



Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter - April 2015

**P.O. Box 535
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Message from the President:

Dear Friends,

We had a good turnout at the April club meeting and we all got to dine on several delicious versions of chili and cornbread. Thank you very much to those of you who competed in this year's 4th annual Chili Cook-off. (The winners are listed later in this newsletter).

At the May meeting I will be briefing the membership and getting your feedback on a possible shooting rates increase at USI, and will also brief you on the result of the motion presented to the USI Board of Directors (details of the motion is listed later in this newsletter).

We will again be taking nominations from the floor for club officer and director positions. Our elections for these positions will be held at the June meeting.

Regards,
John

Minutes from the last General Meeting

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and closed at 9:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mickey Kennedy. There were 51 members and associates and guests in attendance.

The President called for new members and guests to be introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and it was stated that the motion by Gary Wildes was to be under new business and not under good of the club. The secretary has changed this.

Also some of the helpers for the corned beef and cabbage were not listed. Dorothy Finley stated that Ed and Mary White also helped. She may have given more names and these people were recognized. I did not get all the names, for that I apologize.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rick Fend

Rick had 2 months to talk about. Crab Feed dinner and auction brought in \$2,537 in profit to the club which was better than the previous 2 years. So excellent job to everyone.

Club Membership Report: Chairman Steve O'Connell

Steve reported that we had 3 new members added this past month. The membership is at 608 members 328 associate members and 33 life members.

Correspondence None

Committee Reports

Skeet report: - Chairmen Steve O'Connell and Wayne Tooker

Steve said H.O.A., A.A., down to 45 shooters went well. Lauren Downum was the H.O.A. winner.

Trap Report: -Chairman Wayne Tooker

100 bird shoot had 16 people present. Jake Real, Dorothy Bayer, and Vince Maurino were the winners.

April 29th there will be a 100 target Trap shoot starting at 9:30 a.m.

May 17th a trap shoot Sign-up is 9:15 a.m. and the shoot starts at 10 a.m.

Multi Purpose/Rifle Pistol Range Report: Chairman Joe Baptist

On Saturday April 11th a Veterans trap shoot is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Joe asked for Volunteers. Joe thanked the kids for coming out and helping and to Kinder's for the food, prizes from Flying ½ Books and City Arms.

A veterans rifle shoot and is scheduled for August 29th.

Any questions please contact Joe Baptist at email: joedogboy68@yahoo.com

Fishing Report: - Chairman Neil Bennesen

The Bay annual fishing trip will be in mid-June.

April 4 Salmon open, April 15th Rock Cod opens, April 25th Sierra Trout opens. He stated that most lakes are good with small and large Bass.

Pheasant Chair: – Chairman Ed White No report

Unfinished Business:

President Thomas revisited the motion made by Gary Wildes at the previous meeting and clarified to the members that the motion was seeking to direct the President as to specific actions he would have to take as a USI Board member, and that this would amend his authority as stated in our club's Policies and Procedures. President Thomas read from the bylaws so everyone present knew what would be involved in amending our Policies. The vote which had been taken at the previous meeting regarding this motion included votes from associate members, and per our Bylaws only full members may vote on matters of club business. A new motion was made to reopen discussion on Gary's motion, which was seconded, and further discussion ensued. During this discussion it became clear that the motion was not meant to be something that would alter or amend the Bay Point Policies, but that the intent was for this motion to be taken by the President to the April USI Board of Directors meeting and presented there. The vote was then taken and the motion passed.

New Business:

A motion was brought by Joe Baptist as follows: "That Bay Points USI Board representatives give regular reports of USI Board meetings to the Bay Point membership". The motion passed.

Gary Wilde made a motion as follows: “Direct Baypoint to support the Brentwood Gun Club motion to limit the USI President to expenditures of no more than \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) without the approval of the Board”. The motion passed.

