



## **Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER**

**Winter 2012**

### **Presidents Message**

The biggest news affecting the club is temporary closure of our range at Mt. Madonna caused by the need to remove about 90 Tan Oak trees infected by Sudden Oak Death Disease. The park supervisor thinks the range will reopen in March. Other archery activities continue with completion of the regional state indoor 450 rounds. The California Bowhunter Association (CBH/SAA) held their annual meeting in January and I will update you on this meeting.

**It is time to renew your membership and receive a 2012 parking pass contact Curtis at Predator's.**

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### **Range Status/Activities**

The big news is the closure of most of Mt. Madonna County Park including the archery range because of danger of falling Tan Oak Trees caused by Sudden Oak Death disease. Ninety diseased trees have been identified on the range and a total of about 950 diseased trees have been identified in the park. Tree removal is in progress and we have been told by park management that the archery range tree removal should be completed in March. Currently the only activities allowed in the park are camping in part of one of one camp grounds and hiking and horse back riding on the Equestrian trails. One of the equestrian trail (Iron Springs trail) goes through the lower part of the archery range. If this problem had to happen this is the best time of year to shut down the range. If you want to shoot at an archery range try Black Mountain. This is a public range in the Santa Clara County Park system located in south San Jose near Bernal and Santa Tressa road. Rich Sandkuhle

### **Club Shoot Participation**

Because of range closure club shoots will have to be done at other sites. We will keep you posted where these shoots will take place. Rich Sandkuhle

## **Bug Shoot**

Current Bug Shoot activity consists of getting bug targets reworked and ready for July. The Bug Shoot has been placed on the CBH/SAA calendar and we will be generating flyers and further advertisement in the near future. Rich Sandkuhle

## **CBH/SAA**

I attend the CBH/SAA annual meeting in Stockton with Jimmy Martinez this month. Several CBH members and friends were inducted into the CBH Hall of Fame. NFAA petitions to change rules for different NFAA certified shoots were addressed. One petition in particular talked about eliminating the rule for maximum arrow speed. We agree not to support this petition because of safety issues. We did not approve a petition to add an additional point for hitting the X in the center of the bulls eye on Hunter and Field round targets. A petition to add a long bow class to NFAA events and CBH events was passed. Now the CBH NFAA Director will take our inputs to the NFAA meeting where all states will vote implementation of these changes.

Mission Trails Bowhunter Association donated one thousand dollars each to both the Legal Defense Fund and the California Archery Foundation (CAF). There was a discussion regarding funds to protect archery and the fact that CBH/SAA did not have a big bank account set up for this activity. If we have problem with protecting archery in California we were told that archery manufacturers will jump in with support to fight for the privilege to protect archery in the state. The CAF funds many outreach activities that include scholarships for instructor programs, hunter safety, equipment, and archery camps. The CAF is also responsible for administering the Range Fund which makes funds available to clubs for worthwhile projects.

Johnny Waddles discussed the move by California Department of Fish and Game to one day requiring the IBEP archery hunter education class for archery hunters. It appears the only limiting issue before implementing this requirement is training enough IBEP certified instructors and determining who has to get certified. It looks like a grandfather clause is one option. Archery Hunter Education would be required for new bow hunters. Stay tuned, time will tell how this training is implemented. Rich Sandkuhle

## **Bow Hunter Education**

Featured this month in the CBH newsletter IBEP Hunt Gallery is Jeanine; she took a beautiful 6X6 bull elk in central Montana. After Jeanine's successful hunt she was eager to tell me how much of her success was owed to the Bow Hunter Education class she took. So we sat down together and she told me her story. "After five years of being unsuccessful in this sport I needed a different approach" My first five years were spent with the same hunting partner and a few hunts accompanied by his friends. I read books, watched videos and watched other people harvest animals. Why not me? Something had to change. "I took the IBEP bowhunting class and things finally came together for me. I have harvested two deer and an elk since the class two years ago. I learned safety, for example, not walking around the woods with an arrow nocked and a broadhead on it. That might be a no brainer for some, but for this enthusiastic beginner it just wasn't. That has changed. I also learn about being courteous to other hunters

including not interfering with the blood trail of their kill as well as how to follow my own. I don't remember it ever occurring to me that shadows and variations in topography would change how you perceive a shot, but in class we practiced such a scenario. These are just a few of the things I learned. "My class was a two day course and it needed to be, at least for me because having only hunted for five years and mostly with one person limited my knowledge base. I just wish I had paid more attention to the fact that you needed to have your tag signed by a qualified person. After my second deer I certainly do know now. Learning about shot placement with the hands on practical experience was the most helpful thing I learn and I used it well in the taking of my elk. As an Instructor I know everyone can't shoot a nice elk like Jeanine's but everyone can improve their knowledge and hunting skills and be just as successful as Jeanine. So find yourself an IBEP course near you and get educated on the sport of Bowhunting. John Waddles IBEP Chairman for California

I have found that it is not uncommon for new hunters excited about harvesting their first animals to fail to immediately complete tagging requirements after harvesting an animal. Do your self a favor and keep the F&G wardens off your back by completing the correct tagging procedure immediately after harvesting your animal. If you hunt review the regulations yearly to make sure you are up to speed on the latest requirements.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary CBH-SAA State Broadhead Championship is May 26-27 2012 at Tehon Ranch. The shoot is hosted by CBH/SAA Big Game Club, Broken Arrow Bowhunters and Tejon Ranch. This is the best Broadhead shoot in the state. If interested further information is available from Craig Fritz (310) 998-7299 or email [Wakmaster1@yahoo.com](mailto:Wakmaster1@yahoo.com). There is a drawing (tickets are \$10 each) where every 10<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn wins \$100. 250 tickets will be sold and the 249<sup>th</sup> ticket wins \$500. The 250<sup>th</sup> ticket wins \$10,000. A special second chance drawing for all non-winning tickets will award three prizes of \$250 each. For further details contact Rich Sandkuhle

### **MTBA shoots**

The regional shooting schedule has been set for 2012. The schedule is included in the calendar of events on the next page for 2012.

## Calendar of Events 2012

Date	Activity	Location
Mar 10	Mud & Muck 28 target 3D shoot	Bowhunter unlimited
Mar 11	Regional Indoor 300 round	Predator Archery
3/11	Cabin Fever 42 unmarked 3d's	Redding
March 24	Cartoon Classic 40 target 2 arrow shoot	Lodi Bowmen
March 25	Cartoon Classic 20 target 2 arrow shoot	Lodi Bowmen
April 28/29	Safari 60 market yardage target	Fresno
May 4-5	Western Classic Trail & National Marked 3D	Redding
May 20	Regional 3D unmarked	Black Mountain
June 10	State Hunter/Field Round	Mt. Madonna
Aug 26	Regional 900 round	Black Mountain
Oct 14	Regional Hunter/Field Round	Kings Mountain

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

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