



## **Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER**

**Winter 2010**

### **Presidents Message**

2009 is toast and we are starting a new year. Where did 2009 go? Hope everyone had wonderful holidays. The Christmas party was a success. We filled up the Predator archery range with tables and great food. Every year the party attendance increases. We managed to make some improvements to the range in 2009 and in 2010 we will continue to make further improvements. Winter time is still a good time and get out and shoot your bows. Whether you shoot indoors or outdoors to maintain your archery skills you need to shoot. We are in the process of renewing the archery range permit with Santa Clara County. I am working on getting a newsletter article on target shooting from a FITA member in our next club newsletter

**Club members need to renew their membership and new parking passes will be available in February.**

**If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would like to have it emailed to you please contact me by email: [rsandkuhle@charter.net](mailto:rsandkuhle@charter.net).**

### **Range Activities**

It has been quiet on the range the last three months. I shot all the targets on the range last week, enjoying the mildly crisp air and the great walk. We did have to remove one tree on target 20 and replace a target bale on target 9. Other range work that is planned includes replacing some target bales, repainting some of the trail markers, shingling several target roofs, installing two new bridges, organizing the storage trailers and whatever other maintenance is needed this year. The NFAA range inspection and the NFAA club charter have been completed. Paper work has been sent to International Bowhunters Organization (IBO) to renew the range insurance. I expect to get the insurance certificate soon so that I can submit the paper work to Santa Clara County to renew the archery range permit. I want to thank the club members who are IBO members. IBO membership makes our club eligible to purchase IBO range insurance. This saves the club a few bucks. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Club Shoot Participation**

We have had small turnout for club shoots on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month starting at 9:30 AM at the range, weather permitting. Club officers need to continue to work to improve participation. I will email club members a heads-up about club shoots. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Bug Shoot**

This year we will not have to return any Bug targets to be refurbished. Repair will be done by the club. Ken and Kay Gardner will order replacement small Bug targets that cannot be repaired. Curtis Campisi has sent in the Bug shoot information to California Bowhunters Association (CBH/SAA) for the state newsletter. The club is working on procuring 120 lbs of trimmed Tri-tip for the Tri-tip sandwiches. If any club members have a contact where we can purchase the meat at a low cost please contact Curtis. As you can see we are already working Bug shoot issues to help make the Bug Shoot on Sunday July 18, 2010 the best ever. Rich Sandkuhle

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

Mt. Madonna Bowmen is proposing to host one of five state H/F/A rounds Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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 shoot. To be eligible for awards you need to be a member of the NFAA. Food will also be served if this event is authorized by the CBH/SAA. Rich Sandkuhle

### **3D Shoots**

We will again be having 3D animal shoots at the range from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May to the end of June on alternate Saturday mornings. This is a great opportunity to hone your distance measuring skills and practice shooting your hunting bow. Any archery activity where you shoot your bow, and practice judging distance is great for bow hunters. I feel you can never practice enough and the more you practice the more automatic your actions are in a real hunting situation giving you a better chance to harvest an animal.

### **Hunting news COHA update**

Today, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger released his proposed FY 2010/2011 state budget, which seeks to close a massive \$21 billion dollar deficit. To help bridge the budget shortfall, Governor Schwarzenegger is proposing to raid hunting and fishing program funding by \$5 million dollars. The Governor's budget summary did not provide any detail on where the cuts to these programs would be made and/or how they would affect hunters and anglers.

The Governor's budget proposal must now go to the State Legislature for consideration, with the intention being for the Governor and the Legislature to

reach agreement on the final budget by the beginning of the new state fiscal year on July 1st, 2010. California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) staff will be actively engaged throughout the Legislature's review of the budget package to minimize cuts to these important programs.

As of January 1st, several new laws sponsored or supported by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) have gone into effect which will benefit hunters and provide more hunting opportunity in the field.

First, penalties for hunter harassment have appropriately been increased to a possible misdemeanor on the first offense, while field trials and related hunting dog training are now legally protected activities. Also, commercial hunting club license fees imposed by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) have been substantially reduced, with most hunting clubs seeing their annual fees cut nearly in half. In addition, California's private lands hunting program (SHARE Program) has finally been formally established as a statewide program, paving the way for significant new hunting opportunity for the public in future years.

Other positive legal changes written by COHA include new laws which: a) reduce penalties for hunters who have been cited for not having their hunting license in the field, but who can produce it in court; b) allow hunters to shoot across roads and other ways open to the public when it can be done in a reasonably safe manner; c) make it a crime to remove the collar of a hunting dog without written permission of the owner; and, d) require the Wildlife Conservation Board, in acquiring land for hunting and fishing purposes, to take into consideration those areas of the state most in need of increased hunting and fishing access.

COHA also teamed with DFG to substantially increase penalties and fines for egregious cases of poaching. Violators can now face tens of thousands of dollars in fines and possibly have their hunting license revoked for life.

COHA thanks Assembly Members Tom Berryhill (D-Modesto) and Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) for their considerable efforts to support and pass these legislative provisions. For more information contact COHA at: [www.Outdoorheritage.org](http://www.Outdoorheritage.org).

## Calendar of Events 2009

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan	Southwest indoor sectionals	several shops
Feb 19-21	NFAA World Archery Festival	Las Vegas
Mar 20-21	NFAA Indoor National Championships	Louisville, KY
Apr 5	Island Shoot (28-3D's)	Salinas Archers
Apr 24-25	Fresno Safari	Fresno Ca.
Apr 30-May 2	NFAA National Marked 3-D Championship	Redding
May 9-June 27	Unmarked 3D at Mount Madonna and Santa Cruz (AM)	MMB, SC
May 9-June 20	Unmarked 3D Salinas Bowmen (PM)	Salinas
May 17	MTBA H/F/A Regional round	Salinas
May 22-23	NFAA world Archery Festival 600 NFAA unmarked 3D Championship	Yankton SD
June 6	3D in the Redwoods	Santa Cruz
June 13?	CBH State H/F/A round	MMB
July 18	Bug Shoot Mt. Madonna Bowmen	Mt. Madonna
July 28-Aug 1	NFAA Outdoor National Championship	Darrington Wa
Oct.3	Bad Boys of Branciforte	Santa Cruz
Jan-Dec.	Unmarked 3D every first Saturday	Kings Mountain

For additional information check the 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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