



## **Mt. MADONNA BOWMEN NEWSLETTER**

**Summer 2014**

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### **Presidents Message**

Activity level at the range has increased partly due to nice weather and also to a continually increased interest in archery. This spring we had four successful work parties to get the range ready for summer activities and the Bug Shoot. The State Field round was held at the range in June with good attendance. This year's Bug Shoot will take place July 20th. We are expecting a large turn-out for this event and all the help we can get from members of the club to work this event is needed.

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### **Range Status/Activities**

This spring we have had three large work parties and one small work party fixing trails, repairing targets, picking up garbage on the range, replacing bales, painting Bug Shoot targets and changing some shooting positions for the Bug Shoot. Trails were manicured with shovels and rakes and brush and tree limbs were trimmed. Major weed whacking was done along trails and shooting lanes to allow easy passage and unobstructed arrow flight. Many target roofs were shingled and in some cases new roofs were installed. In late May we finally received delivery of replacement target bales. Approximately twenty new bales were installed on the range and at the practice target to replace old bales. Part of the activities of the most recent work party focused



on expanding or moving shooting hubs for the Bug Shoot to allow several shooters to shoot at the same time, thus hopefully will reduce shooting bottle necks during the shoot. The work parties that did all this work consisted of three groups of 15 to 24 California Conservation Corp (CCC) workers and the following MMB members and friends: Peter and Tim Severeijns, Kay and Ken Gardner, Karen Keating, Karen Stewart, Stan Elliott and family, Curtis Campisi, Bob Buie, Julie Deaton, Pablo Alviar, Rick Everly, John Thompson, Mike Pierce, Rich and Heidi Sandkuhle, Laney and Susan Bisbee, Mario Vasquez, Pat Alcisto and 62 CCC workers. The work completed has greatly improved the range and I want to thank all the workers for a great job. Workers were rewarded by a wonderful lunch BBQ.

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## Bug Shoot Update



The good news is that CCC workers have committed to help out with setup and take down at the Bug Shoot. The next good news is our Bug Shoot targets were quickly repaired and returned by Raglin target repair. Consumable Bug Shoot targets have been received. As part of our most recent work party spots have been painted on all the new or repaired Bug targets.

We need ALL club member's help with running the shoot on July 20th and setup on July 19th. Because we need so many people to make the shoot run smoothly, we will no longer allow club members to shoot the Bug Shoot. In preparation for the Bug Shoot we will have meetings on July 3rd and July 17th at 6 PM at Predator's Archery. Also, we are looking for raffle donations. Contact Karen Stewart [mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com) if you have items for the raffle. Organizations who donate to the raffle will be recognized on the MMB web site and at the shoot. Any help is greatly appreciated.

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## Club Shoots

Club shoots continue to be well attended in months when we do not have another event scheduled like the State Field Round. These shoots usually include a post shoot BBQ and chance to relax with club members. This year's nice weather has resulted in more club shoots.

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.

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## Membership Update

As of July 1st, MMB is comprised of 89 households. To all new members, welcome to the family!!

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## Trophy Archery Hunter Note

*Rich Sandkuhle*

The Pope and Young Club (P&Y) has change their by-laws allowing standard lighted nocks and bow-mounted cameras to be used for harvesting game that goes into the P&Y record book.

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## 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.

## MMB Officers and Contacts

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

## What's involved in putting on a shoot with over 350 attendees?

*Karen Stewart*

Each year on the 3rd Sunday of July, MMB hosts the Bug Shoot. The Bug Shoot is the primary money-maker for the club. The money earned from the shoot supplements the membership fees to purchase insurance, targets, bales, tools, and supplies for keeping the range maintained, etc. Attendance has steadily increased over the past few years to 350+ attendees. For those who have not experienced the Bug Shoot, here's a general idea of what's involved in putting on a shoot of this size and why we need your help in July.

### Before the big day...

**Targets** - the larger targets in need of repair are sent off to Raglin 3D in Red Bluff in the fall just after the shoot. Some of the medium and smaller targets get scrapped and rebuilt. These targets come home in the spring and stored in the trailers. Then in late-June to early-July we pull them out to repaint the scoring spots and rings and mount the smaller ones on cardboard for hanging on the bales.

**Pre-registration** - approximately 500 flyers are printed, and distributed at many of the local shoots. The majority of these flyers are returned to us beginning early July. We also have pre-registration available online. Last year, we had approximately 75% of the attendees pre-register online which made things a little easier but there's still the manual processes of organizing t-shirts and meal tickets purchased, getting their sheet ready for the scoreboard, and doing target assignments regardless of their registration method.

**Range clean-up** - we have gotten many compliments for how pristine our range is for the shoot. A lot of the work is done by the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and the members who help out at the work parties that we hold starting in June.

**Logistics and Food** - there are 200+ items on the materials list just for this one shoot. Food alone includes 160 pounds of tri-tip, 400 pounds of ice, over 500 cans of soda, many pounds of vegetables, several gallons of ice cream for floats, not to mention several boxes of the chips and snacks. Thankfully, some of this is graciously donated by local businesses but either way much of it is picked up and stored by club members until shoot day.

**Raffle** - we ask the club members to donate items to be raffled in order to draw in more money versus taking club money to buy prizes. Last year we made close to \$1000 profit on the raffle alone and I'm hoping to beat that number this year.

## On Bug Shoot weekend (July 19th - 20th)...

**Friday and Saturday Setup** - A lot happens beginning on Friday with the porta-potties delivery and any major last minute range maintenance. Saturday kicks off with all 42 targets brought out of the trailers and put out on the range, tents in the picnic area are brought in and setup, non-perishable foods are brought up, and temporary directional and help signs are installed.

**On Sunday**, the whole place is buzzing beginning at 6:00am. Food is prepped, pre-registration and registration tables are setup and manned, cars are parked, and any final maintenance needed on the targets or range is done. Shoot participants will begin to arrive approximately 7:00am and it's a steady flow of people until the shoot starts at 9:00am. In addition to the main food and raffle stations in picnic area, we have 4 satellite stations that sell food, drink, and raffle tickets the entire day. There are "runners" taking food and snacks to the satellite stations as well as range monitors checking up on the targets and archers. At the end of the day, there's the scoreboard to update and awards to be passed out. And finally, the targets, tents, signs, and everything else that was brought up and setup needs to come down and get put away.

Whew, so how many people does it take to make all this come together? No less than 30-40 people are needed for both days on Bug Shoot Weekend to make everything go as smoothly as possible. Hopefully we can count on you to help. We have something everyone can do from manning a satellite station, helping with raffle, range monitors, helping at the scoreboards, and many other activities.

Contact Karen at [mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:mmbowmen.webmaster@gmail.com) or Rich at [rsandkuhle@charter.net](mailto:rsandkuhle@charter.net) to find out how you can help make this year's Bug Shoot the best ever.

