



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011

Presidents Message

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The Christmas party at Predators was a big success with at least 120 archers and friends in attendance. Things have been quiet on the range except for several fallen trees and a few target butts that needed to be replaced. We had two club shoots since the last news letter that were enjoyed by the archers who participated. Based on recent visits the range is in good shape and all targets are shootable

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

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Range Activities

All targets on the archery range can safely be shot and not have the chance of losing an arrow due to target pass through, resulting in continued flight of arrow into the woods. A small work party this week replaced bales on four targets, cleared down trees and branches from several range trails, repaired and expanded a shooting position, and evaluated further tasks on the range that need to be fixed. Ken Gardner, Mike Clark, Bob Buie, Jose Urbina, Ed Smith and Rich Sandkuhle were members of the work party that completed this work. The county park (Riche Ramos and John Heenan park maintenance supervisor and park supervisor respectively) gave the archery club storage in an old barn and also in the pole barn in the park's storage area. This will be a great help for storing extra hay bales that were previously stored under a tarp and often got wet and degraded to the point that they could not be used. Further work will be done to install several new target roves, put some new bales at the practice range and later do further trail cleaning. All in all the work party felt the range is in pretty good shape. The county will give us money for improvements once we identify them. If members have any suggestions for range improvements please contact Curtis or me. January is the time to renew range insurance and renew the Archery range park permit. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

We have had small but improving turnout for club shoots on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Members and friends of the club who did shoot had a good time and hopefully gained experience in their shooting skills. We will continue to have club shoots the 2nd Sunday, weather permitting, of each month starting at 9:00 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

Activities have begun in preparation for the Bug Shoot in July. Curtis will be contacting CBH/SAA to get the date of the Bug Shoot posted on their CBH calendar and published in the CBH news letter. Ken and Kay Gardner are coordinating repair of the Bug Shoot targets and ordering new consumable targets for the shoot. We are working to make this year's Bug Shoot the best ever. Rich Sandkuhle

CBH/SAA Annual Meeting from CBH/SSA News Letter

The annual CBH/SAA meeting will take place on January 22 and 23. Representatives to the meeting are Jim Martinez MTBA president and Rich Sandkuhle MTBA secretary/treasurer. The meeting is a yearly event. When new and old policies are approved or amended, board officers are elected and installed, and clubs have an opportunity to introduce new legislation through their regions. Also, legislative strategies are adopted and issues facing our sport are addressed. As in past years, there are several important items on the agenda, not the least of which is a new outreach membership program that has the potential of increasing the strength of our voice at the county and state levels. Currently, CBH/SAA membership is approximately 7% of California archers, so there is lots of work to be done. There are several legislative items pending at the state level that deal with the restrictions of hunting rights, misuse of hunting fees, and more restrictive mandates pertaining to hunting equipment. I know that many in our sport believe that defending these hunting rights is not their responsibility, but rather that of CBH/SAA. I hope to see all of the representatives at the January meeting. There are very important issues to be covered and regional representative's participation is needed. This meeting will also be a great opportunity, for those who have not previously attended the Big Game Club dinner, to find out more about Big Game awards. Brent Sloan
CBH/SSA President, Rich Sandkuhle

Let's Talk Bow hunting-from CBH/SSA News Letter.

I had been sitting in my tree stand approximately 3 hours when I saw movement to my right and looked up to check it out. I saw two bow hunters, a man and youngster in full camouflage, still hunting and coming my way. They were moving slowly through the woods and as they moved you could tell the man was teaching the younger bowhunter the art of still-hunting. As I looked on I secretly congratulated the man for taking the time to teach a young bow hunter the lost art of still-hunting. Still-hunting is the method of moving slowly through the woods and pastures or along trails, hillsides, and mountain slopes from cover to

cover trying to spot game before it spots you. Until the 1970s, when the tree stand became popular, most of the deer hunters harvested their deer through still-hunting. It usually provides the most effective method for hunting big game animals, especially in the Western United States, Canada, and Alaska, where a good deal of walking and spotting are required. It allows bow hunters to find more active wallows, scrapes, rubs, tracks, and other signs of game. Also it gives the hunter an opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of wild landscapes and animal habitats. This is real hunting whether you use a bow or a camera. When to still-hunt? When the weather is right, look for cloudy, wet and/ or windy days, as these conditions will prevent a deer from seeing your shadow and hearing your footfalls. Fog is another good time it gives the deer a false sense of security and it makes them feel they're invisible. Habitat also plays a role in deciding if still-hunting is the right choice. Look for areas with heavy cover and thick underbrush, because these will help break up your outline and make it hard for deer to spot you. Move very slowly spending more time still and looking than moving. When still scan your area carefully with sharp eyes and binoculars. Do not do anything that allows game to detect you. Bowhunters looking to learn more on the art of still hunting should contact an old timer and find out if he's got the time to teach you or better yet contact your local IBEP representative for a class and learn not only about still-hunting. By John Waddles CBH IBEP Chairman

Range Safety

Winter this year has been harsh. Australia is bombarded with rain. Brazil is hit with mud slides and deaths caused by the weather. With the amount of rain and wind we see this time of year, it makes me wonder how our range holds up to this intense pounding every year as well as it does. Although we don't see many mud slides, we do have some safety issues we need to be aware when shooting at the range. During the winter an average of 10 trees fall across shooting lanes and trails. Most of these are taken care of promptly and the range is kept safe. When shooting the range in winter the potential for slipping when walking is higher. Hiking boots with good tread is strongly recommended when out on the course. A hiking stick can also help in balance when on the steeper parts of the range. It is important to realize that the range is not used as much in the winter, so carrying a cell phone or shoot with a partner. Remember to take your time and be safe. Mike Pierce

Calendar of Events 2011

Date	Activity	Location
Jan 16	San Francisco Archers Cabin Fever	Half Moon Bay
Jan 22	Bowhunter unlimited 28 3D targets	Stevens Creek
Feb 11-13	NFAA World Archery Festival	Las Vegas
Mar 26-27	NFAA Indoor National Championships	Louisville, KY
April 11	Salinas Bowmen Island Shoot	Salinas
Apr 16-17	NFAA National Marked 3-D Championship	Redding
April 17	Madera Field Archers Bounty Hunt	Madera
Apr 24-25	Fresno Safari	Fresno Ca.

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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