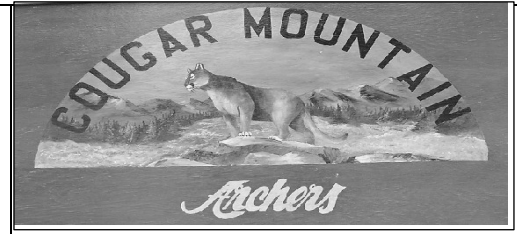


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### **CLUB MEETING:**

Our next club meeting will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Mountain Mikes Pizza in Oroville, meeting starts 7:00PM.

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

Hello all: tis the season and I want to wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season. At the past club meeting it was voted that Cougar Mountain would be one of the host clubs for the CBH State Field Championships in June of 2011. I know there is some concern with timing as this is the weekend before our invitational shoot, but I believe that we can accomplish this with the professionalism we have shown in the past. The acceptance of taking on this endeavor is in line with our Clubs Constitution and Bylaws. As outlined in the Constitution:

*"The purpose of this organization is to foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of field archery and the spirit of good fellowship among all archers; to encourage the use of the bow in hunting of all legal game, birds, and animals, and cooperate with the National Field Archery Association in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for bow hunters; to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the conservation of game; to maintain a field course and conduct field tournaments and games in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association, CBH and SAA."*

Jim Clawson

### **UPCOMING ARCHERY ACTIVITIES**

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](http://www.cbhsaa.net)

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

## Tournament Awards:

Our Sec. Julie emailed several late summer winners in our membership and area archers who won awards at tournaments, had planned on noting them in our November Newsletter, then when I received animal harvest photos, being a hunter forgot our tournament winners. And in going through my past emails information has been deleted. Apologize to all award winners.

But since the November meeting have heard of one new winner:

Julie Clawson placed 2nd in the 900 Round State Championships, BHFS, missed first place by 6 points.

OFFICERS DESIRE TO WISH EACH MEMBER A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A GREAT 2011, THEN SEE YOU AT OUR JANUARY 15TH MEETING/BARBEQUE AT PAUL HARDERS IN OROVILLE

## Legislative Report: by: Joe Becker

The pasted email below just came in 11/23, it was sent from Safari Club International stating that our Fish and Game are discussing possibilities of opening of state game refuges for hunting and wildlife management, of which CBH/SAA have requested with hunting proposals in past years. In this email DFG offers a survey for your personal thoughts, plus another email address for a personal written response on your ideas of this. I would request each of you member/hunters complete both of these on your computer, as the survey will accept one entry from each email address. Here is your chance to voice your personal thoughts to our agency which controls hunting in California. *I do ask that you please be polite and respectful as our Leg Team must work with these employees who are in control of your hunting & fishing privileges continually.* I agree they work for us citizens, but do hold the reins presently.

The California Department of Fish and Game is proposing to open California State Game refuge land to hunting and your comments are needed in support of this proposal.

Safari Club International has recently learned that California is reviewing its State Game Refuge Policy to determine whether to eliminate most of these refuge designations, which would increase hunting opportunities. Currently, hunting is prohibited in these California State Game Refuges. Thus, the primary result of eliminating these designations will be that these large land areas will be opened to hunting. Anti-hunting and protectionist groups have already begun opposing this rule change, so it is vital that the California Department of Fish and Game hear from the hunting community. National SCI will be filing comments; however, it is far more important that local members and chapters show their support for this proposal to the California Department of Fish and Game.

SCI needs your help to advocate for the elimination of the State Game Refuge Designation. Below are the best ways to help:

- ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ **Take a short survey with the California Department of Fish and Game and support the elimination of State Game Refuge Designations. You can access the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gamerefuge>.**
- ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ **Send your personalized comments in support of eliminating the State Game Refuge Designations to increase hunting opportunities by via email to [wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov). You must submit your comments by December 1, 2010.**
- ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ **Encourage your Clubs to send in comments in support of eliminating the State Game Refuge Designations to increase hunting opportunities via email to [wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov). Comments must be sent by December 1, 2010.**
- ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ **Encourage other hunters and supporters of sustainable-use wildlife conservation to fill out the survey and/or send in comments.**

Further background information about State Game Refuges and the proposed change is available at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/gamerefuges/>

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter. Please e-mail or call 202-543-8733 with any questions.

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Yes this came from SCI which is a great organization, but do know COHA, CBH/SAA and most other state hunting Organizations will also be working together on this as a joint effort. (Editor Joe)

Editors personal message 11/15 to F&G Commission and Department heads, whom I know personally from years on Leg Team of CBH/SAA.

Good Day Sonke and Jon:

In my SCI email update today I read where possibly our Fish & Game are talking about opening of state game refuges. As you both know that CBH had put in a hunting proposal of such a few years ago for Bear. As I do remember the article you wrote in Outdoor California several years ago Sonke stating that our refuges were not doing what they were designed to do.

Yes I personally believe this would be a great move, but please do not allow our DFG to open for unlimited hunting first year. Lets move slow by starting hunting of special species with limited numbers of hunters, so DFG does not once again cause a killing nightmare like was done in 1956. Yes that did what our biologists wanted but you are still living with it politically for management of wildlife.

Still as a bowhunter not speaking for CBH, I would still propose a bear season for short range hunting equipment without dogs following closure of deer seasons in our big game refuges. Also possibly some limited draw youth, lady or family deer hunts. Lets get animals used to being hunted in those refuges then open to all. They have been a sanctuary for many many years and the species know that.

Please let me hear of your proposals so I am able to assist in your management future policy.

Sincerely & God Bless;

Joe Becker

Sonke's Response back to me: Good suggestions. Since the Legislature has to take action to open any of these, it is highly unlikely that any action will occur.

Editors Thought: This is exactly the reason, each hunter in California needs to write and voice your thoughts, our organizations can fight in the trenches, but we the citizens need to speak loud and clear, those opposed to wildlife management through hunting are very vocal, until you attend a hearing you can only imagine not realize how opposition preforms. Joe



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