



Bay Point Rod & Gun Club

Newsletter – October 2009

Message from the President

Hello everyone,

We have our annual Thanksgiving dinner coming up next month. The date is Saturday, November 8th and we will combine our regular meeting with this dinner. All of you who volunteered to cook a turkey or ham don't forget to save your receipts so the club can reimburse you for your expense.

I have some bad news to report to you. The Governor went ahead and signed AB 962. As you know this severely restricts our ammo purchases. The good side is that it does not take affect until February 2011. Also, the NRA is supporting new legislation in AB 363. This bill will effectively repeal AB 962. Lets do all that we can to support AB 363 and put an end to AB 962. For more information you can visit crpa.org or Gun Owners of California.

We don't have much going on the next couple of months as far as shoots go. The next skeet shoot will be The Hangover Open on January 1st 2010.

It's hunting season again and we would like to see all the game you hunters have taken weather it be feathered or furry. Be sure to take photos and measurements so you can be entered in the trophy awards program.

Tim Hutchison

Minutes from the Last General Meeting

Our October general meeting was held after a meal of barbecued meat and side dishes provided by the members. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. We had 47 members and associates in attendance as well as 4 guests.

A motion to accept the September meetings minutes was approved.

The Treasurer's report for August was then presented and accepted by those present. There were 7 new members and

7 new associates and 1 late renewal added to the club in September. There are presently 438 members in our club.

President Tim Hutchison then introduced our guest speaker Mr. Rick Bulloch of the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance. Rick explained how COHA got started as well as their goals as an organization. COHA was designed as an umbrella organization that works to support and represent numerous and various hunting organizations as a single entity. From a political view there is always strength in numbers. Rick also explained why they take a much more moderate political stance than an organization such as the NRA. Rick stated it is their way of getting more accomplished especially in the current state of politics. Rick spoke about two gun friendly bills that COHA is trying to help get passed. These are senate bills #589 and #979. SB-589 is a bill that will require our hunting tags and fees to go into a big game fund which will have oversight. This oversight will keep these funds working for hunters rather than having them robbed for general fund purposes. SB- 979 is a local jurisdiction bill designed to keep towns from banning hunting or legal gun sports within town limits. Rick finished his talk with a lively question and answer segment. The members present at the meeting gave Rick a well deserved round of applause at the end of his presentation. We have Mike McDonald to thank for arranging Rick's presentation.

Committee Reports- None due to the interest in listening to our guest speaker and the fact that shooting event wise this is our off season.

Brentwood Rod and Gun seems to be making progress in their attempt to join the four other clubs at U.S.I.

President Tim Huthison announced that the next two general meetings will be combined with our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Tim asked for volunteers to supply the food for these two occasions. Tim received too many volunteers to mention by name in this month's newsletter. If you forgot what you pledged call Jack Bernardi at 925-639-7267.

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The November general meeting/Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 8th. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M.

The December general meeting/Christmas dinner will be on December 13th. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M.

The lucky winners of this month's pheasant raffle were Bill Spring, Bob Thomas, Chuck Edmonds, Jeff Walton, and Gary Wilde. All of this month's winners of these 2 bird pheasant cards have 8 weekends to harvest their birds starting October 10th. All questions regarding the pheasant raffle should be directed to Ed White at 925-687-5788.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

REMINDER

All members are reminded to bring their membership cards with them whenever they use any facility at U.S.I. Members are the benefactors when non-members don't get discounted pricing.

APOLOGY

In last month's newsletter I mistakenly referred to the Gerhardt Schmidt Iron man shoot with a wrong last name. I corrected this via e-mail in short order, but feel I must reiterate the apology to the club members who receive the newsletter via snail mail.

I sincerely apologize to anyone I may have offended with that error. Jack Bernardi Club Secretary.

Bay Point Board of Directors Meeting

Hats and T-shirts are in the pipeline with John Thomas working on an acceptable design.

Dorothy Bayer volunteered to take care of the table decorations for the Thanksgiving dinner. The decorations and some bottles of wine will be raffled off at the meeting.

Mike McDonald will restock our alcohol supply for the holiday meetings.

The date for the Bay Point Crab Feed will be requested at the next U.S.I. meeting.

Mike McDonald will finalize the donation criteria to be discussed at the November general meeting.

The gift to be awarded to participants of the Hangover Open was agreed upon.



September U.S.I. Board Meeting

DATE: September 14, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: By Kevin Anderson at 7:30 PM
PLEDGE: Mike Gobbell led the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE: President – Kevin Anderson; Treasurer – Tammy Thomas; Secretary - George Washnak; along with 16 other delegates, one chairperson and 3 guests. Total number in attendance was 23.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DELEGATES AND GUESTS – Jack Marvin and Mike Thrall attended as a representative of Brentwood Rod & Gun and Elliott Dushkin was a guest of Diablo.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the August 2009 meeting were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

TREASURERS REPORT: Tammy Thomas – Financial reports for the month of July 2009 were distributed and discussed.

