



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Fall 2011

Presidents Message

Wow, where has the year gone??? We had a fantastic Bug shoot in July with tremendous support from club members, on a perfect day for archery and one of the largest turnout of archers ever for this event. The range is in great shape and we had an enjoyable work party in September that fixed a couple of lingering range issues. If we were not shooting at our range there were several local regional and state shoots that had good participation. Do not forget the annual Christmas party at Predators on December 17, 2011.

If you need to renew your membership and receive a parking pass contact Curtis at Predator's.

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Range Status/Activities

Club members did a great job getting the range ready for the Bug Shoot in July. Trails were groomed and shooting positions were clearly marked. After the Bug shoot we took a break and had our next work party in September. We had a great turnout for the work party. Lingering repairs were made. We repaired the fence at the practice area. The bale supports were replaced on target #1 so that bales would not fall out and roll down the hill, a real safety issue. Several target bales were replaced on target 2 and target 9. The patio on target 36 was completely rebuilt which has been an eye sore for many years. The club provided lunch for the work crew and following lunch a few of us continued work on the target 36 patio and several others got out their bows and shot the range. It was a fun satisfying day for all. Participants in the work party were: Ken Gardner, George Sammut and his son Anthony, Curtis Campisi, Mike Pierce, Bob Buie, Rich Sandkuhle and Rick Tonkin. Karen Keating brought up the lunch. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

Now that summer activities are behind us, hunting season is wrapping up, and state, regional shoots are behind us we will get back to our club shoots. The busy summer of archery activities superseded club shoots. Again, club shoots

are a great opportunity to shoot with other archers in the club and improve shooting techniques plus have lots of fun. We are incorporating a barbeque lunch activity at club shoots which makes the shoots even more fun... If participation is like last winter and spring these shoots should be very rewarding to club members and friends. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

The Bug Shoot in July was the best one I have ever been involved in. Organization was great, the weather was perfect, food was fantastic, the event had no safety issues and I think everyone had a great time. We had 326 shooters. By the end of the day members were very tired but we managed to pack up and leave the range by 8 PM. Club member support to run the event was fantastic. All the support of club members made my job as easy. We had wonderful donations of food by Grocery Outlet in San Jose and Watsonville Produce. I enjoyed sending thank you cards to all who helped with this great event. Now we have to start the process to get ready for next year. Rich Sandkuhle

CBA/SAA

California Bow Hunters and State Archery Association publish monthly news with lots of interesting information. This news letter is one of the sources I use to keep up to date on archery activities and issues in California and get articles for this news letter. Check it out at www.cbhsaa.net.

“In 2010, AB 2376 (Huffman) was signed into law. The bill requires the California Natural Resources Agency to convene a cabinet-level committee to develop a strategic vision for the Dept of Fish & Game and the Fish & Game Commission, and submit it to the governor & Legislature. This legislation is intended to establish a long-term goal to improve and enhance the Dept. of Fish and Game’s capacity and effectiveness in fulfilling its public trust responsibilities for the protection and management of the state’s fish and wildlife, for their ecological values, and for the benefit of the people of the state.

CBH/SAA has representatives that sit on two advisory committees of DFG. The Upland Bird and Big Game Fund Advisory Committees give advice on dedicated accounts monies from stamps & tags to DFG. The Upland Bird advisory committee met in Aug. to review 40 projects submitted for funding. The Big Game advisory committee also met in August to review 30 projects submitted for funding. Existing projects are primarily related to scientific data collection for maintaining regulations and seasons per their management plans. All management plans have to be updated periodically under CEQA guidelines or challenges could occur. Projects that also have matching or contributing monies from NGO’s get a higher priority. For some of you the Pig Tag monies have been going into a black hole. Basically prior to this year, pig tag monies went into a dedicated account but only enforcement used a small portion of the money. Now those monies go into one dedicated account to be used by any species. By Robert Moore, CBH/SAA Region 2 Leg. Rep

