



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Presidents Message

Summer archery activities are going full steam ahead. The archery range was put in good shape for the successful June 12th State Hunter/Field. The range needs some further grooming to be ready for the Bug Shoot July 17th. A long awaited accomplishment was completed when the Mt. Madonna Bowmen Web site went on line in June. Bi-weekly Saturday morning 3D shoots have been well attended and challenging to shooters.

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New Web Site

Bill Brookmeyer completed our spiffy new archery club web site: <http://WW.MountMadonnaBowmen.com>. Check it out. The web site provides the following: scheduled events, maps, photos, membership sign-up, and club contact information. Rich Sandkuhle

Range Status/Activities

The road to the range has been repaired and is now open. The county did a nice job of mowing the parking lot to minimize fire danger. Club members walked the range and cleaned trails, removed a couple of downed trees, replace a couple of target bales and remarked shooting positions for the State Hunter/Field round. We recently received fourteen new target bales to replace bales on the verge of being shot through. I want to thank the following for working to get the range in shape: Kay and Ken Gardner, Bob Buie, Rick Everly, and Mike Clark. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

Club shoots were replaced by the 3D Saturday shoots and other scheduled shoots which club members participated in. About fifty shooters participate in the State Hunter/Field round at Mt. Madonna June 12th. Weather for the state shoot was perfect and all had a good time. Bi-weekly 3D Saturday morning shoots alternating between Santa Cruz Archers and Mt. Madonna Bowmen went off smoothly. Turn out was not huge but archers were able to hone unmarked

distance measuring skills. Hopefully this type of shooting will help the hunters among us place more accurate shots in real hunts. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

The Bug Shoot is on July 17th. Bug targets have been repaired and were returned to the range this week. Range work that needs to be completed to prepare for the bug shoot includes painting targets on the repaired bugs, making sure shooting stakes are clearly marked for each target, some minor trail repair, blowing off trails and some weed-whacking. Range wise we are in pretty good shape compared to previous years. In the next couple of weeks focus will be on getting food lined up, raffle items purchased, and identifying club members to help out at the Bug Shoot. We are looking for help to set up on Saturday July 16th, manage food stands, cook, manage raffle, help with shoot administration and take down on Sunday afternoon. We will be calling members asking for help. Please contact Curtis (408-842-7733) or me if you can help. Rich Sandkuhle (831-722-5279)

IBEP Class

An archery hunter safety class (IBEP International Bow hunter education Program) has been scheduled for August 12th and 13th. Bow hunters, this is an excellent class that provides exposure to unique skills needed by an archer to improve the chance of success on a hunt. . Friday's class will be four hours in the evening going over activities that include the following: conservation, safe hunting, first aid, bow and arrow specifics, shot placement, and hunting ethics. Saturday we will spend at the archery range evaluating student archery skills, learning shooting techniques for different shooting situations, blood/animal tracking, and tree-stand safety followed by a written test. This course is required in several states but not California to bow hunt. All students will learn important information from this class that will make them better bow hunters.

We continue to hear feed back from discussions at California Fish and Game proposing to implement the requirement of IBEP bow hunter certification in the state. It is still at the discussion stage and there are many against implementation of this program. One big concern is who will have to get certified and will there be some sort of grandfather clause. In my experience as an IBEP instructor all students who have taken the IBEP course I teach have really enjoyed the experience and learned key skills to safely take game with a bow and arrow. My concern regarding making bow hunter certification mandatory is the availability of instructors to certify bow hunters. Rich Sandkuhle

Protecting the Sport of Archery

Mission Trails Bowhunters Association (MTBA) donated \$1000 to the California Bowmen Hunters (CBH) legislative defense fund this quarter. MTBA is the region which Mt. Madonna Bowmen is a member of. There is still a big concern at the state level of a need to provide financial support to preserve the support of archery and archery hunting in the state. MTBA receives there funding from regional shoots and a portion of the membership dues members pay to NFAA and CBH. Rich Sandkuhle

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

Partners Can Make or Break A Hunt. Now that hunting season is around the corner hunters should take a step back and think about who you hunt with.

It's the first day of California's archery season in 'A' zone, and the temperature was supposed to be 100 degrees plus by midday. Your partner and you have been planning this hunting trip for weeks. You've made several scouting trips to the area hanging tree stands and caching food and water because you know you can't carry all that you need in on one trip. The part of 'A' zone you're hunting is a walk-in only area so getting in shape is mandatory. Anyone who's ever hunted California's coastal mountains know they go straight up and down with lots of brush to go through but you're young and dumb and thought you were in good shape. On the climb into your base camp you're overcome by the heat and almost pass out. You haven't drunk enough water and you're having a mild heat stroke. Your partner knows just what to do and after treating you for heat exhaustion, has you back on your feet and heading to your base camp. Thanks to having picked the right hunting partner.

You and your partner have been hunting elk in Idaho for three days, on a ten day hunt; when your partner shoots his elk, a nice 6x5 bull. When all of his meat had been boned -out and was ready for the trip home he informs you that he has to leave and that you would have to hunt the rest of the trip by yourself. You are more than a little "shocked". You'd planned this hunt for months and he assured you he would be there for all entire ten days of the hunt. What's a guy supposed to do? Not a good hunting partner!

You have just found out about a good hunting area with lots of exceptional animals to hunt so you tell your partner. You both agree to hunt the area on opening day so you swear each other to secrecy. On opening day your partner shows up with four other people to hunt with you. Who can you trust? Another unreliable partner!

Scenarios like these plays out every year. It all comes down to being able to pick the right partner. What should you look for when choosing a hunter partner? First you want someone that's reliable and trustworthy, someone with the good ethics and integrity, someone you can communicate well with, so there are no misunderstandings or surprises. You want someone who is law-abiding and knowledgeable and respectful. This is just a short list of some of the qualities one looks for. John Waddles State IBEP Chairman

Calendar of Events 2011

JULY, 2011

7/4/2011 Bowhunters Unlimited 4th of July Novelty

7/17/2011 Mount Madonna Bug Shoot

7/31/2011 Diablo Bowmen Red Devil D 28 targets

AUGUST, 2011

8/6&7/11 San Francisco 1,000,000 BC Shoot

8/14/2011 Bowhunters Unlimited Primitive 3D unmarked 2 arrows

Black Mountain Bowmen Has your "Either Or Shoot" on the second Sunday of the month. 900 round, and the Hunter/Field 560 round are on at the same time.

Mt. Madonna Bowmen has Club Shoots the 2nd Sunday of each Month.

Kings Mountain: Regulation 28-target Field/Hunter rounds every second Sunday of the month. Start time 9 AM. Non-members welcome. \$3.00 fee if you want a scorecard and stamped record. Unmarked 3D every first Saturday of the month. 15 targets

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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