



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

Presidents Message

Summer has arrived and outdoor archery is in full swing. We had a successful State Hunter/Field/Animal round in June. One work party and several volunteers working during the week were able to get the range in shape for the state shoot. The range work done in support of the state shoot has resulted in minimal work needed to get trails and shooting lanes ready for the Bug Shoot July 18th. We need club members to work at the Bug shoot. Spring 3D Saturday morning shoots were held alternately between Mt. Madonna and Santa Cruz clubs and we had a consistent turn out at these shoots.

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

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Range Activities

Most of the spring range maintenance activity was completed prior to the State Hunter/Field/Animal shoot June 13th. Many thanks goes to all who attend the work party to change out bales, clear shooting lanes and trails in support of getting the range ready this spring. I am amazed that some of the highly compressed target bales on the range are going on their 4th season. It used to be we had to replace all bales on the range yearly. Even with all the rain and stormy weather this spring the range stayed in pretty good shape and did not require an extensive amount of clean-up work. The yellow storage trailer has been organized and cleaned out of items not used in years. Bug shoot items in the trailer were inventoried and stored in plastic storage boxes. Kay and Ken Gardner installed new target faces on all targets in support of the State H/F/A round. We still have several roofs that need shingles. Materials have been purchased to repair the missing fence boards on the practice range and rebuild the Gazebo on target 34. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

Action items and meetings have been carried out to make sure we cover all issues on the Bug Shoot. Big bug targets have been repaired and are ready to be placed on the range on Saturday morning July 17, for the shoot on Sunday. An extensive list of items required for the Bug Shoot has been documented and owners have been identified to make sure we have what we need for the shoot. We will have a work party the morning of July 10th to blow off trails and do other minor trail repair, shooting lane clearing, and picnic area maintenance. The remaining range maintenance if needed will be completed the week prior to the shoot. Club members help is needed to run the Bug Shoot. We will be calling members asking for help in the next two weeks. Any help in set-up, take down or working during the shoot will be greatly appreciated. Rich Sandkuhle

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

Mt. Madonna Bowmen hosted one of five state H/F/A rounds on Sunday June 13th. Forty shooters participated in the shoot on a beautiful day. The number of shooters is slightly less than the fifty we hoped for. Range clean-up to assure clear shooting lanes and trails help us get ahead and ready for the Bug Shoot. Curtis, Linda Adams and Ralph Adams administered the shoot and cooked hot dogs. Kay and Ken Gardner made sure new target faces were on all targets. Rich Sandkuhle

3D Shoots

MMB 3D animal shoots were held from the 2nd Saturday in May to the end of June on alternate Saturday mornings with Santa Cruz Archers. Santa Cruz had the shoots on: May 8th, May 22nd, June 5th and June 19th and Mt. Madonna had shoots on May 15, May 29th, June 12 and June 26th. Cost of these shoots was \$10.00. We averaged fifteen shooters at each of the shoots at Mt. Madonna. There was plenty of support from club members to set-up and take down targets, which is greatly appreciated. All who participated had a good time honing their distance estimating skills shooting 3D animals in many different situations. This is great practice for hunting season. Rich Sandkuhle

Hunter Safety

Archery hunting season for the Central Coast of California is just around the corner. Here are a few tips to help assure a safe hunt: make sure you have the proper license, do not discharge your bow during hunting within 150 yards of any livable structure or adjoining building without written permission from the building owner, do not hunt on private land without written permission from the land owner, follow the same safe hunting practices used for other firearms as defined in the Hunter education class and hunting regulations. More information is available in the Bowhunters education class offered by the California State Fish and Game department. If you hunt, do it safely and make it an enjoyable experience. Rich Sandkuhle

Archery Equipment updates

With hunting season just around the corner it is easy to forget about the condition of the hunting equipment. Most of us in the clubs have target equipment and hunting equipment. It is important to check the bow, arrows, sights and rest to make sure all is safe and operating properly. We should practice with the bow to make sure the heavier poundage is not a problem. If we need arrows, it is a good time to call the archery shop before the last minute. Remember to carefully check arrow integrity as described in the 2010 spring newsletter. Important items like quiver foam, string silencers or vibration devices may be damaged and affect the performance of the equipment. Broadheads need to be razor sharp and checked for damage. A little effort now can stop a problem later. Good luck and shoot straight. Michael Pierce

Archery regional update

A regional meeting was held 7/7/10 to define regional shoots for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011. We also identified a roster of new officers for the MTBA(Mission Trails Bowhunters Association). They are Jimmy Martinez for President and Rich Sandkuhle for Secretary/Treasure. These proposed officers will be ratified by regional members shooting the 8/29/10 900 round at Black Mountain. All club members who are members of NFAA/CBH shooting this shoot need to ratify the new officers at the Black Mountain shoot. Rich Sandkuhle

Calendar of Events 2010

Date	Activity	Location
Jan-Dec.	Unmarked 3D every first Saturday	Kings Mountain
July 18	Bug Shoot Mt. Madonna Bowmen	Mt. Madonna
July 28-Aug 1	NFAA Outdoor National Championship	Darrington Wa.
July 31/Aug 1	1000BC	San Francisco Archers
Oct.3	Bad Boys of Branciforte	Santa Cruz
Aug 5	Primitive Shoot	Bowhunters Unlimited
Aug 8	900 round Black Mountain	Black Mountain
Aug 22	Bowhunters Education Course	Bowhunters Unlimited
		San Jose
Sept 12	State 900 round	Salinas
Oct 3	Grape stomp 28 targets	Lodi Bowmen
Oct 3	Bad Boys of Branciforte	Santa Cruz Archers
Oct 10	900 round Black Mountain	Black Mountain

For additional information check the 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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