



## April 2011 Newsletter

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

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable 2011 so far. We're nearing the end of our club year, and it's once again time to send in your club membership renewal dues to our Membership Chairman. Your current membership will expire at the end of June, unless you recently obtained a multi-year membership. We don't want your membership in the club to lapse, so I encourage you to take a little time right now and send in your dues. Further details and the mailing address can be found near the end of this newsletter.

We're looking for members who would like to take a more active role in the club and become a club officer or director. Our yearly elections will be held at our June meeting, and if you are interested in running for any position, please let an officer or director or our Nominating Committee know.

Regards,  
John Thomas

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

Hi all,

I hope everyone had a chance to participate in some part of the U.S.I. fifty year week-long party. It seems all events had good turnouts. It was a great job by U.S.I. and all the clubs. If you were not at the last meeting, I announced that I will not be running for an office next year. I enjoyed serving the club this year and thank you for your support. I will still be active in the club and look forward to seeing all the upcoming events.

Thanks,  
Dick Hay V.P.

### **Minutes from the Last General Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, Tuesday April 05, 2011. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Bob Battle. 35 members and guests were in attendance.

The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as issued.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. Regarding memberships, since our last meeting we have had 10 new members and 6 new associates added to the club. The club also lost 2 full members. We now have 313 full members, 176 associates, and 30 lifetime members, for a total of 519 members.

**SKEET REPORT:**

Jack Bernardi announced that there were 39 shooters at the April 2nd skeet shoot. Buck knives and shotgun shells were awarded as prizes. High Lady was awarded to Annette Oliver. She was very excited as it was her first win of any kind. Congratulations to Annette for this great achievement!  
Other winners were:

HOA: Jim Baker  
AA1: Tim Hutchison  
A1: Robin Wendt  
B1: Dan Kisner  
C1: Fred Skillman  
D1: Tim McCormick  
E1: Orrin Hart  
Junior: Donovan Rich

Congratulations to all!

Jack also reiterated that 100% of the club shoot proceeds go directly toward the club shoots and prizes.

**TRAP REPORT:**

Trap Chairman Gene Bayer announced the following upcoming Trap shoots. They are:

May 15th: 16-yard trap, 100 targets (registered targets)  
June 12th: wobble trap, 100 targets  
September 25th: trap doubles, 50 pairs (100 targets)  
(These dates have since been confirmed with USI)

**RIFLE/PISTOL REPORT:**

Bay Point has the use of the Multi-Purpose range on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**FISHING REPORT:**

No report.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

Trap Chairman Gene Bayer announced that as part of the USI 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a 100 target fun trap shoot, and on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a 100 target skeet shoot. Lots of great prizes will be awarded. Also included is a free lunch on Saturday and a free tri-tip steak dinner on Saturday night. The lunch and dinner are open to everyone, not just shooters.

The impalement Arts Course will be free for the week of April 04- April 10 in recognition of the USI anniversary.

May 21<sup>st</sup> was suggested as a new, tentative date for a Veteran's Charity Shoot. (The date has since been approved by USI.) The previously established budget of \$250.00 will be adhered to. Volunteers will be needed to help out as coaches and safety officers. Help will also be needed with lunch preparation and clean up. If you have some spare time that day please come out to the club and pitch in.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The club membership year is from July 01 through June 30. The club nominations for, and the election of new Officers and Directors for the 2011 to 2012 year will be made at our General meeting in June. Those elected will take office on July 01, 2011, at the beginning of the 2011 – 2012 membership year. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Noel O'Brien, Mike McDonald and Rudy Milan.

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd. There will be free trap and skeet shooting for members and prospective new members from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Shooting is to conclude promptly at 6:00 PM; shooters are to help cleanup their fields and shut down the houses. Dinner will be catered Mexican food from The New Mecca Restaurant located in Pittsburg. Dinner time is 6:45pm. The club meeting will follow dinner, about 7:30pm.

