



Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter – March 2010

Message from the President

Hello everyone,

We had a very historic and special meeting of the U.S.I. board on Thursday afternoon to finalize the Brentwood Rod and Gun purchase agreement. Everything went well and they are now part of U.S.I.

Thanks to all of those who helped Ernie prepare the corned beef and cabbage. It was everything we expected and then some. A great job was done by Ernie and crew.

John Thomas gave out the trophy awards for those who turned in their game stats for the year. Congratulations to all who won a jacket this year and to those who added to their pile of chevrons. Keep on hunting and turning in those stats.

Bay Point will be having its next skeet shoot on April the 10th. If you have not signed up for this shoot there are still a few spots open but this shoot is filling up fast. Come on out and show your support. The weather should be nice.

Tim Hutchison

Minutes from the Last General Meeting

The March general meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. The later than usual start was due to a superb corned beef and cabbage dinner that was served on time, but made a lot of members go back for seconds prior to the meeting being called to

order. Ernie Miller with his family, Dick Hay and everyone else who helped, deserve a special thank you for all the work that it took to put on this meal. We had a few lucky new members who joined us at this meeting and were warmly greeted by the membership. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from last month's general meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Spring congratulated the members for their fundraising efforts at last month's crab feed. We had 6 new members and six associates join since our last meeting. There are now 468 total members in our club.

Committee Reports

- Skeet – 100 bird Bay Point event On April 10th \$25 entry fee
- Trap – No Report
- Rifle/Pistol – April 11th is Bay Point day at the multi-purpose range.
- Fishing – Due to some regulatory conditions there are no definitive plans yet.

Old Business

Dick Hay announced that the Veteran's Shoot will be held on May 15th at 10:30 am. He is asking for volunteers to help with this shoot.

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A proposal to add a formalized donation criterion was discussed and voted on. The final vote was 16 in favor, 5 opposed, motion passed. The following Donation Criteria will be added to our policies and procedures.

PURPOSE

- To promote and enhance outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, shooting and archery consistent with the Club mission
- To preserve wildlife habitat for outdoor sporting purposes
- To protect gun owners' rights to bear arms under the Constitution

CRITERIA

- The organization should serve the Clubs mission of fostering, promoting and perpetuating any of the sports of archery, fishing, rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting
- The organization should serve the Clubs mission to encourage the proper use of first aid, safe handling of firearms, conservation of all natural resources and wildlife, and support the state and federal fish and game laws
- The organization should seek to preserve the Constitution of the United States and/or California, including to preserve the right to own and bear arms
- Due to the limited resources of the Club, the selected organization should provide meaningful results and impact for the Club and public

SELECTION PROCESS

- A subcommittee will be appointed by the Board of Directors and will prepare a list of recommended organizations for potential donations and annually present the list to the Board of Directors
- Any member may submit a request to the subcommittee on behalf of a worthy organization to be considered by the committee
- The Board of Directors will review the final list, discuss the recommendations and select the organizations for donations

- The board of Directors will advise the Club members of the selections and the recommended amounts to be made by motion to club members
- Following motion and discussion, Club members will vote on the donations
- The Club treasurer will then disperse the donated amounts to the worthy organizations

New Business

Jan Young, Steve McConnell and Tim Hutchison volunteered to form a nominating committee for next years club officers.

2009 Fish & Game Trophy Winners

We had some good participation this year in our annual fish & game trophy competition. Here are the winners:

FISH

- 1st Place German Brown Trout -- 18" -- Chuck Edmonds
- 1st Place Rainbow Trout (Out-of-State) – 2 lbs. – Bob Thomas
- 1st Place Largemouth Bass – 7 lbs 8 oz – Mike Thrall
- 2nd Place Largemouth Bass – 4 lbs – Erin Thrall
- 1st Place Striped Bass – 7 lbs 9 oz – Tammy Thomas
- 2nd Place Striped Bass – 6 lbs 13 oz – John Thomas
- 1st Place Catfish – 12 lbs 11 oz – Jeff Walton
- 1st Place Halibut – 10 lbs – John Thomas

