



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

Presidents Message

Fall is here and we have completed a busy summer season of archery. The Bug shoot in July was one of the best ever with over 250 shooters and tremendous support from club members. Many club members are having a successful hunting season and target shooters have many venues to attend and improve their archery skills. Mission Trails Bowhunters Association (MTBA), our regional archery organization elected new officers. We have set the schedule for regional shoots in 2011. Minor range work has taken place since the Bug Shoot. Good news is that the club has the highest membership since I became president. Welcome new members.

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Range Activities

Mt. Madonna range maintenance activities were minimal after the Bug Shoot in July. We did check and make sure targets were shootable, trails were clear and addressed any range issues that arose. We have received twenty new high density hay bales to replace old target bales on the range. The good news is the county park has allowed us to store the bales in a barn located near the range. This hopefully will protect stacked spare bales from degradation from exposure to weather. Materials have been purchased to fix the roof on the patio structure at target 36. Matt Rosso installed roofing material on target 34 and 42. Bales have been reinstalled on target one. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

This was probably the best Bug Shoot I have been involved in. We had a great turn-out of over 250 archers, perfect weather, plenty of food, plenty of club member support, wonderful donations from club members and a day without any safety incidents. I guess this is the way it is supposed to be with proper preparation. The range was manicured and in great shape for shooters. We could not ask for better weather on shoot day. Food was plentiful with donations

of many food items by Gian Rosini of San Jose Grocery Outlet. Tri-tip and hot dogs were purchased from Freedom Meat Locker and the sandwiches were very tasty. Club members and friends support was greatly appreciated making the shoot less stressful than in years past. To prepare for next year's shoot we will be sending bug targets to Ragland Archery in Redding to be refurbished. A post mortem of this year's shoot has been completed in preparation for next year. Rich Sandkuhle

MTBA update

The following MTBA officers were elected in July at the regional 900 round a Black Mountain Archery Range: Jimmy Martinez president, Rich Sandkuhle Secretary/Treasurer and Mike Clark Leg Rep for CBH/SAA Region 56. Mike represents the region on legislative hunting issues with the Fish & Game Commission. Ben Rogers, Black Mountain's president, proposed a yearly perpetual trophy to be given to the male and female archer with the highest combined score from all regional shoots in a year. The proposal was voted in, so get out and participate in the regional shoots. The regional meeting in July also set dates for regional shoots in the remainder of 2010 and 2011. See included calendar for regional shoot schedule.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed Senate Bill 1058 to prevent hunter generated revenues from being misused for non-game or non-hunting purposes. The measure was authored by Senator Tom Harman (R-Huntington Beach) and sponsored by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA). "This much-needed law will ensure accountability and transparency over the state's use of hunter-generated dollars," stated Mark Hennelly, Vice President of COHA. The bill's approval will annually reallocate an estimated \$3.6 million of hunter-generated dollars back to their intended game conservation and hunting related uses. Since the 1980's – in an effort to address budget shortfalls and unfunded mandates in other areas – the state has redirected big game tag and upland bird stamp revenues. Loopholes in state law allowed for a significant portion of deer tag funds and all bear tag monies to be used for non-game purposes, while a large percentage of pig tag funds simply remained unspent or were redirected. According to the state's own data from 2006, only 62% of deer tag revenue was actually used for deer-related projects. Similarly, only 64% of wild pig tag money and 48% of wild sheep auction tag money was used for related conservation work. I wonder what they used the Pig tag monies for? Rich Sandkuhle

Calendar of Events 2010

Date	Activity	Location
Jan-Dec.	Unmarked 3D every first Saturday	Kings Mountain
10/16/10	Sonoma County Bowmen "Shoot in the Dark"	
10/24/10	Diablo Bowmen Boo 28 target shoot	Mt. Diablo
10/24/10	Bowhunters Unlimited Archery Club Boo Shoot	Stevens Creek
11/20/10	Bowhunters Unlimited Turkey Shoot	Stevens Creek
11/21/10	Salinas Bowmen Turkey shoot 28 targets	Salinas
11/21/10	Redwood Bowmen Turkey Shoot	Oakland
2011 Regional shoots		
3/6/11	Indoor 5 spot at Predators, Salinas,	Santa Cruz
5/22/11	Unmarked 3D at Black Mountain	
6/12/11	State Hunter/Field at Mt. Madonna	
8/28/11	900 round Black Mountain	
9/11/11	State 900 round Salinas	
10/9/11	Hunter Field Salinas	
	Alternate site Kings Mountain	
12/11/11	450 round Salinas, Santa Cruz, Predators	

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