



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Summer 2012

Presidents Message

The good news is tree removal on the archery range is completed and the range is open to archery. Completion of the work was not in time to hold this year's State Hunter/Field round, which was moved to Kings Mountain. We are full speed ahead to host another great Bug Shoot on July 15th. Work has started to get ready for the Bug Shoot. Almost six months has passed since we last used the range and we have a little work to do to get the range back in shape after tree removal and lack of use for five months.

You can renew your membership and receive a 2012 parking pass by contacting Curtis at Predator's.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would like to have it emailed to you please contact me by email: rsandkuhle@charter.net.

Mount Madonna Bowmen Web site

Karen Stewart has been given access to update the Mount Madonna Bowmen Web site at <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/>. This will assure that current information regarding the club and our activities is on the web site for all to see. If there's anything you'd like to see on the website, please drop an email to Karen at ksstewart@gmail.com.

Range Status/Activities

Based on a walk-through of the range we found all targets withstood the mild winter and target bale integrity is acceptable. The picnic area and the area that contains targets 29 to 42 had about 80 Tan Oak trees removed to eliminate a safety problem from the possibility of these trees falling on archers. We now have to go in and reset shooting positions on several of the affected targets. The trail from target 41 to 42 was destroyed by a large Tan Oak. The picnic area had major tree removal including stumps. We will need to rake the picnic area to level out some of the residual ground up stump material. We have assessed the work that needs to be done including target bale replacement, trail cleaning, shooting position repair, parking lot mowing and trimming of vegetation to clear trails and target shooting lanes. One work party has completed replacing shot out target bales on the practice range, replacing a roof on target 23

and adjusting a bale with a family of mice living behind the target bulls-eye on target 17. This work was completed by a work party June 23 that consisted of: Bob and Ian Buie, Ken and Kay Gardner, Curtis Campisi, Mike Pierce, Pat Knowles, and Bob Nickolson. Their help was greatly appreciated. The next work party is on July 1st. We have fifteen Monterey Conservation Corp people coming who will clean trails, repair shooting positions, clear overgrown vegetation and clean up the picnic area in preparation for the Bug Shoot. These CCC people have worked on the Black Mountain range with good results. Rich Sandkuhle

Club Shoot Participation

We continued to have club shoots at Black Mountain with good attendance. The club shoot for July will be at Mt. Madonna on Sunday July 8th. This is kind of a celebration of reopening of the range and hopefully we will have most of the range work done in preparation for the Bug Shoot. If you are interested in attending the club shoot please contact Predator's at 408-842-7733 as we need to get an idea of the number of archers attending so we can plan lunch needs. We are requesting a \$5.00 donation from archers for food at the club shoot. Rich Sandkuhle

Bug Shoot

We are looking for Bug Shoot workers for setup on Saturday, help running the Bug Shoot on Sunday and workers to take down targets and clean up picnic area after the shoot on Sunday. Final trail grooming for the Bug Shoot will happen before July 13th. We may be asking for help from club members. If you'd like to attend a Bug Shoot planning meeting, the next one will be held at Predator's on July 5th at 6:00pm.

Repaired Bug Shoot targets are scheduled to be delivered in a week. The delay is due to cold weather in Redding where the repair facility is located. Cold weather affects the way the target repair foam sets-up. We will figure out a way to complete repainting of Bug target spots when the targets arrive. Other items for the Bug Shoot are identified and ordered.

Curtis has requested that we expand the Bug Shoot score board as last year's turn-out was so large that we ran out of space on the score board.

Tents have been ordered to shade picnic tables since we lost much of the shade in the picnic area due to tree removal.

