



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Spring seems to have arrived early. On March 15th we had a work party that cleaned trails and did some other range work. This is the earliest we have cleaned the trails since I have been a member of the club. Progress continues on the Web site and archers now can join or renew membership online without going to the archery store. A host of activities are ramping up with Saturday 3D shoots starting in May; State Field Round in June; and the annual Bug Shoot in July. Club Shoots have been well attended. We have also decided to send out the Newsletter via email and post it on the Web site. No more Snail Mail for the Newsletter. It looks like use of the range by visitors has noticeably increased.

MMB Website Updates

The club website is getting updated on a regular basis these days. We now have the capability to allow people to join or renew their membership online using PayPal to handle the credit card transactions. Past newsletters have been archived for interested archers on the "Newsletter" page. And finally, the Mt. Madonna Scoring maps are available on the "Information" page. We encourage all members to visit the MMB Website on a regular basis to keep up with the club and our activities. <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/> Suggestions and comments can be sent to the club's webmaster, Karen Stewart at mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com. Karen Stewart/Rich Sandkuhle

Range Status/Activities

The range is in the best shape I have seen it in for this early in the year. We had a work party on March 15th where five California Conservation Corps (CCC) guys worked with MMB members. The MMB workers were Kay and Ken Gardner, Bob Buie, Stan Elliot, Eddie Boyd, and Rich Sandkuhle. We were able to change out a couple of target bales, replace a target roof, install target numbers, and clean all the trails. You can now walk the trails without the fear of slipping on loose damp debris that accumulated over the winter. Mount Madonna County Park maintenance has also promised to install a permanent large barbeque to replace the portable barbeque we used in previous years for the Bug Shoot. There is still work to be done on the range to prepare for the State Field round in June and the Bug Shoot in July. Rich Sandkuhle

It takes a village to run a club

With spring in the air it means a lot more people visiting the range, members and non-members alike. It also means that the club's social calendar is going to get busy with the several upcoming shoots we're hosting. In order to keep our range in pristine condition, it takes the help of our members. The initial spring clean-up has already happened, so work parties will be scheduled prior to our shoots for last minute clean-up and repairs. Please be on the look-out for emails to announce these dates and times which will be scheduled closely to the club's hosted events listed below. If the scheduled work parties don't work with your schedule you can still help out when it fits your schedule. The task lists are reviewed at each club meeting OR you can contact Karen Stewart or Rich Sandkuhle to get information of what needs attention.

Club events that need your help:

- **Saturdays, alternating May 11th - June 29th** – we will host the 3D unmarked league on alternating Saturday's with Santa Cruz Archers. On our weeks, we will need setup assistance and registration help each morning the day of the shoot.
- **June 9th** - CBH State Field Tournament, we will need setup assistance the morning of the shoot.
- **July 21st** - The Bug Shoot. All hands should be on deck for the following: general preparation (starting in May); range clean-up (2-3 weeks prior); day-before setup; and day-of work. Contact either Karen Stewart or Rich Sandkuhle early to get your choice of work positions for the day-of and find out how to help with pre-shoot tasks.
- **August 18th** - The Zombie Shoot, we will need setup assistance the morning of the shoot.
- **August 25th** - Regional 900, we will need setup assistance the day before the shoot.

Please contact Rich Sandkuhle, President, rsandkuhle@charter.net or Karen Stewart, Secretary, ksstewart@gmail.com for more information about how you can help.

