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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Why do you belong to the club?

For the past few months now prior to their induction to the club new members are asked to share with the general membership, "Why do you want to join?" The responses have been insightful, the top three are:

People: "I came to an event with friends and had such a good time and met so many nice people." Or "I've known so many people here forever I just had to join."

Location: "I've driven by here hundreds of times and when I finally stopped in I realized how beautiful a spot this is to come and relax."

Conservation: "I believe in what the club is doing to improve the bay and would like to help in any way I can."

These are gratifying answers and give a real insight into what we all enjoy and sometimes, as anything, take for granted. I encourage us all to remember what we have, consider what it took over the years to build, and think about what it takes to keep it alive and well. Without question our new members understand and I'll bet there's a lot more out there who would like to join us as well, if only they were invited. If you have any ideas on how we can better make ourselves available to the rest of Marin, please let us know. And, please invite a friend or two to come to an event, the members and our beautiful facilities will do the rest.

I'd like you all to give some serious consideration to our newsletter. Did you know:

You can get this exact same newsletter at our website?

You can go to our website and look at every newsletter for the entire year?

Printing and mailing the newsletter costs the club \$1-\$2 each time you receive it?

Once you send us your email, you'll be immediately notified as soon as it is issued, you won't have to wait for the mail?

Best of all, when you've supplied your email you'll get lot's of other club updates that simply cannot make the monthly newsletter!

Be it the menu for Monday Night Football that week or the band for an upcoming event, you'll be notified and have access to news that you can use at the club. And, for good measure, **IT CAN SAVE THE CLUB OVER \$1,000 EVERY MONTH!!!** So, I urge you to send our eNewsletter team a brief email at newsletters@marinrgc.com with your email that says, "I'm on board with helping save the club some dough and getting more timely information I can use—here's my email, I want to help." The goal this month is a least 130 additional members, provided about 10% of our members take this action. I'll let you all know how well we did as a team next month.

Before I leave the subject of newsletters, I'd like to thank **Marti Camiccia** for her dedication to making the newsletter happen month-in and month-out, including chasing me for this column. Marti is active in some way in virtually every event at the club. Combine this understanding of current events with her understanding of club history and you have an editor with a unique broad perspective we all benefit from. I'd also

like to acknowledge and thank **Stephan Avanozian** for his outstanding progress in shepherding the club into the electronic age. Together these two have seamlessly kept our traditional hard copy newsletter going, and simultaneously made it available on-line. They are a great example of how the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Please thank them both the next time you see them.

When next you go out on the pier you will see six brand new nets, complete with long ropes, graciously donated by **Mel Colombo**. As you may know, Mel owns Colombo Wholesale Bait and has been offering club members a special price for many years now, without ever asking anything in return. So, Mel here's a plug for being a good guy. We appreciate you and your generosity.

Let's end with EVENTS:

Oktoberfest: Chair **Eric Salvisberg** not only has Steve Balich, one of the finest area Polka bands leading things off, he's arranged to follow them up with Joe Rose and the Dynaflo's blues band to keep things really hopping. Top that off with special Oktoberfest beer from Lagunitas Brewery, once again generously donating to the club, BBQ Oysters and a slew of new decorations for that harvest fair feel and you've got an event not to be missed. (Note: please give Eric a call directly at (707) 480-3374 if you would like to volunteer for this event or if you have raffle prizes to donate.)

Monday Night Football: Begins September 10 hosted by **Steve McKeever** who has a scrumptious Pork Tenderloin with all the fixings planned for you to enjoy with the game. If you haven't been to a MNF dinner at the club, you're in for a real treat. Where else in town can you get an all inclusive full course home cooked meal for just nine bucks? It really is the best deal in town. Check the club web site for each week's menu and chef.

Kid's Christmas Party: One of our most wonderful events of the year. Please be sure to return your reservation form early as we have more requests than seating in the main hall. Watch for the reservation form in your November newsletter.

Sunday Brunch (the third Sunday every month): Another great crowd of over 100 people enjoyed a beautiful sunny Sunday morning on the club front lawn enjoying the view. At this rate this event has the potential of having the most attendees of any given event for the year. What an outstanding new addition thanks to co-chairs Louis Huerto-Rojo and Bill George. The third Sunday in September is on the 16th, arrive at will anytime between 8:00 and Noon. Tickets are just \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for sixteen and under.

