



Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter – June 2011

Message from the President:

Hello Everyone,

Well, we've been having quite a busy month of June: we started off with a fantastic turnout for our monthly meeting and elections of new officers and board directors. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend and vote. The next weekend we had 20 members and guests out for a fishing trip in SF Bay where we caught some striped bass and halibut. Ask anyone who was on the boat – that was quite a ride! The following day we put on a wobble trap shoot at the range and had 15 participants. Congratulations to Jeff Walton who won High Gun with a score of 94. I hope you are all getting out and exercising a bit and look forward to seeing you up at the club in the coming weeks.

Regards,
John Thomas

MINUTES FROM THE LAST GENERAL MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM, Tuesday June 07, 2011. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Gary Wildes. Sixty-nine members and guests were in attendance.

President Thomas made an announcement pertaining to "Robert's Rules" procedures regarding our meeting minutes and some of the procedures we have been following. We will be working to get our meetings following Robert's Rules more closely.

Treasurer's Report:

The club is financially sound.

As approved by the membership, the club donated funds to CRPA – California Rifle and Pistol Association; COHA – California Outdoor Heritage Alliance; and GOC – Gun Owners of California. A donation to the NRA will be made in the near future. Regarding memberships: since our last meeting we have had 22 new members and 11 new associates added to the club. We now have 343 full members, 192 associates, and 30 lifetime members, for a total of 565 members.

Correspondence:

We received the latest issue of Sporting Clays Magazine. The club donated \$500.00 to the California Rifle and Pistol Association. In response we received an acknowledgement from CRPA regarding the donation. Also included were several magazines and a book. We also received other magazines including Skeet Shooting Review, Shotgun Sports, and The Firing Line. All members are welcome to any and all of the club's reading material while at the clubhouse.

Committee reports:

Skeet report:

Skeet Chairman Steve McConnell announced that the next Bay Point Skeet Shoot is scheduled for August 20th, 2011. The shoot will consist of 100 targets; any gauge shotgun is permitted. Belt buckles will be awarded as prizes. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. The Firecracker Open shoot, sponsored by the Diablo Rod & Gun Club and open to all clubs' members, will be held on July 04, 2011. Sign in starts at 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. You may shoot any gauge, but can

only win if you shoot .410 gauge. The Mel Maggiori Memorial Shoot (Brentwood Gun Club – open to everyone) will be held on June 25, 2011. Sign up starts at 9:30 AM. The shoot consists of 25 skeet targets – any gauge; 25 trap targets - 16 yards; 25 trap targets - 21 yards (handicap); and 30 doubles trap targets (15 - 2 target rounds) for a total of 105 birds. The price is \$30.00 which includes lunch for shooters. Non shooters may purchase lunch for a nominal fee.

Trap report:

Director Gene Bayer announced that Chuck Willard will be holding a 16 yard wobbles trap - 100 target fun shoot on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM. Just show up around 9:30 AM and get assigned to a squad. The entry fee is \$25.00.

Fishing report:

Fishing Chairman Mike Thrall announced that the club's fishing trip is still scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011. The trip will be inside the bay for striper and halibut. The cost is \$60.00 for members and \$85.00 for non members. Only 25 spots are available and are almost sold out. All the drinks and the food will be provided by the club. President Thomas announced that our guide from last year was not available, but the captain of the Tigerfish was recommended and we have chartered the Tigerfish for our trip. The boat departs the Emeryville Marina at 6:00 AM sharp, so fisherman should check in between 5:00 - 5:30 AM.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made at the May meeting recommending that active duty military personnel be able to join the club and have their initiation fees waived. President Thomas noted that this type of change to our bylaws requires that the membership be briefed at least three times. The May meeting and newsletter was the first membership notification. The floor was opened for discussion. Clarification was requested and given regarding the motion. If accepted and approved, only the initial \$25.00 initiation fee would be waived, not the annual dues.

