



Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter – November 2014

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Message from the President:

*Warm Regards,
John Thomas
President*

Minutes from the last General Meeting – September 2014:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 8:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all. There were 48 members and associates in attendance.

The president acknowledged Laura Shaw and the many others who were responsible for the great dinner we had.

The President called for new members to be introduced and 4 new members were in attendance: Martin Schmidt, Matt Guiles, Pete Campbell, Jim Anderson, and Danny Pierpont. Please let me know if I misspelled your name and know that I apologize for any misspelled names. The club welcomed them with resounding applause.

The minutes were presented and approved as issued by the club members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rick Fend

Rick stated that the club had income of a total of \$1,621 and had expenses of \$1,083 for a net positive for the month of \$563. He reported that the club is sound financially.

Club Membership Report: Chairman Steve O'Connell

Steve reported on membership. There were 5 new members added in October and 2 new members tonight. Thus we currently have 584 full members, 320 associates, and 33 life members. We now we have a total membership of 937.

Correspondence: Rick Fend reported that SKEET MAGAZINE came to the club and is on the table.

Committee Reports

Skeet report: - Chairman Tim Hutchison

December 14th, 2014 a shoot for Toys for Travis Air Force Base will be held. You must bring an unwrapped toy for the kids at Travis Air Force Base. The entry fee is \$20 and will include 150 birds and a nice lunch. This is obviously a fund raiser for the kids at Travis so please be generous. Remember many of these children will not have one or more of their parents at home. So let's be as generous as we can and support this great event.

January 1, 2015: Tim also reminded all that the HANG OVER OPEN skeet shoot is coming up January 1, 2015. The cost is \$30 and you get a nice breakfast of pancakes, ham and eggs by Laura Shaw, a nice hat, and 100 targets. There will be prizes for high overall, high ladies, and high junior. Breakfast at 8AM; shoot starts at 9:30AM.

Trap Report: -Chairman Wayne Tooker

Wayne reported that there is nothing going on in 2014 but that in 2015 in mid-January or February a shoot should take place.

The George Finley Memorial trap shoot for Disabled Veterans was held on Saturday November 8th. We had 3 disabled vets shooting. This was lower than expected but still very much worth the time we all spent together. Two of the disabled veterans came from Livermore VA hospital and one more, Paul, who is a member of our club came.

We had lots of volunteers to help out and that was great. This event is well worth the effort even with a low turn out. The vet's appeared to have a great time as did all the volunteers.

This will be a Veterans shoot with vets coming from the local Veteran Hospitals. We need volunteers. We need shot guns for the vets to shoot; we need your help to make this another success. So please contact Joe Batista and volunteer. Of course we will bring this up at our November meeting also.

Multi Purpose/Rifle Pistol Range Report: Chairman Joe Baptist

Sunday the 23rd of November from 9AM there will be a shooting event with the Brentwood Rod & Gun Club at the Multi Purpose Range. We need Range Safety Officers (RSO) to step forward to help. Any questions please contact Joe Baptist at email: joedogboy68@yahoo.com

Fishing Report: - Chairman Neil Bennesen

Neil reports that Crab opened on November 1st and that Rock Cod were good right now.

Trophy Report: - Chairman Gary Leroy

Gary reminded us to turn in your tags and pictures of your fishing weights/lengths and any hunting success. You can 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 to the attention of Gary Leroy. This cost you nothing and you could win a club jacket!

Pheasant Chair: – Chairman Ed White

Ed held the last raffle for pheasant hunting at Birds Landing. This was the last raffle of this year. 6 tickets were raffled tonight and the winners were: Dorothy Bayer; Steve Bordie; Tammy Thomas; Rick Fend; Ed White; and Dennis Casagrande. Congratulation!

Here are some important facts and reminders:

As a reminder there is a \$10 fee to offset cost, no reservations are needed at Birds Landing but a field pass costing \$10.00 is needed and of course you're hunting license and Upland Bird stamps. Orange clothing is required. You must have a dog. If you do not then one of the club members with dogs will be happy to help you out. The cost for extra birds is \$31.00.

For more information please see or contact Ed White 925-687-5788.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

December 13th we will do another combined Christmas dinner with the Brentwood Rod & Gun Club. Turkey, Ham and all the other foods that make this a special meal. Please volunteer to help out. We need members to bring food (turkeys, hams, dressing, deserts, what ever).

There will be a 50 target skeet shoot in the morning. Then entry fee is only \$20.00 and this included a hot dog and chili lunch.

Also please bring at least one unwrapped toys. This is for the Toy's for Travis Christmas toy drive. These toys go to the children of our military personnel many of whom cannot be here for Christmas. It is a wonderful time to give back and let our men and women in the military know that we care and you'll be making some kids very happy.

Next Meeting:

It was voted by members present at the November meeting to NOT have a meeting in December. Instead we are joining the Brentwood Rod & Gun Club on December 13th for the combined Christmas dinner celebration. See new business above for more information.

The following members volunteered to bring to the dinner. Ham - Ed white, Tammy Thomas and Laura Shaw. Turkeys - Bonnie Seymour and Dorothy Bayer. Sides – Connie. Potato dishes – Dick Hayes, Terry, Dave K, Tim H, Gary, Niel, Gail, Marlene, Wayne T, Daisy, Tammy, Dorothy. *I am very sorry if I left your name off this list. The volunteering and the dishes they were bringing was coming so fast and furious that I could not keep up writing it all down.*

Suffice it to say... let's all bring something to share that will feed 5 to 10 people.

Our next Bay Point Rod & Gun Club meeting will be Tuesday January 6th, 2015. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the President will call dinner at 6:45 p.m.

In the December newsletter there will be more information on the meal for the January 6th, 2015 meeting.

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

Good of the Club:

Jack Bernardi said that \$1,280 was raised for Vietnam Veterans. Thank you.

Nice picture of Steve O'Connell getting some pheasants



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November 2014, Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting:

Start: 8:35PM.

Present: John Thomas, Neil Bennesen, John Gatsos, Steve O'Connell, Laura Shaw, Tim Hutchison, Dorothy Bayer

Business:

It was asked if we could have a Winter Skeet League. This was put on the back burner for now.

The question came up whether associate members (not full members) can vote? John Thomas will check the bylaws of the club to determine this.

Tim Hutchison brought up the cost for hats and food for the Hang Over Open Skeet shoot on January 1, 2015. The cost of \$1,056 was unanimously approved.

Joe Baptist asked if it was OK to use the club coffee for vet shoots. This was approved.

Steve O'Connell discussed expired registrations and the fact that some members were not paying the \$25 Late fee thus prompting returning the club dues and requesting both the late fee and club dues are sent together. Steve also reported a problem with the data base that he is working to resolve.

John Gatsos asked that John Thomas try to get his president comments to him within 5 days so we can try and get the newsletter out earlier.

Our meeting ended at 9:15PM.

More photos wanted, 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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