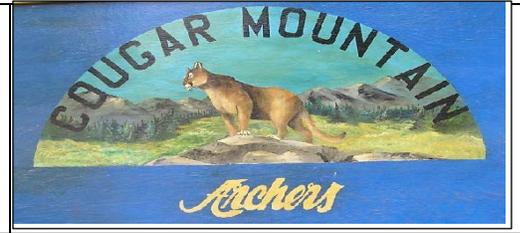


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CLUB MEETING:

Our next meeting will be May 4th 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 May 9th starting time +/- 9:00 AM, gather your archery equipment together and come shoot a few arrows with other club members.

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ELSEWHERE IS OUR SHOOT FLYER, PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS TO ATTEND & SHOOT.

*To make sure our range is in top condition for our friends coming on June 20th (Fathers Day weekend) for our annual Open Shoot, the following listed days will be **WORKDAYS** for our range.*

May 15, May 29, June 5, June 12, and of course shoot weekend June 19 for tournament set up.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

At times we all wonder why do I join and work for an organization with my free time. In looking in Websters definition of *Appreciation* it give the following descriptions: n. 1. Recognition of the quality, value significance, or magnitude of. 2. A judgment or opinion, esp. a favorable one. 3. An expression of gratitude. 4. Awareness or perception, esp. of aesthetic qualities or values. 5. An increase in value or price.

These describe each of our members & officers, and together is what makes Cougar Mountain Archers the responsible family archery club we are. My thanks to each and every volunteer member.

As the June Invitational gets closer, we will, as always, have several things to do. This year, overall the range is in pretty good shape. We will be getting additional cardboard for targets and this will take a full work party day. Also in looking ahead, we have removal of old bales, paint marker stakes and of course repair animals. As always, I want to thank those that have been coming to the work parties and your participation is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES

- 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 5th)
- 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
- 7/17&18 Shast Mt. Archers 3D Marked, Ph.530-938-4759
- 9/9 & 11 Nevada County Sportsmen, CBH/SAA State Target
- 10/10 Location Open Yet, Nor Cal Outdoor Regional

CLUB WINNERS:

We did have some brave archers in our club venture west to Orland's West Valley Bowhunters Shoot April 11th, for a wet day of enjoying archery. "Every day with your bow in hand is a great day". As reported to me by West Valley, even with lots of rain registration was over 200 participants. Of those President Jim reports that we had 2 winners he knows of in our club. He took brought home the honors of 1st in Senior class, and Cory Adamson's arrow was closest to the nail on the 97 yard bear clout with a 5 millimeter measurement.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION: by: Joe Becker

Our California Legislature is working overtime on new proposed laws which will once again take your (a legal voting citizens) rights away or very definitely restrict your life styles. Each and every one of us know and feel the financial state our state and nation are in and how we as responsible citizens are very closely watching our checkbooks being drained faster each month. But yet in stead of our elected leaders consintrating on a responsible ballanced government budget. They continually introduce more desired restrictions on our lives and freedoms.

Am not sure how many of you also receive NRA, or some other legislative information on new proposals from other organizations, but state wise we are being bomb barded once again on firearm restrictions. AB1810 will require that you when acquiring a new long gun (rifles or shotguns) be registered just as handguns presently are. AB2223 will extend to every DFG wildlife area in the state our use of lead ammunition, with no proof of present damage being done. Also the legislature requirement is for the Fish & Game both Commission and Department be the responsible resource agency for controlling our citizens in using these lands, but now they want to take that job away and make the law themselves. The Governor is once again desiring to strip F& G moneys away for use in non hunting or fishing programs. Restrictions on how you may raise dogs once again is being fought, the list goes on and on.

On the Federal front, a new cap & tax law is being formed and the UN Firearms citizen ownership restrictions are two of the next issues following passage of Obama Care which is being pushed this year.

If any of you are not sure who to contact with your desires in government, if you use a computer and have Internet, go to Google and just type in who or what you are looking for and it will bring up the answer, with a way to contact them. If you do not have a computer, Library, City or County Government Headquarters will have information, Probably information with your telephone company. Or contact me and I will help research for you. But your **PERSONAL FEELINGS ARE NEEDED MORE IN GOVERNMENT THAN EVER BEFORE**. Our great country has huge problems.

We do have several organizations fighting our battles, but we the voters also need to assist, and be politically active. Organization form letters help some, but our elected officials pay much more attention to each of our individual letters, emails, phone calls, faxes or any personal method of contact. Reason being is that they know if you are taking the time to personally write or voice your opinion, you also vote, and when elections come around if the voting public is unhappy, chances of you voting again for them may be a problem. So please each of you pay attention to what our government is planning and let them know your thoughts. Be polite and courteous, but also be straight forward with your thoughts. Do you know a politician who leaves office with less money in their accounts as when they were elected, they like their government jobs and are not looking to be replaced.

Yes our organizations we belong to are doing great work, COHA, CBH/SAA, Nor Cal, NFAA, NRA, USSA, and if you are not an individual member of some or all of these you should be if you enjoy outdoor recreation. Because the majority of us live and raise our families in urban areas, country lifestyles and understanding of our great out of doors through conservation is in our memories not our children's memories or understanding. Things to think about, do you raise a garden, have hens and gather eggs, raise your own meat, chickens, rabbits, pork or beef and butcher it, milk a cow morning and night. These are some of the reasons of our present and future lives. Remember the statement of 1940, "you can take the boy off the farm, but not the farm out of the boy". (I am living history of that.)

The information on this next page is taken from the CBH/SAA May Newsletter under the Legislative Report of Coordinator Bill Kuehn, who most of us Northern California Bowhunters have not met as he lives in Southern California, This is his 2nd year as our head Legislative contact for our state Organization. In this report he covered issues of 2009 as well as these for 2010 I have include next. If you would like to read each month the state archery/bowhunters news, pull them up on your computer and research information you are interested in. Though I recommend every bowhunter be a member of California Bowmen Hunters & State Archery Association they represent every archer/bowhunters interests in California.

I for one always want to know what and who speak for me so am involved in all my interests life offers.

THE ISSUES I INCLUDED BY CUTTING AND PASTEING FROM MY CBH MAY NEWS IS THE EXPLANATION OF COHA PAGE 10 FIRST PARAGRAPH, THEN ON PAGE 11, STARTING AT WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2010, AND CONTINUING ON TO END OF LEGISLATIVE BILL ISSUES.

My computer would not cut & paste from Newsletter so printed then cut and pasted.