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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marty Petrini

Can you believe it? It's already April! 2009 is going by way too fast. We have had some incredible weather here lately and our worker bees have been out in full force. Our floating docks are back in the water and the ramp has been power washed. Many thanks to Chairman Bob Vandermeer, Tad Alvord, Billy Sheehan, John Evans, Rob Lopez, Kevin Bund and Tony Flagerman. Our pier repair committee has had their work cut out for them, but they have been making some incredible progress including replacing a very large beam out at the square. Special thanks to Chairman John Evans, Al Pietrosilli, Mick Mitrovich, Joe Morrison, Bob DeWalt, Rob Lopez, Alex Ivanoff and John Arruda. Keep up the good work! Our computers were on the blink for about three weeks. Big thanks to Don Sharp for getting us back on line. WiFi is now working as well. Thanks very much to Billy Sheehan for fixing the sound system in the auditorium. Jim Tylman has been doing a great job beautifying the grounds, watering, planting roses, etc. Thanks Jim. There is always something that needs to be done here. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please speak up. We'll find something for you to do.

Our last event was the crab feed. What a blast! Music, food, camaraderie. Many of us stayed and danced all night. Tom Alioto and Laura Lentini chaired this event and did a fantastic job. Thanks to all of those who worked hard to make this evening a success.

With the help of new member Val Chestohin we are working on a plan to re-do the floor of the auditorium but first I was hoping to get some volunteers together to refinish the walls which are made up of vertical redwood slats. If you can help, please leave your name and number with our office staff or bar tender.

Thanks to you all for your contributions!

CHAIR NEEDED FOR
Annual Picnic, Saturday July 25

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends, I have been away from our beloved club for the past month opening a new Chicago hot dog restaurant in Petaluma. Be sure to check next month for the upcoming fishing rod drive along with some exciting fishing derbies to come - Happy Easter and Good Fishing.

Other Areas

South Bay anglers are enjoying some pretty darn good fishing at this time. The halibut bite that got started a few weeks back has continued to intensify over the past several days. In addition to the escalating halibut fishing, sturgeon continue to be caught on a regular basis.

PIER WORK PARTIES

We will be having several work parties in the near future. I will put a sign-up sheet in the bar and request that you leave your name and phone number so I can contact you. All skill levels of carpentry, etc., are welcome. Some of the work is just moving stuff. Come on down, fix the pier, meet fellow members, have a free lunch, get some splinters.

John Evans, Pier Chair

Help!

Ron Jerome, Past President
Advisory Committee Chairman

After being on the investigating committee last year and being around the club a little more, it's easy to see why some people left and some don't come to the club much anymore. Our club is in some financial trouble but worse, we have political tension and problems.

The Advisory committee (all past presidents) will meet before the next general meeting and will bring to you some recommendations. Some will be severe that I will talk to the committee about.

Most of all we need the members to stand up for our club. Please, and I am pleading with you, come to the meetings and do what's good for the club.

Let's support our club and our president!

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

After the litany in last month's bulletin of attacks on the Second Amendment proposed by the anti-Constitution Obama regime, you might think they couldn't do any more. You'd be wrong. Those leaders of the Obama party brazenly lied, claiming support for the Second Amendment, while baldly subverting it in multiple ways. It's bad. It's even worse than we thought. Consider these new attacks:

(1) Kowtowing to Mexico, the administration has shifted the Border Patrol primary mission from facing south to keep Mexican drugs, gangs and other illegal aliens out, to facing north into the US to keep guns and money from being smuggled into Mexico.

(2) DOD and all law enforcement have been ordered to collect all spent brass cartridge cases and shred, crush or otherwise destroy them, thus good only for salvage as scrap metal. Police annually and military forces weekly buy and expend millions of rounds of ammo for training and in combat. This absurd move will vastly increase the cost of ammo for both police and military, since neither they nor the ammo factories will any longer be able to reload the empty cases, the most costly component part of a round of ammo. Thus ammo cost will increase.

(3) Obama is quietly ending the program of having armed pilots in commercial aircraft, at greater risk to public safety as the word gets out. Program funding is being switched to hire more supervisory personnel to conduct field inspections of pilots, unnecessary harassment since the 12,000 Federal Flight Deck Officers approved to carry guns have the best behavior record of any federal law enforcement agency. Only anti-gun extremist and terrorist recruits worry about armed pilots, so why is Obama doing this?

