnic Thank You!

The 2008 Marin Rod & Gun Club Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, July 27 under sunny skies and perfect bay temperatures. Approximately 700 members and guests attended the event and the buzz around the picnic area and midway indicated that anyone that wanted to have fun was indeed having fun and enjoying the day. As chair of this event I need to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those that made this event a success.

Saturday was set-up day and I want to thank the few members who showed and worked extremely hard to get the picnic grounds ready. First off, Donna Lituanio; if you were looking for her she could be found cleaning each and every game booth from top to bottom all by herself. The parking lot striping was done to perfection by Ben Milligan and his crew. Thanks John Otero for your expert advice and assistance, also Jim Quinn for directing parking on the day of the picnic. Thanks Greg Peterson for the hours of work installing speakers and our sound system and especially for stepping in at the last minute. Bob Camiccia thank you, you never cease to amaze me with your willingness to assist with set-up the day before a picnic. Who could believe you're 80 years young.

Finally Sunday arrived! Steve Guastucci and crew please take a bow, the chicken was cooked to perfection and the marinade was simply delicious - Thanks again for 35 years of hard work. Stacy Collins and Paula Litzky from our office staff did a wonderful job of handling the money. Thanks to Laura Lentini for all of her help on Saturday and Sunday with the silent auction and as a rover on picnic day and taking care of so many things. For Sue-Ann Joy, another person who stepped in at the last minute and ran the silent auction/bucket raffle, it was a job well done and a fabulous success. (Thanks to your children as well). Dianne and Ron Rodrigues, you kept the serving line moving and the masses fed. Thank you, it was fun! Bill Ellis for once again tending the Oyster booth. As usual they were delicious. Thanks to your wife Maureen for picking up and delivering all 800 oysters again this year. Carlo Casagrande, the pleasure was mine as your assistance with food ordering went smoothly once again. Bill Seifert, your melodious voice could be heard all day from the announcer's booth keeping everyone informed of the picnic happenings. You insured that our raffle doubled in ticket sales. Good job, Bill.

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AUGUST 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

BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

8 am to 12 noon

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

AUGUST 17

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 - September 21

(Picnic thanks continued)

Thanks Virdell Hickman and Tom Alioto for making my dream of a "Tiki Bar" a success. I have some wonderful pictures that I will enjoy for years to come. Thunder Redwomin, for cleaning the entire picnic area the day after picnic. I'm sorry, I thought with 1200 members strong that others would be there to help.

Bob Boyett, my best friend and business partner who worked for days before with set-up preparation and at the picnic he could be found at the Salami Toss working tirelessly in the hot sun. Bob, I cannot tell you how much your participation in this event the last two years have made my job much easier. Without you I just might have quit! (Wait a minute, I did quit once). Todd Meyer thanks for who you are and for listening when it was necessary to let off steam. Any others that I have not mentioned please know your help is appreciated by the club.

And finally, thank you, my fellow **Marin Rod and Gun Club** members for trusting me with this important special event. **Lana Ghilarducci, Picnic Chair**

NEW MEMBERS

George Buckle, Sheila Dickson
David Esposito, Julio Osequeda

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to the families of
Members who have passed away:
Past President Tom Longman
Nicolas E. Garcia

MONDAY NIGHT

FOOTBALL

DINNERS

Starting September 8

TICKETS \$9.00

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Ron & Dianne Rodrigues, Co-Chairs

19th ANNUAL

KID'S DAY ON THE PIER

Saturday, September 20

10 am to 1 pm

Prizes for biggest & most fish
Kids up to 16 years

Hot Dog lunch

Reservations:

(707) 774-1574 (707) 774-3360

Donations Welcome

Volunteers Needed

Christopher Badouin & Kate Gerhardt
Co-Chairs

Ladies' Day on the Pier

September 27

Fishing 10am - 1pm

Ladies! It's your day!

Come join us for a day on the pier

Lunch

Our great salad bar and

Chicken Parmesan

Champagne

served to you while you fish

Rod & Bait & Stuff

will be provided

(or bring your own rod if you have one)

Price? Not for you ladies

Men? \$10 to join your ladies

No Fishing License Required

Come Down and Have Fun!!!

Jack Camiccia, Chair
Clip & Save - 2008-2009

Aug. 17.....Breakfast
Sept. 8-Dec. 15.....Monday Night Football
Sept. 20.....Kid's Day on the Pier
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

OKTOBERFEST

October 4

12:00 noon to 10:00 pm

TICKETS \$20.00-Adult

\$8.00-children under 12

Dancing from 1:00 to 9:00

featuring

The Steve Balich

Band and

The Original

Edelweiss Band

Pork Loin, Sausages,

Traditional Fixings

Micro Brew, Icy

Cold Jagermeister

Oyster Bar

Raffle!

Best Oktoberfest Costume Prizes

Volunteers Needed, call or email

Eric Salvisberg, Chair

(707) 480-3374 erickai@aol.com

Donations for Raffle Needed

Contact Eric or bring them to the office

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



19th ANNUAL KIDS DAY ON THE PIER

September 20th 2008 ~ 10am to 1pm

Come one come all. Fishing for kids big and kids small. Lets have some fun, some fun for us all!

Prizes given for biggest and most fish

All children up to 16 are welcome

**Free hot dogs provided by Roy's Chicago Hot Dogs
chairman: Chris Badouin co-chair: Kate Gerhardt**

Reservations

707-774-1574 707-774-3360

Donations welcome -drop off box at the club

Volunteers needed - don't be shy, lend a hand!

It's Oktoberfest Time!



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2675 E. Francisco Blvd., Pt. San Quentin CA

October 4th, 2008 12:00 to 10:00PM

MV Show

Clubhouse & Patio Area

Featuring the Steve Balich Band and The Original Edelweiss Band.

Dancing from 1:00 to 9:00

Pork Loin, Sausages, Traditional Fixings

Serving 3:00 to 7:00

Micro Brew, Icy Cold Jägermeister, Oyster Bar

Raffle!

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 Serving 3:00 to 7:00 **Ticket Deadline 09/30/2008**
 *Adult \$20.00 _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
 **Children under 12 \$8.00 _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____
 Total \$ _____
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