



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN (MMB) NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

Presidents Message

Where did the winter months go? Many of our club members participated in week night indoor shoots this winter at Predator Archery. This practice was a prelude to the NFAA Las Vegas Indoor tournament. Preparation for the 2009 Bug Shoot is ahead of last year's schedule. We have a new article in the news letter on hunting issues in California. We are saddened to report the passing of Davey Ashworth, a life member of Mt. Madonna Bowmen. 2009 archery range county permit and range insurance are in place. **If you have not renewed your membership, range parking passes are now available at Predator Archery awaiting membership renewal.**

Davey Ashworth

Davey passed away April 11th. He was made a life member of MMB in 2002. In recent years Dave's key contribution to the club was running the food services at the Bug Shoots. In the late 80's and 90's Davey helped the club where ever he could by participating in work parties, cooking for the Friday night shoots and Bug shoots, helping raise funds for range equipment, donating candy and other products he sold in his vending machines and befriending many archers at archery events he participated in.. Even with all the support Davey provided the club his family always came first. Davey joined MMB in 1989 when he moved from Salinas to Morgan Hill. Prior to MMB Davey was an active member of Salinas Bowmen where he earned the nick name "Master of Disaster". How he received this title is another story. In his early years with MMB he organized parties, campouts and dinners with members of MMB and Salinas Bowmen. Davey was one of the most selfless people in the world. In his archery prime he was a Pro archer. Those who knew Davey will miss his kindness, sense of humor, selflessness and his recipes for beans and awesome tri-tip barbecue. Our condolences go out to Dave's wife Jeri, daughter Alison and his mom. Rich Sandkuhle, Jim Early

Range Activities

Minimal range maintenance had to be done during the winter. Several trees fell and were removed. The targets and trails on the range made it through the winter with little damage. A \$750 purchase order from the county to purchase

materials for about ten new large target roofs is being processed. The county is purchasing a 2'x3' digitized map of the archery range to be posted on the picnic area bulletin board. We do have plans for work parties in April and May. The April work party focused on stabilization of the steps on target 24, trail maintenance on target 21 stabilizing practice bales and reroofing several target roofs. Participants included: Mike Clark, Curtis Campisi, Mike Pierce, Rich Sandkuhle, Kay and Ken Gardner, Ricardo Fortuno and Matt Rosso. We will have a work party in May to clean trails and complete additional range maintenance in preparation for the CBH State Hunter/Field/Animal shoot on June 7th. All this preparation should get the range ready for the Bug Shoot July 19th. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

Turnout continues to be small for club shoots on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Those who come to the club shoots have a chance to improve their archery skill by learning from fellow club members. Club shoots start at 9:30 AM at the range, weather permitting. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

We are reviewing the Bug Shoot punch list at our monthly meetings and currently are meeting schedule. Advertising is on schedule with flyers printed and posting of shoot in CBH news letter. Refurbished targets need bulls-eyes and kill rings painted on them. Tri-tip for sandwiches is in Davey Ashworth's freezer. We are in need of some cooking pots and pans. Hopefully this early planning and preparation should give us a good head start for the Bug shoot Sunday July 19th. Rich Sandkuhle

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

Mt. Madonna Bowmen will host one of several state H/F/A rounds Sunday June 14th, 2008. Archers from the Bay area will participate in this shoot. We expect about fifty archers for this event. Remember archers interested in shooting this event will only be allowed to shoot one style of archery. To be eligible for awards you need to be a member of the NFAA. Rich Sandkuhle

NFAA & CBH/SAA News

MTBA (Mission Trails Bowhunter Association) which Mt. Madonna Bowmen is a member of agreed to give \$500 to the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA www.Outdoorheritage.org) which is the CBH/SAA lobbyist with the state legislature. Here is the Legislative Report from Dan Bledsaw (MTBA legislative Representative). Dan's responsibility as Leg rep. is to attend all Fish and Game regional commission meetings and CBH leg rep meetings.

