



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN (MMB) NEWSLETTER

Fall 2009

Presidents Message

Where did the summer go? We had an excellent Bug Shoot with much appreciated support from club members and friends. The archery range is in great shape but we do have some work to do to improve directions signs and replace several of target butts. This year we have to recertify the range to meet NFAA (National Field Archery Association) requirements. Recertification occurs every two years and allows us hold NFAA shoots. 2009 outdoor target archery activities are winding down and we are looking ahead to indoor archery. Still there are several opportunities to shoot outdoors before the end of the year.

Range Activities

Range maintenance has been minimal since the Bug Shoot. Kay and Ken Gardner have walked the range and replaced targets where needed. We had a small work party this month where the roof on target 42 was replaced, practice bales were re-secured and new targets were assembled. Club member who helped were Ken and Kay Gardner, Rick Everly, Rudi Marquez and Kelly Doyle. In preparation for recertification of the range Rudi and Kelly walked the range to make sure direction signs were clear. They found opportunities for signage improvement. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

Club shoots were a minimum this summer. There were many outdoor shoots on the schedule along with our Bug Shoot. Now we need to think about having regular club shoots the 2nd Sunday of the month. I will keep you posted on club shoot plans by email. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

We had a successful Bug Shoot with participation from 254 shooters. This is not a record for shooters but a nicely manageable group for our range. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day of shooting. Food was excellent and plenty was available. We could not have been successful without support from club members and friends. I want to thank all who helped: Ralph and Linda Adams, Bob and Ian Buie, Curtis Campisi, Jimmy Martinez, Candis Douglas, Rick Everly, Vicki and Kellie Fordice, Ricardo Fortuno, Kay and Ken Gardner, Stan Jarocki,

Lori Jeske, Pete Lomas, Cecily Lu, Debra Marks, Ruci Marquez, Bob Nicholson, Mike and Bev Pierce, Sony and Vicki Robles, Tony Rossi, Gian Rossi, Mark Sambrailo, Chris Slay, Rene Vargas, Monique and Adriana Zepeda, Phil Pospishek, Heidi Sandkuhle and Bob Manrubia. An extra thank you goes out to Debra Marks, Gian Rossini, Rene, Vargas, Mark Sambrailo and Predator Archery for donations of raffle prizes, and food. Rich Sandkuhle

Club member shooting results

MMB member club who won 1st place at the Santa Cruz Archers Bad Guys shoot were Mike Pierce (BHFS), Kay Gardner (FFS), Ken Gardner (MFS) Bob Manrubia (FITA). There were other archers who placed but I was not able to get scores for this news letter. I will try to get more complete list for next news letter.

Hunting legislation News

AB 979 (Berryhill) would help keep cities and counties from interfering with hunting and fishing activities. The bill is being sponsored by COHA in response to increasing efforts by urban cities and counties to arbitrarily restrict hunting activities within their jurisdictions, mostly due to local anti-hunting sentiment. This has occurred most recently with the Cities of Hercules and Mountain View in the Bay Area, as well as with the City of Morro Bay in San Luis Obispo County. The bill would preempt local government ordinances that do not have a legitimate public safety purpose and reaffirm the California Fish and Game Commission's primary authority over the regulation of fish and game. AB 979 is currently on the Senate Floor.

On October 11, 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 1423 (Berryhill) a COHA-sponsored measure that would: 1) reduce existing commercial hunting club license fees; 2) expand the "public access to private lands" hunting program (SHARE) so that the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) may access new federal funding for support of the program; and 3) expand and increase criminal penalties for willfully interfering with hunting, fishing, trapping, falconry and recreational shooting activities.

Despite garnering near unanimous support in the State Legislature, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed Senate Bill 589, which would have prevented hunting license tag/stamp monies from being misused for non-game conservation or non-hunting purposes. The bill was authored by Senator Tom Harman (R-Huntington Beach) and sponsored by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA), a political advocacy organization representing more than 30 hunting and conservation organizations. According to California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) data from 2006, only 62% of deer tag revenue was actually used for deer-related projects, while only 64% of wild pig tag money and 48% of wild sheep auction tag money was expended for related conservation work. To more fully address these problems over the long-term, SB 589 would have mandated that all user fee revenues (about \$9.5 million total) from the sale of bear, elk, wild sheep, antelope, wild pig, deer and upland game bird tags and stamps be used for related conservation activities and public hunting purposes. The Governor's veto message stated that "The creation of more dedicated

accounts and reserving more funds for those accounts will only increase the complexity of the Department's fiscal management...as well as reduce the Department's flexibility to appropriately administer hunting programs."However, rather than creating more accounts and increasing budget complexity, SB 589 would have in reality simplified DFG's budgeting by consolidating several existing big game species fiscal accounts into one single account. And, contrary to the Governor's statement, the bill would have actually given DFG greater flexibility to benefit all big game species by allowing big game tag funds to be used interchangeably. Full text on these issues and many more are available at COHA's web site: www.outdoorheritage.org/legislative.php#131. Rich Sandkuhle

Tips from the Master

Now that the weather is turning cold, it is time to think about bow maintenance. Most of the hunting seasons are closed and most tournaments are over so this is the best time to consider checking the bow for normal operation perhaps changing strings checking bushings and bearings or simply cleaning and lubing the bow. As the sunny days turn to rain, it is important to remember to dry your bow completely after shooting as not to let all of the metal bolts and shafts rust. Setting up and caring for your equipment now will allow plenty of time for adjustments needed before hunting or competing. Once the maintenance is out of the way your bow is ready to go. Good luck Michael J. Pierce NFAA MASTER COACH

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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