Bug Shoot Update

The good news is that CCC guys have told us they want to help out with setup and take down at the Bug Shoot. The next good news is that the guy who has repaired our targets in the past plans on staying in



business and will continue to repair our 3D and Bug Shoot targets. We still have a couple of outstanding action items including receipt of small foam targets from our supplier, and inventorying materials in the trailer from last year's Bug Shoot. Karen Stewart is compiling a list of action items that need to be accomplished to make the Bug Shoot a success. New for this year will be the capability for participants to pre-register online for the shoot. With everyone's help, we should have no problem getting the range ready for the Bug Shoot especially since the trails were cleaned in March. Rich Sandkuhle

Spring Shoot Schedule

There are a lot of activities being hosted at the range this spring. We'll be starting with 3D unmarked shoots on alternating **Saturdays starting in May. June 9th** is the CBH State Field Tournament, and getting into summer on **July 21st**, our big one, the Bug Shoot. Check out the event calendar on the MMB website at www.mountmadonnabowmen.com for other shoots in the local region. Rich Sandkuhle/Karen Stewart

Club Shoot Participation

The club shoots we have had since the last newsletter have been well attended. It has been helpful to have nice weather on Club Shoot Sunday. Club shoots will continue this spring and I look forward to seeing more archers at these events. Rich Sandkuhle

As a reminder, Club Shoot Sunday's are the 2nd Sunday of the month, free, and open to the public. If you've never shot a field round and would like to learn how to play the game, it's a good opportunity to meet up with experienced archers and learn. Keep an eye on the website for changes/cancellations and to find out if there's a BBQ to RSVP for.

IBEP Class

Experienced bow hunters, an International Bowhunter education program class has been scheduled for May 17 and 18th at the Santa Cruz Archery Range. This is a great class where experienced archers learn about key topics unique to archery hunting. Class room topics include discussions about conservation, hunting rules, shot placement, archery equipment, clothing, tents, survival, and first aid. Field exercises include review of each student's archery hunting equipment, game recovery (tracking), tree stand safety, shooting competency, and judging distance of an animals. This is a fun and informative class. This class is not currently required to archery hunt in California but is required in many other states. California Fish and Game, now Fish and Wildlife, may require all new archery hunter to complete this course to get an archery hunting license in the future and is certifying instructors to teach the course. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for additional details. Rich Sandkuhle



CBH/SAA Legislative News

The CBH/SAA Board of Governors (which is made up of your Regional Delegates and CBH/SAA Executive Officers, immediate Past President, and Legislative Coordinator) and Staff met at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Santa Ana for our Annual CBH/SAA Meeting and Big Game Banquet on January 25th through 27th, 2013. The weekend started off with meetings beginning at 10am on Friday and the last meeting ended at 2:30pm on Sunday. The Big Game Banquet was held on Saturday evening and was addressed by the 2nd VP of Hunting, Craig Fritz. NFAA and CBH/SAA petitions were discussed, passed or defeated and many discussions were held and a lot of operational business was conducted during this three day event. Details of the meeting are in the February 2013 CBH/SAA Newsletter (<http://www.cbhsaa.net/NEWS/02.2013.pdf>). Wayne Raupe President of CBH/ SAA

COHA Working Over 120 Bills in State Legislature

With the 2013 State Legislative Session now fully underway, COHA staff is currently working or tracking over 120 bills introduced at the State Capitol which could have a possible impact on wildlife conservation, your ability to hunt, and/or your right to purchase and possess sporting arms and munitions. Included in the massive stack is over 45 bills targeting gun control, as well as many others that would impact hunting or wildlife conservation. Check out the COHA web site: <http://www.outdoorheritage.org/legislative.php>
Rich Sandkuhle

Legislative Rep. Area 3

Well not a lot going on in our area right now. CBH is working on some archery only deer hunts and an archery pheasant season. I attended the CBH meeting and some changes are coming. Check the CBH web site for all the news on rule changes and Defense Fund projects.

On March 29th I attended the COHA (CA Outdoors Heritage Alliance) meeting in Sacramento; it was nice to see CBH, Rocky Mt. Elk, CA Mule Deer, CA Wild Sheep, Falcon Hunting Assn., Ducks UL, Girls with Guns and many other hunting groups. The meeting was a Town Hall setting with Fish and Wildlife. If you would like more info please give me call at 408-833-0163.

If you would like help the Defense Fund I'm selling CBH Hit Tags with a CBH logo on a 2x2 plastic card that goes on your quiver to show your support or can trade to other archers from other states. See you on the range. Eddie Boyd

Membership Update

Our club is growing exponentially this year! As of April 1st, MMB is comprised of 80 households. Approximately half of those are new memberships for 2013. To all new members, welcome to the family; to those who renewed, we're so glad to have you back!! Karen Stewart

Send us your stories!

