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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Good News--We had 14 new members join the club at this month's general meeting. (Hat's off to Tom Yasuda, our Membership chair, for his outstanding work over the past two years).

Bad News--Only 24 members were present to greet this new group.

For many years now our general meetings have been poorly attended. The question is how do we turn this around? Any input any member has on how to make our general meeting more appealing to attend is welcome. Just drop a note in my box in the office. I'll compile the list and we will discuss it at the next board meeting.

In the interim, we've lined up two Bud Abbott's to come to the next general meeting: First, **Dr. Bud Abbott**, our Habitat Restoration Chair and resident lead Marine Biologist, will be reviewing the clubs success with past grants in Native Oyster and Eel Grass restoration and provide insight into our current grant researching how Salmonoid feeding habits are effected with the increased reef and plant protection. Bud is a renowned speaker in the scientific community whom you do not want to miss.

Second, Mel Beck has lined up **Bud Abbott - Abbott and Costello** to perform their famous "Who's on First" routine. So, immediately following the meeting, join us for dinner and a movie for just \$3. This is the best deal in town. You are sure to go home with a smile on your face after these two Abbott's team up to entertain you. (Note: Big thanks to Al Pietrosilli, Walt Camiccia and Bill George for making the meal each general meeting.)

Special thanks to Chris Badouin and team for an outstanding Kid's Day on the Pier. See you at Oktoberfest.

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

VETO AB 2498 - Call the Governor to veto! AB2498 (Soldand-D) would require ANYBODY taking firearms training of ANY kind, even a basic safety course, to first undergo a background check. Added cost (ca. \$70 to \$90) and fees could lead many to avoid taking course, making them more dangerous to public. The bill has already been sent to the governors's desk.

**Call the Governor's office
ask him to veto AB 2498**

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All five NRA gun ban lawsuits (San Francisco, Chicago, Evanston, Oak Park and Morton Grove) as NRA-ILA reports, raise the issue of the application of the Second Amendment against the states through the Fourteenth Amendment, known as "incorporation." Because Washington, DC is not a state, incorporation was not specifically addressed by SCOTUS in ruling on DC v. Heller, but that ruling did repeatedly equate the Second to the First and Fourth Amendments, which have applied to the states for 80 years. (The key incorporation part of Sec. 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment says: "...NO state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States...")

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends, we started a recent Saturday morning with the sun playing peek-a-boo from the clouds but our pier was bustling with young boys and girls. What could that be....it was Kid's Day on the Pier! After having weeks of great weather we nestled off to bed the night before to the sounds of rain and woke to a wet outdoors and cloudy skies. Then they started to appear. One kid after another, with parents in tow, all ready to fish. Within minutes, before the start of the derby, the pier was full with children in yellow MRGC shirts and rods dangling over the rail. Then it happened...."excuse me, can we have a live bull head" a voice came from below. I gathered my gaze downward to see this young lady draped in her yellow kids day shirt ready for some live bait. The ever sweet voice repeated "Can we have some live bait please". Within a blink of an eye the volunteers were on it, scooping some live bait into the net. A sweet thank you followed and she was off. That was it, we did it! The sky could have delivered a downpour with a thunderous roar, but you know what? It wouldn't matter, the smiles delivered from the kids and the parents could have made any day perfect.

I could fill this newsletter with tasty treats from this years kids day, but let me get my soap box out and continue this article. First I would like to thank all the people who helped with this event. My hats off to you; Walt, Bob, Tim, Ed, John, Kate, Janet, Jack, Todd, Sydney, Joe, Coleen, Bill and the other Bill. If I forgot your name or your help don't fret, just remember you made a kids day. Furthermore, I would like to thank all the businesses that made our kids day something special: Leonard's Bait Shop, Hi's Tackle, Outdoor Pro Shop, Big 5, Angelo's Meat, Roy's Chicago Dogs, Crown Trophy, The Savings Card, Stinger Sportswear, T&B Sports, Lock Lomond Bait, Western Boat and Western Sport. Remember they supported our kids so support them with your patronage and don't be shy to say thank you.

In closing this month, there were 57 happy kids enjoying our pier, 28 fish tugged on fishing line, 5 new members grabbed applications, 120 Chicago Hot dogs were eaten and the Most Fish and Biggest Fish prizes went to Ty Walling and Danielle Hearn, both taking home brand new bikes to enjoy. - good fishing - P.S. Be sure to check the MRGC website in the upcoming weeks for a 2008 Kid's Day slide show and a contact roster for the businesses who donated to this event.

Officers and Directors for 2009

Contact Nominating Chair Rich Nave, Jr. if you are interested in running for President, Secretary or Board of Directors. You must have been a member for at least a year before the November election to qualify. Presidential candidates must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year before the election date.

