



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

Presidents Message

The good news is the range remains open with few falling trees. We closed the main parking lot at the range and hosted the state 900 round attended by 35 archers. We still have some work to complete on targets 29 through 42 to reestablish a couple of shooting positions that were damaged when the Tan Oaks were removed. It is nice to have the Mount Madonna Range back and being used. We will be making some changes to newsletter distribution in 2013. The 2013 parking passes are available at Predator's Archery and we got the passes before the end of the year, a first.

Membership Renewal

Club members, the 2013 range parking passes are available at Predator's.

If you still need to renew your membership here's how to get that done before the February 1st deadline:

1. Go to the MMB website at: <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/membership.shtml> and print a copy of the renewal form.
2. Complete the form with current information (including your email address for club correspondence) and submit the \$40 renewal fee one of these ways:
 - Mail (check, credit card): Mt. Madonna Bowmen, P.O. Box 1622, Gilroy, CA 95020
 - Drop off (cash, check, credit card): Predator's Archery, 7350 Monterey Rd, Gilroy, CA
 - Scan and email (credit card) the form to ksstewart@gmail.com

Note: If you will be mailing or emailing your form and paying by credit card please be sure to provide a phone number on your form to call for the credit card information.

Range Status/Activities

The range is getting typical use for this time of year. Several members have shot the range and identified work that is not urgent but needs to be completed. Several trees fell along archery range trails and have been cleared by MM County Park Maintenance workers. We have generated a list of items that need to be completed to improve use of the range. These items are documented in the monthly club meeting minutes.
Rich Sandkuhle

The Bug Shoot is Coming!

Even though there's still a chill in the air and there's not much thought given to the hot summer months still seemingly a long time to come, we are already starting preparations for the 2013 Bug Shoot scheduled for July 21st. Last year the bug shoot attracted 255 archers from far and wide. That was an impressive turn-out considering the range was closed for nearly 6 months and reopening just one month prior to the shoot. This year we expect to host well over 325 archers.

This year, our concern is the replacement and repair of the unique targets used for this shoot. We've received word that our source for new targets and target repairs is up for sale so we are working to find a new source.

Otherwise, we are currently working on a thorough inventory of targets and supplies left over from last year's shoot as well and developing the list of over 100 items and tasks that need to be acquired and taken care of to make the 2013 Bug Shoot another successful shoot for Mt. Madonna Bowmen.

If you missed the article published in the CBH/SAA newsletter about the 2012 Bug Shoot, we encourage you to check it out. You can find it on page 5 of the September 2012 edition here: <http://www.cbhsaa.net/news.html>
Karen Stewart/Rich Sandkuhle

Mt. Madonna Bowmen Club Members Bring Home the Medals from Argentina

In late October, four Mt. Madonna Bowmen club members participated in the IFAA World Field Archery Championships (WFAC) in Miramar, Argentina. In all, nearly 200 archers from approximately 20 countries around the world participated in the 5-day field/hunter/animal style tournament.

The participating club members were: Curtis Campisi, Mike Pierce, Karen Stewart, and Karen Keating. In this group alone, 5 medals were brought home including the Silver Medals won by Mike Pierce and Karen Keating as part of the U.S. Team of Nations.

There were 11 California participants, most all from the local South Bay area. They were: Doug Scott (Redwood Bowmen), Curtis Campisi (Mt. Madonna Bowmen), Karen Stewart (Mt. Madonna Bowmen), Alan Eagleton (Kings Mountain Archers), Ben Armentrout (Black Mountain Bowmen), Mike Pierce (Mt. Madonna Bowmen), Julie Robinson (Pasadena Roving Archers), Kelly Eagleton (Kings Mountain Archers), Karen Keating (Mt. Madonna Bowmen/Black Mountain Bowmen), Dawnel Scott (Redwood Bowmen), and Karl Ball. Of these 11 participants, 7 took medals in their class.

