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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marty Petrini

When I was much younger, my father taught me a lot about working hard and sacrifice. Giving up something you value for the sake of something else. I started working with my dad when I was eight. I thought my dad was the greatest builder in the world. He knew everything and wanted to make sure I would follow in his footsteps. I started out with easy tasks like painting and cleanup and eventually graduated to more difficult duties using power tools and torches. Almost every day after school and on most weekends, I was working with my dad. While my friends were out goofing around and having fun, I was working with my dad. I wasn't allowed to complain. Complaints fell on deaf ears, followed by a frequently used quote, "If you want to get anywhere in life, you must sacrifice." He was right. My dad was always right. He always had the answers to everything.

But at such a young age the concept of sacrifice was difficult for me to comprehend. For a very long time I truly resented working for my dad. It wasn't until I was about a freshman in high school that I figured something out. I had enough money to buy a truck. My friends didn't. It took me eight years to figure out what my dad was talking about. Sacrifice. It eventually paid off. Over and over again. But at what expense? For every sacrifice made there are consequences. I would like to dedicate this column to all of our volunteers and staff. **Thank you!**

Our Super Bowl and Men's Nite Out parties were a big hit. Thank you to all who made these events possible.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on March 20th at 7 p.m. I urge you all to attend and don't forget about the St. Patty's Day dinner dance on March 14 and our Crab Feed on March 21. Hope to see you there!

2009 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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PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

I write from the window of the clubhouse wrapped in warmth from the chilled breeze just outside the thin glass. My senses tingling from the satisfying smell of hot dogs simmering and fresh, fragrant chopped onions. The sounds are a masterful orchestra of club house music filled with members talking, glasses clinking and the laughs from the young and the old...simply a harmonic bliss for those willing to listen. My eyes gaze through the shimmering glass to behold our beloved rain soaked pier, cleaned by the everlasting rain of recent days. But today, the sun shines as a promise of things to come. The water, freshly stirred, splashes against the pier whispering hints of good sturgeon fishing. The pier book, whose pages browned and weathered, tells us tales of fishing stories past. The sturgeon reeled in by Steve Whittman, the starry flounder caught by Sharkey and others or the perch tugging on a fisherman's line. The Book is filled with fisherman's tales that unfortunately bring my ever once childish grin to summarizing thought of discontent..."Fishing is really slow" I mumbled to myself. The pier book is littered with "0" and "Nada". It's like having your favorite team lose the big game and my wishes of grandeur have all but passed me by like a stranger in a crowd. But quick as the childish grin was washed from my face it returns, wrinkling my skin and squinting my eyes. The truth of the matter, I would rather spend my days fishing even if the catch is "Nada".

Why haven't you signed up for the year long fishing derby? I noticed only a few have done so. If you fish, why not take the chance to win some cash and bragging rights next year! Big thanks to the men & women working on the pier. If you haven't seen the new fishing shelters, they're mighty nice - **Good Fishing**

Other Areas

Sturgeon fishing in San Pablo Bay to date this year gets a "D" grade and striped fishing receives an "F" from Keith Fraser at Loch Lomond Live Bait and Tackle. I hope with the recent rains we can push that grade up to an "A" or even an "A+". In Bodega the Humboldt Squid have vanished for the season so we will have to wait for Rockfish to open in June.

2/25/2009

Don Miller caught a 10 pound, 28 inch silver salmon off the pier! Congrats!!!

The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Membership

Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

Worst ever "war declaration on gun owners." HR 45 by Rep. Rush (D-IL), introduced Jan. 5 (even before Jan. 20 regime change) would require: •Licensing ALL handgun owners and ALL owners of semiauto firearms that accept a detachable magazine; •License fee not over \$25, plus other service fee; •License renewed every five years; •Guns storage method included on license; •Registering ALL transfers of such arms; •Revoking current federal law prohibiting gun registration; •Attorney General to keep federal record of every gun sale processed by an FFL dealer; •Every gun made or sold in USA to have a unique gun ID number (GIN) (like vehicle VIN); •Report gun loss or theft within 72 hours, and change of address within 60 days; •Heavy fines and prison for violations; •Provides exceptions for infrequent transfers to parent, guardian, estate, grandparent, grandchild. (Source: D. Workman, GUN WEEK, 2/15/2009)

Latest indicted criminal antigun politician is Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon (D), who joins ex-Gov. Balgojevich (D), of IL, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (D) of Detroit and Newark, NJ Mayor Sharp Street (D), as well as son of Seattle mayor and brother of Philadelphia mayor. (Source: GUN WEEK, 2/15/2009)

S.F. public housing ban on legal guns overturned by Federal District Judge Thelton Henderson on Jan 12. (Source: GUN WEEK, 2/15/2009)

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies."

