



# Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

*Newsletter - July 2014*

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## **Message from the President:**

*Hello Everyone,*

*I hope you are all having a very enjoyable summer.*

*We've just concluded another successful saltwater fishing trip. Many thanks go to our fishing chairman, Neil Bennesen, for organizing and executing the event.*

*Regarding club memberships: if you have not yet renewed your membership, you should know that your 2013-14 membership has now officially expired (as of June 30th). The club offers a one-month grace period to members in order that they may renew their memberships without penalty. On August 1st, that grace period will have ended and anyone renewing their membership from that point on will be assessed the \$25 initiation fee along with the cost of the membership. Additionally, although we recognize the membership during the grace period, USI does not. When you go to USI to do your shooting, buy ammo, etc., you must present your valid, current membership card in order to get member pricing. A membership card that expired at the end of June is not a current membership card, and you will therefore be charged non-member prices. There's no point arguing with the USI cashier about it, either. You either have a valid membership card or you don't. So, if you haven't renewed yet, please do so now.*

*We'll be holding the first of 4 monthly raffles (August, September, October, November) for pairs of pheasants from Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve, starting at the August membership meeting. Hope to see you there.*

*John Thomas, President*

## **Minutes from the last General Meeting - July, 2014:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by member, Jack Bernardi. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all in attendance for their contributions to the dinner that evening.

Any new members or guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves. There were 3 new members in attendance and one guest. All were welcomed by the club. We had a total of 48 in attendance at the meeting.

Everyone was asked if they received last month's minutes and if there were any corrections. Member, Ed White said that the last months minutes failed to mention Steve O'Connell as Membership Director. This was noted and no other corrections noted the minutes of June were approved with the above correction.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Rick Fend was on vacation so both months' financials will be given in August.

### **Club Membership Report:**

Steve O'Connell reported on membership renewals giving us our totals for June. There are: 546 full, 300 associates and 33 life members.

There are now 144 that need to renew, and you only have until the end of July or you will have to re-up on initiation fee as well as restart your count towards life membership (20 consecutive years in good standing).

**Correspondence:** None reported

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Skeet report:**

The President gives the report for Tim who is on vacation. We had a skeet shoot at the beginning of the month and Jack Campbell was High Overall with 100 straight!

Our next skeet shoot is on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a skeet doubles shoot possibly so be ready for change. 😊

Sign-up sheet to come on the USI NB.

#### **Multi Purpose/Rifle Pistol Range Report:**

Joe reported that our next Multi Purpose range dates are in August. Check the schedule on our website or USI's website. As a member you can attend other club general days with the exception of specific fun shoots for the other 4 clubs as they will need the room for all their members that attend.

The Disabled Veterans Annual Shoot was a great success! We had 12 people and 3 of which were in wheel chairs. 18 volunteers; all are thanked for helping out! Anyone that was in attendance that night was asked to stand and be acknowledged. The kitchen crew for the event were thanked as well as Dan Kinder owner of North Concord Kinders for the Ball Tip for their meal.

We had donations from individuals and 2 local companies. We came under budget with our total expenses at \$355. Dick Hay was specifically thanked for getting the event originated three years ago and for assisting in keeping it going.

Joe then reads a letter from the Director of Recreation & Therapy at the Martinez VA hospital.

#### **Fishing Report:**

Our new chairman, Neil Bennesen reports that Rock Cod and Ling Cod limits have been reported out of the Bay. The Delta has been pretty good on Bass; at Lake Berryessa, Kokani have been caught as large as 16".

#### **Trophy Report:**

Gary Leroy asks everyone if you are out fishing keep track of your weights/lengths and turn them in for our annual Trophy awards. There is a box in the club house that you can leave these in or mail them to our PO box for Gary Leroy.

#### **Old Business:**

The President briefs that at last month's meeting we had our annual vote and swearing in of new and continuing club officers and directors. At that time no Secretary was found and so this position is still open.

Member, John Gatsos, from the floor asked what the duties of the Secretary were. After these were explained he volunteered to do the position. The President deemed at this point as no one else had offered to do the position for the last four months that he was unopposed and is now the Secretary. He will be getting a turn over this month by our going out Secretary, Tammy Thomas.

