



## **Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER**

**Spring 2010**

### **Presidents Message**

Spring is upon us and outdoor archery activities are abundant. Is everyone ready for a great shooting spring? Check your bows and try to make some of the shoots on the spring schedule. Remember to be safe and check out the article on arrow inspection in the newsletter. The range is in fairly good shape and a couple of work parties will have it ready for scheduled Saturday morning 3D's and the state Hunter/Field/Animal round on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The renewal of the archery range permit with Santa Clara County is complete and parking passes are available at Predator's when you renew your membership.

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

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### **Range Activities**

The range has survived the winter rains and winds with little damage. Target faces have been replaced and all targets are clear to shoot. We do need to do some work. Several signs marking trails need to be repaired or repainted, bales on several targets and at the practice area need to be replaced. Some minor grooming is necessary that includes pruning and trail cleaning. We probably will install several new target roofs and they will need shingling. Several members will spend part of a day organizing the yellow trailer where we keep targets and other supplies. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Club Shoot Participation**

Now that we are getting in to better weather outdoor club shoot activities will resume at the range. This is a great opportunity to improve your shooting skills by taking advantage of free instructions from fellow members of the club. These shoots are the second Sunday of the month at 9:30 AM, weather permitting. This year let's try to increase participation in club shoots. These shoots are a great way to improve shooting skills and meet fellow club members. Rich Sandkuhle

## **Bug Shoot**

Key Bug Shoot key activities have been documented. Rudi Marques is working on getting Tri Tip for the shoot from Freedom Meat Locker. Ken and Kay Gardner are inventorying consumable bug targets and will order needed targets. Curtis Campisi is working on advertising issues and has flyers and ads in the CBH newsletter. Flyers will be distributed at local shoots and out of area shoots attended by club members. Remember the Bug shoot is Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> and we need help from members to make the event a success.

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

Mt. Madonna Bowmen is hosting one of five state H/F/A rounds Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the 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 these events 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. Guests are welcome to shoot. Food will also be available for purchase. Rich Sandkuhle

## **3D Shoots**

MMB 3D animal shoots begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May to the end of June on alternate Saturday mornings with Santa Cruz Archers. Santa Cruz will have shoots on: May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> and Mt. Madonna will have shoots on May 15, May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12 and June 26<sup>th</sup>. Cost of these shoots is \$10.00. This is a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather, hone your distance measuring skills and practice shooting your bow. 3D shoots are especially helpful to bow hunters. Other local 3D shoots in the spring are Salinas Bowmen Island shoot April 11<sup>th</sup>, Salinas Bowmen Saturday afternoon 3d shoots starting May 8<sup>th</sup>, regional (MTBA) 3D unmarked shoot at Bowhunters unlimited (Steven Creek archery range) April 18<sup>th</sup> and Kings Mountain 3D in the Redwoods shoot June 20<sup>th</sup>. If these are not enough opportunities check out the CBH/SAA web site for more opportunities through out the state. Rich Sandkuhle

## **Hunting news COHA update**

Senator Tom Harman (R-Orange) has introduced SB 1058, COHA-sponsored legislation which would prevent big game tag and upland bird stamp monies from being misused for non-game or non-hunting purposes. A similar COHA-sponsored bill, SB 589, was vetoed by the Governor last year. SB 1058 would mandate that all deer, elk, wild pig, antelope, bighorn sheep and bear tag revenues and upland game bird stamp monies be used to benefit those particular species, their habitats, and the users that generate them. It would also provide much-needed opportunity for sportsman's groups to review and provide comment on proposed expenditures of the funds.

AB 979, legislation authored by Assembly member Tom Berryhill (R-Modesto), 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. Rich Sandkuhle

Further information on these topics is available at the COHA web site [www.outdoorheritage.org](http://www.outdoorheritage.org)

### **Archery Safety**

At an archery shoot recently Kathi Bruns had an arrow splinter into her hand upon release of an arrow from her bow. Today bows are launching arrows at higher speeds with more energy than older slower bows. When teaching archery I stress the importance of checking one's equipment. Here is my method of checking arrows. Check arrows after every shot. Check each arrow five different ways as follows:

- 1) If arrow tip is missing or damaged do not shoot arrow until tip is fixed.
- 2) Check nocks for damage for cracks or signs of impact. Also check the back inch of the arrow shaft for cracks or other damage. Any damage should be fixed before shooting arrow.
- 3) Slide your hand carefully up and down shaft and feel for any obstruction, bends or dents. Sometimes foam or hay will adhere to your shaft which will cause improper flight. Any bent or dented arrows should not be shot.
- 4) Spin shafts for balance or wobble. This test can tell a lot about an arrow's integrity. Carbon arrows can bend just like wood or aluminum arrows and should be set aside for later inspection if they appear to be bent.
- 5) Bend and slightly twist arrows by grabbing each end of the arrow and look for arrow cracks.

Also inspect your bow before and after all shooting sessions. Mike Pierce

### **Archery Equipment updates**

Archery equipment today is so much better than we used only a couple of years ago. Bows are getting faster and more accurate. Bows stay in tune longer and are easier to tune than bows of the past. Noise levels are reduced, arrows are better, and we have better designed broadheads. We as archers must also change. If you are thinking of purchasing a new bow you should take a little time to consider changes you can make. One tough decision for most of us is shooting a lower poundage bow. Our most popular hunting weight is 70 pounds while target bow draw weight is about 55 pounds. Some of the new bows of today can shoot the same arrows with the same energy and speed at 60 pounds and 45 pounds respectively. As hard as it is to admit, I am getting older and the days of competing at high poundage is gone for me. However, by hunting with a 58 pound bow and shooting target at 42 pounds I find that I hold steadier and can shoot many more arrows with a more consistent accuracy. If you are planning on purchasing a new bow take a moment and consider lowering your bow weight. Mike Pierce

## Calendar of Events 2009

Date	Activity	Location
Apr 11	Island Shoot (28-3D's)	Salinas Archers
April 18	MTBA 3D unmarked regional	Stevens Creek
Apr 24-25	Fresno Safari	Fresno Ca.
Apr 30-May 2	NFAA National Marked 3-D Championship	Redding
May 8-June 26	Unmarked 3D Salinas Bowmen (PM)	Salinas
May 8-June 26	Unmarked 3D	MMB, Santa Cruz
June 6	3D in the Redwoods	Santa Cruz
June 13	CBH State H/F/A round	MMB
June 26	Leroy Gardner 28 3D unmarked	Salinas Bowmen
June 29	3D in the Redwoods	Kings Mountain
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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