BIRDS

- 1st Place Quail – 14 ½" wingspan – Glenn Ashworth
- 1st Place Chukar – 22 5/8" wingspan – Gene Bayer
- 1st Place Chukar (Out-of State) – 19 7/8" wingspan Mike Thrall
- 1st Place Turkey – 10 ¼" beard – Dave Blackwell
- 2nd Place Turkey – 10 1/8" beard – Glenn Ashworth
- 1st Place Ringneck Pheasant – 23 ¼" tail – Gene Bayer
- 2nd Place Ringneck Pheasant – 22 5/8" tail – Dorothy Bayer
- 1st Place Ringneck Pheasant (Out-of State) – Eric Kirk

1st Place Northern Pintail Duck – 33 ½” wingspan –
 Bob Thomas
 1st Place Mallard Duck – 37 7/8” wingspan –
 Glenn Ashworth
 2nd Place Mallard Duck – 36” wingspan –
 Nic Hoffman
 1st Place Gadwall Duck – 34 1/8” wingspan –
 John Thomas
 1st Place Cinnamon Teal – 22 ½” wingspan –
 Tammy Thomas
 1st Place Greenwing Teal – 22 5/8” wingspan –
 Glenn Ashworth
 1st Place Tule Goose – 60” wingspan –
 Nic Hoffman
 1st Place Specklebelly Goose – 55” wingspan –
 Tammy Thomas
 1st Place Snow Goose – 59 5/8” wingspan –
 John Thomas

BIG GAME

1st Place Antelope – Ernie Miller
 1st Place Blacktail Deer – John Flores
 1st Place Impala (South Africa) – Dorothy Bayer
 1st Place Blue Wildebeast (South Africa) –
 Gene Bayer
 1st Place Blesbok (South Africa) – Gene Bayer
 1st Place Kudu (South Africa) – Gene Bayer
 1st Place Warthog (South Africa) – Gene Bayer
 1st Place Red Hartebeast (South Africa) –
 Gene Bayer

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Eric Kirk, Nic Hoffman, and Dorothy Bayer all won embroidered yellow awards jackets for their first-time 1st Place wins. Congratulations to Eric, Nic, Dorothy and everyone who won or placed in this year’s competition.

Good of the Club

Mark Bauer suggested our club should organize a clean up of trash on the club side of Evora road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Board of Directors Meeting

The following items were discussed.

- Implementing the donation criteria
- Pheasant cards
- Skeet league

Monday Night Skeet League



Monday night skeet league will start **March 29th**. Please show up at 6:00pm to sign in and pay fees if you have a match scheduled. The 2 teams that have a bye opening night should report early on the second week of the season. Remember shoot times are normally scheduled at 6:30 & 7:30pm this year. Good luck to all, let’s have a fun and safe season.

Special Thanks

The final tally of monies collected for the musketeer shot gunners shooting in Monday night skeet league.

- Bay Point (members) - \$291
- Walnut Creek (members) - \$163
- Concord (members) - \$39
- Members (not at a general meeting) - \$167
- Diablo (musketeers program) - \$300
- Brentwood (musketeers program) - \$200

Thank you all. It’s wonderful to see what can be accomplished when everyone joins a worthy cause.

UNITED SPORTSMEN, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

DATE: February 8, 2010

CALLED TO ORDER: By Kevin Anderson at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE: Jack Bernardi led the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE: President – Kevin Anderson; Vice-President - Terry Seymore; Treasurer – Tammy Thomas; Secretary - George Washnak; along with 5 Directors and 12 other delegates and guests. Total number in attendance was 21.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DELEGATES AND GUESTS – Jack Marvin and Mike Thrall attended as representatives of Brentwood Rod & Gun Club.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the January 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURERS REPORT: Tammy Thomas – Financial reports for the month of December 2009 were distributed and discussed. The report showed a \$2,000 loss for the month and a \$32,000 profit for the seven months ended December 31, 2009.

INFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD

(1) Brentwood Rod & Gun advised that their attorney had spoken to USI's attorney and that their Board was prepared for a final vote on the Membership Purchase Agreement at their February 10, 2010 meeting.

(2) Ed Richards Disking, the tenet renting a portion of our property, is in arrears for his December 2009 and January 2010 rent. He said that the current \$4,500 per month rent is too much for him given business circumstances and that he wants the rent reduced to \$3,500 per month.

(3) We recently changed our Trap & Skeet hours to Noon-to-Seven PM on weekdays. First week report: the number of shooters is down, but we believe it is due to bad weather.

