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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Todd Meyer

Looking back on it now almost a year later it really is quite amazing how much effort goes into running our little tribe of 1,200+ people, throwing 20 or more functions a year, maintaining the longest private pier in the entire San Francisco Bay, not to mention the up keep of our 66 acres and multiple buildings. That said, I cannot stress enough how important the club leadership team is in making this happen. At the top of that structure are our elected Officers and Board of Directors, who, in turn, coordinate with club committee structure and ultimately with the member base at large. The progress we've made as an organization in having our board and committees work together to achieve so many significant things is outstanding, though accomplishing this takes all the quality leadership we can muster.

As the November General Meeting is when we select our new Board and officers, I wanted to take a moment to encourage as many of you as possible to attend as it is the only way you can exercise your membership right to vote. In the interest of time at that meeting our candidate presentations are limited to a handful of minutes, which does not provide enough time for a candidate to state his/her qualifications and perspective, let alone ideas for direction on how they hope to help the club. To this end, our web site will have a tab added where any duly nominated candidate can place a written outline of who they are and why they are a good choice for club leadership, with paper copies posted on the club bulletin board. I encourage you all to take the time to learn more about those seeking these important positions and come to the meeting and vote for who you feel best for our club.

Last week the board met in special session to discuss how the club best proceed with ongoing bingo sponsorship. Bottom line is that the club should be able to realize twice as much revenue from partnering with charitable non-profits vs. continuing to run bingo by ourselves, not to mention the volunteer challenge of having enough club members to work every Thursday night. The details of this proposal will be presented at the October General Meeting. I encourage any of you who have a favorite charity that needs more money and is willing to work with us to give me a call directly. This is a great opportunity for two or three local charities to realize additional revenue, provided they have the volunteer staff and commitment to do so. The plan is to have these organizations selected during the fall - so don't delay in calling if you have a charity you would like considered.

The club enjoyed two outstanding events in September - Oktoberfest and Ladies' Day on the Pier. In his second year as chair of Oktoberfest **Eric Salvisberg** really took a big step forward. The event was nothing short of a mini-picnic with game booths and the picnic tables full of attendees. The food was excellent and two bands provided great music. The events raffle and auction were dedicated to raising funds for club sanctioned Triple H program and raised over \$1,000 to help **Tom Burford** send care packages to the troops in Iraq. Congratulations Eric on a great event. Later in the month, **Jack Camiccia** once again hosted Ladies' Day on the Pier. There was an outstanding turn out of enthusiastic fisherwomen who braved the coldest day in months to catch a slew of various fish. Champagne was hand delivered along the pier by **John Taylor** and **Jim Crovo** and everyone enjoyed a Chicken Parmesan and salad lunch, Jack really brings his special touch to this event year-after-year and Jack, we really appreciate it!

Monday night football has been GREAT! **Don & Ann Gregory** and crew did their usual delicious beef stroganoff followed by two brand new chef leads the last two weeks. The **John and Signe Lando/Jack and Maryanne Cooper** team, with their respective clans in tow, provided a classic Firehouse Spaghetti and Meat Balls, then **Barbara Corrigan** (*making her large group cooking debut*) hit a home run with a Pot Roast to write home about. Breakfast-by-the-Bay has become a Sunday morning Stalwart, **Bill George** and company look forward to seeing you this month and be sure to wear your Red and Gold to stay and watch the Niner's take on the Giants in NY.

Tom Teixeira donated his father **Anthony Teixeira's** Army memorial flag to fly at the club. Thanks Tom, we will fly it proudly.

Correction: Columbo Bait Shop no longer offers club members discounts as reported in this column last month.

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.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

Fred Bowles (925) 284-2711

Fielding Greaves' Gun Notes From Here & There will return next month

PIER REPORT

By Christopher Badouin

Well my friends, it has been another spotty month of fishing. We have seen some promise of "maybe" some good fishing to come with Ron Jerome's 20 & 21 inch Stripers, Chuck Silvera's nice Flounder and of course Mike Kozak's host of Halibut. Briefly, let's talk about the importance of a secure fishing rod. Let me prelude this story by saying in 30 years of fishing that pier I have never lost a rod until the other day. My daughter, Maddison, was fishing close to the pier with a little pile worm when along came a bite. Nothing big, just a "blink blink" on the tip of the pole. "Maddison, you might have a perch there," I said. But as soon as those words left my mouth so did her pole from the pier. With two quick thunderous tugs her pole was air borne and heading for the water! After a brief silence of disbelief we broke out in laughter. Of course Maddison, like a reporter to The Daily Planet, whipped out her phone to call everyone in speed dial. So, if you catch a fish and there happens to be a rod dangling from that rascal, could you leave it in the clubhouse?

