



Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Having below normal rainfall to date we have seen increased use of the archery range, especially on weekends. The club shoot in February had a good turnout. There is work that needs to be done on the range. New target bales are on order and are expected in April and we have about 16 bales that need replacing. Bug shoot targets have been repaired and returned a couple of months ahead of schedule, based on previous year deliveries. Target 37 was destroyed by a falling tree. Shoots this spring include a Hunter/Field league organized by Karen Stewart that will occur from April through September, and the MTBA unmarked 3 D shoot at Kings Mountain April 13th. Information on these shoots is available on the Mt. Madonna Bowmen web site at www.mountmadonnabowmen.com. We

will also be having several work parties to install target bales and make range improvements.

Range Status/Activities

Minor range work was performed this last quarter. Loose target bales were secured on the practice range. Target 37 was destroyed by a couple of falling trees. Down trees were quickly removed by the park maintenance workers. We now need to go in and replace target 37. Thirty five new bales have been ordered from Pacific Bow Butts and we have identified 16 targets that need at least one new bale. California Conservation Corp. (CCC) supervisor has been in contact with me asking when we want their people to work. Surprisingly, the targets are still having minimal arrow pass through. When the bales arrive we will have a work party with CCC people to install new bales. Another work party will try to fix target shooting positions where we have congestion during the Bug Shoot and we have some trail repairs that are needed. The park's new Maintenance Supervisor is Jason Ebing. Jason has been very quick to help us out when we need him.

Bug Shoot Update



Preparation is moving nicely for Bug Shoot July 20th, 2014. Bug targets have been repaired and returned by Raglin 3D from his ranch in Red Bluff California. Typically repaired targets return in late May. The targets really look great. Next we need to open up some of the shooting lanes hoping to get Bug Shoot archers through bottle neck targets quicker. Another change we are enforcing for the Bug Shoot this year is not allowing club members to shoot the Bug Shoot and still request all club members help out in making the shoot run smoother the day of the shoot. Be on the lookout for assignment sign-ups coming in June.

MTBA Regional Shoots

Mission Trails Bowhunters Association (MTBA) has scheduled the following regional shoots for 2014. The MTBA region includes the following archery clubs: Black Mountain Bowmen (BMB), Bow Hunters Unlimited (BHU), King's Mountain Archers (KMA), Mount Madonna Bowmen (MMB), Salinas Bowmen, and Santa Cruz Archers (SCA). Members of these clubs are invited and encouraged to attend the Regional events. Links to the respective clubs website for driving directions is found on the Helpful Links page on the MMB website (<http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/helpful-archery-links.shtml>)

Regional shoots for 2014:

4/13/2014	Unmarked 3D	King's Mountain Archers
8/24/2014	900 Round	Black Mountain Bowmen
10/12/2014	Field Round	Mount Madonna Bowmen
12/7/2014	450 Round	Predator's Archery

Club Shoots

The club shoots we have had since the last newsletter have been well attended. Club Shoot Sunday's are the 2nd Sunday of the month and we will generally have a club shoot at MMB except when there are Regional or State events held on the same day. With the start of the Field League in April, be on the lookout for "MMB League Bonus Point Shoot" on the calendar for April, June, and September. These are alternate Sunday's setup for league participants but we encourage all club members to attend!

Club Shoot Sunday's are the 2nd Sunday of the month, free, and open to the public. Keep an eye on the website for changes/cancellations and to find out if there's a BBQ to RSVP for.

Membership Update

Karen Stewart

As of April 1st, MMB is comprised of 82 households. To all new members, welcome to the MMB family!!

MMB Website Updates

Karen Stewart

We encourage all members to visit and bookmark the Mt. Madonna Bowmen website at: <http://www.mountmadonnabowmen.com/> and the Mt. Madonna Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mt-Madonna-Bowmen/451919288172852>. Both of these are updated on a regular basis to ensure that members have the current information regarding the club and our activities. If there's anything you'd like to see on the website, please drop an email to the club's webmaster, Karen Stewart at mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com.

Hunting News

Reprint

Columbus, OH - The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA), a national organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of hunters, anglers, and trappers, has opened an office in Sacramento, California. This office will serve as a western U.S. headquarters for USSA and play a significant role in protecting the deep-rooted outdoor heritage found in the Golden State. CBH/SAA plans to use this group to lobby for archery hunting in California.