Conservation Funding Protected

The California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) and its members and partners have successfully fended off efforts by Arnold Schwarzenegger to "borrow" \$30 million dollars from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund the account into which all hunting and fishing license monies, all bear tag monies, a significant portion of deer tag funds, and many other hunter/angler generated revenues are deposited.

Had the proposal been approved, it would have undermined the Department of Fish and Game's ability to carry out its wildlife conservation mandates, provide adequate enforcement in the field, and negatively impacted hunting and fishing opportunities. To address this serious concern, COHA working closely with the United States Sportsmen's Alliance, California Waterfowl and other partners and repeatedly brought our concerns to the attention of members of the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus and other State Legislators in an effort to protect valuable wildlife conservation funding for the Department. Efforts by DFG, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and COHA to warn the Governor about the potential loss of millions of dollars in federal matching funds was also key to getting it removed from the final state budget. In other good news, the final state budget maintained millions of dollars in state subventions to counties for the Williamson Act-one of the most successful land conservation programs in California that currently protects about 16.4 million acres of private farm land. The ongoing effort to maintain the Williamson Act has been led by the California Farm Bureau, and COHA. We were pleased to work with them and many other conservation groups to maintain the financial integrity of the program. Dan Bledsaw

Club member shooting results

Mark Poling took 1st with individual Pro high score at the Rocklin indoor money shoot. He was the only pro archer to shoot two perfect Vegas rounds (300 points each) in qualifying. Mark took second place in the shoot down money round. At the Tulare shoot Mark became the NAA indoor California State Champion. Several club members participated successfully at the Horseshoe Bend Buffalo Shoot: Jim Martinez won first place in adult freestyle division and also tied for tournament high score, Mike Pierce won 1st place in the Recurve division, Kay Gardner won 1st place in women's freestyle division and Ken Gardner won second place in adult freestyle division. Jim Martinez

Turkey Hunting

Turkey hunting has certainly changed over the years. In the 60's small flocks of wild Turkeys could be found only in a few isolated locations in California. If you were to ask me ten years ago what the hardest hunting in the world would be, I would have said TURKEY!!! Trying to find and stalk into bow range or call into a blind was very difficult. The turkey has great eye sight and they do see in color. They can see the whites of the eyes from quite some distance. Turkeys have always been leery of changes in their surroundings and that made them tough to hunt. Now things are a little different. Turkeys are all over the place. I see turkeys in town when I drop my step daughter off at school in the morning. I get calls from people tired of turkeys crapping on driveways and lawns. Groups of turkeys are actually blocking people's paths when walking. Many of today's turkeys are less afraid of humans and are not as suspicious as they used to be. Hopefully this will make for an easier season and I can fill the freezer with turkey meat. Good luck to all turkey hunters. Mike Pierce

Calendar of Events 2009

Date	Activity	Location
Apr 19	MTBA unmarked 3D	Stevens Creek
May 1-3	NFAA National Marked 3-D Championship	Redding
5/5-6/30	Bowhunter Unlimited Tue. Evening 3-D's	Stevens Creek
5/9 6/27	Salinas Bowmen Saturday afternoon 3-d's	Salinas
5/9-6/27	MMB/Santa Cruz Saturday AM 3-D's	MMB and Santa Cruz
May 17	MTBA Hunter/Field/Animal round	Salinas Bowhunters
May 16	Unlimited BHU President's Shoot	Stevens Creek
May 16-17	CBH/SAA Tilapia Jamboree	see CBH web site
May 24-25	CBH State Broadhead Championship	Oranco
May 30	Stick bow/2D in the Redwoods	Santa Cruz
Jun 7	State Hunter/Field/Animal round	Mt. Madonna
June 27	CBH/SAA Carp Jamboree	Los Banos
July 4-5	Sea hunt Humboldt Archers	Eureka Calif
Jul 19	Bug Shoot	Mt. Madonna
Aug 1-2	San Francisco Archers 1,000,000 BC	
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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