With the introduction of club-wide e-newsletters, the MMB newsletter is no longer restricted with limitations to the length or number of articles we publish. With that in mind, we want to hear from you! Did you do great at a tournament? Bag quite the prize on your last hunt? Or have an archery adventure you're just itching to share? If so, send your story and pictures to Karen Stewart the club secretary/webmaster at mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com. We publish the newsletter quarterly so all stories are due the 2nd week of these months to get in that issue: January, April, July, and October. Karen Stewart



MMB Officers and Contacts

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Target Captains:	Ken and Kay Gardner	

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mt-Madonna-Bowmen/451919288172852>

About our National and State Archery Organizations

Mt. Madonna Bowmen officers recommend and encourage all its members to join our State (CBH/SAA) and National (NFAA) archery organizations. Below is a brief overview of each organization taken from the article "Field Archery in California" compiled by Pete Budding, Past President, CBH/SAA. We encourage everyone to read the full article to learn more about these organizations and their programs:

<http://www.cbhsaa.net/fieldarchery.pdf>

NFAA (National Field Archery Association)

www.nfaa-archery.org



The National Field Archery Association was founded in 1939, and now consists of fifty chartered state associations and more than 1,100 affiliated clubs. The NFAA is a member of the International Field Archery Association and a national allied organization of the National Archery Association (NAA). The NAA promotes target archery. i.e.: Olympic style archery.

The NFAA is dedicated to the conservation and preservation of game and its natural habitat. The organization is very active in cooperating with federal and state agencies and other sportsmen and conservation organizations. It is resolved to foster, perpetuate and preserve "the use of the bow in accordance with its ancient and honorable traditions".

CBH/SAA (California Bowhunters/State Archery Association)

www.cbhsaa.net



California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) was established in 1943. It was organized to promote, defend and champion the causes of both target and hunting archers throughout the State of California. The main purpose was to promote the practice of field archery, to encourage use of bow and arrow in

hunting all legal game, promote conservation and sound management of all California fish and wildlife and to unify all local and regional organizations in California into one strong association.

CBH/SAA now consists of 11 regions and about 40 archery clubs in California.

Joining CBH/SAA and NFAA

To join CBH/SAA and NFAA complete the form on the CBH/SAA website here:

<http://www.cbhsaa.net/CBH%20NFAA%20appl.pdf>. Make your check payable to NFAA and mail it to NFAA (address is on the form). Being a member of NFAA/CBH/SAA allows you to compete in ALL State and National Championship Tournaments including the upcoming NFAA Marked 3-D National Championship in Redding, CA in May; State Field Tournament at Mt. Madonna on June 19th; and the NFAA Outdoor National Championship in Darrington, WA in July.

California's International Bowhunter Education Program

A Comprehensive Course for Bowhunters

WHEN: May 17 From 6 - 10 PM & May 18th From 8AM - 4PM

WHERE: Santa Cruz Archers

141 Brookwood Drive,

Santa Cruz, CA 95062

COST: \$25.00 for course and student package.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: Gary Brennan 831-421-2450

To sign up, go to the following CA DFW Schedule page at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/classes-bow-hunting.aspx>

Directions to the range can be found at: <http://santacruzarchers.com>

Instructors: Gary Brennan, Rich Sandkuhle, & Bob Cabral.

Course lesson plan includes:

1. SO YOU WANT TO BE A BOWHUNTER
2. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A BOWHUNTER
3. BEFORE YOU HUNT
4. WHEN TO SHOOT, WHERE TO AIM
5. THE HUNT
6. WHAT IF...?
7. FIELD EXPERIENCES--- equipment inspections, shooting, scents, blood trailing & game recovery, tree stand use, map & compass use and simulated arrow injury treatment.
8. COURSE COMPLETION. Test, certificate, and patch.