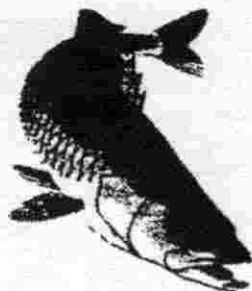


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

There's a lot of good things going on at the club these days. For starters, the Marin Council of the Boy Scouts of America held their annual fishing day on the pier. Member Joe Cilia coordinated over 200 guests from the scouts, including 130 boys. After a morning of fishing, the troop headed to the picnic area to learn from California Fish and Game Marine Biologist Carrie Wilson and local Warden Joshua Nichols, the Coast Guard's Richard Cilia and our own resident Marine Biologist Dr. Bud Abbott. Bait for the event was graciously supplied by John Tarentine of J&P Bait. A good time was had by all.

Inside the main hall, long time member and long serving active director Rusty Milnes was having his going away party. Rusty has purchased land in New Mexico and will continue his general contractor work in the Land of Enchantment. Rusty you will be missed.

That same Saturday was this year's big artificial oyster reef build. Over 30 volunteers, moving 30 cubic yards of oyster shells (2 dump trucks full), built 26 new oyster mounds. Key club members volunteering tirelessly on the project this year included Al Pietrosilli and Mike Guenza. Construction of these mounds consists of transferring bagged oyster shells onto boats at the boat launch, which are then ferried out to wet-suited volunteers who place them in a predetermined grid pattern. Also on hand for "The Big Build" was the PBS film crew shooting a History of the San Francisco Bay documentary. Club member Jerry McEowen hosted film Executive Producer Rob Blatman and Co-Producer/Cameraman Kit Taylor. Many interviews of the Boy Scouts fishing day were filmed as well. Our habitat restoration efforts are cited literally throughout the world and set an exemplary standard of what can be done to save our bay.

Speaking of habitat restoration success, I had the best experience a few days ago when we pulled up a stringer of oysters for an experiment, and when the stringer was placed on the pier, 3" long Goby after Goby miraculously popped out of the oysters. Upon closer inspection it became obvious that they had formed homes between the oyster shells and had lined each and every one full of eggs, which they were protecting. I've long been told the oyster reefs are full of Goby and now it's obvious as to why. Our oyster reefs are not only filtering the Bay, but are genuinely forming a cornerstone home for our local ecology. As always, hats off to everyone in the program that have made this something we all can take pride in.

Father's Day and the monthly third Sunday club breakfast both shared a calendar date with great success. 169 members and guests came to the club to enjoy our "breakfast with a view". Congratulation and thanks to hosts Louis Huerto-Rojo and Bill George for creating this wonderful event, which looks to be an instant

club favorite. See you the third Sunday of the month - July 15th.

Two big events coming up in July are the club's first booth at the Marin County Fair (please stop by and say hello) and the Granddaddy of all club events - the club Picnic. Preparation for this year's picnic is outstanding. Bill Irons is heading the team completely refurbishing our Picnic tables (Bill can always use help, just leave him a note at the bar). Bill's been ably assisted by club member "Sergeant" Roy Jackson and numerous prospective members who set the tone for how members really can make a big difference that we all will enjoy. No matter what you do, have your summer plans set to join us Sunday, July 29th, and bring a few friends. You'll be glad you did.

Scholarship Winners at July General Meeting

Two of the clubs scholarship winners from Humboldt State University will speak at our July 20 General Meeting. **Dominic Bachman** and **Kyle Spragens** are both doing research on Aleutian cackling geese which were formerly an endangered species and will share the results of their studies on this waterfowl. Kyle is a graduate of Sir Francis Drake High School and took his hunters' safety classes at MRGC. Be sure to attend this meeting. Show your support for our club.

OYSTER CONFERENCE

2007 SF Bay Native Oyster Restoration Workshop Friday, July 13

If you would like to see how the oyster reefs benefit oysters, fish and anglers and what needs to be done next to restore oyster habitat, please join us for an all day gathering of the public, educators, scientists and regulators talking about what we know after several years of research. MRGC members and guests are welcome. Contact Bud Abbott (707) 793-3939 for more information.

EELGRASS RESTORATION

Eelgrass is now growing in the study area and near the reefs. Some strands are at least 6 feet long and putting down roots and some are even flowering. The MRGC study site is now the most successful eelgrass restoration project in the Bay.

Women on Target

Basic Handgun Clinic

Sunday, July 15, 8am to 10am

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 6:15pm to 9pm

Saturday, Nov. 17, 8am to 10am

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Gun Notes From Here & There

By Fielding Greaves

Sen. Chuck Schumer's S.77 is an attempt to apply the federal RICO law (Racketeering and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970) to gun control purposes. If it were to become law, it would expand RICO to effectively repeal the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, opening the floodgates to endless new rounds of lawsuits against gun makers and individuals. (NRA reported this as a plausible scenario under S.77; As a birthday gift, a grandfather in Ohio gives a 1930s vintage Savage .410 single-barrel shotgun to his 12-year-old granddaughter a few miles across the river in West Virginia. Most would call him a wonderful grandfather, but technically he would have committed a federal felony.) Don't be fooled by phony "pro-gun" organization American Hunters and Shooters Association (AHTA). It's an anti-gun group masquerading as pro-gun to split real pro-gun people and trick them into voting for gun control measures and candidates. AHTA's true colors were again exposed when NRA's TV reporter and co-host Ginny Simone attended an AHTA press conference recently. She was prevented from staying, and was forcibly removed from the room by AHTA security. "It was nothing short of assault," Simone said later. "They just grabbed me by the shoulders, ushered me across the room and pushed me out the door. It was unbelievable."

