

## ***Message from the President:***

### ***Bay Point Members,***

Happy New Year to all. As I look back on the last six months since I was elected I'm awed by the volunteers that are always there to help. Without this core group the club would never operate.

We started the New Year with the Hangover Open which was won by Miles Eisentraut with his first hundred straight, Congratulations Miles!!! This shoot took a lot of volunteers to happen. And I want to thank each and every one of them. Most of them weren't asked they just jumped in. Without them we could never pull it off. That brings me to our next event the biggest of them all; the Crab Feed, February 27<sup>th</sup>!

We weren't sure if it was even going to happen. But the crab gurus say it plentiful and Safe, and priced close to last year. Now here's where you come in. We need Volunteers!! Kitchen Staff, Ticket sellers, and people willing to get, and donate prizes for the raffle. The time frame has been condensed. We need everyone to spring into action. We have a form letter that you can use to call on businesses to donate to our organization, those who are friendly to our causes. This is where the donations to the Disabled Veteran Shoot, the Juniors program and the NRA/CRPA come from. If every member donated one thing or got one business to donate one thing we will have the most successful raffle ever. Remember, it doesn't have to be shooting related. And don't forget the women's prizes. Its individuals that make this one big strong organization. I ask of you to do what you can (volunteer your time, get a donation, make a donation) to make this the best year ever at the Bay Point Rod and Gun Club.

Hope to see you at the club!!

Gary Wildes

## ***Minutes from the last General Meeting***

President Wildes called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mark Bauer led us all in The Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members, associates in attendance.

The President called for new members and guests to be introduced and welcomed. We welcomed new members Ron McCurey, Kent Swinder and Stan William.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and were passed as is.

Gary noted that our Secretary John Gatos had a lung procedure and would not be present at the meeting. Sending him off a note and well wishes for his fast recovery.

Roll Call of Board Members: Present were Gary Wildes, Laura Shaw, Rick Fend, David Kasimatis, John Gatsos, Wayne Tooker and Mark Bauer.

### ***Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rick Fend***

Rick reported that December was a slow month for both membership and revenues. Total assets \$93,065.00 with December membership \$110 and expenses a loss of \$150.

### ***Club Membership Report: Chairman David Kasimatis***

Dave reported 389 Members, 223 Associates, 32 Lifetime for a total of 644 with new members 647 total.

***Correspondence*** - None

### ***Committee Reports***

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

We had a great turn out for the Hangover Open 75 paid shooters, 74 participated. We brought in approximately \$800 after expenses.

Miles Eisentraut with 100 Straight – HOA

Quincey Winship – High Lady

Nick Ballentine and Jake Reel - High Juniors

Many thanks to all of the volunteers! Curtis Ballentine, Nick Ballentine, Mickey Kennedy and Steve McConnell prepared fields and targets. Ed White, Jack Bernardi, Harry Transue and Gary Wildes pull and scored. A delicious breakfast was made and served by Tammy Wildes, Wade and Kathy Lindsey, Sandy Trip, Kimberley Parsley and AJ Romo, Laura Shaw, and Dorothy Findley.

Wayne Tooker is working on the schedule for Trap Shoots, should be ready to report next month.

**Trophy Report – Gary Leroy** Last month to turn in your tags for any hunting and fishing awards. Please, write down if you have a jacket or not. If you do not have one write the size you need on your slip. Gary will pick the tags at the February meeting.

**Fishing Report:** - Sturgeon fishing is good at the moment.

## **Old Business:**

We will be keeping tradition and continuing with the yellow jackets. If you wish to have a field jacket with a different design they can be purchased at Bass Pro. Crystal Clear Logos, in Antioch, has the Bay Point Logo for embroidery on the jacket. Gary Leroy is the contact if you need any help in this.

Peter Llama has taken over the Skeet League for Thursday nights. We still need help with this. Monday night at this time will not be continuing. For Thursday night to be a big success please contact Pete or Laura Shaw to help.

## **CRAB FEED IS ON!**

The crab we will be getting for the crab feed is safe. We will be getting it from Oregon. The waters in Washington and Oregon are safe. Plentiful and Safe. California waters may open at the end of this month, but we will be getting up Oregon. Our crab feed is on! February 27 is the date. For tickets contact board members. The price will stay at \$45 per person.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We need to all become involved to make this happen. If you would like to be the raffle chairman this year please contact one of the board members or Gary Wildes.

## **CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

This is the second reading:

### 1. Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination to any office, a member must have held a valid regular or associate membership paid in full by the previous July regular meeting immediately preceding the nominations, and must have attended a least 50% of those monthly meetings. Members are restricted from holding elected or appointed office in the club if they are delegates or officers of other USI member clubs.

### 2. Eligibility to vote

To be eligible to vote in board of director's elections you must be a paid full member, by the previous July regular meeting.

### 3. Nominations

A nomination committee shall be composed of the membership secretary, and two members whom shall be appointed by the President at the April meeting each year. The purpose of the committee shall be to identify members eligible for nomination. The nomination committee shall prepare and present a list of eligible members per Section 1. To the membership at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be made from the list of eligible members at the May meeting. If no nominations are accepted by those that meet the above eligibility criteria, eligibly shall be expanded to all members that have held a valid regular or associate membership for the previous year. Then nominations shall be closed.

#### 4. Elections

Elections shall be held during the June meeting each year. All voting shall be by secret ballot. Voter eligibility shall be confirmed by the membership secretary. Officers shall be elected by a majority of those casting votes and members of the board of directors shall be elected by a plurality of those casting votes. In the event of a lack of majority for an officer or a tie vote for an officer or board member. A second ballot shall be cast. If the vote is still tied after the second ballot the election for that office shall be carried over to the next monthly meeting.

#### 5. Installation of officers

The new officers and board members shall be installed immediately after the conclusion of the member meeting. In the case of an election carried over beyond the June meeting. Installation will occur at end of the July meeting. The outgoing officer shall hold office until the election is decided. Club records statements financial instruments and all other items pertinent to their office shall be provided within a timely manner of the installation of the new officers.

#### **New Business:**

Chabot Gun Club continues to invite members of any of the clubs at United Sportsmen, (USI) to shoot here at our guest rate while their rifle and pistol lines are temporarily closed. This invitation will remain in effect until March 31st. You must show your 2016 or 2017 membership card to receive the discount.

#### **Pleasant:**

Remember to harvest your birds! The last day is January 30! There will be a cleanup day on January 31, for any birds not collected. Anyone from the club can participate. Be at Bird's Landing for check in at 7:30.

If you have any questions contact Ed White directly at 925-687-5788

## **Gun Range:**

Slow go at the present, attorney hold ups, letter in the process, stalling. But moving forward slowly. Not all of the clubs are in agreement, but we are working on it. Clubs need to come together with the letter to the attorney. We can't wait any longer need to move. Everyone is wanting to get the project done. General consensus is to submit plans to the County and go forward.

## **Next Meeting:**

*Our next Bay Point Rod & Gun Club meeting will be Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Bring your favorite wild game dish, if not, a casserole, salad or dessert.*

## **January Board Meeting**

Discussed the crab feed and the need for donations. Coordinating efforts. Discussed General Range plans. Plans should be submitted to the County and then let the County respond with this need to change, or this is a good and so on.

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***Vice-President: Laura Shaw***

***Secretary: John Gatsos (925) 951-8034***

***Treasurer: Rick Fend (925) 330-5665***

***Membership Chair: David Kasimatis***

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