



## **Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN (MMB) NEWSLETTER**

**Summer 2009**

### **Presidents Message**

Summer is upon us and the range is showing more use. The Saturday morning 3d shoots received increased participation this year compared to last year. We had a successful State Hunter/Field/Animal shoot in June. The range is in great shape and one more work party on July 11<sup>th</sup> should have all trails cleaned and we will be ready for the Bug Shoot on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Range Activities**

Preparation for the State Shoot got us way ahead in our range annual maintenance schedule. I want to thank the following people who participated in the May 30<sup>th</sup> work party to get the range ready for the State shoot and prepare for the Bug Shoot: Rudi Marquez, Kay & Ken Gardner, Rick Everly, Curtis Campisi, Ricardo Fortuno, Linda & Ralph Adams, Stan Jarocki, Bob & Ian Buie and Mike Clark. A work party on July 11<sup>th</sup> should get the range and targets ready for the Bug Shoot on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be painting spots on targets, blowing off trails checking target bales, replacing bales where needed and completing other minor maintenance. Ten new target roofs have been assembled and are being moved to the archery range for installation at a later date. These roofs were purchased with money from the County Park. A digitized map of the archery range has been posted on the bulletin board in the picnic area. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Club Shoot Participation**

We substituted Saturday morning 3-D shoots in May and June for the Sunday club shoots. Attendance at the Saturday 3-D shoots was better than I expected. We averaged about 25 shooters on Saturday. Attendance showed a significant improvement over the previous Friday night shoots. Eight Saturday shoots were held half at Mt. Madonna and half at Santa Cruz. This looks like a venue that will happen again next year. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Bug Shoot**

The Bug shoot is on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. We need all the help from club member we can get to make this shoot a success. The range is in good shape and with the work party on July 11<sup>th</sup> we should have the range ready for the Bug Shoot. Help is needed on July 18<sup>th</sup> to set out targets and prepare food for the shoot on

Sunday. Cooking activities will be a little different this year with the absence of Davey Ashworth who coordinated all cooking for the Bug Shoots since the shoot started many years ago. We will have the same food menu. Bug targets have been refurbished and are ready for arrows. Again any help you can provide for the Bug Shoot is greatly appreciated. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Club member shooting results**

We hosted the State H/F/A on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This was an all day event and 37 shooters participated. Kay Gardner got 1<sup>st</sup> place in F/MS/FS, Ben Rogers got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in M/SR/FS/Pro and Ryan Weberg got 1<sup>st</sup> place as a Cub at the MMB State H/F/A shoot. This shoot was held at five ranges in the state. The goal was to get more shooters at this event. Curtis Campisi received 1<sup>st</sup> places at Salinas H/F/A regional, Kings Mountain novelty shoot and tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place at Redwood Bowmen novelty shoot. Ricardo Fortuno tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Redwood Bowmen novelty shoot. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Hunting legislation News**

The Hunting Heritage Protection Act is made up of Senate bill 1348, sponsored by Senator Saxby Chambliss (R- GA) and H.R. 3046, sponsored by Representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT). Both pieces of legislation require that federal land be managed in a way that supports, promotes, and enhances access for hunting and mandates that an annual report be submitted to Congress detailing any limitations that are imposed on hunting federal lands. It also will require a written notification be given to Congress prior to any agency action that limits hunting on large parcels of federal land consisting of 5,000 or more acres. "Sportsmen across America owe Senator Chambliss, Representative Rehberg, and other member of Congress many thanks for the steps they are taking to preserve our hunting rights," stated USSA President and CEO Bud Pidgeon. "In a time where access to suitable hunting land is becoming increasingly difficult, this legislation goes a long way towards curtailing that trend and guaranteeing current or increased hunting opportunities are available today and tomorrow."

Over the last few years, bowfishing in Elkhorn Slough, in Monterey County, has been prohibited due to the Fish and Game Commission designating Elkhorn Slough a State Marine Conservation Area under the Marine Life Protection Act, which limits some recreational activities. Currently, fishing with a hook and line, and clamming are the only approved methods of take. The Marine Life Protection Act <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/background.asp>> ct was passed in 1999 and requires the Department of Fish and Game to reevaluate all existing marine protected areas (MPAs) and potentially design new MPAs to better protect California's marine resources. Marine protected areas (MPAs <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/dfes.asp>>) are marine areas designed to protect and conserve marine life and habitat. California Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) and the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) strongly feel that prohibiting bowfishing in Elkhorn Slough is completely unnecessary given its limited impact on marine life or habitat. Over the next several months, CBH/SAA and COHA will work with the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Fish and Game Commission to possibly allow

bowfishing in Elkhorn Slough to resume. We are asking that everyone who shoots a bow (whether you bowfish or not) please right a letter to the California Fish and Game Commission letting them know that we would like to have the right to bow fish in the Elkhorn Slough again. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Archery and the Economy**

With the economy spiraling downward people are looking for entertainment that is not too expensive. We have found that a lot of unemployed people are looking for a hobby that does not cost too much to participate. Now that more people are starting archery, we as club members can accept these new people and let them become a part of our club. Most people are nervous to approach club members so we need to be open to invite these people to shoot with us on the range or in our club shoot. If we all bring someone new to the club shoots (or to a novelty shoot) and convince them to bring new people, our participation would grow by leaps and bounds. It is very easy for us to always shoot with the same people because we are comfortable. Sometimes new friend can be made by shooting with the new person and taking them under your wing can also be rewarding.

Michael J Pierce

### **IBEP Archery Hunter Education Class**

We have scheduled an Archery Hunter Education Class at Predator Archery on the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. This is an excellent class for new and experienced archery hunters and provides needed knowledge to be an ethical/effective archery hunter. In order to shoot in many states this course is required. It is not a required course to archery hunt I California. For more information contact Predator Archery. Rich Sandkuhle

## Calendar of Events 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Aug 1-2	San Francisco Archers 1,000,000 BC	
Aug 16	Bowhunters Unlimited Primitive Shoot	Stevens Creek
Aug 23	Diablo Bowmen Red Devil 28 Target 3-D	Mt. Diablo

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

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