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## President's Message

June 2010

Its great being back and I look forward to my time as President. I want to welcome Gene and George to the club and I ask all of you to continue bringing guests and hoping they will eventually become members. Joe O had some positive news about water levels at the local lakes and it sounds like we should have little to worry about in the drought. I spoke with the head of the Camanche Recreation Area and he said Camanche has been hot for trout the last few weeks and should continue until the water heats up. Fishing on the Mokelumne River Inlet has been producing some nice fish and I am hoping to do some exploring up there soon. The Collins Lake camp out and fishing trip will be history by the time you get this but there should be some great stories to share at the next meeting.

Turkey season has wrapped up and although I did not get to hunt I did get the chance to guide, sort of, on my lease on the South Fork of the American River in Lotus. I had Gene Firpo and Jim McMillen with me and they had high hopes for our little jaunt to the property. I assured them I was only there to show them around and if a bird was sighted I would try to call it in. At our main gate, but well within the property stood alone jake well within range but both passed on that opportunity and we continued to check the property. Seeing the jake was a good sign so we made enough noise to wake the dead and let every bird within a mile know that we were there. We changed our location and got behind some trees near the vineyard and watched for about twenty minutes with no luck. As we went back to the upper meadow to look for the jake, a huge tom and two jakes crossed in front of us. We stopped our SUV and waited for the birds to get into a creek bed along the road we were on then I had Gene get into the oaks along the creek and Jim go another thirty feet and also get into the trees. On my first caw from my crow call I got a gobble on the second try about five minutes later I got another gobble followed by an immediate shot. There was then a second shot then a third. I waited, but nothing, so I tried one of my slate calls with just two simple clucks. There was a fourth shot then nothing. After about five minutes I could hear movement to my right a lone jake walked to within twenty five feet of me. I only had my S&W with snake loads and no shotgun so that bird got to live for

another hunt. As I listened for my two wayward hunters I could hear wings beating against the ground directly in front of me but on the other side of the creek. I listened and soon saw Gene headed down the hill and pointed him in the direction of the downed bird. After locating the jake Gene came back to my location and I asked him how many shots it took to get one bird, he said only one that Jim had fired the rest of the shots. Pretty soon Jim was also heading back to us but minus a bird. Three shots and nothing I commented but Jim said his bird was too big for him to carry back and he left it on the road to go pick up. Gene volunteered to go retrieve the bird and as he was walking back in our direction he had one of the largest toms I have seen on the property. It was as close to twenty five pounds as I have seen and had a 10 + inch beard. I hope I did not spoil them for future hunts but two birds, shot, cleaned and we were ready to leave the property within one and a half hours.

I want to thank all of the members of the Club for their involvement in and support of the Golden Gate Chapter of the NWTF each year making it more successful than the last. Those of you not able to donate are still able to lend your support by becoming members. Your membership goes a long way toward preserving our hunting privileges and keeping our voices heard in Sacramento. I am still and have been for the past six years on the State Board of Directors for the NWTF and will through Rocky and our newsletter keep you informed of any new legislation or laws.

See you next meeting, remember to bring something to contribute to our pot luck meals and also remember Pot of Gold.

## **FOSTER CITY ROD AND GUN CLUB MINUTES**

May 5, 2010

Meeting was opened by VP Joe LoSchiavo and pledge led by Jim Robinson.

Guests Gene FIRPO and George FLYNN, were introduced.

Nominations for election was closed. Members were asked to vote for the slate announced by VP Joe and members responded all 'yeas' and no 'no's'. It was unanimous, the present slate was approved.

The new slate is as follows: President: Joe LoSchiavo, VP: Rich Rolle, Sect/Treas: Darold Givens, Sgt. At Arms: Bill Miller, Editor: Rocky Ferraro, Members at Large: Roger Hatin, Bob Kruger, Bill Shattuc and Gene Hoy, Conservation: Dan Shattuc, Salt Water Fishing Chm: Ken Bertelsen, Fresh Water Chm: Joe O'Brien, Shooting Chm: Tom Kenny and Political Action Chm: Ken Fish.

