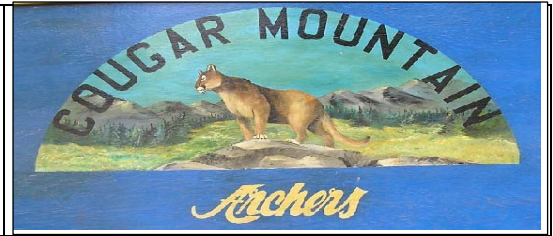


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CLUB MEETING:

Our next meeting will be October 6th, at 7PM at Mountain Mike's Pizza in the shopping center 1901 OroDam Blvd. in Oroville. Come enjoy some pizza or a salad and participate in your archery clubs business. We may hear some new hunting stories also.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Well, another archery season has come and gone and I've got tag soup (again). Hope some of the rest of you folks have had better luck. I got busted by a nice 3 X 3 at 10 yards. Our next club meeting will be on October 6th and its that time again to nominate officers for 2010. We've had the same folks as officers for quite some time and it would be appropriate to give some of these folks a break. If you are interested but not sure of the duties, please call me or the appropriate officer to discuss this. If you think someone else might be interested, possibly discuss it with them and encourage them to step forward.

Jim Clawson

UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES:

The youth archery club connected with the Marysville American Indian programs, are once again holding an archery shoot. This time it is also sponsored by the Butte County Historical Society, and will be held the morning of October 3rd at the Oroville High School Practice Field 2750 Mitchell Ave in Oroville. Practice starts at 8AM shoot 9 AM to Noon. This shoot has been given the Name "Erle Stanley Gardner Archery Tournament", and will include events based on mysteries of this famous archer who wrote many books we have all heard of and read. (For those who may not know he lived on Valley View Rd. in Paradise.) Shoot fee is only \$5 and it will benefit the Ishi Day's and our local Youth Archery who also are a CBH/NFAA organization.

It is Recurve, Longbow or Primitive equipment, and I am sure all are qualified to shoot the distances of 10 to 20 yards, without your release, compound and sights. (Editors Note) For further information phone Pat Bennett or Jim Graham 749-6196.

Continuing on with Indoor Archery through the winter months, the Yuba/Sutter Archery Association (youth club) are once again holding evening archery shooting on Mondays and Thursdays which already started September 14th. Youth sessions are free and operate 3PM to 4:30PM each afternoon. Evening sessions are open to all ages, shooting fee is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for under 18 years of age. Shoot as long as you are able to pull your bow. 5PM until 8PM. This indoor range once again will be across Highway 70 from the Marysville High School, 1830 B Street in the "Allyn Scott Youth & Community Center. These archery sessions are open to all styles and ages, just come with your equipment and shoot.

October Tournaments in the North

4 Lodi Bowmen "Grape Stomp" 28 Cartoon Targets, 3 arrow marked
11 Nor/Cal Outdoor Shoot Field/Hunter/Animal at Maya
17 West Point Rod and Gun "Lumberjack" 28 3-D marked Yardage (209) 293-2272
25 Straight Arrow Halloween Shoot - 28 paper targets (530) 247-0710
25 Diablo Bowmen Boo Shoot-28 Target (916) 685-4640

November

1 Maya, Stick Bow Classic

CALIFORNIA HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

A Hunter Education Class will be taught starting on October 26th, 2009 in Paradise. It will include 5 sessions of 3 hours each for a total of 15 hours class time, with a pre-registration cost of \$10.00 to be paid by October 19th. The class dates will be: October 26, 28,29 and November 2nd in the evenings 6 to 9 PM. With Saturday October 31st a morning of "hands on" field experiences from 9 AM till 12 noon.

As Certified Volunteer Instructors we enjoy working with all beginning hunters, be they youth, ladies, physically challenged or a person needing a certificate for their first California license or an out of state hunt. We prefer that young students be close to twelve years of age, as younger students many times have difficulty passing the exam. Our goal is that they enjoy their wildlife and camping experiences as much as we do. This class includes some hands on training with equipment, and to be certified students must pass a 100 question hunter education exam with a score of 80% or better. For information and or registration contact Instructors Joe or Joan Becker at 6049 Sawmill Rd. Paradise or phone 877-7438

Next is information on 4 page, sent by our President on how to paper tune your bow and arrows for better flight and accuracy. If you have not done this before, the information would be well worth your efforts to save for future use, and more than likely will improve your shooting.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:

California Mandatory Spay/ Neuter Bill Stopped, re: USSA

California sportsmen scored a victory today, 9/14/09 as Senate Bill 250, a mandatory spay/neuter bill, was placed on the inactive file effectively killing the bill for the remainder of this year.

The bill, sponsored by state senator Dean Florez (D- Hanford/Bakersfield), would have prohibited anyone from owning a dog capable of reproducing unless an "unaltered" dog license was purchased. This would have caused unnecessary financial hardships on many sportsmen who would have been forced to spay or neuter their animals at their own expense.

