



May 2011 Newsletter

Message from the President:

We had a great turnout at our May meeting: 70 members and guests present. Thanks to everyone who attended. Upcoming in June, we've got a number of activities planned: we'll be having our annual elections of club officers and board directors at our meeting on June 7th, a SF Bay fishing trip on June 11th, and a wobble trap shoot on June 12th. I hope to see you around the club.

Regards,
John Thomas

Minutes from the Last General Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, Tuesday May 03, 2011. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ed White. 70 members and guests were in attendance.

Roll Call:

Officers present:

President: John Thomas, Vice President: Dick Hay, Acting Secretary: Richard Holmes, Treasurer/Memberships: Bill Spring

Directors present:

Dorothy Bayer, Gary Leroy, Rick Fend, Tim Hutchison

Directors absent:

Gene Bayer

The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as issued.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The club is financially sound. Regarding memberships, since our last meeting we have had 8 new members and 5 new associates added to the club. We now have 321 full members, 181 associates, and 30 lifetime members, for a total of 532 members.

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. Steve also announced

that the Percy Betts Shoot will be on the first weekend of June. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the USI clubhouse.

TRAP REPORT:

Chuck Willert announced the following upcoming Trap shoots:

Sunday, May 15th: 16-yard trap, 100 targets (non registered targets) \$25 entry fee. The shoot starts at 10:00 AM.

Saturday, May 21st: Disabled Veterans Trap Shoot.

Sunday, June 12th: Wobble Trap, 100 Targets.

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

FISHING REPORT:

Fishing Chairman Mike Thrall announced that a fishing trip has been scheduled on Saturday, June 11, 2011. The trip will be inside the bay for striper and halibut. The cost is \$60 for members and \$85 for non-members. Only 25 spots are available. All the drinks and the food will be provided by the club. The boat departs the Emeryville Marina at 6:00 AM, so fisherman should check in between 5:00 to 5:30 AM. President Thomas stated that our guide is one of the best! Last year's trip out to the Farallon Islands for rock fish was a blast, so this year's trip inside the Bay ought to be great! Sign up now with Mike before all the spots are gone!

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

Jack Bernardi announced that the Percy Betts shoot is a registered NSSA shoot. All gauges are allowed. New members will be allowed to join NSSA for free for the year if they sign up for this shoot. The shoot will occur on the first weekend of June. Jack stated that this shoot is a lot of fun and should not be missed. A steak dinner will be served on Saturday night during the shoot weekend. Jack also explained how the Calcutta is played for the 12 gauge shooters. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

President John Thomas announced there will be a special Trap Shoot for Disabled Veterans on May 21st, 2011 (Armed Forces Day). Set up will begin around 9:00 AM and the shoot will start at 10:00 AM. We have approximately 15 disabled Vets signed up so far. The shoot is also being sponsored by "Vets Are Us" and "Purple Heart Anglers". 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. This should be a great event, as it went well last year, all the Vets enjoyed it. Lunch will be served for the Vets and the volunteers; we will be having a complementary in-house barbeque.

President Thomas announced the pheasant raffle will be starting at our August meeting. Raffle winners will pay \$10 total for a two bird hunt. This year we will be purchasing our 40 bird card from Birds Landing Hunting Preserve. Ed White, our Pheasant Chairman, will be explaining the rules of the raffle as we get closer to our first raffle in August. Unfortunately, the Suisun Marsh Hunting Preserve announced they have gone out of business.

President Thomas also notified the membership that we will be having our general election at our next meeting in June. The club is actively looking for individuals that are interested in running for positions as Officers and/or Directors.

The floor was opened for nominations. The Nominations were:

President: John Thomas
Vice President: Noel O'Brien
Treasurer/Membership Chairman: Rick Fend
Secretary: Richard Holmes
Director: Gary Leroy
Director: Dorothy Bayer
Director: Gene Bayer
Director: George Forni

Nominations will be open again at the next club meeting on June 7th, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7th, 2011. 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 clean up their fields and shut down the houses. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:45. The club will provide barbequed ball tip beef for the main course. Members are to bring side dishes and salads to share with 8-10 others.