OPERATION TRIPLE H

"Operation Triple H", Care Packages for the Troops, is please to announce it has nearly reached its goal of \$10,000 worth of phone cards so, with your help, we can make this dream a reality. Troops may phone home for the Holidays. The cards will be purchased at a low rate through the Vietnam Veterans of America group (chapter in Larkspur). This was made possible with the support of OTH, the Marin Rod and Gun Club, American Storage Co., Tammy Hilbrich and the "Human Race." OTH has been invited to join Oktoberfest at the Rod and Gun Club again this year. It has been very difficult the last couple of years to raise donations and get volunteers. This is a great opportunity to catch up and make a difference for our heroes. Please bring donations to our table this time. Cash and check donations are always the best way to help out. Any DVD's or CD's donations are needed. No food in cans or glass and no magazines or books please. (Sudoku and Crosswords OK.) Travel Size Packets (not the large dispensers) of hand wipes and baby wipes are needed. Microwave popcorn, beef jerky, chewing gum, packets of Lipton instant soup, single serve individual packets of Gatorade and Crystal Light are always popular with the Troops and are welcome. Organize your group or Church to write Holiday Cards. This is the time to start. Our contact with the R&R Center in Qatar has left. We are having difficulty reconnecting so we have partnered up with another successful organization like ours, "Operation Tango Mike", in Kelseyville, CA. They have many volunteers and a staging location in the Umpqua Bank to process the donations. So even with the economy in a slump, reorganization is positive and OTH is moving forward to meet the holidays. You can reach the Founder of OTH, Thomas Burford, at (415) 847-1592. Or visit their website at: marinbackroads@msn.com or <http://groups.google.com/group/operation-triple-h/web>. Be sure to use the word TROOPS in the subject line of your email so they know it's not spam.

BOAT RAMP

This is an update to inform our members that the floats adjacent to the boat launch will be removed the first week in November. This is done to protect the floats against storm damage during the winter months. They will be reinstalled the first week in March 2009, weather permitting. Thanks again to the members who volunteer their time and energy to maintain the launch ramp. If you have any questions or comments concerning the boat ramp, please call me at (707) 548-2942.

Paul Tarzia, Boat Ramp Chairman

By-Laws Changes

Anyone wanting to suggest changes to our By-Laws must submit them in writing before December 1, 2008 to Don Gregory, By-Laws Committee Chairman.

OCTOBER 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

NEW!!!

Join us for our

FIRST "after meeting" MOVIE

following our October 17

General Membership Meeting

Bud Abbott & Lou Costello in

"The Naughty Nineties" featuring
the famous sketch

"Who's On First"

Let us have your suggestions as to which
additional Abbot & Costello or other old time
movies you would be interested in watching
again.

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\$8.00-Adults

\$3.00-16 & under

8 am to 12 noon

OCTOBER 19

Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage
or combo of above

Special Fresh Fruit Pancakes

Eggs, Potatoes, Toast

Orange Juice, Coffee

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

Next Breakfast - November 16

NEW MEMBERS

Ronald Basque, Victoria Cooke, Robert Cuneo
Tom Fall, Arlene Fenstermaker, Linda Hunter
Kevin Krick, Rob Larson, Robert Lopez
Patrick Meehan, Andrew Pino, Albert Savedra
Phil Verdon, Denis Williams

MONDAY NIGHT

FOOTBALL

DINNERS

TICKETS \$9.00

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

November 10

*complete Thanksgiving dinner
\$10.00*

Ron & Dianne Rodrigues, Co-Chairs

Children's

Christmas Party

December 14

12:00 - 3:00

Fun, Gifts and Lunch

for the children &

grandchildren of members

VISIT BY SANTA

The enclosed reservation flyer

MUST be returned by

Friday, November 28

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dinner/Dance

December 31st

CRAB FEED

January 2009

IN MEMORIAM

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

Clip & Save - 2008-2009

Sept. 8-Dec. 15.....Monday Night Football
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. 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

Donations for Operation Triple H,

Care Packages for the Troops,

Requested

Bring them to the table at the Oktoberfest

It's Oktoberfest Time!



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

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

Clubhouse & Patio Area

MV Show

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!

**Bring Triple H
Care Package
Donations!**

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Bring your Stein!



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 Oktoberfest Event *October 4th, 2008* 12:00 to 10:00PM
 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 \$ _____
 Mail Payment To: PO Box 150900, San Rafael CA 94915-0900
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 () _____

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Volunteers Needed...Call or Email
 Eric. (707) 480-3374
erickai@aol.com

*21 & Over Attendees ticket includes 2 beers or 1 glass wine.
 **Under 21 Attendees ticket includes a soda or water.

11th Annual Children's Christmas Party

Date: Sunday December 14, 2008 from 12:00 to 3:00pm

Place: Marin Rod & Gun Club

Who: Member's Children, Grandchildren, Etc.....

Children 10 and under

Presents, Food, Games, Entertainment, Raffle

Lunch: Free for Children, Adults \$5.00 Send check (made out to MRGC) with RSVP

YOU MUST RSVP by sending this form and a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Lillian Bracken, 77 Mark Drive, Suite 4, San Rafael, CA 94903

Must be postmarked on or before Friday, November 28, 2008

YOU WILL receive a letter back from Santa with confirmation

Children see Santa in the order that forms are received (150 children limit) so mail early!

Lillian's number is (415)531-0852

Keep this top portion

--Return this form:

Please indicate if any of your children have special interests or hobbies. Santa will do his best to match up presents to your child.

Boy's Name (first and last)

age

special interests

Girls Name (first and last)

age

special interests

Member's Marin Rod & Gun ID# _____ No. of Adults attending _____

Member's Name _____ **Enclose check for Adults lunches**

Member's Phone No. **Please** _____

Call me if you have any Question's, or if you would like to help wrap gifts. "Many hands make light work".

Thank you, Lillian (415)531-0852

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