Around the Bay

Anglers are enjoying a diverse array of action at this time. Inside the bay Halibut, Stripers and Sharks are on tap, while anglers fishing outside the Golden Gate are busting Rockfish, Lingcod and even Albacore Tuna. Fishing close to the rivers has been great for Stripers. Joel Sinkay, co-owner of Leonard's Bait and Tackle at Port Sonoma, offers up some shoreline fishing. His sum-up is: "They're smacking the "bejesus" out of the bass at Port Sonoma and along Sonoma Creek, both sides of (Highway 37), with Bullheads and Mudsuckers."

Good fishing

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.

OCTOBER 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*

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNERS

Dinner served

at 6:30 pm

TICKETS - \$9.00

Chef needed for December 10

Contact Patti Damos
(415) 453-6106

Clip and Save - 2007 - 2008
Sept 10-Dec 17.....Monday Night Football
Oct 21.....Breakfast
Nov 18.....Breakfast
Dec 9.....Children's Christmas Party
Dec 16.....Breakfast
Dec 31.....New Year's Eve
Jan 12, 2008.....Crab Feed
Jan 20, 2008.....Breakfast
Feb 3, 2008.....Super Bowl Dinner
Feb 24, 2008.....Men's Night Out

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7:00 p.m.

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Membership Applications are available
at the bar. The cost of \$150 includes
the initiation fee of \$75 plus \$75 for
current year dues.

Club Gift Certificates in any amount,
T-shirts & hats with the club logo, club
decals, pens and club cookbooks are all
available at the bar.

NEW MEMBERS

Matt Ashby, Tracie Bachman
Michael Cowlshaw, Jane Creighton
Larry Ivie, Benjamin Milligan
Patti Menjou, Adriano Orsi,
Richard Potter, David Schlocker
Todd Ursin-Smith, Beverly Wheeler

Children's Christmas Party

December 9

12:00 - 3:00

Fun, Gifts and Lunch
for the children &
grandchildren of members
VISIT BY SANTA
The enclosed reservation
flyer **MUST** be returned
by Thursday, November 29

Mark Your Calendars &
invite your friends to
the MRGC

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dinner/Dance

December 31

Steve McKeever, Chef

More details next month

Volunteers Needed

Jack Cooper & John Lando
Co-Chairs

CRAB FEED JANUARY 12

BREAKFAST

and the

Forty-Niners

Join us for a delicious
breakfast, an unbeatable view,
and a football game thrown in as
an extra

OCTOBER 21

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-November 18

Women on Target

Basic Handgun Clinic

Saturday, Nov. 17, 8am to 10am

Dianne Lee (415) 435-0379 or

janantonin@aol.com

Must be 18 years old

PICNIC SILENT AUCTION

Tom Sanfilippo, please contact Patti Damos at
(415) 453-6106 to arrange for pickup of the item
you won. This item will be held for you until
Nov. 1. After that, it will be part of our next
event's raffle.

10th Annual Children's Christmas Party

Date: Sunday December 9, 2007 from 12:00 to 3:00pm

Place: Marin Rod & Gun Club

Who: Member's Children, Grandchildren, Etc.....

Children 10 and under

Presents, Food, Games, Entertainment, Raffle

Lunch: Free for Children, Adults \$5.00 Send check (made out to MR&GC) with RSVP

Due to Popular Demand - - - - -

YOU MUST RSVP by sending this form and a self addressed stamped envelope to:

Robyne Gue, 41 Clark Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

Must be postmarked on or before Thursday, November 29, 2007

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Children see Santa in the order forms are received (150 children limit) so mail early!

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Please indicate if any of your children have special interests or hobbies. I will do my best to match up presents to your child.

Boy's Name (first and last)

age

special interests

Girls Name (first and last)

age

special interests

Member's Marin Rod & Gun ID# _____ No. of Adults attending _____

Member's Name _____ **Enclose check for Adults lunches**

Member's Phone No. **Please** _____

Call me if you have any Question's, or if you would like to help wrap gifts. "Many hands make light work".

Thank you, Robyne (415)298-9191

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