Rich Sandkuhle

CBH/SAA News

Here is a message from CBH/SAA President Wayne Raupe in the June CBH/SAA news letter: I have "Officially" been the President of CBH/SAA for less than 30 days and it seems like I have been there for the last year and a half. Transitioning from the Legislative Coordinator (LC) to the president is like.... no change. The jobs entail being vigilant of all things that help the organization and our sport but most importantly that which adversely impacts us. Both offices must act accordingly and address the situation at hand. Both have to be politically correct (PC) at times. However, when assigned the responsibility of representing "ALL" archers in California, we sometimes have to abandon the PC approach and instead we must be very assertive and forthright when confronting the challenger head on. Our job is to stop all assaults on our sport and heritage, whenever and wherever it occurs, making sure CBH/SAA remains a health and growing organization. During the past 14 months I have been doing just that. Then, four days after my official Presidency began, I along with approximately 100 other sportsmen,

sportswomen and Outdoors Groups, spoke on behalf of the Fish and Game Commission (F&GC) President, Daniel Richards. This was one of those times when being PC went by the wayside and we had to speak the truth but speak with conviction. Because the sportsmen and sportswomen rallied to oppose a radical agenda we were able to stop the assault. However, this was just the 1st phase of Assemblymen Hueso's plan as he is now trying to introduce changes in the F&GC so that there is a greater chance that a pro-hunter Commissioner will never be President of the Commission. This would happen as soon as the Commission was made up of a majority of Anti-Hunters. Additionally, Hueso is also sponsoring a bill to establish "Conflict of Interest" language that would allow the removal of the Commission President and or Commissioner at the whim of the anti-hunting radical legislators. The "Conflict of Interest" could be as simple as a member of the Commission participating in some sort of hunting activity. So, in his 2nd phase, we must stop Hueso's attack and then we must establish our own guidelines for the F&G through our own legislation as soon as possible. With your help we can get this done. Please keep abreast of the current issues by going to our web-site and look for the Legislative section where Robert Moore, Legislative Coordinator, and his team provide updates and information for you. We are doing our best to provide you with the links to your legislators and in some cases provide you with a letter to modify when we need you to send a letter. We need you to do your part in making your voice heard so please stay current and alert. Speaking of staying alert, Bret Scott, from Riverside, saw an alert referencing SB-1221, on one of his favorite websites that will prohibit the use of dogs for hunting bear or bobcat. That bill is sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Bret started shot gunning everyone on his e-mail list which included me. Thanks to him Robert and I got the information and started getting the word out to our members. The alert has the e-mail address of the two Senators who introduced the bill and also it has links to your local legislators. If you have not received this informative e-mail contact Robert or me so we can get it to you. We need your help to stop this bill so please go to the web-site and e-mail as many legislators as you can and let them know you want this bill defeated. Also, please, if you see something or hear something that we should know about don't hesitate to notify us. Don't assume we already know about it. Robert Moore, Pam Severtson and I are compiling a list of e-mail addresses from, you, our members, so that when issues come up where we need an immediate response from you we can get it. We currently have most of your e-mail addresses but we don't want to use them without getting your approval first. I assure you that this list will only be used for important notifications, no jokes, chain letters or such. So, I am asking you to take a few minutes to register on the Legislative web page or to: legalerts@cbhsaa.net, or send Pam <mpsevertson@frontiernet.net> and/or me <wraupe@sbcglobal.net> an e-mail giving us approval to send alerts. It is vital to your rights as a target archer, a hunter, an angler, a falconer... it makes no difference what you love doing... extremists are trying to take that right away from you. On a lighter note... the archery tournament season is in full swing and turkey season will start in two days, March 31st. I wish you all successful in the competition and also in the pursuit of that wily ol' tom turkey. Until next time... May the path to your goals and happiness be like the flight of the enchanted loosed arrow...a thing of beauty. Wayne Raupe

There are many issues affecting archery in California. I highly recommend that all members of Mt. Madonna Bowmen seriously think about joining CBH/SAA.

Calendar of Events 2012

Date	Activity	Location
July 15	Bug Shoot	Mt. Madonnaa
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](tel:408-842-7733))

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