INFORMATION FROM THE CHAIR TO THE BOARD

1. USI Web Site: Manuel Newman has completed the majority of the website layout on paper. He is finalizing the information that is to be hosted on the site. Our existing website is currently operational again.
2. Five Stand Roof: The roof still needs to be repaired by the original contractor. The problems are cosmetic in nature. Mike Anderson is scheduled to complete the perimeter roof by the end of September.
3. Skeet House and Trap Projects: The doors to the skeet houses have been installed. Lock sets were purchased and will be installed by Mike Anderson. Two trap machines and two roofs have been installed, machines and roofs still need to be installed on Fields 6 and 7.
4. Brentwood Rod and Gun Club (BRGC): Elizabeth Van Sandwyk met with their attorney on 9-11-09 and expects to send a draft agreement to USI by mid-week.
5. Rifle & Pistol Range: Dave Agazzi has proposed increasing the staffing at the range during the week by adding a RSO everyday between 10 AM and 2 PM so that there would be another employee besides the Range Master on the premises. The yearly cost would be \$8,600.
6. Club House: Steve McConnell has received four bids to strip and re wax the floor.
7. Labor Day: The labor day holiday was a great success. Rifle & Pistol receipts exceeded \$2,000 and We had a record 88 rounds at Five Stand.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trap/Skeet and Pullers – Steve McConnell – In August there were 18 shoot days; 915 shooters.

Rifle/Pistol – Dave Agazzi – In August there were 1,404 shooters; 36% were members.

L.E.T./Hunter Ed. Bldg/NRA Training – Jim Endress – there were 13 billable hours last month, and 6.5 hours are scheduled for this month so far. The \$20,750 San Quentin claim was approved by the State and we are awaiting payment. USI is now affiliated with the NRA (# B80334) and through them we can secure insurance coverage for NRA instructors.

Multi-Purpose Range: John Labash advised the schedule was full, there were no issues. John has agreed to be the new archery chairman.

Grounds/Equipment Maintenance/Club House – Steve McConnell – The water tanks needed repairs as the pump kept running. The Rifle/Pistol phone line and answering machine have been repaired. Two owl boxes have been put up.

Action Pistol – Jim Endress for Bruce Fitch - The September Orientation Class is full and the November class is about half full. Broken target stands and the legs of one plate rack were taken to Glen-Crete for welding repairs.

Environmental – Robin Wendt – A full year report will be given to the Board in December. We need to reassess PH levels and monitor drainage this fall.

Hunter Education – Jim Clark - No report.

Youth Programs – Rod Guyette - there was no activity with Mike Lilygren's monthly USI youth shoots; there was one Diablo Musketeer shoot; the USI youth shotgun program held 4 shoots with 16 youths and 7 adults; and the Contra Costa 4-H Club held no shoots in August.

Webmaster: Manuel Newman - No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Fred Gobbell advised that the water tank foundations have failed. A preliminary estimate is that it will cost \$20 to \$30,000 to replace them. Further study and discussion is needed.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Kevin discussed the USI Operations Manager position. Motion by Fred Gobbell, second by Scott Belmore to accept the modified job description, and to promote Steve McConnell to the Operations Manager position with a 10% wage increase. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) Kevin advised that we will post no smoking signs in accordance with County Ordinance requirements.

(3) Following a discussion on the electrical needs of the property, Robin Wendt, Steve McConnell, Terry Seymour and Tim Hutchison were appointed as a committee to lay out a scope of work for desired electrical work. The scope is to be discussed at next months Board meeting. (4) Clubs are to remind their members that they must show their membership cards in order to get member rates (5) USI Appreciation Day will be either October 3rd or 4th and include a pig roast

(6) USI will send a letter to the Governor asking him to veto AB-962, the ammunition bill. (7) Motion by John Labash, second by Scott Belmore to spend up to \$500 to purchase 20 yards of gravel for the Multi-Purpose Range. (8) Motion by

Fred Gobbell, second by Rod Guyette to approve scheduling an RSO to work 4 hours each workday at Rifle/Pistol. Motion passed with one opposed.

FROM THE FLOOR: None

REQUEST FOR GROUNDS: Walnut Creek requested the club house on 1-09-10 for the Buck skinner Award Dinner

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by, George Washnak, Secretary

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY October 12, 2009

Results from the Competition Scene

Home

Sporting Clays - no report

Rifle/Pistol- no report

Trap – Gene Bayer and Chuck Willert tied with 91's as the highest finishing Bay Point members at our club's September 20th trap shoot.

Skeet – Congratulations to all the Bay Point members who won at the October 3rd Diablo Rod and Gun club shoot. Jack Bernardi with his first 100 straight was gun champ. Eric Kirk won A class with a 98. Casey Campbell won B class with a 94. Steve McConnell won C class with a 96. Gary Wildes won D class with a 92.



Away

Sporting Clays - no report

Rifle/Pistol- no report

Trap – no report

Skeet – Congratulations to all the Bay Point members who won at the Southern Oregon Championships. Tim Hutchison won the 12 gauge B class with a 98. Gary Wildes won the D class in every gauge, 12g.-92, 20g.-93, 28g.-91, and .410- 94. Gary also won HOA in C class with an excellent score of 370.

Congratulations to the following Bay Point members for podium finishes in various gauges; Tim Hutchison, Russ Reichard, Mark Bauer, Gerry Farell, Casey Campbell, and Harry Transue.

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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Upcoming Events

November 8th: Bay Point general club meeting and Thanksgiving dinner.

December 13th: Bay Point general club meeting and Christmas dinner.



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