Member Stories



Sue Bisbee's first Robin Hood. It was her 4th time ever on a range and she shot it on #23.

Send us your stories!

We want to hear from you! Did you do great at a tournament? Bag quite the prize on your last hunt? Or have an 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 by the 1st of these months to get in that issue: January, April, July, and October.



Reading an Archery Events Calendar

Karen Stewart

Spring is in the air and summer is right on its heels, what does that mean for archers? **OUTDOOR SEASON IS HERE!** Beginning in April you'll find that there are novelty shoots and outdoor leagues all over the region being held nearly every weekend. If you're new to tournament archery, some of the terminology for these different types of shoots may be a little confusing so hopefully this will clear it up.

Let's start with a few pieces of terminology and lingo you'll hear:

Novelty shoot - these are fun shoots and the most popular type of shoot on the calendar. These types of shoots generally do not count towards any State or National rankings and the hosting club generally can make their own rules.

Leagues - these are organized tournaments that are played over the course of several weeks or months.



Marked and Unmarked - these indicate whether or not the stake you're shooting from specifies the yardage. A marked tournament will have the yardage clearly indicated, an unmarked tournament will simply have a stake to shoot from and you need to guess the yardage.

1, 2, or 3 arrow shoots - this indicates how many arrows should be shot at the tournament. Outside of an official field round which uses 4 arrows for most targets, unmarked tournaments will generally be one arrow and marked tournaments are either two or three arrows depending on how many targets they have in the course.

3D and Paper - for leagues and novelty shoots you will either have targets that are 3D foam sculptures (usually animals or creatures of some sort) or paper targets, and sometimes both!



Field Archery - aka field round. Field Archery broadly indicates a shoot, tournament, or league that uses the NFAA black and white targets and the paper animal targets on a course such as Mt. Madonna. These tournaments have 3 different types of targets, a black and white ring for the "Field" round; an all black target with a white spot for the "Hunter" round; and various sized animals with a white or black dot for the "Animal" round. Each official NFAA course will have the same distance markers on their course, what makes it challenging from course to course is the terrain. There are a few documents on the MMB website with the rules and instructions on how to play an official field round. You can also learn by attending our Club Shoots on the 2nd Sunday of the month OR contacting the MMB Secretary and setting up a day to shoot the range with a fellow archer.



900 Round - also sometimes included in the term field archery is a 900 round. These tournaments are similar to Olympic style archery. The targets are generally large round FITA style targets that move closer for each round.



Traditional and Primitive - some clubs hold tournaments for only archers shooting traditional recurves, longbows, and other types of primitive equipment.

Now that we have that out of the way, how does it all come together? Here are a few examples:

MMB is holding a Outdoor Field League running April through September. This league is using the NFAA/CBH field archery rules and targets. This means that the targets that you'll normally find on the 3 courses at MMB are what you'll be shooting and scoring.

In April, the region that MMB belongs in will be holding the "MTBA Regional 3D" at King's Mountain Archers. This is an unmarked tournament where teams and individuals from the various clubs in the MTBA region will compete. This is a 1-arrow, 30 target course. Rangefinders are not allowed with this and most other unmarked tournaments.

Also in April, San Francisco Archers (SFA) will have their "Pacific Traditional Rendezvous" shoot. This is for those shooting traditional or primitive equipment.

In May, MMB will be hosting the CBH/SAA State Field Sectionals. This is a one-day tournament using the NFAA/CBH field archery rules and targets.

Beginning of May at Straight Arrow Bowhunters in Redding, CA is the Western Classic and NFAA Marked 3D Championship. Participants in this tournament can shoot just the novelty "Western Classic" shoot or they can do both the novelty AND compete in the national 3D Championship. This is a marked, 70-target, 2-arrow, 3-day tournament.

July is the MMB Bug Shoot. This is a 42 target, marked, 2-arrow, 3D novelty shoot. We bring out all the bug shaped targets for this shoot.

That should give you an idea of how to decipher each type of tournament. If there's any questions of what to expect from a specific tournament, don't hesitate to contact me at mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com

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