Anti-gun NY Mayor Bloomberg, pushing for national gun registration by organizing mayors of many US cities, denies that it's a gun ban scheme, though history shows that registration invariably leads eventually to confiscation. Check your city to make sure your mayor doesn't swallow Bloomberg's poison and join his parade of anti-gun mayors.

Gun control "is the sweetest gravy train of free publicity ever invented."--Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-CT), author of GCA 68 (much of which he copied directly from Hitler's Nazi gun control law of 1938)

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

Third Friday of the Month

All Members & Guests Welcome

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

JULY 10, due to the holiday

(usually the First Tuesday of the month)

All members welcome

BREAKFAST BY THE BAY

JULY 15

8 am to 12 noon

\$7.00 - Adults

\$2.50 - 16 & under

Egg Dish, Potatoes

Choice of Ham, Bacon, Sausage

or combo of above

Toast, Pancakes

Orange Juice, Coffee

Club bar open for refreshments

Louis Huerto-Rojo & Bill George

Co-chairs

Breakfasts are the Third Sunday

of Every Month

August 19, September 16

POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, July 22

HORS D'OEUVRES - 4:00

DINNER - 4:30

August 26

WWII Heavy Equipment

4th of July Parade Preview

Meet at the Clubhouse

JULY 3 - 12:00

Wi-Fi is now available

in the clubhouse

NEW MEMBERS

Byron Arana, Rachael DeLaMontanya,

Janet Ekberg, Peter Gikkas,

Dave Korzec, Cynthia Kranz,

Louis Lituanio, William McDaneld,

Kamran Shadan, Chuck Silvera

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to the families of

Members who have passed away:

Vickie Hughes

FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, July 29

TICKETS - \$10.00

Midway opens 10am

Lunch served 12 to 1:30

Chicken, Corn, Salad

Fun & Games for all ages

Dance to the music of

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Need Volunteers!!!

If you can help, please call

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Co-Chairs

Bucket Raffle Items Needed

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OKTOBERFEST

September 15

12:00 - 6:00

Dancing featuring the

Steve Balich Band

from 1:00 - 4:00

Lunch includes

Roast Pork Loin

Sausages with

Traditional Fixings

served from 2:00 - 3:00

Adult Tickets - \$18

(includes 2 beers or 1 glass wine)

{Children under 12 - \$9.50}

(includes 1 non-alcoholic beverage)

Oyster Bar

German style Beers

Bucket Raffle

Volunteers Needed

Eric Salvisberg, Chairman

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Tickets available starting July 29

(Picnic Day!)

Clip and Save - 2007 - 2008

July 15.....Breakfast

July 22.....Pot Luck Dinner

July 29.....Annual Picnic

TBA.....Kid's Day on the Pier

Aug 19.....Breakfast

Aug 26.....Pot Luck Dinner

Sept 10-Dec 17.....Monday Night Football

Sept 15.....Oktoberfest

Sept 16.....Breakfast

Sept 22.....Ladies' Day on the Pier

Dec.....Children's Christmas Party

Jan 12, 2008.....Crab Feed

Feb 3, 2008.....Super Bowl Dinner

Feb 2008.....Men's Night Out

COMING TO A PIER NEAR YOU

Ladies' Day on the Pier

September 22

Fishing 10am - 1pm

Lunch 1:15

No Fishing License

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Ladies Free

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ANNUAL PICNIC JULY 29TH, 2007

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Bring something from home to donate at our table, at the **Annual Picnic** to help the Troops. We are sending care packages to the R&R Center in the middle-east for the Troops on leave and pass. They come directly from Iraq and Afghanistan. Any little thing you do is a great kindness for our soldiers.

Whatever you can do to help them is appreciated. For a complete list of items to donate you may e-mail us, or call. Our e-mail address is: **Marinbackroads@msn.com** (on the subject line type **"Troops"** so we know it's not Spam.) If you don't have e-mail call 415-847-1592 to make other arrangements for donations.

- ◆ We are proud to announce our new sponsors The Marin Rod & Gun Club, and American Storage for their support.
- ◆ The R&R Center sees over 450 serviceman from all branches of the Armed Forces a day.
- ◆ Since November 2006, we have sent over **One Ton** of goods to the center.
- ◆ Churches, organizations, and businesses have had small drives in support to make this project a success.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS NOW

DONATE CASH OR GOODS (SEE LIST ON RIGHT)	1
VOLUNTEER	2
BRING GOODS TO OUR TABLE AT THE ANNUAL PICNIC	3



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- * Power Bars, Breakfast Bars, Energy bars.
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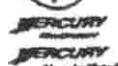
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