



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

Presidents Message

The archery range is scheduled to reopen by Memorial Day based on input from the Mt. Madonna County Park Supervisor. This is good news and we are making plans to host the State Hunter/Field Round June 10th and the Bug Shoot in July. The challenge will be to make sure the range ready for these shoots with the current closure.

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

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Mount Madonna Bowmen officer change

Karen Stewart has agreed to become our club secretary taking over from Kay Gardner. Ken and Kay Gardner will continue managing the targets on the range as they have for many years. I want to welcome Karen as the new secretary and thank Kay for her help in keeping records of the club meetings. Rich Sandkuhle

Range Status/Activities

Many of you are waiting for the range to open up for archery once the diseased Tan Oaks are removed. The county park supervisor feels pretty confident that this will happen by the end of May. In the meantime we have received permission to inspect the range to see what maintenance needs to be completed before the State Hunter/Field and the Bug Shoot. We will walk the range in the next week to assess range status. I think we will find that routine maintenance is all that is necessary. We will keep our finger crossed that just some routine maintenance is required.. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

We had a club shoot with a big turn-out at Black Mountain in March. We shot 28 targets then cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Our next club shoot is April 29th at Black Mountain with the same venue. These club shoots are lots of fun and I am impressed with the number of archers who participate in these shoots. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

We are still waiting for our target repair guy to come pick up the Bug targets. This should happen in the next week. Bug flyers have been printed. We plan on handing out a bunch of flyers at Redding and other shoots our members participate in. Monthly club officer meeting will focus on completing key action items needed to make the Bug Shoot a success. We have a list of action items generated from previous Bug Shoots to work off of. Rich Sandkuhle

3D Spring Shoots

Details are still being worked but it looks at this time like we will not be having 3D shoots at Mt. Madonna this spring. Shoots are scheduled for Black Mountain every Wednesday nights, Saturdays at Santa Cruz and Saturdays at Salinas. Check with Predator Archery for details when these shoots will take place. Rich Sandkuhle

CBH/SAA News

Jason Rhine, from California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA), gave us a rundown on what COHA has been doing and what they will be doing this year. One of the things he reminded us about is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). They are searching for the most vulnerable hunting seasons to eliminate. Can you guess what three groups they are currently looking at...? Dove Season, Bear Season and... Archery Season!! They will be doing their best to eliminate our seasons by tugging the emotions of the voters that: (1) don't hunt but believe in the philosophy and (2) don't care one way or another about our sport. These two groups equal 80% of the voters. If HSUS turns them around, we loose. So we must be proactive not just reactive. The future, sooner or later, will not be nice to us so we have to be prepared. Mission Trail Bowhunters Association (MTBA) is leading the way in Fundraising as they made a financial commitment to the CBH/SAA legal defense fund. Also they are challenging all the other regions and clubs in the state to match their donations. Watch for the challenge. Wayne Raupe from March CBH/SAA News letter

Archery Fishing

California Roach, Chub, Tilapia, Squawfish and various bait fishes that have escaped into our fishing waters. What do all these fish have in common and why should we want to know this? Number one is that these trash fish adversely affect game fish. Either by food completion or muddy water that makes egg-hatching percentage goes down or the completion for spawning ground. They are plentiful and in almost every water body and stream especially carp in the San Joaquin Valley. CBH is putting on a Carp and Gold Fish Jamboree June 2, 2012 in the Los Banos area and this is a low-key event that youth should enjoy. Just getting out on your bicycle and riding the dirt roads along the canals and into the duck ponds is an adventure. The place is loaded with wild birds,

fish and small animals and boat or bicycle is the best way to fish the area. Having a bunch of scouts along to spot the carp as they rise to the top of the water will help your chance of finding a big fish. What do you do with a dead carp? I will not tell you to eat fish from muddy water although carp or goldfish that come from clean water are eaten all the time. The trick of it is to bleed your carp immediately and clean it and put on ice until you are ready to cook it. Put fish under hot water for several minute and peel the hide off. Cook in melted beef suet until crisp, which dissolves the forked bones (suet melts at higher heat than pork fat). Back East they serve free fish at Happy Hour and they use Buffalo Carp for the fish. So what do you do with the dead Carp? You plant them under your mother-in-laws rose bushes and with prettier flowers she will be happy and your wife will let you go fishing (with the kids) more often. We call this a win- win – win situation. See you June 2, 2012 across the road from O'Neal fore bay. If you go don't forget you polarized sun glasses. Check the CBH/SAA news letters for more details at www.CBH/SAA.net. Burt Malech from CBH/SAA March Newsletter.

Hunting Regulations

The mammal regulations for this hunting season shouldn't see any drastic changes. DFG presented to the FGC only quota changes as necessary following herd counts and surveys. DFG is in the process of updating certain management plans for Big Game so until those are completed only minor changes should take place. DFG will have 4 raffle drawing tags available for this year; one tag for Deer, one for Elk, one for Antelope (new) and one for Sheep (new). The Legislative Committee continues to work with DFG on possible new hunt proposals. We look forward to the completion of the updated management plans so when we make proposals it has current science backing. Of course this all hinges on what the Legislature and Governor does with the Strategic Vision recommendations of FGC and DFG. Roger Moore CBH/SAA Legislative Coordinator

State Broadhead Shoot

The 50th 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.

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 |
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| April 14 | Bounty Hunt | Madera |
| April 15 | Island Shoot 28 3D targets | Salinas |
| April 28/29 | Safari 60 marked yardage target | Fresno |
| May 4-5 | Western Classic Trail & National Marked 3D | Redding |
| May 5-6 | Tilapia Shoot | Palo Verde Calif. |
| May 20 | Regional 3D unmarked | Black Mountain |
| June 3 | 3D in the Redwoods | Santa Cruz |
| June 10 | State Hunter/Field Round | Mt. Madonna |
| July 15 | Bug Shoot | Mt. Madonna |
| June 17 | 3D in the Redwoods | Kings Mountain |
| 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 , NFAA: www.nfaa-archery.org or contact Predator Archery (408-842-7733)

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