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## NOVEMBER 2008

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer  
Volunteer Heroes

My very first message to the club paraphrased JFK's inaugural speech, "Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club." Wherein I encouraged that volunteerism was a key to our well being as an organization. Now 23 newsletters later, I am reminding that this message is truer than ever. The demands and options of today's world make setting aside volunteer time just that much more difficult and, in turn, just that much scarcer.

To this end, I would like to recognize four exemplary club member volunteers who over the past year have given so much of their time and talents for the benefit of us all.

**Lana Ghilarducci - Club Events Chair and Picnic Chair.** Without trying to scare anyone away from the chair of club events, imagine recruiting, tutoring and overseeing a major party every single month. And, remember you have no planner funds available, you have to do it all with volunteers. Lana's tremendous success with last year's picnic gained the "promotion" to Events Chair. In this position, Lana tirelessly acted to produce the best events possible. Be it the addition of live music at most events or the cost saving details like producing tickets in-house, Lana left no stone unturned when it came to putting on the best show possible. As importantly, Lana ushered in a new level of Profit and Loss accountability, including tight control of all ticket sales and close cooperation with the office to assure accurate accountability. Be they seen or unseen, Lana delivered results in a big way by taking her roll and responsibility to heart for the best interests of the club.

**Marti Camiccia - Newsletter Editor, New Member Check-in, Event Ticket Sales et al.** Month-in and month-out I can always count on two things, the newsletter will be published with timely updates and reminders and new members will be properly checked-in at every General Meeting. Now imagine providing these two services to the club year-in and year-out and you can begin to appreciate what Marti has been doing for so very long now. Marti also can be found at most every event, both major and weekly MNF, handling ticket taking responsibilities. Most importantly though is the kind way Marti carries on club knowledge and tradition - she is a genuine club treasure the likes of which is very rare indeed.

**"Sarge" Roy Jackson - Pier Chair and Board Member.** Sarge's nickname could not be more appropriate. Sergeants by definition lead and motivate, which are skills that Roy has brought to his post as pier chair to great success. The only way to begin to appreciate what Sarge has accomplished is to walk the pier, which I encourage everyone to do. You will find new planking extending far out the pier and new improved safety rails the entire length of the pier to the square. Along the way, major fixes at the square, repair of supporting cross joints and the addition of protective wraps to extend the useful life of the pier infrastructure have all been addressed as well. Our pier is a treasure to the club that Sarge and his "wrecking crew" have persevered to save and accomplished more in less

time on the pier than has been done in decades, if ever. We all owe Sarge a debt of gratitude for this contribution. PS. He'd reprimand me if I did not add he always needs more help, just contact him to coordinate. It's a long pier.

**Volunteer of the Year - Billie George - Kitchen Chair, Co-founder Sunday Breakfast-by-the-Bay.** It is with the greatest regard I save the best for last and site Billie George, Volunteer of the Year. Will Rogers may have said it best, "Enjoy your work and you'll never work again." When it comes to maintaining the kitchen Billie has been nothing short of wonderful. First, the kitchen is always in order and clean. Second, "lost items" seem to be a thing of the past. Third, coordination of supplies is as smooth as can be. Billie is a fantastic club ambassador, who coordinates kitchen activity with all club rentals and club events, making everyone feel better about themselves and their time at the club. As co-founder (with Louis Huerto-Rojo) of Breakfast-by-the-Bay, Billie has demonstrated both vision and persistence that has brought great joy to so many members, and created a member service assuming all responsibility and requiring no management support. This is a great accomplishment! I cannot recognize Billie without one last mention - clean-up. Over the past two years, no one at the club had to wonder, "How's this place going to get cleaned up?" Billie gets it done, and often by himself. I've never heard him utter a word of complaint, and, in fact, hear nothing but joy and good tidings from him. Billie is not only a hard worker, but a model club member, whom we all could emulate. Billie, the club is greatly appreciative for all your efforts and actions.

In closing, I'd like to thank each and every member who volunteered this year. Many hands make light work and I again encourage you to take the initiative to introduce yourself to the committee chair who best matches the skill you have or what you want to do. Our membership application clearly points out that we as an organization rely on volunteer efforts. Please help out where and when you can. There is great joy in sharing.

## PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends we have had some incredible October weather. And when you add good tides this equals some good fishing. Though I can't speak first hand due to my own crazy schedule, but my little birdie told me our fine members that have bestowed our pier have let their rods dangle to the likes of some Stripers, Perch and the occasional Halibut. So get out, grab some friends and family and let the sun warm your face enjoying a little fishing - Good Fishing.

## Other Areas

People using live shiner perch continue to catch quality halibut in the San Pablo and San Francisco Bays. The Word is the Stripers have shown up in force along the rivers and some "sweet" spots in the bay.

