

# COUGAR MOUNTAIN

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### **CLUB MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:**

This past month, the nominations for club officers for 2010 was opened (boy has the year gone by quick). The nomination made, was to keep the same officers as in 2009. However, at the November meeting the nominations will be opened again with the vote to follow. If you or someone you know wants to step forward for a fun filled adventure, please come to the meeting. The local hunting season is finally winding down and we hope that everything went well and safely. The agenda for the November meeting will be very short, but important. Please plan on attending.

Jim Clawson

### **UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES:**

#### **November Tournaments in the North**

- 1 Maya, Stick Bow Classic
- 8 Club Shoot Day
- 21 Straight Arrow Turkey Shoot
- 22 Nevada County, Turkey Shoot
- 29 Northwoods Bowmen Toys for Tots

#### **December**

- 12 Nevada County, Ham Shoot

#### **January 2010**

- 21 - 24 Sacramento ISE Sportsmen's Expo, Cal Expo (Archery range, Youth Fair Volunteers will be needed)
- 22 - 24 CBH/SAA Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet, Red Lion Hotel - Redding
- Several dates & locations CBH/SAA State Indoor Tournaments

- Feb.22** NorCal Indoor Tournament, Wilderness Archery-Rocklin

## **LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:** by: Joe Becker

Presently the Legislative information has been pretty sparse coming over the emails & internet. In last weeks Western Outdoor News it was once again mentioned that Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law (AB962) the passed legislation which is going to restrict and require more personal information on our part, when purchasing ammunition for our firearms, plus much more record keeping for dealers. And as most people realize, criminals have ways of supplying their needs without spending money. This bill passed both houses of our legislature, but was opposed by most of our hunting organizations and the governor was requested to veto it by our legal firearm users.

The next piece of legislation that was passed and signed into law (AB1423) which our legislative representative organization "California Outdoor Heritage Alliance" COHA, supported vigorously and was considered an improvement for hunters. This new law reduces the license costs for commercial hunting clubs. Which should help us as hunters by allowing clubs to also lower costs of doing business, thus making it less expensive for hunters as users of these clubs helping to keep our numbers higher. Remember that in California less than one person out of every 100 purchase a California Hunting License, so we need every person who enjoys wild game meat to get out and hunt. Our political clout has lost much ground over the past few decades, due to hunter numbers declining. And yes I do agree California's wildlife management leaves lots to be desired, but for many species we have great opportunities to harvest wonderful animals equal to other states.

A piece of legislation which was passed with a large majority in both houses, but was vetoed by our Governor, was SB589, and it also was sponsored by our Legislative Representative COHA, and most if not all hunting organizations. It would have placed new requirements for our species hunting tag funds to be more controlled requiring this money be used to improve the conservation and management of the animals the tags are purchased to hunt. Many years ago laws were passed to require this but over the years government has managed to spend these funds for other than there intended purposes. Thus the reason for our organizations to attempt to require once again that species funds be used to help that specie. We all know that most every government agency in California has budget problems. But also we all know that much waste and/or miss use of government moneys create lots of those problems. This is one of the main reasons we the payers and users desire the dedicated funds be used to improve what we payed them for.

My next bit of information concerning the Fish and Game is that our well respected Director of DFG "Donald Koch" will step down at the end of this month. He has not been our state Director very long, though he had lead our Region 1 Office several years, plus prior to that served as one of DFG's top Big Game Biologists being a very knowledgeable and respected manager. Not knowing all the facts, presently all I know is that we as sports people are loosing one of our own which will be a loss for hunting & fishing.

On the National level, the latest SCI newsletter, once again states that Black Bear hunts in New Jersey are being challenged, Polar Bear in the north and Wolf management hunts in the states where wolves were introduced in years past. We here in California know our predator problems, other states also have been fighting for sensible wildlife management.

## **PROPOSED SHOOT DATES FOR 2010 IN NOR CAL BOWHUNTERS:**

2 /13 & 14 /10 Yuba Sutter Bowhunters, Spenceville 3D  
3 /?? /10 Yolo Bowmen, Oasis Shoot 3D  
3 /27 & 28 /10 Eldorado Hills Bowmen, North American 3D  
4 /18 /10 Maya, Around the World 3D  
5 /8 /10 Yuba-Sutter Archery Asso., Ishi Traditional (Butte College)  
6 /5 & 6 /10 Nevada County Sportsman, June 3D  
6 /13 /10 Nevada County Sportsman, CA. State Field  
6 /20 /10 Cougar Mountain Archers, 3D

**PROPOSED SHOOT DATES FOR 2010 IN NOR CAL Continue:**

- 6 /27 /10 Feather River Bowhunters, 40 3D's Unmarked
- 9 /9 & 11 /10 Nevada County Sportsmen, CA. State Target
- 10 /10 /10 Location Open Yet, Nor Cal Outdoor Regional
- 11 /7 /10 Maya, Awesome Stickbow Classic
- 11 /21 /10 Nevada County Sp., Turkey Shoot
- 12 /5 /10 Maya, Toys for Tots
- 12 /11 /10 Nevada County Sp., Ham Shoot



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