



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2009

Presidents Message

Wow, where did 2008 go? We had a good year with archery activities in 2008. Mt. Madonna Bowmen hosted the state Hunter/Field/Animal round in June and we will do it again this year. The 2008 Bug Shoot was a success and hopefully we will have a successful Bug Shoot this year. The range at Mt. Madonna County Park continues to show improvement with new bridges and improved maintenance on the targets. We ended the year with a well attended Christmas party at Predator Archery. **It is time to renew memberships. 2009 parking passes should be available at Predator Archery by the end of February.**

Range Activities

In the last three months the following maintenance was done on the range. Trees were removed that fell along the trails and shooting lanes. Replacement of roofing material on the structure over the practice bales was completed by Ken Gardner, Mike Clark and Rich Sandkuhle. Ken and Kay Gardner made sure we had clean targets to shoot. The range permit is in the process of being renewed. We expect to have permits from the county in February. NFAA club membership and renewal of range insurance (through International Bow Hunters Association) was completed. Plans for 2009 range improvement are not finalized but we plan to do some trail stabilization, install more bow racks and replace bales on targets where needed. We will have a couple of work parties to clean up the range for the State Hunter/Field/Animal round on June 14. This also helps us get ready for the Bug Shoot July 19th... Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

We had small turnout for club shoots on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Members and friends of the club who did shoot gained experience which showed in their shooting scores. We will continue to have club shoots the 2nd Sunday of each month starting at 9:30 AM at the range, weather permitting. Club officers need to continue to work to improve participation. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

Ken Gardner worked all the issues and managed to get all the Bug targets and many 3D animal targets refurbished, by Ragland 3D in Red Bluff, and returned.

These targets are stored in the trailers at the range waiting for spring when we will paint bulls-eyes and kill rings on them. We are way ahead of schedule with Bug Shoot activities. Curtis Campisi has purchased the Tri-Tip meat and it is stored in Davey Ashworth's freezer. Items to improve on from the 2008 Bug Shoot have been noted and will be fixed. Hopefully this early planning and preparation should give us a good head start for the Bug shoot Sunday July 19th.

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

Mt. Madonna Bowmen will again host one of five state H/F/A rounds Sunday June 14th, 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. To be eligible for awards you need to be a member of the NFAA. Rich Sandkuhle

NFAA & CBH/SAA

The Mt. Madonna Bowmen club is a member of the NFAA and CBH/SAA. The Mt. Madonna Archery range meets National Field Archery Association (NFAA) guidelines and is a NFAA certified range. To meet these requirements the range is inspected every two years or when significant changes take place on the range that could affect safety of archers using the range. Having the NFAA certifications allows the club to hold California Bowhunter/State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) and NFAA shoots. To be able to win awards at NFAA and state CBH/SAA tournaments you need to be a member of the NFAA.

The NFAA actively supports programs to protect archery hunting privileges, stages target shooting events and supports activities to teach archery. One of the challenging jobs of the NFAA is to establish rules for different types of archery tournaments and define safety requirements for archery ranges. The CBH/SAA provides state representation to the NFAA and supports many archery activities in the state. These state activities include state archery tournaments, archery hunter education training, working to protect archery hunting which is driven by the CBH/SAA Legislative committee and a hired lobbyist, keeping records of big game animals, and small game animals and results from state target shooting events. Burt Malech, one of our club life members, is in charge of the Small Game committee. Mt. Madonna Bowmen is represented by Mission Trail Bowhunters Association (MTBA) at CBH/SAA meeting. The MTBA represents the five local Archery Clubs located between Palo Alto to Salinas.

CBH/SAA uses California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) as their lobbyist. COHA works with many organizations in California including the State Legislature, Dept of Fish and Game, California Cattlemen's association and other groups to protect hunting. If you have further interest in what COHA is doing go to there web site www.Outdoorheritage.org.

MTBA

Mission Trail Bowhunters had a meeting in December of 2008 and finalized the regional shooting schedule for 2009 as follows:

- 450 round will be shot at Jim Cox Archery, Predators Archery and Santa Cruz Bowmen Archery range the 1st week of January 2009.
- Hunter/Field/Animal round will be on May 17 at the Salinas Bowmen Range
- Unmarked 3-D: will be on April 19 at Bowhunters Unlimited Stevens Creek range.
- 900 round is scheduled for September 6th at Black Mountain

Rich Sandkuhle

Club Member shooting results

The following club members scored well in the State 900 round: Mark Poling finishing 2nd in the pro freestyle division, Jim Martinez finished 1st in adult male freestyle division and also 2nd in bow hunter freestyle division, Kay Gardner got 1st place in Female Master Senior division, and Mike Pierce placed 3rd in bowhunter freestyle limited division. Jim Martinez also finished 2nd at the Pacific Coast Championship in Sacramento in the Male Compound Division. Future newsletters will try to keep club members updated on members who place in tournament. Rich Sandkuhle

Calendar of Events 2009

Date	Activity	Location
Jan 1	MTBA indoor	Predators
Feb 6-8	NFAA World Archery Festival	Las Vegas
Mar 6-8	NFAA Northwest Indoor	Camas, WA
Apr 5	Island Shoot (28-3D's)	Salinas Archers
Apr 19	MTBA unmarked 3D	Stevens Creek
May 1-3	NFAA National Marked 3-D Championship	Redding
May 15	MTBA Hunter/Field/Animal round	Salinas Archers
Jun 14	State Hunter/Field/Animal round	Mt. Madonna
Jul 19	Bug Shoot	Mt. Madonna
Sep 6	MTBA 900 Round	Black Mountain
Sep 13	State 900 Round	Salinas Archers

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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