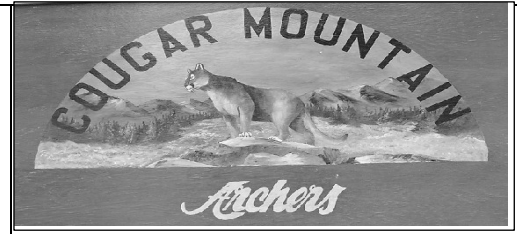


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CLUB MEETING:

Our next club meeting will be held November 2nd, 2010 at Mountain Mikes Pizza in Oroville, meeting starts 7:00PM. Two special orders of business will be discussion on our club hosting the local area CBH/SAA Field Tournament on June 12th, 2011 (read discussions from last month in October minutes) and choosing our club Officers for next year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The next club meeting will include the nominations for club officers for 2011 and the vote. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer and has any questions about duties, please call me and I'll answer as best as I can. Also at the next meeting, we will be voting on whether or not to host the 2011 State Field Championships. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 70 - 80 shooters. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but have comments or concerns, please call me and I will relay them to the membership. Something to consider that I ran across recently: Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply and Speak Kindly.

Jim Clawson

CBH/SAA PRESIDENTS NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THEIR NEWSLETTER.-- Brent Sloan of Lodi Bowmen

Kudos go to the CBH/SAA Legislative Team & to California Outdoor Heritage Alliance for their great work in protecting our archery & hunting rights.

Recently, Contra Costa County (2nd time since 1990's) proposed an ordinance to prohibit the use of all archery equipment on public & **private** property within the county. Fortunately, the CBH/SAA Legislative Team & COHA were successful in stopping this attack. If you think this could never happen in your county, you are wrong, it can happen anywhere & at any time. We are living in very difficult times.

All too often we archers overlook the hard work put forth by the legislative team. Among them are: Bill Kuehn, Bill Heins, Robert Moore (Nor Cal), Alan Meurer & Wayne Raupe. The goal of this team is defending against attacks on our hunting & archery rights & much more. All archers should share in this responsibility through membership in CBH/SAA or through donations by clubs to the legal defense fund. As members of CBH/SAA you add your voice to ours making us much stronger & more effective.

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I ask members who read this to put a copy of this article in your next club newsletter, or read it at your next club meeting. CBH membership applications are available through your club *Shoot'em Straight !!!*

Editor Note: Yes members these ordinances can and do become law very easily in our state, with less than one percent of our population purchasing a California Hunting License. Those opposed to our form of recreation have very little opposition. As a past member of our Leg. Team I personally was involved with Contra Costa County's fight several years ago, plus many others since 1959 when California's entire bowhunting deer season was left out of DFG's Deer seasons by the Fish & Game Commission. Only a law passed by the legislature prior to hunting seasons restored archery season that year and for future years. It was never uncovered whether it was an over site or clever maneuver to attempt to eliminate us stick hunters as we were known back then. Bowhunters screamed loud enough to shut our capitol's phone system down though.

I and am sure most of our officers ask that you join CBH, at least as an associate member to support their legislative and hunting programs, it is the best investment you can make to your chosen form of recreation.

UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES

- 11/7 Maya Archers, Awesome Stick Bow Classic
- 11/14 Nor Cal Regional Tournament, Yolo Bowmen, field, hunter, animal
- 11/21 Nevada County Sportsman, Turkey Shoot
- 12/5 Maya Archers, Toys for Tots shoot
- 12/11 Nevada County Sportsman, Ham Shoot

2011

January, various dates & locations, CBH/SAA State Indoor Championships

Our area: Wilderness Archery, Jan. 8 – 9AM to Noon, Phone to pre-register & start time 916-630-8700

January 21-23 CBH/SAA State Meeting & Big Game Banquet, in Ontario Airport, Radisson Hotel

Pre paid reservations required: See CBH Newsletter or website, www.cbhsaa.net

January 20-23, Sacramento International Sportsman's Show – Cal Expo

Legislative Report: by: Joe Becker

I wrote this short article following this statement, as a request of the Sutter Buttes Chapter of Safari Club International, of which I also belong. Not sure it will bring any government problems to your mind, but please vote, I believe this country needs new direction to get back on the path our forefathers laid out in our Constitution.

CALIFORNIA SPORTSPEOPLE , QUIETLY SIT BEHIND A BUSH IN OUTDOOR MANAGEMENT.

Politics has never been a favorite subject of sportsman, and we here in California are no different than the rest of our nation nor world for that matter. Our states hunters have realized for years that most hunters who enjoy great hunts to remember, either go to other states or countries for trophy animals, of which are no different than an average sized specie. But we as sports people consider the word trophy as a special requirement in each of our minds. To a biologist they count each individual animal as 1 animal, and each needs the same habitat requirement as every other one of that specie. Thus for proper wildlife management every part of our natural resource requirements need to be balanced.

Over past years, because of those opposed to animal use ballot initiatives and laws, have been written and passed by our population of voters and legislature. Some of those being Mountain Lions, Trapping, Oil

Exploration, Agriculture, Restriction regulations by other than DFG for wildlife & fish management. Because of all those regulations and political correctness in modern society use of renewable natural resources in many cases are not managed scientifically but by politics.

You as voters have an opportunity very soon to make a few corrections to the direction our government are headed. So possibly we may again straighten the course of this country. Hunting & Firearms have for years been the number one fight of sports people to maintain. This is not true any longer, fisherman are also presently fighting for their future. And surprisingly enough though they outnumber hunters, fisherman do not have state nor national organizations with the political clout which our parent organization SCI, or the NRA, USSA, ATA, NFAA, P&Y Club, NSSF, or our individual specie organizations have. Because of this those going after fishing are meeting with much less opposition.

In this I do not desire to direct your vote on this next election. But please study each candidate and what they personally stand for, the ballot initiatives and do they give government too much control. But please do some research and do get out and vote for taking this country back to control by its citizens not politicians. Personally I would dearly love to go back in time 30 years or more with laws which control our lives today, but accept this is not possible. What needs to be done presently is for every citizen of these United States stand up and be counted, get active in politics which control you by voicing your opinions every chance you get. As has been stated many times the majority is silent, this needs to change so government hears the majority.

November elections are presently your most important obligation. Then next spring when our new elected officials are installed, once again proposed new laws will be headed for discussion, then will be the time to write letters to those our citizens have chosen to guide this great country.

SAFETY NOTE -CBH October News by Tex Musser.

Tex mentions in the CBH News that at the National Tournament last July, he observed several shooters shooting without their peep sites tied in. He and most other shooters of experience realize this is a dangerous practice, as those unsecured peeps have a habit of flying out of string and become a launched missile looking for a soft body to strike causing blood to flow. Tex also offers to teach you how if you do not know how to secure your peep site, look him up at a shoot.

To expand on safety a little more, NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) do not use peep sights as a general rule, as beginners all shoot barebow. But in the same light, NASP do not use crimp on nock sets, but string tie their nocking points in for the very same reason. This probably helps assure the safety record they have across this country. And to tie a nocking point just locate your desired location, and tie one knot on top of another going around the string for each knot, placing a little glue on the string as it is wrapped and tied.



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