Salt Water Report: Ken said the halibut fishing is fair that he had caught 3 halibut and one striped bass. He said the salmon are slow in Santa Cruz and the new regulations allow 2 king salmon over 24 in. and the season opened May 1-Sept. 6 with no fishing allowed on Tues. or Wed. Jim R. said he has been catching halibut in the Bay along with a few stripers. Keith J. has been catching salmon out of a 17' Boston Whaler at Bodega, 4 fish from 12lb-18lb along with crab.

Fresh Water: Joe O. reports that Collins Lake is full and lots of fish are being caught. He said that lakes are getting plenty of water to fish and that is good news for the fisherman. Kokanee fishing is going on at New Mellones Lake near Angels Camp. Joe also reminded us that the club fishing trip to Collins Lake will be on May 21 weekend.

Hunting Report: Turkey season is over and Rob Willett said he missed a nice bird on the final weekend that Darold had called in for him. His excuse was it was the first time he had shot his new gun. It was a 37 yd shot. To make him feel really worse was that Keith Jones showed a turkey his son had shot at 35 yds with a pellet rifle. Other successful hunters were Roger Hatin, Ken Bertelsen, Darold Givens and guest, Gene Firpo.

Shooting Report: The shoot at Waterloo was canceled last month but Tom Kenny will keep us informed to future shoots. Also reported that Larry Waggoner will be moved to a rehab facility to help him recuperate faster. He may be out of touch with E-mail but will have access to a cell phone. Contact Tom Kenny for any updates.

New Members: Guests Gene Firpo and George Flynn became our latest members tonight and were welcomed.

Meeting was adjourned, Pot-O-Gold.

## **A Fishing Trip with Just the Guys on the Lisa Anne**

By Rocky Ferraro

It was a cool crisp spring morning and I was just starting get used to my time off. As I left the house I was glad my commute would only be 5 minutes this morning. We had a week of vacation and Arthur, Sumanth and I were going to fish at least one day. Soon we were off on an adventure, just the guys!!

With the Ken at the helm all my worries were left back at the dock. This would be a day to catch fish, sunshine and drink a few beers. What else could a guy ask for? Earlier in the week Darold had emailed me some photos of his successful fishing expedition. I was only hoping for half his success.

As Ken fired up the boat you could feel the power in this boat. The twin turbo diesels with all of their horses were now at a trot. After loading the gear on this magnificent yacht we were off but still at a trot. It wasn't until we left the sea wall at Oyster Point and a bit further that Ken let the horses free to gallop. As this rather large yacht tilted nose up we were soon moving incredibly fast through the bay's water with the wind blowing at gale force from the boat's slipstream and a huge wake in the rear, all I could think of was hold on!! In the cabin it was warm, sheltered and business as usual. This boat was designed to fly. As I was sitting in the cock pit, it just felt right.



Soon the first mate Darold was rigging our rods for halibut. He explained everything to us in some detail about how the weight would be bouncing off the bottom, since halibut are bottom fish. Before we knew what was happening we had a fish on.



Halibut fight like tigers but after a while they tire. Once you get them close to the boat someone needs to net them. They need to be netted a certain way or they will get spooked and break the leader. Darold really helped us out with this. He must be an expert netter.



We all caught halibut this fine sunny day and had a great lunch. Everyone brought fun food like chips, beer, focaccia, sandwiches, pastries, cookies etc, etc.



After we caught our fish Darold Ken and I had a celebratory drink on the way in. What a way to finish off a picture perfect day. We said our thank yous to Ken and Darold and off we went to clean our fish. I decided to fillet all the fish at the Oyster point pier which is a much cleaner option than taking them home and doing it there.



It was amazing being able to catch these superb fish just a few miles from home. I still haven't forgotten how to fillet fish. This must be fish number 100,233. So far I have grilled and fried this halibut. It is a moist flaky white fish that is delicious. I didn't realize this but halibut is one of the most self sustaining and replenishing fish. It is a true renewable resource.