President John Thomas raised the issue of purchasing a 40 bird pheasant card from Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve, located in Bird's Landing, California. The purpose of the card would be for the club's pheasant card raffle – which begins in August. Over the years, Bird's Landing has consistently donated various hunts and other gifts to Bay Point Rod & Gun Club for its prizes and raffles. Therefore, consideration should be given to them for the purchase of our club pheasant card. The facilities at Bird's Landing also include a sporting clays shooting range, 5-stand shooting range, and a small café where members can get breakfast and lunch.

In the past, we have routinely purchased this card from Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve. Suisun Marsh has also made donations to our club in the past; however, in recent years their donations to Bay Point Rod and Gun Club have diminished.

Director Gary Leroy brought to the club's attention that Quail Point Hunting Preserve, located in Zamora, California might also be a good alternative. The distance to Quail Point and its hunting policies were discussed by the membership. A motion was then made to purchase our pheasant card for the upcoming hunting season from Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve, rather than Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. (NOTE: as of April 15<sup>th</sup>, we have been notified by Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve that they are going out of business and closing their facility).

A reminder was given to support Kinder's Meats whenever possible, as they have donated various meats and dishes to the club in the past.

Jack Bernardi announced that skeet league will start on May 2 at 8:00 PM. Sign-up now and enjoy the fun and good times of the skeet league!

#### **IMPORTANT ISSUES:**

The Department of fish and Game website: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/> should be referred to regarding California Outdoor Heritage Alliance issues and any new duck/geese hunting regulations that may be going into effect.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

**BAY POINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

Meeting called to order at 8:25 PM on April 05, 2011.

**Officers present:**

President: John Thomas  
Vice President: Dick Hay  
Secretary: John Thomas  
Treasurer/Memberships: Bill Spring

**Directors present:**

Gene Bayer  
Dorothy Bayer  
Gary Leroy  
Rick Fend

**Directors absent:**

Tim Hutchison

Richard Holmes attended the Board meeting as the interim Secretary.

A discussion ensued regarding methods of notification to be sent out to all members regarding the renewal of their memberships. It was decided that renewal letters will be mailed out to all members, and an outside vendor will be consigned to print and mail the renewal notices with an addressed return envelope enclosed.

Gary Leroy presented a declaration stating that he believes he is entitled to a Life Membership due to a discrepancy in his initial/original club membership date. Due to the fact that there are no membership records available for that time period, a recommendation was given that verification be made by other current members that were also members at the time that Gary Leroy claims he actually joined the club. This recommendation was agreed upon. Verification will be performed by members of the board. The results of the verification process will be provided as soon as practical.

A \$10,000 CD is maturing soon. A decision needs to be made as to what to do with the funds. This will be reviewed again at the next Board of Directors meeting.

A review was done of the Bylaws regarding the distribution of membership contact information.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

**SF BAY FISHING TRIP:**

Our Fishing Chairman, Mike Thrall, has arranged a SF Bay fishing trip for striped bass and halibut on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. All participating Bay Point club members will enjoy a \$25 discount on the regular cost of the outing. Further details and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the USI clubhouse soon.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

Your current year's membership in this club will expire on June 30th. Starting now, membership renewals for the next year are being accepted by the Membership

Chairman. Don't wait until your membership expires to renew. Handle it now. The cost to renew is \$25/year if you do not also belong to the National Rifle Association. If you are an NRA member, your yearly dues are \$20. Send your dues in now to:

**Membership Chairman**  
**Bay Point Rod & Gun Club**  
**P.O. Box 535**  
**Concord, CA 94522**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**May 2nd:** Skeet league begins at 8:00 PM

**May 3rd:** Bay Point general club meeting. Dinner will be catered Mexican food from The New Mecca Restaurant located in Pittsburg.

**May 15th:** 16-yard trap, 100 targets.

**May 21st:** Disabled Veterans trap shoot.

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

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