A member brought to the club's attention that as a 501c (4) non profit, public benefit corporation we are required to treat all individuals equally. Furthermore, we are not allowed to discriminate against, or favor any one group(s) of people over another. By waiving the initiation fee for active

duty military members we may be creating a special group, and consequently we may be setting a bad precedent and may also be in violation of our non – profit status and our charter. The motion was not opened for a vote at the meeting. President Thomas tabled the motion until further research on the matter can be made. No other clubs at USI are known to have this exemption. It was noted that USI gives a discount to active military personnel at the rifle and pistol range, but not for the shotgun sports.

Noel O'Brien coordinated our third Disabled Veterans Shoot on May 21, 2011. There were 18 total participants. Support from the club was fantastic, and the barbeque was wonderful. Everyone present had a great time – especially the Vets. We were way under budget at \$162.16 for the event. Noel plans to have this shoot every 6 months.

President Thomas informed the membership that the pheasant raffle will be starting at our August meeting. Raffle winners will pay \$10.00 total for a two bird hunt. This year we will be purchasing our 40 bird card from Birds Landing Hunting Preserve. Ed White, our Raffle Chairman announced that we will be raffling off 44 birds – 22 raffles, as we are paying for our bird card early and by doing so we will receive an extra 4 birds. Ed briefly described the raffle, and read an introduction to Birds Landing Hunting Preserve.

Club Election Report:

President Thomas opened the floor for any final, new nominations for the general election. No new nominations were made. A motion was made, seconded and accepted that nominations be closed for the upcoming election.

The final list of nominations for Club Officers was:

President: John Thomas
Vice President: Noel O'Brien
Treasurer/Membership Chairman: Rick Fend
Secretary: Richard Holmes

Bay Point carries 5 director positions, one of which is held by our past President, Tim Hutchison, leaving 4 director positions to be filled. We had 5 nominees for the position of Director. They were:

Director: Gary Leroy
Director: Dorothy Bayer
Director: Gene Bayer

Director: George Forni
Director: Rudy Milan.

President Thomas read from Robert's Rules of Order regarding elections which have only one nominee for any given position, otherwise unofficially known as a "White Ballot". According to Robert's Rules of Order, the Chair (President) may declare by acclamation any unopposed nominee as elected.

Club Election Results:

President Thomas declared by acclamation the following unopposed nominees elected to the following Officer positions.

President: John Thomas
Vice President: Noel O'Brien
Treasurer/Membership Chairman: Rick Fend
Secretary: Richard Holmes
Congratulations and welcome to all the newly elected (by acclamation) Bay Point Club Officers!

Director Positions: Ballots were distributed to all full members for a vote. President Thomas closed the polls for the election of Directors. The ballots were counted.

The final results of the Ballot count resulted in the following nominees being elected as Directors.

Director: Dorothy Bayer - 50 votes
Director: Gene Bayer - 50 votes
Director: George Forni - 38 votes
Director: Rudy Milan - 40 votes

Congratulations and welcome all new Bay Point Directors!

All newly elected Officers, Directors and continuing Director Tim Hutchison were sworn in by our outgoing Vice President Dick Hay. The new officers and Board of Directors will officially take office on July 01, 2011 and serve through June 30, 2012.

We thank all out-going club Officers and Directors for their service over the last year. We appreciate all that you've done to make Bay Point the success that it is.

New Business:

Gene Bayer announced that Bay Point member Jack Campbell's wife, Rose passed away early Saturday morning, June 04, 2011 after a long

battle with cancer. No details regarding the memorial service were available at the time.

Director Gary Leroy inquired about the four different designs for the club jackets. President Thomas explained that we will probably repeat our prior emblems of a pair of quail, a pheasant, an elk, and one other design that has yet to be determined.

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, July 05, 2011. There will be free trap and skeet shooting for members, member guests 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. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner will begin at 6:45. Members are asked to bring something to barbeque for themselves and a side dish to share with 8-10 others. The club will provide dessert.