## ELECTION NIGHT NOVEMBER 21

**Come Down and VOTE!**

Those running for office are:

### **President:**

Walt Cuthbertson, Marty Petrini  
Dianne Rodrigues

### **Secretary:**

Lillian Bracken

### **Board of Directors:**

Bud Abbott, Lou Aiello, Tad Alvord  
Lee Costo, Bill George, Bruce Woodford

## Gun Notes From Here & There

### **By Fielding Greaves**

Good news. AB 2498 died in the Senate, and the House passed HR 6842, overturning the DC ordinance that sought to circumvent the Supreme Court Heller decision.

**Bad news.** Several locales report a surge in handgun purchases, as buyers rush to secure firearms before a anticipated anti-gun Obama victory.

**The election.** By the time you read this, the election will be over. If McCain won, gun owners can sigh with relief. If Obama won, their troubles begin. Obama has either voted for or expressed support for measures that would: •eliminate concealed carry rights nationwide, •ban handgun ownership, •ban nearly all standard rifle hunting ammo, •expose firearms industry to possibly bankrupting, frivolous lawsuits, •uphold local gun bans like in DC and Chicago, •impose gun registration, owner licensing and one-gun-a-month rationing, •re-impose the failed Clinton gun ban, •require mandatory waiting periods, mandatory gun training, and mandatory micro-stamping of ammo, •and close every gun store located within five miles of any school or park (thus eliminating gun stores altogether from perhaps three-quarters of the nation's area and all large metropolitan areas and well populated regions!).

### **Follow the Salmon by Ron Jerome**

Went to the Trinity River August 24 and came back October 4. As always we had a great time with all our friends. The pot luck dinner is always fun. A glass of wine and a great BBQ dinner. More fish are caught at the dinner than are pulled from the river. Great stories.

We caught a dozen jack salmon (under 22") and a couple steelhead. Great eating when they hit the grill the same night.

If you read my first article things have not changed. When the run of fish started, over 150 nets were put in the lower Klamath. When the netter's start on the lower river (Yurok tribe), they start netting the Trinity River (Hoopa tribe).

Many many truck loads of salmon were taken from both rivers in 2004. Now in 2008 there were very few adult fish in the Trinity. Usual runs of salmon in September were not there. I guess the netters will kill off those runs that come back in 2012. Steelhead fishing is a little better if you work at it. The bottom line is - the netters are killing off our early runs of salmon and the license payer gets the shortest end. Seasons are closed, limits are cut - just let the netters kill off our salmon - nobody cares.

# NOVEMBER 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

### Join us for our “after meeting” MOVIE

following our November 21  
General Membership Meeting

### **Bud Abbott & Lou Costello in “Pardon My Sarong”**

Suggestions needed!

What Abbott & Costello or other  
old time movies do you want to  
watch? Do you want any? Let us  
know!!!

## Great Breakfast

### Terrific View

all for only

**\$8.00-Adults**

**\$3.00-16 & under**

**8 am to 12 noon**

### November 16

*Special Pork Chops*

**Bacon, Eggs, Potatoes, Toast**

*Fresh Fruit Pancakes*

**Orange Juice, Coffee**

*Club bar open for refreshments*

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

***Next Breakfast - December 21***

### NEW MEMBERS

Charles Figone, Nicholas Kosla  
Brian Mulvey, Jim O'Connell  
Kim Steele

Don't Miss Our Annual  
**TURKEY DINNER**  
with all the trimmings

at the

NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNER

**TICKETS \$10.00**

(this night only)

**PLEASE** buy your tickets by the  
*Saturday before the dinner*  
**Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.**  
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**

Your reservation flyer

**MUST**

be returned by

Friday, November 28

Lillian Bracken, Chair (415) 531-0852

## GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE AWARDS

November - turkeys

December - hams

### IN MEMORIAM

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

Melvin A. Geister  
Charles Grant Robertson  
Raymond William Swanson

### Clip & Save - 2008-2009

Sept. 8-Dec. 15.....Monday Night Football  
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.....Super Bowl  
TBA 2009.....Men's Night Out

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### Dinner/Dance

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Chef: Steve McKeever**

*Hors d'oeuvres*

*New York Strip Steak*

Dance to the music of the

**Eddie & the Boppers**

Volunteers Needed

Contact: Jack Cooper, Chair

### WWII Museum Visit

Saturday, December 6 - 1 pm

Call clubhouse to confirm time & date

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## CRAB FEED

**January 10, 2009**

### Special Thanks to

Leonard's Bait & Tackle, Port Sonoma Marina  
for the generous donations to our Ladies' Day  
(and Kid's Day) fishing events.

### 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.

### Boat Ramp

The floats will be pulled the first week of  
November to protect against storm damage and will  
be reinstalled in March 2009, weather permitting.

**Paul Tarzia, Boat Ramp Chairman**

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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--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.

<u>Boy's Name (first and last)</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>special interests</u>
_____	_____	_____
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<u>Girls Name (first and last)</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>special interests</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

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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