The IFAA WFAC tournament is held every 2 years rotating between participating countries. The next WFAC tournament in 2014 comes back to the U.S. and is currently scheduled to be held in Yankton, South Dakota. The WFAC rules are very similar to the NFAA rules for the field/hunter/animal style tournaments, so it's very easy to adapt.

To see the results and pictures from WFAC 2012 and to learn more about IFAA tournaments, visit the IFAA webpage at <http://www.ifaa-archery.org>. Karen Stewart

IFAA World Indoor Archery 2013 Mail Match at Predator's Archery

The WIAMM is a world event to promote archery for all and consists of three Indoor rounds shot each month between January and March. To learn more about this tournament, divisions, equipment/styles, and how to register, call Mike Pierce at Predator's Archery at 408-842-7733. The first score AND registration is due no later than January 31, 2013. Karen Stewart

Mt. Madonna Archery Range Guides Needed

The MMB membership has increased exponentially in the past few months so in an effort to get new members familiar with the range, I'm looking for people to assist with hosting range orientation gatherings to guide new members and interested general users through the different parts of the range teaching them how to safely navigate and shoot the range, explain the different target types, where to shoot from, and how to score the different courses, etc. If you're interested in assisting with this, please email Karen at ksstewart@gmail.com.

Please note that these classes are intended to teach club members and the general public about the Mt. Madonna Range and shooting outdoor ranges in general. Anyone needing lessons in how to shoot their bow should contact Predator's Archery at [408-842-7733](tel:408-842-7733).

Karen Stewart

Beware Electronics and Bowhunting

Archery hunters need to be aware regarding use of electronics on hunts. These electronic devices may violate hunting regulations, and disqualify harvested animals due to violation P&Y or the CBH/SAA BGC Rules Of Fair Chase. The following are examples of electronic devices used by an archer that could cause hunting violation or disqualification of a trophy animal.

- Lighted sights (fiber optic sights ARE okay)
- Electronic calls and recordings
- Cell phones and walkie-talkies (when used to guide another hunter to an animal)
- Electronic feeders
- Bow-mounted cameras
- Night vision scopes/binocular
- Lighted nocks*

* In the case of lighted nocks, there is actually a legal alternative by use of a plastic vane that features fiber optics that can be seen from the back of the arrow. These vanes add extra weight to the arrow

Mount Madonna Bowmen Web site

A reminder that current information about club activities is regularly updated on the Mt. Madonna Bowmen website at: <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com> and the Mt. Madonna Bowmen Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mt-Madonna-Bowmen/451919288172852>. Be sure to visit on a regular basis to ensure you're kept up-to-date on any range issues, club shoots, meetings, and other local area shoots. Email the club's webmaster, Karen Stewart at ksstewart@gmail.com if there's anything you'd like to see online.
Karen Stewart

Upcoming Events

Sat Jan 19 - Bowhunters Unlimited - Camo Breakfast Shoot
Sun Jan 20 - San Francisco Archers - Cabin Fever Shoot
Sat Mar 9 - Bowhunters Unlimited - Al Hartford Mud & Muck Shoot
Sun Mar 31 - Yahi Bowmen - Spring Fling
Sat Apr 20 - Bowhunters Unlimited - Traditional Shoot
Sun Apr 21 - San Francisco Archers - Traditional Rendezvous

Be sure to check the hosting club's website and/or the CBH/SAA event calendar for changes.
CBH/SAA: www.CBHSA.net

These events and more can be found at:

CBH/SAA: www.CBHSA.net

Mt. Madonna Bowmen Events: <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/events.shtml>

Predator Archery Events: <http://www.predatorsarchery.com/events.shtml>

For additional information check the following web sites: Mt. Madonna Bowmen web site <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/>, CBH/SAA: www.CBHSA.net, NFAA: www.nfaa-archery.org or contact Predator Archery ([408-842-7733](tel:408-842-7733))