New Year's Eve: The function hall really dresses up well each New Year's Eve. Make your plans early to join in on a really fun evening. (Note: We are still seeking a chair for this event. If you are interested, please let me know.)

That's a lot of ground covered. I hope somewhere in here some of the reasons why you choose to be a member were highlighted. Remember the club is only as good as the membership makes it.

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

The bite at the pier has been spotty with a few "keeper" Halibut, Leopard Shark, Stripers and of course those lovely Rays. Granted those Rays will give you a great upper body work out. Most won't bother as they don't usually keep them. However, many chefs and cook books claim that the Ray's wings taste just like Scallops. As well, here is some good news if you like Perch. They have been showing up close to the pier and are best sought with Pile Worms.

Other Areas:

If you like the Stripers then you should try the Petaluma River and Sonoma Creek. Some large Stripers have been taking jigs, live bait and with drifting, some anchovies. Myself, I lost a very large Striper on the mouth of Petaluma a few days ago...yeah, yeah, I know, the old fish story, but after seeing him go air-born several times during our fight I can contest to his size. Some good size Leopards have been showing up on Pile worms outside the mouth of the River also. The Salmon have been slow but the Rockfish have been great!

If you would like to have your catch mentioned in the monthly Pier Report, please email me; chris@homeloanman.net.

So take your family fishing and enjoy this weather—Good Fishing.

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

"NORTH AMERICAN UNION" of Canada, Mexico and the USA, officially the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America" (SPP), is a dangerous concept, a future regional government that could usurp US sovereignty, veto our laws, reverse our courts, and disregard our Constitution, with its first major target likely to be destruction of our Second Amendment right to arms. While our general public remains largely unaware of the threat, all three nations' top leaders have been meeting regularly (and quietly) to plan for the SPP, which includes unopposed free entry to the US for cargo trucks from Mexico all the way to a Mexican customs office in Kansas City—on soil declared to be Mexican—in KC, and paid for by US taxpayers. Twelve states are already considering resolutions to oppose the SPP, among them Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, Missouri, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia. Each of us should call and write our governor, state senator and assemblyman and urge them to initiate a California resolution opposing the SPP as a threat to our state and national security, and having the potential to destroy all of our constitutional rights.

SEPTEMBER 2007

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

*Third Friday of the Month
All Members & Guests Welcome*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING - 7:00 p.m.

*First Tuesday of the month
All members welcome*

BREAKFAST

and

FOOTBALL

a combo that can't be beat

SEPTEMBER 16

8 am to 12 noon

\$7.00 - Adults

\$2.50 - 16 & under

Eggs, 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

Next Breakfast-October 21

(third Sunday)

BY-LAW CHANGES

Anyone wanting to suggest changes to our By-Laws must submit them in writing before December 1, 2007 to Don Gregory, By-Laws Committee Chairman.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Anthony, Richard Conrad

George Dudum, Valdis Svans

Karen Wilson

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to the families of

Members who have passed away:

Alfred Ferrera

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNERS

Starting September 10

Tickets - \$9.00

Pork Tenderloin

Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad

Chef Steve McKeever

Dinner served

at 6:30 pm

OKTOBERFEST

September 15

12:00 - 6:00

Dancing featuring the

Steve Balich Band

from 1:00 - 4:00

Lunch includes

BBQ 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

Joe Rose & the

Dynaflö's Blues Band

Volunteers Needed

Items needed for Bucket Raffle

Call Eric Salvisberg, Chairman

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

Dianne Lee (415) 435-0379 or

janantonin@aol.com

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Fred Bowles (925) 284-2711

Clip and Save - 2007 - 2008

Sept 10-Dec 17.....Monday Night Football
Sept 15.....Oktoberfest
Sept 16.....Breakfast
Sept 22.....Ladies' Day on the Pier
Oct 21.....Breakfast
Nov 18.....Breakfast
Dec 9.....Children's Christmas Party
Dec 16.....Breakfast
Jan 12, 2008.....Crab Feed
Jan 20, 2008.....Breakfast
Feb 3, 2008.....Super Bowl Dinner
Feb 2008.....Men's Night Out

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7:00 p.m.