A steady stream of opposition from sporting dog owners and dog enthusiasts led Florez to not push for reconsideration after the bill was voted down 42 to 28 earlier this week.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) and key partners such as the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America, National Animal Interest Alliance, National Rifle Association, California Rifle and Pistol Association, and Pet Pac worked aggressively to block the legislation.

Sportsmen: Urge Governor to Sign Bill Protecting Sportsmen's Dollars, re: USSA 9/4/09

California sportsmen should contact Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and urge him to sign legislation ensuring revenue generated from hunting licenses will be used to advance conservation in the state.

Senate Bill 589, introduced by state senator Tom Harman (R- Huntington Beach), requires that the money generated by the sale of hunting license tags and stamps be used to conserve certain types of game species and prevent those monies from being spent on non-game or non-hunting pursuits. It also gives greater transparency in the use of those dollars by giving sportsmen's organizations the chance to review and offer comments on projects that are to be funded using those dollars.

The bill also pools the numerous big game fiscal accounts into one single account, guaranteeing the necessary funds are available for each big game species. It will also make it easier for non-profits conservation organizations to receive assistance with habitat projects.

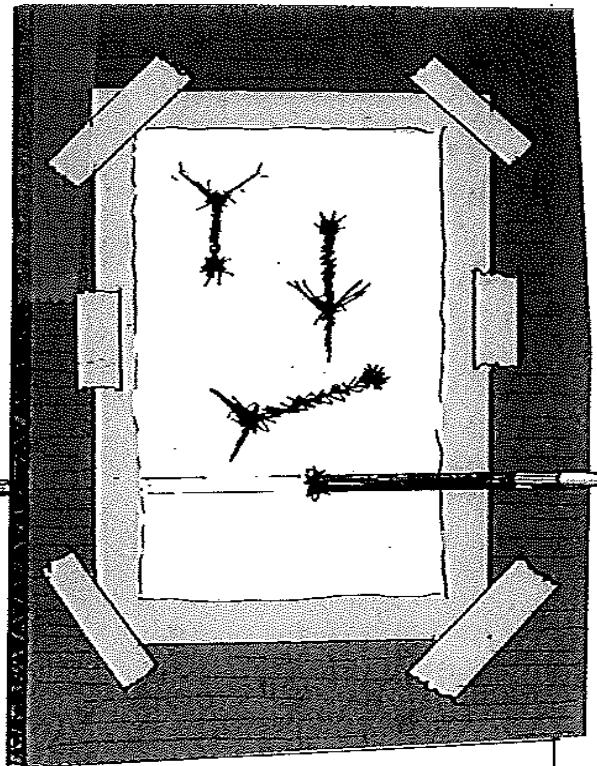
The measure, strongly supported by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, passed with overwhelming support in both legislative chambers. Despite this, sportsmen still need to contact Governor Schwarzenegger today to encourage him to sign the bill into law.

Take Action! California sportsmen should immediately contact Gov. Schwarzenegger and urge him to sign SB 589.

Make sure to tell him this bill will help California ensure it's conservation dollars are being spent wisely and for their intended purposes.

To contact Gov. Schwarzenegger, please call (916) 445-2841 or use the [Legislative Action Center](#).

Other than these two pieces of information about pending legislation here in California I have included, my computer has been very quiet the last month with legislative information other than concerns about our countries direction on life in general issues. And am sure all have their own thoughts, so will not even address that. Editor.



Paper Tuning Tips

I hope that the very first arrow to leave your bow flies perfectly, but there is only one way to know for sure, and that is to shoot through paper to see if the arrow makes a nice hole or a disgusting tear.

You can make a very simple but effective tuning fixture by cutting a hole in the bottom of a cardboard box and taping a piece of printer paper over the opening. Stand about 4 to 5 feet from the box and shoot an arrow through the paper. You will see a hole or a tear in the paper to indicate how the arrow is flying. Ideally, you will find only a hole with three short cuts radiating outward from the center produced by the fletchings. This is called a "bullet hole." Any other tear requires some action on your part.

The list of things you can do is very short. You can move the rest side to side, you can move the nocking point up and down, you can increase or decrease your draw weight, you can rotate your nock, you can experiment with different arrows and you can experiment with different rests (like switching to a drop-away rest to eliminate contact). That is about it.

I have assembled a table that shows the actions you should take for each different kind of paper tear. If the tear is a compound tear, such as up and to the left, fix the vertical part of the tear first and then work on the horizontal part.

Paper tear	Release style	Action
Tail high	Fingers or release aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Move nock point down ■ Check fletching clearance, rotate nock
Tail low	Fingers or release aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Move nock point up
Tail left	Fingers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use stiffer shaft, lighter point or reduce draw weight; move rest side-to-side
	Fingers or release aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Check fletching clearance, rotate nock ■ Experiment with grip
Tail right	Fingers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use weaker shaft, heavier point or increase draw weight
	Release aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Move rest right or left
	Fingers or release aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Experiment with grip