The subject of new club jackets was addressed. A motion was made and passed to have four jacket designs to choose from for the official club jacket, which was displayed at the meeting. If a member would like a different design they have the option of paying a separate and additional set up fee of \$35.00 directly to the jacket vendor. Jackets will be available for purchase for around \$71.00 and must be paid for in advance. An additional \$7.00 will be charged if a member would like to have their name on their jacket.

The plaque located in clubhouse which displays the past presidents of the club was updated to include Tim Hutchison's name.

Jack Bernardi made a motion that Bay Point donates \$1200 for shotgun shells for the 12 new junior members of our skeet league team, regardless of their club affiliation. The motion was discussed by the membership and was approved. Jack assured the club that he will keep an accurate account of the funds, and will return any unspent money to the club's treasury at the end of the skeet league season.

Good Of The Club:

Tammy Thomas informed the club that Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve offers a ladies only sporting clays venue every two months throughout the year. The shooting is offered at a substantial discount from the regular sporting clays pricing. The next shoot will be June 5th, 2011. They hold raffles, give prizes away, etc. Lunch is typically pot luck, and according to Tammy the girls always have a good time and get to meet other female shooters. So ladies, grab your guns and head out to Bird's Landing!

A motion to waive the initiation fee for active military was made. The motion was noted and discussed and will be discussed again at the next club meeting. (As this motion would effectively alter our existing bylaws on membership qualifications, it must be discussed at 3 club meetings before being voted upon.) It was noted that USI allows active military personnel with valid ID to shoot at club member prices.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 8:30 PM on May 03, 2011

Officers present:

President: John Thomas, Vice President: Dick Hay, Acting Secretary: Richard Holmes, Treasurer/Memberships: Bill Spring

Directors present:

Tim Hutchison, Dorothy Bayer, Gary Leroy, Rick Fend

President Thomas let it be known that the membership renewal form needs to be mailed as soon as possible. Bill Spring stated that it will be mailed out by the end of this week.

The board decided that the dinner for the June meeting will be a barbeque provided by the club. Members are asked to bring a salad and/or a side dish.

A bill for \$1152.38 before gratuity is due to the Mecca for payment for the catering of tonight's dinner. The bill will be paid and a gratuity added within the next couple of days.

The new lighting for the skeet and trap fields is at a standstill. The issue is now in the hands of the attorneys. Our attorney has advised our club and USI to abandon the current contractor that is pursuing the lighting contract, and attempt to get our deposit back. The contractor in question has not performed as expected. The board agreed that we should follow the attorney's advice.

The issue of pheasant harvesting by raffle winners was discussed. The board decided that the pheasant card raffle winners must harvest their pheasants no later than January 31st, 2012, regardless of when the raffle card was issued. Any birds left over after January 31st will be harvested by club members who are available for a designated club hunt.

The board discussed possible jacket designs and possible member design choices. John Thomas will further investigate the jacket design issue and the board will revisit the issue at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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, May 21st: Disabled Veterans Trap Shoot. Set-ups begin 9:00am, shoot at 10:00am.

Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd: Percy Betts Shoot

Sunday, June 5th: Bird's Landing Ladies Sporting Clays Fun Shoot

Tuesday, June 7th: Bay Point dinner and general club meeting. Elections for Club officers and board directors will be held.

Saturday June 11th: Bay Point sponsored San Francisco Bay Fishing Trip

Sunday June 12th: Wobble Trap Shoot (100 targets)

Sunday, June 19th: Bay Point has the use of the Multi-Purpose range from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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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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Update: May 15th Trap Shoot

Despite threat of rain with clouds all around, we had 27 shooters turn out for a very good shoot and no rain at all! The results: HOA was Brandon Book with a 98; High Lady was Sue Calim with a 75; High Bay Point members were Bob O'Connor and Gene Bayer with 92.

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