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!!!BINGO!!!

Ladies' Day on the Pier

September 22

Fishing 10am - 1pm

Lunch 1:15

No Fishing License

Required

Ladies Free

Gentlemen \$10

Bring your fishing rods if you have 'em

Champagne served

on the Pier

**DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL
EVENT!!!**

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS - 2008

Contact Nominating Committee Chair Walt Cuthbertson if you are interested in running for President, Treasurer or Board of Directors. You must have been a member for at least a year before the November election to qualify. Presidential candidates must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year before the election date.

PICNIC SILENT AUCTION

Tom Sanfilippo, please contact Patti Damos at (415) 453-6106 to arrange for pickup of the item you won.

Oktoberfest

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2675 E. Francisco Blvd.

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Outdoors

September 15th 12:00 to 8:00PM

Featuring the Steve Balich Band and special appearance by Joe Rose and the Dynafloes

Dancing from 1:00 to 8:00PM

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Oktoberfest September 15th, 2007

Mail-In: Ticket Deadline Sept. 1st

Clubhouse: Ticket Deadline Sept. 9th

*Adult Ticket Qty. _____ X \$18.00 = _____

*inc. two beers or one glass of wine.

*Child's Ticket Qty. _____ X \$ 9.50 = _____

*inc. one soda or water beverage.

(child is 12 and under)

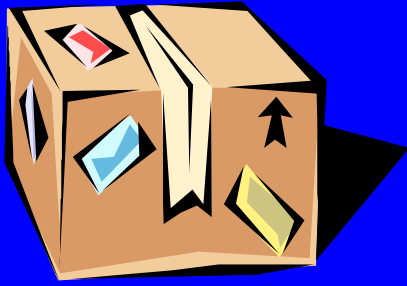
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Return Ticket To:

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OPERATION TRIPLE H - CARE PACKAGES

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OKTOBERFEST SEPT 15TH, 2007

OKTOBERFEST IS HELPING OUR HEROES FROM HOME

Bring something from home to *donate* at our table, at the September 15th **OKTOBERFEST** event and help the Troops. We are sending **Care Packages** to the **R&R Center** in the middle-east for the Troops on leave and pass from the war. Any little thing you do is a great kindness for our soldiers.

Whatever you can do to help them is appreciated. Check your cupboards and cabinets. There are forgotten donatable items there. For a complete list of items to donate you may e-mail us, or call. Our e-mail address: **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 Attn: Thomas Burford to make other arrangements for donations.

- ◆ We're proud to welcome & thank *our new sponsors*, **Marin Rod & Gun Club**, and **American Storage** for support.
- ◆ The R&R Center sees over 450 serviceman from all branches of the Armed Forces a day from the Iraq and Afghanistan war.
- ◆ Since November 2006, we've sent over **ONE TON** of goods.
- ◆ Many churches, organizations, and businesses have had small drives on our behalf to make this project a success. Join them.

CARE PACKAGES UGENTLY NEEDED

MOST NEEDED ITEMS LISTED BELOW

- * **Single Serve Packets** of Gatorade, Crystal Light, and Koolade Sugar-free **singles**.
- * **PHONE CARDS** to phone family at home.
- * Power Bars, Breakfast Bars, Energy bars.
- * **Single Serve Packets** of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Lipton Soup, Instant Popcorn, Slim Jims, Jerky, Gum, candy.
- * **Small Travel Size** shave cream, toothpaste & brushes, men & ladies shaving razors, Tampons, hand sanitizer, shampoo, deodorant. Wet Wipes, baby wipes.
- * Crossword, Sudoku, Find-a-Word, greeting cards of support from home.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS NOW

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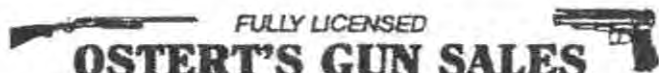
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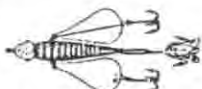
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