Bow Hunter Education

While hunting during the archery season for zone X6B (A-12) this year I met a young man named Mike. Mike shared the same camp ground as my partners and I, and he became a friend. Talking to Mike I found out that he had never attended a Bowhunter Ed class (IBEP) and has only hunted with a bow for a very few years. Mike enjoyed sitting around our camp fire and listening to all our hunting tales about all the deer that we had taken and the more that had gotten away. Mike was hunting by himself and shot the 4X3 Mule deer buck late one evening. He said it was a 70 yard shot and he thought it was a hit low in the chest. When the buck turned and ran away Mike could see guts hanging from the hole the broadhead had made and he knew then the shot wasn't perfect. Light was fading so Mike took notice of the last place he saw his buck and decided to back out and continue the hunt in the morning. The next morning Mike spent four hours looking for his deer and had no luck finding it, so he returned to camp for help. Upon hearing about Mike's misfortune we told him not to worry that we would help him find his buck. We asked Mike all the questions one would need to find his deer and he assured us that he had done all the right things. But when we got to the location of his last sighting we found out different. Mike had walked all over the blood trail in the four hours that he had looked for his deer and my hunting partners and I had our hands full trying to find it again. We finally found the blood trail and twenty minutes later we found his buck. After Mike filled out his tags pictures were taken, then he field dressed his buck and put it in his jeep to take to his butcher. Mike was so proud of his buck that he displayed the rack on the back of jeep. On highway 70, Mike passes a CHP officer talking to a DFG officer parked on the side of the road. The DFG officer followed Mike to the butcher because he noticed the deer rack hanging out of his jeep. At the butcher's the DFG officer ask Mike for all his info, hunting license, deer tag everything was ok except the deer tag had not been validated. Mike didn't know that when he passed the officer on the highway and didn't stop to have him validate his tag he had done something wrong. Mike came back to camp and told us the rest of the story and wanted to know when the next IBEP class was in his area. He knew he had to get his buck tag validated but he didn't know he had to do it as soon as he recognized a qualified person. This is the reason I teach, so many hunters think they know all the rules but in reality they don't. Education is the key; Hunter Ed and Bowhunter Ed (IBEP) are the tools we use to educate the unknowing hunters or bowhunters of the safe and correct ways to hunt. I would like to thank all the HEI's that listened to Capt. Griffith's call to become an IBEP instructor this year. Your presence is desperately needed to teach the growing numbers of bowhunters here in California. Hunters like Mike, the youth and all the first time bowhunter will appreciate your help. If any of the new instructors have any questions or need more info please feel free to call or e-mail me: John Waddles, HEI/IBEP Instructor IBEP CBH State IBEP Chairman

The IBEP class talks about shooting within your effective range. IBEP does not approve shots over 40 yards for deer. In the IBEP class we recommend not displaying harvested game in your vehicle. This year California Fish and Game authorized HEI instructors to validate tags on harvested animals. Hunters and HEI instructors can learn from this article. Every hunter needs to review regulations for the area and state before they hunt to avoid problem with the law. More information is contained in CBA/SAA news letters at www.CBASSA.net.

Calendar of Events 2011/2012

Date	Activity	Location
Oct 18	PSE Day at Predator Archery	Predator Archery
Oct 23	Boo Shoot 3D unmarked	Bowhunters Unlimited
Nov 19	Turkey Shoot 3D unmarked	Bowhunters Unlimited
Nov 20	Redwood Bowmen Turkey Shoot	Redwood Bowmen
Jan 8 2012	CBH/SAA Indoor 450 round	Jim Cox Adventures
Dec 11 2011	Regional 450 Indoor	Predator Archery
Dec 17 2011	Predator/MMB Christmas Party	Predator Archery
Jan 14 2012	CBH/SAA Indoor 450 round	Santa Cruz Archers
Jan 15 2012	CBH/SAA Indoor 450 round	Predator Archery

For additional information check the following web sites: CBH: www.CBASAA.net , NFAA: www.nfaa-archery.org or contact Predator Archery (408-842-7733)

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