Groucho Marx

CHAIRS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!!!

**Mother's Day Brunch, May 10
Western BBQ Dinner Dance, June 20
Annual Picnic, July 26**

*Both optimists and pessimists
contribute to our society.*

*The optimist invents the airplane and the
pessimist the parachute.*

MARCH 2009

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 pm, Third Friday of the Month
All Members & Guests Welcome

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:30 pm, First Tuesday of the Month
All Members Welcome

Please note:

Starting time for Board of Directors meeting has been moved forward to **6:30 pm**

GREAT BREAKFAST

Terrific View

\$8.00-Adults

\$3.00-16 & under

8 am to 12 noon

Sunday, March 15

Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage
or combo of above

Special Fresh Fruit Pancakes

Orange Juice, Coffee

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

Next Breakfast - April 19

NEW MEMBERS

Tyron Broussard
Ronald "Scott" Dingwall
Robert DeWalt
Bill Forbes

IN MEMORIAM

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

Dom Luzzi
Denis Parsons
Ben Young

BY-LAWS CHANGES

Several changes to the By-Laws were proposed. **These proposed changes will be voted on at the March General Meeting.** The proposed changes and the Board's recommendations are as follows:

ARTICLE XI ELECTIONS, Paragraph (2). Time when balloting allowed. Change the first sentence to read: The election of Directors and Officers shall be held at the regular membership meeting held in November of each year and the casting of ballots shall be allowed at the Clubhouse on the day of the general membership meeting. The Board voted **TO recommend this change.**

ST. PATRICK'S

DINNER-DANCE

SATURDAY,

March 14

TICKETS - \$25

Cocktails - 6 p.m.

Dinner - 7 p.m.

Corned Beef & Cabbage

and all the fix'ns!

Dessert

CRAB FEED

MARCH 21

TICKETS - \$40

Happy Hour - 6:30

Dinner - 7:00

Dancing to

Road Hog and the Rippers

from 8 pm to Midnight

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MOTHER'S DAY

BRUNCH

May 10

!!!Chair Needed!!!

ARTICLE XI ELECTIONS, Paragraph (2). Change the ending of the first sentence to read: and the casting of ballots shall be allowed at the Clubhouse during the five day period prior to the general meeting. The Board voted to **NOT recommend this change.**

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS, Paragraph (5). Term Limits for the Secretary and the Treasurer. This proposal would then read as follows: No member of the Club shall be elected to the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than two consecutive terms. The Board voted to **NOT recommend this change.**

Clip and Save 2009-2010

Mar. 14.....St. Patrick's Dinner
Mar. 15.....Breakfast
Mar. 21.....Crab Feed
Apr. 19.....Breakfast
May 10.....Mother's Day Brunch
May 17.....Breakfast
Jun. 20.....Western BBQ Dinner/Dance
Jun. 21.....(Father's Day).....Breakfast
Jul. 19.....Breakfast
Jul. 26.....Annual Picnic
TBA.....Kid's Day on the Pier
Aug. 16.....Breakfast
Sep. 14-Dec. 14.....Monday Night Football
TBA.....Ladies' Day on the Pier
Sep. 20.....Breakfast
TBA.....Oktoberfest
Oct. 18.....Breakfast
Nov. 15.....Breakfast
Dec. 13.....Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 20.....Breakfast
Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve
TBA.....2010 Crab Feed
Feb. 7, 2010.....SuperBowl

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ARTICLE VII, Paragraph (1). Change board service requirements for office of President. This proposal would change the fourth sentence to read as follows: No members shall be placed in nomination for the office of President unless they are a current Director or served previously as a Director within the three years prior to their nomination. The Board voted to **NOT recommend this change.**

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Paragraph (3). To make the position on the Board of Junior Past President exempt from the requirements that their seat be forfeited if they miss three consecutive meetings. To accomplish this change, the following sentence would be added: The position of Junior Past President shall be exempt from this requirement. The Board voted to **NOT recommend this change.**

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Paragraph (5). Reimbursement to board members for performing the duties of their office. Additional paragraph to read: No Board member shall receive payment for serving on the Board and only necessary expenses for the benefit of the Club will be reimbursed. The Board voted to **NOT recommend this change.**

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