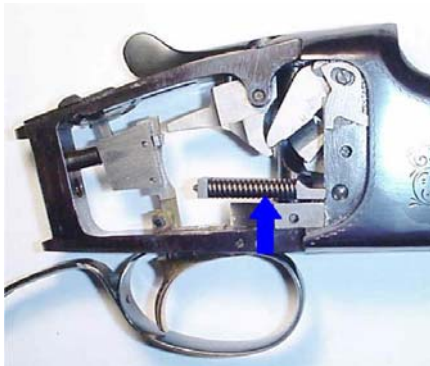
### Members in the Outdoors



Don Woods and Jim Robinson with silver salmon at Oroville and Jim Robinson with his first salmon of the season.



Jim Robinson, Justin Purdhel and I left Oyster Pt. in Jim's beautiful 21 ft. North River and started trolling just out of the harbor. We were in 30 ft of water and caught our first fish, a striper. Nice start but soon we had a nice 36" halibut. We then caught two more stripers and then a lull. In the afternoon we moved closer to the tubes in Brisbane and trolled the reef. Just put the lines in and another halibut. The weather was nice, very few boats and radio traffic showed that fish was scarce but we ended with 2 halibut and 3 stripers.



## Shotgunner's Talk

Larry Wagoner

The internal parts of our Shotguns are “out of sight – out of mind” for a whole bunch of folks that should pay more attention to them. This article is for them: those who shot and put away – shoot and put away without taking proper care of Mr. Shotgun..... except to dust it off once in a while. Those internal need some attention too...more than some might think. Those internal parts are what make our Shotguns function. Without regular lubrication, parts wear out and corrode but the prime reason to clean and oil is the

**SPRINGS!** Shotguns work on three sources of energy...the Shotgunner must pull the trigger; auto loaders require expanding gasses and springs. In fact, all Shotguns use an assortment of springs as a source of energy. Without springs there would not be modern Shotguns (as we know them). Springs power the locks; they make sure that the sears and cocking levers stay in place.

Springs keep the action in place; they hold the safety slide, withdraw the strikers, control shell ejectors and return the triggers to their proper position. Without the spring that that holds the forearm in place, a “break action” gun would come apart every time the gun is opened. In most auto-loaders springs control the ejection of spent shells, the injection of the next shell, and to close the action. If just about any spring fails, we are out of business.

Some springs in your Shotgun, don't even look like springs. Basically, Shotguns use three types of springs, of various sizes. “V” springs, leaf springs and coil springs. Their durability is remarkable when you consider is under constant stress, compression or tension. Springs are humble items that have lots of responsibility but seldom get the respect they deserve. Need to know about metals: It is an accepted statement (not quite fact) that metal is non-porous. But metal will absorb oil! Yes it does! Not like a sponge but oil will get into the tiny spaces between the molecules of the metal resulting in lubrication and corrosion prevention of the metal itself. Lubrication is important for springs to extend their lives and to insure proper operation. That is why garage door springs and Shotgun springs need....require oil once in a while. Oil extends their lives, repels moisture and prevents corrosion.

There is no need to “field strip” your gun after each use but it should be wiped down and the accessible moving parts oiled. At least once each year it should disassembled, cleaned, oiled and reassembled.....even if it is not used.

We should take care of Mr. Shotgun. It represents a sizeable investment.



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*June 2 General Meeting Summer Solstice Harborside Club House*

*June 18, 19, 20 Sly Park Camp Out and Hunt for the Big Fish!!*

*July 7 General Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> of July Harborside Club House*

*July 20 Board Meeting*

*August 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting "Hot August Nights" Show up in your Hot Rod at the Harborside Club House*

*August 14<sup>th</sup> A Zone Deer Opens*

*August 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting*

*September 1<sup>st</sup> Dove Opener*

*September 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting To Be Discussed due to Dove Season*