Word for the Day: *"Do you care about freedom? Dreams may have inspired it, and wishes promoted it, but only war and weapons have made it yours."* Robert Ardrey, African Genesis

APRIL 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

GREAT BREAKFAST

Terrific View

\$8.00-Adults
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8 am to 12 noon

Sunday, April 19

**Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage
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Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George, Co-chairs

Next Breakfast - May 17

BAR REPORT

According to the Treasurer's Report the **BAR** had a **PROFIT MARGIN OF 30.09%** for the 2008 fiscal year. **NOT BAD!** These figures parallel the profit margins for such clubs as the Corinthian, the Elks, the Lyons and the Galileo whose profit margins range from 25 to 35%. It looks like we fall into the norm even with keeping our daily prices low for the General Membership. The 2008 figures do not take into consideration that our last price increases did not take effect until June 1, 2008. Therefore our 2009 profit margin should be modestly higher even with the recession and our supplier price increases. With that said, the **BAR CHAIRS** recommend there be **NO PRICE INCREASES** this year. We hope that the General Membership will agree with our assessment and will support us by a popular vote if necessary.

Square Dancing

with the TAM TWIRLERS

every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the MRGC

No experience necessary

Questions? Call (415) 479-1068

NEW MEMBERS

**Rob Lamb
Dan Reser**

IN MEMORIAM

**Our condolences to the families
of Members who have passed away:
Gerald "Cookie" Segale**

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 10

Tickets - \$15

The annual **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** will be served from 10 a.m. to Noon. Steve McKeever and his team of slicers, dicers and fryers will serve up a breakfast filled with eggs, ham, sausages, potatoes and hot cakes. And yes, there will be **CHAMPAGNE** flowing. There will be fruit bowls, cookies and candy. The bar will be open from 9:30 a.m. and will serve **BLOODY MARYS, ASSORTED ADULT BEVERAGES, BEER and WINE**, sodas and **J.T.'s famous MRGC FIZZES**, truly a liquid delight. Mother Nature permitting, we'll have outdoor seating also. There will be video music in the auditorium and if there is an interest, we'll play **CREEDENCE CLEARWATER ROCK and ROLL** after the brunch at 2 p.m. The Bar will remain open if there are enough people interested. So get your tickets early. \$15 per person. Kids under 8 are free. The **TICKETS** will be on sale **APRIL 15** at the bar. Only 275 tickets are available. No ticket sales will be available at the door. **See you there!**

WESTERN BBQ DINNER/DANCE

June 20

ANNUAL PICNIC

!!! SATURDAY !!!

July 25

Chair Needed

contact Event Chair Laura Lentini if you can help

DELINQUENT DUES

Anyone whose dues were not paid by April 1, 2009 has now been declared delinquent and can only be reinstated by the Board of Directors. Reinstatement process must be completed by December 31, 2009. Contact office personnel to help you with this process.

Clip and Save 2009-2010

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. 25.....Annual Picnic
TBA.....Kid's Day on the Pier
Aug. 16.....Breakfast
Sep. 14-Dec. 14.....Monday Night Football
Sep. 7.....(Labor Day.....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

Men's Night Out Thank You

My thanks to all the volunteers who made the Men's Night Out event a success. We were a bit light on ticket sales which can be attributed to the financial conditions presently bouncing many around.

Tad Alvord, owner and operator of Specialty Towing, was our "cook" as he prefers to be called, not chef, received rave reviews from many who delighted in his love for "cooking".

Bill George, keeper of the kitchen, as always insures that the kitchen is work in progress and is one of the first the next morning to help in the cleaning up along with Lenny.

Our waiters managed by John Ahern and Jack Camiccia, insured all went smoothly. All were served on time with no requests denied. And where would we be without Lenny Gaskell who managed the bar as if it were his establishment. Thank you and your professional team.

Drink tickets were sold and controlled by Hank Listman. Hank, again, we thank you for your keen eye to control. Norman Collins and his Boppers who we have retained for several years for this function kept the place hopping. The ladies worked the floor to insure all were well entertained. Not to forget my two right hands, Pat Buttner and Tom Simmons. Here again, Tom had the task of controlling all the ladies. A difficult task one has to admit, but, as always, Tom survived.

And a special thanks to Laura Lentini for the office support she provided plus she created the tickets (her own design) for the event which saved the Club a few hundred dollars. As one man said to me at the event and I quote: "This Club is the best kept secret in Marin. I love it."

Why is our Club a secret. I would hope that we launch a membership drive with an ad in the Independent Journal and The Pacific Sun listing all our events and benefits of becoming a member.

Maybe next year, providence willing, I'll give it another go. Thank you all. Nick Caputo, Chair

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