



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008

Presidents Message

We had a successful Bug Shoot in July and tremendous support to make the shoot a success. All the range maintenance work has resulted in having a range in the best shape I can remember. Linda Adams is getting her hands around the MTBA regional archery shooting events. Fall has arrived and I think it is one of the best times of the year to shoot at the archery range. It is also time to renew membership in Mt. Madonna Bowmen. Rich

Range Activities

I want to thank all who participated in the work party on July 12th. This work, along with the work party before the State Hunter/Field/Animal shoot really got us ready for the Bug Shoot. Those who participated in this work party were: Curtis Campasi, Mike Clark, Kay and Ken Gardner, Rick Everly Sr. and Jr., Ralph and Linda Adams, Phil Pospishek and Dan Fordice.

As I mentioned earlier, the range is in great shooting shape. On 10/7/08 Ken Gardner, Mike Clark and I replaced three target bales. We are concerned that someone is shooting at targets on the range with broadheads tipped arrows. Every year we see some broadhead damage to target bales. One of the course rules is no broadheads and this is for two reasons. First, broadheads significantly reduce the life of a target bale and second we have had club member injured when replacing old bales and getting cut by broad heads stuck in target bales. If you see archers using broadheads please explain to them why they are not allowed on the range. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

Club Shoots on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This month on October 12th we will have a Hunter/Field round at the range starting at 10 AM. If you have never shot a Hunter/Field round come out Sunday and we will introduce you to this event. The weather is forecasted to be outstanding.

Santa Cruz Archers Shoot October 19, 2008

Santa Cruz Archers will be holding "The Bad Boys of Branciforte" shoot on October 19th. This is a marked distance 28 target 3D Animal, Paper and ONE Steel target shoot. As part of the shoot a silent auction of 2 LongBows and seven Compound Bows is included. Shoot starts at 9:30 AM at De Laveaga Park

Archery range. Flyers for the shoot are available at Predators or on line at scarchers@comcast.net. You can call 408-420-9925 for further details. Directions to the range are available on the Santa Cruz Archers web site. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

The Bug Shoot was a success. The shoot was successful do to support from the following club members and friends of the club: Linda and Ralph Adams, Davey and Jeri Ashworth, Cutis Campisi, Denise Cozzola, Rick Everly and son Rick, Steve English, Ken and Kay Gardner, Dennis High, Stan Jarocki, Debra Marks, Mike Pierce and family, Jonathan Adam and mom, Mark Sambrailo, Ricardo Fortuno, Adrania and Monique Zapata, Jimmy Martinez, Phil Pospishek, Dean Fordice, Rene Vargas, Gian Rosinni, and Sonny and Vicki Robles. Special thanks to Gian Rosinni, Mark Sambrailo, Debra Marks and Predator Archery for food and raffle donations. Stan Jarocki was able to borrow a water truck from Granite Construction which greatly reduced the dust from cars. Profits from the shoot will go to range maintenance and repair of Bug and 3D targets. Thanks again for all your help. Rich Sandkuhle

2009 Archery Activities

Linda Adams has volunteered to become the Mission Trails Bowhunters Association (MTBA) Tournament Chairman. In this role Linda schedules regional shoots for the archery clubs in the area which include: Stevens Creek, Kings Mountain, Salinas, Mt. Madonna Santa Cruz and Black Mountain. Much of the activity is for target shooters with Hunter/Field/Animal rounds , 900 rounds and Indoor Tournaments and hopefully a 3D animal shoots. Linda's goal is to revitalize regional shoots and encourage clubs to hold their signature shoots. Below, she has provided us with an overview:

Although the 2008 archery season is not yet over, it is never too early to start planning our locally held events for the following year. As a result of rising gas prices, many archers have been asking that more archery tournaments be held closer to home. To start the momentum towards offering local events, Mt. Madonna Bowmen was one of several locations to host the State Field Tournament this past June which was quite successful. Then in September, both Salinas Bowmen and Black Mountain Bowmen hosted State 900 rounds on different weekends in an attempt to maximize participation.

Local Clubs are also bringing some of their signature shoots out of retirement to meet the needs of local archers. Santa Cruz Archers resurrected their Stick Bows and 3-D Redwoods unmarked novelties in 2007. Then in 2008, they offered both of their Stick Bows and 3-D Redwoods (unmarked); and Bad Boys of Branciforte (marked) novelties. This trend is expected to continue once other local clubs realize that there is again a demand for local organized archery.

Last, but by no means least, there have been numerous requests for your the MTBA, to offer an assortment of events. Archers have expressed enthusiasm in having Regional events scheduled just prior to similar State and National events so that not only are they local competitions, but they also serve as practice sessions for coming higher level events.

Events can continue to be added in the coming years with the support of local archers. In order to offer more archery opportunities, we will need the events to be well attended. We will also need archers and archery advocates to help with Range maintenance; event preparation; target set-up/removal; etc. Since local events tend to be more manageable based on their relative size, archers should not only be able to help with preparation, but should also be able to shoot in these events.

I am looking forward to the 2009 archery season. Planning our events well in advance should enable us to get the most out of archery with minimal need to travel beyond our own Regional boundaries. Linda Adams MTBA Tournament Chairman

Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas Party at Predator Archery on December 20th. This is a pot luck affair. For further information contact Predator Archery at 408-842-7733

Calendar of Events 2008

Date	Activity	Location
Oct 12	Club shoot	Mt. Madonna
Oct 12	Bowhunters Unlimited, BOO Shoot – Cupertino, CA (www.bhuarchers.org)	Stevens Creek
Oct.19	The Bad Boys of Branciforte	Santa Cruz
Oct 26	Diablo Bowmen Boo 42 Target Shoot www.dbacshoots.blogspot.com	
Nov. 15	Bowhunters Unlimited, Turkey Shoot - Cupertino, CA (www.bhuarchers.org)	Stevens Creek
Dec 12	Mount Madonna Bowmen Christmas Party Pot Luck	Predator Archery.

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)

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