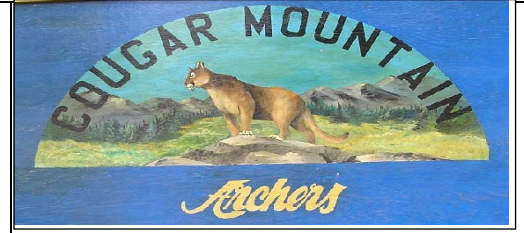


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### **CLUB MEETING:**

Our next meeting will be April 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. You may hear a new turkey story, or make plans for attending an upcoming tournament or hot spot for hunting a turkey or shoot some carp.

Our next **CLUB SHOOT** will be April 11<sup>th</sup> starting time +/- 9:00 AM, gather your archery equipment together and come shoot a few arrows with other club members.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Well it's that time again, the shoot schedule is out and I would hope that we all can get out and enjoy the time together. In the past, as a club there have been some shoots, where we would have 15 shooters or more representing Cougar Mountain Archers. Unfortunately, those numbers have seemed to have dropped over the last couple of years. This is our sport, lets try to up the numbers. Saying that, I want to welcome two new members, Dillon Beintker and Chris Schack, both of Brownsville. If weather cooperates, we will have a work party on Saturday April 17. Hope to see you at the next meeting or shoot.

### **UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES**

3/27 to 4/4      General - Spring Turkey season, Bowhunters until 4/18  
4/11              West Valley  
4 /18              Maya, Around the World 3D  
4/25              Paradise Bowhunters, 3D Mike Martin Memorial Shoot  
4/30 to5/2      Redding Western Classic & NFAA Marked 3D Championship  
5/8                Eldorado Hills, 900 Round  
5/8                Yuba-Sutter Archery Asso., Ishi **Traditional** (Butte College)  
(This is a youth archery club in Marysville, come support our youth, it is a short day and lots of fun to challenge your skills against Ishi, Pope or Young)  
5/16              Ishi Rock Festival, Red Bluff  
6/5 & 6           Paradise Bowhunters, Clear Lake Carp Shoot  
6 /5 & 6          Nevada County Sportsman, June 3D(Shoot either or both days)  
6 /13              Nevada County Sportsman, **CBH/SAA. State Field**  
6/12 & 13       Bowhunter Education Class, Becker Residence - Paradise Ph.877-7438  
(Pre registration by- June 5<sup>th</sup>)

**PROPOSED SHOOT DATES Continue:**

- 6/19 & 20 Cougar Mountain Archers, Our Tournament Weekend (New members get to shoot this the first year.)
- 6/27 /10 Feather River Bowhunters, 40 3D's Unmarked
- 9/9 & 11 Nevada County Sportsmen, CBH/SAA State Target
- 10/10 Location Open Yet, Nor Cal Outdoor Regional
- 11/7 Maya, Awesome Stickbow Classic
- 11/21 Nevada County Sp., Turkey Shoot
- 12/5 Maya, Toys for Tots
- 12/11 Nevada County Sp., Ham Shoot



Photos: Newest member of the Clawson family of archers. Jim & Julie's Grand Daughter Jaclyn Voisine, seen Jim practicing archery, and interrupted her play inside, to come out and shoot with grandpa.

**LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:** by: Joe Becker

On March 24<sup>th</sup> an email stated that proposed legislation is progressing through the Legislature, President Jim mailed a letter of support for our Club, which helped with this bills progression. Info from the bills author and COHA pasted below:

Sacramento— Senator Tom Harman (R-Huntington Beach) announced today that Senate Bill 1058 has passed out of the Senate Natural Resources & Water committee. SB 1058 seeks to ensure that hunting license tag and stamp funds benefit game species and their habitats. The bill is sponsored by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA). “I am extremely pleased that my colleagues have demonstrated their dedication to conserving our environment by unanimously passing SB 1058 out of committee today,” said Harman. “Hunters and sportsman pay good money for tags and stamps with the expectation that those dollars will be spent for species conservation. This measure will ensure that is the case.” Current law, particularly as it relates to bear and deer tag monies, does not always require that the monies be used for a dedicated purpose. Unfortunately, these funds have been continuously used for non-game purposes.

This is another attempt to require our hunting tag fees, be used for the species we purchase tags to hunt each year. Last year the legislation made it to our Governors Desk, and he vetoed it, as he continues to raid DFG moneys for other state expenses.

**Thoughts of where life in the outdoors is headed.** This past January at a CWA duck club west of Biggs by Butte Creek, Joan and I help teach a Hunter Education Class which consisted of 15 UC Davis wildlife management students, non of which had ever hunted previously. These college students will one day be our resource managers for various government and/or private agencies.

CWA and their college professor requested each student write two resumes, one why they desired to attend the class, and second how it changed their ideas of hunters or hunting after the class. Many of these students grew up in a city, several disapproved of hunting, a couple were non meat eaters, a couple also opposed livestock ranching. Following the class and a morning duck hunt, most of their ideas were changed to a much more positive prospective of wildlife management through conservation and hunting. This is CWA's second year of teaching this class, and because of how minds of our future game managers are redirected. Am sure this will continue to be an annual end ever of CWA's Hunter Education Program. Indeed it has been very rewarding to Joan and myself to instruct the bowhunting section. (The report offers 44 pages of very eye opening reading)

Another short note from NRA's latest American Hunter Magazine, which I will type here involves a new ordinance in our South Bay area, its entitled "The Weirdest California Law Yet"

Here's another example of an unfortunate incident leading to an overreaching regulation: The Los Altos Hills City Council, located about 40 miles south of San Francisco, has outlawed fences with pointy tops. The city council cited a grotesque incident when a deer tried to clear a fence, misjudged and was impaled. The ban also includes barbed, razor wire and electric fences. "The idea is to prevent harm to animals, or any living beings" said the town's planning director, Debbie Pedro.

Yes I agree that most of us have heard of or seen some animal which attempted to cross a fence get injured, hung up, caught or worse impaled. But as we live in the spacious areas of California, can you imagine how this regulation could affect us in our areas. No more barb wire or electric fences. And I know from past trips to the bay area cities there are hundreds of acres of undeveloped land in most of those hills.

Wonder many times how our State might change in future years if every child had a chance to live one summer in the outdoors working with nature and some form of agriculture.

Guess that is still my farm boy years of growing up on an Iowa farm, plus enjoyment of 50 plus years of hiking our California mountains with my bow in hand. As the old saying goes "you can take the boy off the farm, but not the farm out of the boy".



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