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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marty Petrini

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a most interesting and enjoyable day at the Marin Rod & Gun Club. The tide was not high, the moon wasn't full, there wasn't any football game on television, no special event going on. There was no fish or water fowl phenomenon taking place, it wasn't even a beautiful day. In fact it was gloomy and cold. On the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup> there were forty-one people in the bar area at one time. Yes, forty-one! How rare, I thought. I sat down for awhile and started observing members and guests, both male and female, just hanging out and having a good time. You could feel a strong sense of camaraderie here. I wondered why this didn't happen more often. It should. There were six Johns, five Bobs, four Jims, three Toms and a whole lot of other good people enjoying themselves. I almost forgot to mention, Rich Gamba was working the bar on that day. Welcome aboard Rich and keep up the good work. We truly appreciate the professional service you provide!

I would like to thank everyone who has shown up at the last two General Membership meetings. It's nice to see that we have so many people who really care about this place. Hope we continue to have this attendance. Our next General Membership meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup>. I encourage everyone to attend, you may want to vote on something, or even share your own opinion with the rest of us. I'd like to thank our kitchen crew for doing such a fine job of feeding us. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas party.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having our next Board of Directors meeting. Among other things, we will be selecting chairperson positions and putting committees together. I have been talking with many of you about getting involved on a committee and have been getting some very positive feed back. If you have an expertise in something, or just want to get involved, please call our membership committee chair, Tom Yasuda at (415) 927-1090. Tom will be happy to gather your information so we can find a spot for you as a volunteer. You can help out the club and feel good about doing it. It looks like our St. Patrick's Day party is going to be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Bill Seifert for stepping forward. We might still need some Irish dancers. Can you dance? Our Crab Feed has been re-scheduled to March 21<sup>st</sup>. Big thanks to Laura Lentini and Tom Alioto who volunteered to chair the event.

## PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends...is it cold! For those crazy few anglers who strive to look like the Michelin man, dawned in weather gear with a rod in hand, the bite has been spotty. We've seen members catching Perch, Stripers and some Starry flounders. And, of course with the recent rain, there's some whispering at the local "watering holes" of another fun Sturgeon bite. NOW that would be a delightful start to a new year! We should begin to see some active bite with some leopard sharks as they make their typically late fall migration into the North Bay.

So, what did you ask Santa for this year? I asked the Jolly guy in red for some great days of fishing and, of course, some fishing gear! Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and I look forward to being with you all next year!

### Other Areas

How about catching some living sea monsters? If that sounds good then it's time for some offshore fishing in search of jumbo Humboldt squid. Crabbing has been nothing to write mom about, with the empty crab pots making for a very slow season - **Good Fishing**

### Visit of Scholarship Recipient from UC Davis Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology at our General Meeting on February 20

John Duran, Ph.D. Candidate

Topic: A comparison of biotic productivity in Suisun Marsh as compared to Suisun Bay

### 2009 Dues Notices were Mailed in December

Dues must be paid before

March 31, 2009

Dues are \$75

(\$37.50 for 65 or Over

w/10 Years Membership)

Dependent card renewal-\$10

New/Replacement dependent card-\$25

(\$50 late fee if applicable)

*If you joined from October to December 2008,  
your 2009 dues are paid*

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## Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

**Trouble coming.** Gunowners likely will face a host of anti-gun bills in the next four years, judging by the extreme anti-gun bias of key Obama staff choices, including • Obama's VP pick, Sen. Joe Biden, has a near-100% lifetime anti-gun voting record. • Hillary Clinton, strong supporter of husband Bill's anti-gun measures, as Secretary of State can be expected to push for US signing the UN treaty banning all privately owned firearms. • Rep. Rahm Emanuel, who as White House chief of staff will largely control access to the president, has a solid anti-gun record. He helped pass the Brady bill, and supports returning handgun purchase waiting period to five days, expanding and making permanent the semiauto rifle and shotgun ban, and supports lawsuits against gunmakers and other parts of the Brady agenda. • Most dangerous of all, Eric Holder, as Obama's Attorney General, by the stroke of a pen could add more firearms to a semiauto ban. With a solid anti-gun record, he urges handgun licensing and registration, would mandate handgun trigger locks, and was part of the coverup of Waco massacre DOJ errors, and the gun-point seizure of 6-year old Elian Gonzalez.

**Good news among the states.** People across the USA, rightly worried about dangers to their firearms rights from the new Obama administration, are buying semi-auto firearms in record numbers. But the election also brought major gunowner victories in a number of states, including more castle doctrine wins (total now 23 states); improvements in the right to carry laws (40 states now have RTC); worker protection laws allowing firearms to be kept in locked vehicles on employers' parking lots enacted in Florida, Georgia and Louisiana; and anti-gun measures killed in California, Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut.

### Editor's Note

*Newsletter Deadline*

*is the Third Friday of every month*

**JANUARY 2009**

**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**

\$8.00-Adults

\$3.00-16 & under

**8 am to 12 noon**

***January 18***

Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage  
or combo of above

*Fresh Fruit Pancakes*

Eggs, Potatoes, Toast

*Orange Juice, Coffee*

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

***Next Breakfast - February 15***

**TWO FOR ONE**  
**DINNER BOOKS**

**\$20**

The SAVINGS CARD (aka MARIN/SONOMA EXPRESS) books will be available at the club on the following dates: Jan. 3, 4, 17, 18, 31 & Feb. 1 2009. See Lenny behind the bar from 1 pm to 6 pm. Call first and make sure he is there and has books. The Club number is 456-8142, or you can leave him a message at home, 884-2989.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Tom Murtha  
Ted Rebello

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**CRAB FEED**  
**HAS BEEN**  
**POSTPONED**  
**UNTIL**  
**MARCH 21**

**TICKETS - \$40**

*Happy Hour - 6:00*

*Dinner - 7:00*

**SUPERBOWL**

**February 1, 2009**

**Tickets - \$15**

**Hors d'oeuvres**

starting at 2:00 pm

**Dinner**

served at half-time

Ron & Dianne Rodrigues, Co-Chairs

**ST. PATRICK'S**

**DINNER-DANCE**

**SATURDAY,**

**March 14**

Cocktails - 6 p.m.

Dinner - 7 p.m.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage**  
**and all the fix'ns!**

**Dessert**

Clip & Save - 2009

Jan.1.....Annual Fish Derby  
Jan. 18.....Breakfast  
Feb. 1.....Super Bowl  
Feb. 21.....Men's Night Out  
Mar. 14.....St. Patrick's Dinner  
Mar. 21.....Crab Feed

***It's That Time Again***

**“Men's Night Out”**

Mark Your Calendar for

**Saturday, February 21**

**Music by “The Boppers”**

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Steak Dinner

with All the Trimmings

**Tickets - \$40**

Sold at the Bar and Office

**No Tickets Sold at the Door**

*Purchase of 6 or more Tickets*

*Reserves Your Table*

Tickets are Limited

**Doors Open at 6pm**

**MUST be Over 21 to Attend**

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

***Thanks!***

We want to thank all of the chefs and their helpers who worked very hard to make this seasons Monday Night Football dinners so special. You can't find a better dinner anywhere. And the entertainment wasn't bad either. Don't forget to join us to watch the SuperBowl and enjoy another great meal!  
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*If you want the rainbow,  
you gotta put up with the rain.*

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