Good of the Club:

Nothing submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM on June 07, 2011.

Officers present:

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

Directors present:

Tim Hutchison
Dorothy Bayer
Gene Bayer
Gary Leroy
Rick Fend

Newly Elected Incoming Officers and Directors present:

Vice President: Noel O'Brien
Secretary: Richard Holmes
Director: George Forni
Director: Rudy Milan

President Thomas brought to the Board's attention that Director Gary Leroy had presented

a declaration at the April Board of Director's meeting. The declaration stated that Gary felt he was entitled to a Bay Point Life Membership. Gary claimed he was a member from May of 1979 through 2000. Gary allowed his membership to lapse for a year in 2001. Since the club has no written record of the membership from that earlier time period, the Board was not able to directly verify Gary's claim and he was asked by the Board to obtain verification from other longtime members who could verify his claim of being a member for the required twenty consecutive years to become a lifetime member. Gary provided the requested verification and it was found to be sufficient by the board. The board voted unanimously to honor Gary Leroy's request, and granted him a lifetime membership. His new lifetime membership will be recorded by the Membership Chairman.

Jack Bernardi requested \$300.00 be donated to the July 16, 2011 Bay Point Skeet League awards dinner. The issue was discussed at length. A vote was taken and the decision was made to donate \$300.00 to the Bay Point Skeet League awards dinner. If the funds end up not being needed by Jack, they will be returned to the Treasurer.

A request was made of the Treasurer by the Board of Directors to provide a breakdown of expenditures of the club-sponsored meals over the past year. Treasurer Bill Spring agreed to research the matter and report his results to the board as soon as practical.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM, June 07, 2011.

SF Bay Fishing Trip June 11th:

Despite the rough waters and high winds, our June 11th San Francisco Bay fishing trip on the "Tigerfish" was a success. A total of 20 fish were caught, mostly Striper and one keeper-size Halibut. The camaraderie experienced by the members was great. Our captain and crew (and his fishing Labrador Retrievers aboard) did a wonderful job. A good time was had by all.

Wobble Trap Shoot June 12th:

The June 12th Wobbles shoot had 15 participants. The top 3 shooters were:

- 1st Place: Jeff Walton – 94.
- 2nd Place: Don Runyan – 93.
- 3rd Place: Dick Hay – 92.

High Lady: Dorothy Bayer – 64

These fun shoots are just that – FUN. Those of us that aren't participating in these shoots are missing out. Congratulations to all of our Fun Shoot winners!

Membership Renewal:

Your current year's membership in this club will expire on June 30th. Membership renewals for the next year are now 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 are an NRA member, your yearly dues will be reduced to \$20. Send your dues in now to:

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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 25, 2011: Mel Maggiori Memorial Shoot, sign in 9:30 AM.

Friday, July 01, 2011: Newly elected Club Officers and Directors begin their 2011 - 2012 term in office.

Friday, July 01, 2011: The new 2011 - 2012 membership year officially begins.

Monday, July 04, 2011: Firecracker Open Skeet Shoot. Sign in 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Tuesday, July 05, 2011: Bay Point Club meeting and dinner, social hour starts at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:45, club meeting at 7:30ish.

Sunday, July 16, 2011: Bay Point Skeet League Awards Dinner.

Saturday, August 20th, 2011: Bay Point Skeet Shoot. 100 targets, any gauge will be permitted. Belt buckles will be awarded as prizes.

Sunday, September 25th: trap doubles, 50 pairs (100 targets).

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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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Fishing Chairman Mike Thrall and his daughter Erin aboard the Tigerfish.



Another successful angler on the "Tigerfish" June 11th, 2011.



John Thomas landed this nice Halibut on the club's June 11th San Francisco Bay trip.



New member Thomas Holmes is shown with his first bear, which weighed in around 250 lbs. The bear was taken near Covelo, California with a 30-30 caliber carbine rifle in November of 2010.



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