

Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter – March 2011

Message from the President

Hello Everyone,

Members and guests present at the March 12th general club meeting were treated to yet another delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner before the meeting. For many years now, lifetime club member Ernie Miller has devoted a good deal of his time and energy into preparing this fantastic meal for us. Purchasing the meat, veggies and potatoes, as well as plates and cutlery, then coming to the club several hours before the dinner to begin preparing the meal, ensuring everything is ready on time, Ernie really gives 110% towards making sure the meal is a success. Thank you very much, Ernie.

Dorothy Findley is another member who deserves special acknowledgement. Dorothy routinely spends hours of preparations to create salads, side dishes and desserts for our dinners and events. When Dorothy arrives in the kitchen with her bags of goodies, I know we're all in for some really tasty treats come dinnertime. Thank you, Dorothy. We all greatly appreciate your contributions.

Regards,

John Thomas

Minutes from the Last General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm and we were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Celeste Reisman. 42 members and 6 guests were in attendance.

The minutes from the February meeting was accepted as issued.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The club did well financially last month due to a well-attended crab feed. Regarding memberships, since our last meeting, we have had 10 new members and 9 associates added to the club.

We now have 305 full members, 170 associates, and 30 lifetime members. Total = 505 members.

The club received correspondence from the Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve notifying us that there will be two post-season pheasant hunts. These are scheduled for March 25-27, and April 2-3. \$90 per gun, 5 birds are planted, take all you can. Hunting is by advanced reservation only. Members who are interested need to call the hunting club directly at (707) 425-4158.

Skeet Chairman Steve McConnell announced that there were 51 shooters at the March 12th skeet shoot. High Lady was awarded to Dorothy Bayer. New member Miles Eisentrout won First Place in class E1. Chuck Edmonds won First Place in class D1. Terry Seymour shot a perfect score of 100 and won High Over All. Congratulations to Terry on this outstanding achievement, and may this be the first of many more to come. The next skeet shoot is on April 2nd.

The schedule of this year's trap shoots was proposed by Trap Chairman Gene Bayer as: April 24th will be a100 targets, 16-yard shoot; June 19th will be a100 targets, 16-yard wobble shoot; September 25th will be a trap doubles shoot, 50 pairs of targets. (These dates have since been confirmed with USI.)

Fishing Chairman Mike Thrall announced plans for a potluck fishing trip inside the SF Bay later this year. The Captain of the charter boat we use for these trips will contact Mike once the fishing starts to improve so we can schedule our trip. Stay tuned for details.

Trophy Chairman John Thomas announced the winners of the 2010 fish and game trophy competition and handed out the awards. The winners were:

FISH

1st Place Rainbow Trout	Bud Onstott
2nd Place Rainbow Trout	Erin Thrall
1st Place Largemouth Bass	John Thomas
2nd Place Largemouth Bass	Mike Thrall

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1st Place Blue Catfish	Gary Leroy
1st Place Ling Cod (tie)	Gene Bayer John Thomas
1st Place Vermillion Rockfish	Mike Thrall

BIRDS

1st Place Scaled Quail (out-of-state)	Gene Bayer
1st Place Chukar (out-of-State)	Gene Bayer
1st Place Turkey	Dave Blackwell
2nd Place Turkey	Glenn Ashworth
1st Place Ringneck Pheasant	Gene Bayer
2nd Place Ringneck Pheasant	Mike McDonald
1st Place Northern Pintail duck	Gary Leroy
2nd Place Northern Pintail Duck	Jeff Walton
1st Place Mallard duck	Gary Leroy
2nd Place Mallard duck	Dave Blackwell
1st Place Gadwall duck	Dave Blackwell
2nd Place Gadwall duck	John Thomas
1st Place American Widgeon	Gary Leroy
2nd Place American Widgeon	Dave Blackwell
1st Place Greenwing Teal	Gary Leroy
2nd Place Greenwing Teal	Tammy Thomas
1st Place Wood Duck	Dave Blackwell
2nd Place Wood Duck	John Thomas
1st Place Ringneck Duck	Tammy Thomas
1st Place White-Fronted Goose	Dave Blackwell
2nd Place White-Fronted Goose	John Thomas

BIG GAME

1st Place Blacktail Deer	Leo Hansen
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There will be a special trap shoot for Disabled Veterans on Saturday, March 26th starting at 10:00am. Bonnie Seymour, Neal Taylor, Bud Onstott, Steve McConnell, Dorothy Bayer and Mike Thrall have all volunteered to come and help as shooting coaches, safety officers, and to help prepare lunch. If you can spare some time to help, please come out and pitch in.

Member Richard Holmes has volunteered to take over as Secretary for the remainder of the year.

The proposals for club donations which were presented at last month's meeting were voted upon and passed. These were:

California Outdoor Heritage Alliance \$600
California Rifle & Pistol Association \$500
Gun Owners of California \$500
National Rifle Association \$500

It was announced that the club still had 7 pheasants to harvest from the Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve. A clean-up hunt was scheduled for March 19th to take care of this.

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th. There will be free trap and skeet shooting for members and prospective new members from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Shooting is to conclude promptly at 6:00 and shooters are to help clean-up their fields and shut down the houses. Dinner will be "bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share with 10 others." The club will furnish dessert. Dinner time is 6:45pm.

Jack Bernardi announced that skeet league will start on May 2nd and sign-ups will begin very soon.

Gene and Dorothy Bayer were acknowledged for their contributions towards making our recent crab feed a success.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting

Richard Holmes attended the Board meeting. It was determined that he will apprentice as Secretary under John Thomas, and this will begin later this month.

The President asked the Treasurer/Membership Chairman to prepare a letter to be sent out to all members regarding the renewal of their memberships.

The possibility of getting new jackets for club members to purchase is being looked in to.

Gene Bayer proposed that next year the club should get our 40-bird pheasant card from Bird's Landing rather than Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve. Gene cited the fact that we routinely receive very nice donations from Bird's Landing for our crab feed raffle. Suisun Marsh, although asked for a donation, declined to do so. Gene is looking into the costs of getting the pheasants at Bird's Landing, as well as other details, so this can be presented at the next club meeting in April.

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. 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
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In Memorial

We were recently informed of the passing of two of our members: Dean Donahue and Lester Gaston. Our condolences go out to their families, and we wish Dean and Lester peace in the hereafter.

Upcoming Events

March 26th: Bay Point will sponsor another disabled veteran's trap shoot. Club volunteers are needed to assist as shooting coaches. Event starts at 10:00am.

April 2nd: Bay Point skeet shoot. Sign-up sheet is in the USI clubhouse.

April 5th: Bay Point general monthly club meeting. Dinner is "bring your own meat to BBQ" and a side dish to share with 10 others. Social time begins at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:45pm. The meeting will start about 7:30pm.

April 24th: Bay Point trap shoot. 100 targets, 16-yards. Sign-up sheet will be in the USI clubhouse.

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