#### **New Business:**

We are having more Bay Point hats produced, a standard blue one with our logo on the front and then more of the patriotic caps that we had made earlier for a DV shoot. They are camouflaged with part of the bill with an American flag on it.

We are also checking out getting shirts made currently. Some origination from the floor was given on companies we can use for this.

R/P and Multi Purpose Chairman briefs about a new Disabled Veterans shoot, a .22 and .223 rifle shoot. It is currently planned for August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Multi Purpose range. He asked for assistance in putting this on as well as for the President to take the date to USI for approval.

Additionally as Joe is a also a member of Diablo he briefed everyone how Diablo Rod and Gun club would like to contribute to putting this shoot on and they have a connection at the Livermore VA and are going to possibly invite vets from there as well.

Since our meeting Diablo had theirs and voted to co-sponsor the shoot with us and have allocated \$400 for the event.

Richard Homes, Barry Cunningham and John Cunningham all offer assistance for this event. More volunteers are welcome. Please reach out to Joe Baptist. (email: joedogboy68@yahoo.com)

Joe then moves to sponsor or co-sponsor a D.A. Veterans rifle shoot at the Multi Purpose range with a budget of \$600 for ammo and food. The shoot time and date will be August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm, with use of the clubhouse for the lunch. Seconded by Felix Osegera and Barry Cunningham!

Discussion: Amount of ammo and why we are choosing .223 in addition to .22. Joe also briefs that he is hoping to get 20 participants for this event. Diablo will be most likely assisting as well.

Vote taken. Motion passes unanimously.

Mike Thrall announced about a vendor that would be up at the clubhouse on July 4<sup>th</sup> during the Diablo Firecracker Open to make customer ear plugs.

The Diablo Annual Firecracker Open was scheduled to happen on July 4<sup>th</sup> at USI. It is a 410 100 round shoot but you can shoot any gauge just High Overall winner must shoot with 410.

Also announced there was to be a Flurry Shoot at 4pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> and a dinner at 6pm. This was to sponsor the Diablo Valley Junior Skeet team.

#### Next Meeting:

***Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 5th! Social hour begins at 6pm and the President will call dinner at 6:45pm. This month's theme for the dinner is Internation Dish Night! Bring a dish to share from your favorite country personal heritage. You can also bring something to BBQ for yourself. All members with the last name A - T bring a hot dish in the theme to share and those with the last name beginning with S - Z bring an internation themed dessert.***

***There will be trap and skeet shooting before the meeting, from 5pm to 6pm, no matter where you are on the fields at 6pm you need to end off and help close up the fields. Thank you.***

#### Good of the Club:

Joe Baptist announces that as an assistant coach for the Diablo Valley Junior Skeet team that Bay Point has sponsored for the last two years and on behalf of the team their CYSSA plaques were presented to be posted up in the Bay Point display cases up at the USI Clubhouse. The team has one more shoot coming up in July for this year.



Jack Bernardi announces he is selling tickets for a Kohler gun that is being raffled off soon. It is a custom engraved Kohler.

The President then asks for a couple volunteers to go out after the meeting and clean the BBQ grills.

The meeting was adjourned: 8:15pm.



Ron Barney and son Jake (visiting from Anapolis Naval Academy. Salmon caught July 17 on the New Rayann out of Sausalito. There were 15 anglers on the boat and we caught 20 Salmon fishing off of Stinsen Beach.

### ***July 2014, Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting:***

Start: 8:32pm

Present: All Officers and Board members were in attendance except the Treasurer and Tim Hutchison.

#### **Old business:**

Discuss status of upcoming fishing trip. 15 already fully paid, Vice President is handling all food and drink provisions.

More review of hats and possible shirts to be made for Bay Point club for purchase by members.

**New business:**

Review what the theme should be for our next dinner based on origination from the floor. International Dish theme was chosen.

Our meeting ended at 8:52pm.



Group shot of all our new Officers and Directors for 2014/15. From left to right: Directors: Pete Llama, Dorothy Bayer, Laura Shaw, Treasurer: Rick Fend, Vice President: Neil Bennesen, President: John Thomas, Membership Chair: Steve O'Connell and former President: Tim Hutchison

More photos wanted, please send for future newsletters to [Secretary@baypointrodandgun.com](mailto:Secretary@baypointrodandgun.com).

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