(4) Cash Register System - The Board was given preliminary information on the possible change to a new system by Intuit, the Quick Books accounting system company. Dave Reel, USI's current bookkeeper provided a background on the current process used to input cash register sales, taxes, etc. information into our Quick Books accounting system. Dave estimates that between 25% and 40% of his time is taken up correcting the raw data from the current register systems printouts and reports. Dave will be attending a class to learn more about the proposed system before a recommendation is made to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trap/Skeet and Pullers – Steve McConnell – In January there were 19 shoot days, although were rainy, and 905 shooters with an average of 2.3 rounds per shooter.

Rifle/Pistol: Dave Agazzi – In January there were 1,539 shooters; 48% were members.

L.E.T./Hunter Ed. Bldg/NRA Training: Jim Endress – there were 13 billable hours last month, and 15.5 hours are scheduled for this month so far. There was no NRA activity this past month.

Multi-Purpose Range: John Labash advised the schedule was full & there were no issues.

Archery Range: John Labash advised that the range is operational.

Grounds/Equipment Maintenance/Club House: Steve McConnell – The skeet house sliding windows have been installed; the wobble trap machine is being installed; and the kitchen oven door broke, but he was able to make temporary repairs to it.

Action Pistol: Jim Endress for Bruce Fitch - Since the last meeting we've conducted 3 matches. The March 2010 Orientation class if full, the next class is on May 22nd and 23rd.

Environmental – Robin Wendt – No report

Hunter Education – Jim Clark - No report.

Youth Programs – Rod Guyette advised that there were two Diablo Musketeer shoots; two Youth Shotgun shoots.

Webmaster: Manuel Newman - no report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Motion by Scott Belmore, second by Tim Hutchison that the President contact Ed Richards Disking and offer to temporarily reduce the monthly

rent from \$4,500 to \$3,500 for a period of six months. Motion passed unanimously. The President was also given the latitude to reduce the amounts owed for December and January if, in his opinion, it was necessary in order to collect the back due amounts.

FROM THE FLOOR: Fred Gobbell, the Walnut Creek President, advised that he had received a call from Channel 4, and the Contra Costa Times, asking for USI's position on the Unloaded Open Carry movement. Fred referred them to Kevin, the USI President.

REQUEST FOR GROUNDS: (1) Bay Point requested a trap field on May 15; use of the skeet fields on Monday nights from March 29 through May 24 for Skeet League; and to change their March social from the 2nd to the 14th. (2) Steve McConnell presented a list of days that Bay Point, Diablo and USI were requesting for various skeet and trap shoots during the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Submitted by, George Washnak, Secretary

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY March 8, 2010

UNITED SPORTSMEN, INC.

MINUTES OF THE "SPECIAL" BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2010

CALLED TO ORDER: By Kevin Anderson at 5:07 PM

ATTENDANCE: President – Kevin Anderson; Vice-President - Terry Seymore; Secretary - George Washnak; along with five Directors: Tim Hutchison for Bay Point, Jack Marvin for Brentwood, John Labash for Concord, Scott Belmore for Diablo and Fred Gobbell for Walnut

Creek; and 3 guests. Total number in attendance was 11.

GUESTS – Jack Bernardi, Steve McConnell, John Thomas and Brent Basilico, attorney for USI.

The five Directors agreed to waive notice of and consented to holding a special meeting for the purpose of amending the USI Constitution and the USI Bylaws. A written waiver to that affect was signed by all five Directors.

Brent Basilico described the proposed amendments to the USI Bylaws. Motion by Fred Gobbell, second by Tim Hutchison to approved the amended Bylaws. The motion carried unanimously.

Brent Basilico described the proposed amendment to the USI Constitution. Motion by Scott Belmore, second by Tim Hutchison to approve the amended Constitution. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM

Submitted by, George Washnak, Secretary

Upcoming Events



March 29th: Opening night for skeet league 6:00pm sharp everyone that's shooting.

April 6th: Bay Point general club meeting. Dinner will be pizza supplied by the club.

Last names A-M: Please bring salads

Last names N-Z: Please bring desserts to share.

April 10th: 100 bird Bay Point skeet shoot.

April 11th: 100 bird singles trap shoot.

April 11th: Bay Point Day at the multi-purpose range 9:00am.

Club Officers

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

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