The President called for volunteers to comprise a Nominating Committee. Ed White is the chairman of the committee, Dorothy Findley and Larry Meyers are on the committee. This committee is formed to seek any members that wish to be on the Board of Directors or one of the Officers of the club.

If you're interested you can contact Ed White at 925-687-5788 and claysplace@astound.net or see any of the nominating committee. It is with regret that at this meeting we learned that our president, John Thomas, and our Membership Chairman, Steve O'Connell both stated that they will be vacating there offices.

The following members were nominated from the floor:

Gary Wildes – President
 Peter Llama – President
 Neil Bennesen – Vice President
 John Gatsos – Secretary
 Rick Fend – Treasurer
 Dave Kazimatis – Membership Director
 Dorothy Bayer – Board of Directors
 Laura Shaw - Board of Directors
 Kim Bennesen - Board of Directors

The floor will be opened again at the May meeting for further nominations.

The winners of the Chill and Corn Bread Cook-off were as follows:

Spicy Chili: Laura Shaw 3rd place, Fred Lutz 2nd place, Richard Walson 1st place

Mild Chili: John Wright 3rd place, Dorothy Bayer 2nd place, Mike Thrall 1st place

Corn Bread: Rick Fend 3rd place, Mary White 2nd place, Dorothy Findley 1st place

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL... AND THANK YOU.

Memberships expire on June 30th. Please renew your membership before than time. You can buy 1 to 3 year memberships. To renew you can download a membership form from our website or pick one up at the club house.

Richard Holmes is on a USI committee for the potential development of the USI property. If you wish to contact Richard about this his email is Richard.Holmes@comcast.net

Diablo Valley Jr Skeet will compete at CASSA in California and in Las Vegas, NV at the US Open International Skeet Jr Olympics in July. Sponsorsip of the Jr Skeet shoots will be takend to the USI board

Next Meeting:

Our next Bay Point Rod & Gun Club meeting will be on Tuesday May 5th, 2015.

Dinner at this meeting will be a Mexican theme. The club will provide refried beans and rice. Members please bring entrees to share on the potluck buffet.

We will have free trap and skeet shooting to members and associates and first time guests. This is between 5 and 6 p.m. wherever you are on the field you must stop and clean up at 6 p.m.

6 to 6:45 will be social time and dinner will be called by John Thomas approximately at 6:45 p.m.

Good of the Club:

If you are getting your newsletter in hard copy via the U.S. Postal Service we ask that you contact the secretary and give him your email address. The cost of sending out hard copies is over \$100 per month and we would like to eliminate or cut down drastically this expense. You can contact the secretary, John Gatsos, at johnnyg3820@gmail.com



Tammy Thomas getting her Trophy Award from Gary Leroy

April Board Meeting

Started at 9:15 p.m. In attendance were Laura Shaw, Neil Bennesen, Peter Llama, John Thomas, John Gatsos, Tim Hutchison, Rick Fend, Dorothy Bayer and Steve O'Connell.

We discussed a donation request from the 177th Basic Academy Class (Law enforcement trainees). The Board decided that we will propose to the general membership at the May meeting that the club donate \$100 and 4 one-year memberships.

The Treasurer must pay Birds Landing \$1,200 by the end of April for our annual 40-bird pheasant card. By paying by this date, we will get 4 free pheasants. The Board authorized the Treasurer to make the payment.

We also discussed if we want to donate to the pro-gun rights lobby groups: Nat'l Rifle Assoc., Calif. Rifle and Pistol Assoc., and Gun Owners of California. We decided to propose to the membership that the club donates \$750 to each group this year.

Neil Bennesen discussed the fishing trip Bay Point does each year. June 13th is the date. Food supplied on the trip will be rolled into the price of the fishing trip. The cost is \$2,800 for 25 people max.

The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

More photos wanted, they should be in electronic form, please send for future newsletters to Secretary@baypointrodandgun.com.

If you need to contact any of the club Officers for any reason, please feel free to do so:

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