



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008

Presidents Message

Now that the weather is improving it is time to get out the archery equipment and do some shooting. We have many activities this spring. First we need to do some house work on the range to get ready for the State Hunter/Field/Animal (H/F/A) round June 8th and our annual Bug shoot July 13th. Mike Pierce and I talked to many members about participation in club activities and got some suggestions to improve club member participation. **Those of you that have not renewed your membership can get new parking passes for the range at Predator Archery.** Rich Sandkuhle

Range Activities

The archery range survived the winter storms with minimal damage. We had a three hour work party March 29th where all the trails were raked, we cut out four trees that posed a safety concern and installed four bow racks at the practice range. I want to thank the following club members who participated in the March 29th work party: Curtis Campisi, Dave Phillips, Ken and Kay Gardner, Steve English, Charles and Brandon Irwin. Rich Sandkuhle

In April Kay and Ken Gardner will inspect the range and determine further repair work that needs to be completed for the State H/F/A round and Bug Shoot. We took delivery of twenty new target bales, the beginning of April. An order will be placed with the county for materials to replace several bridges. Six target roofs were repaired this week by Matt Rosso. Prior to the state shoot June 8th we will schedule at least one work party to remark shooting stakes clear shooting lanes and place new target bales where needed.

The county is installing a new bulletin board at the picnic area. This will include flyer holders and post information about the range. Much of the material that was on the old bulletin board will be reinstalled. We will add a map showing the location of all targets on the range. Any suggestions on improvements to information on the bulletin board would be appreciated. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

In the last newsletter we discussed plans for a phone survey of club members to find out what the club can do to improve member participation at club shoots and other club activities. We telephoned all members and received responses from 38 members. Those members that we could not contact were asked to return

our phone call. Mike Pierce and I did not get many return calls. Members that we talked too agreed that holding Club shoots on Sunday afternoon better fit their schedules. The 3D animal shoots that historically have been on Friday night probably will be moved to Saturday morning. Shoots will be scheduled to minimize conflict with club shoots by other clubs in the area. One important result of the phone survey was to get email addresses for many club members. This will allow us to contact our members with reminders of upcoming activities. We want to thank the members who said they could help out on work parties and the Bug Shoot. Now that we have a current list of members who can help we will call for help when we need to do work at the range. Some of you were contacted and helped on the March 29th work part. Thanks again for your inputs and those of you who did not talk to Mike or I please feel free to contact Mike at Predator Archery. Rich Sandkuhle

State Hunter/Field/Animal (H/F/A) round at Mt. Madonna

Mt. Madonna Bowmen will host one of five state H/F/A rounds Sunday June 8th, 2008 at Mt. Madonna archery range. This shoot will allow interested club members and shooters from other clubs to shoot our beautiful range. We expect about fifty archers for this event. Archers interested in shooting this event will only be allowed to shoot one style of archery at each of the ranges holding a state shoots. In order to make this shoot a success we will be replacing several target bales, making sure shooting positions are clearly marked and clearing shooting lanes. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

Curtis Campisi has ordered Buckle and Medal awards for the **2008 Bug Shoot**. Ken Gardner will schedule a work party to repaint spots on Bug Targets prior to the Bug Shoot. We will also have a work party in late June to finish cleaning trails and clearing shooting lanes for the Bug Shoot. Most of this should be done by June 8th for the State Hunter/Field/Animal round. It looks like we will be in good shape for the Bug Shoot. Member support is needed for the Bug Shoot. We need members to help clean up the range before the shoot and after the shoot. Club officers will be contacting members to for help with the Bug shoot. Any help is appreciated. Last year we had a group of members who work the late afternoon of the shoot to help clean-up. This really made life easier for members who had been running the shoot. Rich Sandkuhle

3D Shoots this spring

Plan for spring 3D shoots has not been finalized. Current plan is to have the shoots on Saturday morning and not let them conflict with other clubs' previously scheduled shoots. There is also talk of maybe alternating these shoots between Santa Cruz and Mt. Madonna. We are also looking for someone to be in charge of the 3D shoots at Mt. Madonna. This person would be responsible for running the shoot by making sure targets are set out and put away and collecting money from participants. I have been doing this for the past four years and need a break. Any help will be appreciated.

CLUB Shoots

Now that we have a better idea of when club members are available to shoot we will have our Club shoots the 2nd Sunday of each month. This spring we plan to have several 3D shoots. I look forward to seeing more members participate in these events. Rich Sandkuhle

Calendar of Events 2008

| Date | Activity | Location |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 2 nd Sunday | Mount Madonna Bowmen Club Shoot 1 PM | Mt. Madonna |
| Ap 9- Jun 18 | Black Mountain Wednesday night 3D | Black Mountain |
| Ap. 19-20 | Stanislawski Open | Hartford, CT. |
| Ap. 19-20 | 13 th Annual Tilapia Shoot | see CBHSAA.net |
| Ap-Sept | Tuesday 3D League (Bowhunters unlimited) | Stevens Creek range |
| Ap 26-27 | Fresno Field Archers Safari | Fresno |
| May 1-4 | Western Classic Trail Shoot | Redding |
| May 10 | SAC 900 Round Discovery Park | Sacramento |
| May 24-25 | State Broadhead | Wood Lake |
| May-June | Saturday afternoon 3D unmarked | Salinas |
| May 31 | Stick Bow in the Redwoods | Santa Cruz |
| June 1 | 3D in the Redwoods | Santa Cruz |
| June 8 | State Hunter/Field/Animal round | Mt. Madonna |
| June 15 | Cartoon Classic | Kings Mountain |
| July 13 | Bug Shoot | Mt. Madonna |
| Sept 12-13 | IBEP class | Predator's |

In cases where weather is a problem please contact Predator Archery to determine for venue changes.

For additional information check following web sites: CBH: www.CBASAA.net , NFAA: www.nfaa-archery.org, SAC: www.calarchery.com or contact Predator Archery (408-842-7733)