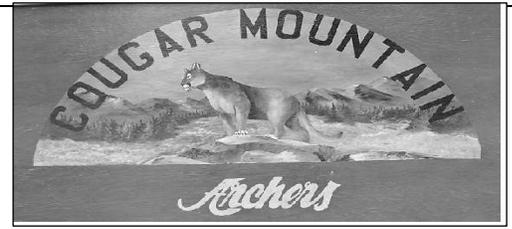


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CLUB MEETING:

Our next Meeting will be on July 13th, at our Range in Challenge, Plan on eating at 1:00PM. Club will furnish meat & drinks, members bring side dishes. Bring your bow so you are able to shoot a round or two. This is a social day, most of work is completed for year, time to enjoy archery friendships now. Find out areas most of our members plan to bowhunt in August. (not brushy hill they will be watching, just general area or camp location.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another shoot has come and gone. This year we had **264 archers!** On Saturday, we had a new record of **58 archers** for the Fun Shoot. Everyone that I talked to seemed to have had a good time and praised the range and club members for all the work that we put in.

With that in mind, I want to thank all the members that put in time over the weekend as all went well. As always, there were friends and family that came out to volunteer so I would like each of the members to express our thanks to those folks also. **On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for the extra help you did for my chores and duties while my back was acting up.**

Jim

Editor Note:

Additionally our club owes three of our members Jim, John and Randy a big thank you. For giving of themselves while hobbling around the range in injured condition, 2 recent surgeries and back injury. Joan and I are proud to be members of CMA.

FUTURE ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

June

6/29 & 30 Paradise Bowhunters, Lake Almanor Carp Shoot, ph.530-877-7907

July

7/13 & 14 Shasta Mt. Archers, 42- 3D Animals Marked

7/13 A Zone Archery DEER SEASON STARTS, other Zones & Bear Season follow as months progress.

7/20 Yuba/Sutter Bowhunters annual Carp Shoot, Flyer / Registration go to their website.

7/20 WestPoint Rod & Gun Apple time 3D

7/21 Mt. Madonna Bug Shoot

7/28 – Paradise Bowhunters, 28 3D's Unmarked or Marked.

Continued Activities Calendar:

August

8/3 & 4 – San Francisco Archers 1,000,000 BC Shoot

8/4 - Lodi Bowhunter Challenge

8/11- Bowhunters Unlimited, Primitive Shoot

8/18- Many B, C, D and X zone Archery Deer and Bear Seasons open, check regulations for your area.

8/18 – West Point Rod & Gun, Fall Harvest 3D

8/18 – Mt. Madonna, Zombie Shoot

MOST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE A WEBSITE, FLYERS OR INFORMATION GENERALLY CAN BE PRINTED OFF THE WEBSITE, GO TO YOUR SEARCH ENGINE TO CHECK.

COUGAR MT. ARCHERS DO ALSO, CHECK TO SEE WHAT OUR CLUB OFFERS.

MINUTES:

[The minutes are omitted in the online publication.]

Legislative Information:

Many emails with discussion between CBH/SAA, Clubs and members have been circulating since our Lobbyist organization; COHA folded in April, as to how to best protect our form of Recreation "Archery/Bowhunting & Wildlife Management" in the future. As most of us know this country runs on Politics and Money LIKE IT OR NOT. Of which archers are limited in both areas. So every bow shooter in this state is required to be a part of the solution, so please provide your ideas on a solution for our recreational future. A program is needed and how to fund it. A good Lobby Program will cost in excess of \$10,000.00 per year, what is archery worth to you? Discussion and ideas at future meetings, this is a state/national problem not just Cougar Mt. Archers..

WON ONE TODAY:

Just this evening 6/24, I received an email from California Rifle & Pistol Assoc. the state firearm NRA affiliated organization, stating that finally one of the proposed firearm new legislation has been stopped temporarily. Most proposed bills, are 2 year bills so AB711 can be brought up again this year, plus most likely will be active again in 2014 Legislative Session.

Pasted below is their email Thank You to the gun owners and members. Anyone who has been contacting the elected Senators and Assemblyman opposing this, were part of the solution. Your Editor:

CRPA appreciates your support!

Good news regarding AB 711!

Thanks to the efforts of our CRPA members and our aggressive Legislative Advocacy Program, AB 711, the bill banning traditional hunting ammo, was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee and sent into the Suspense File. Although this does not kill the bill, it presents a major hurdle.

Thanks again,

John Fields - Executive Director

Hold on to your guns!

This year the CRPA is tracking an unprecedented number of bills - 51 to be exact - that could impact firearms owners and sportsmen. Most of this legislation is vehemently ANTI-GUN AND ANTI-HUNTING and outright attacks your gun rights.

CBH/SAA have been working beside CRPA and other organizations in opposing these bills also, If we loose our firearms, archery will be easy for those opposed to our forms of recreation. Pasted below is more information from a letter, which was sent to California Legislature by 24 National Organizations since our last Newsletter.

Outdoor Coalition Opposes California's Ban on Traditional Ammunition

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- A coalition of 24 organizations representing millions of sportsmen and sportswomen nationally and thousands in California this week sent a letter to State Sen. Fran Pavley, chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, expressing its united opposition to Assembly Bill 711: An Act to Amend Section 3004.5 of the Fish and Game Code, Relating to Hunting. Recently passed by the California Assembly, this legislation would make California the first state to ban the use of traditional lead ammunition for hunting.

"If enacted, AB711 will drastically and negatively affect thousands of Californians that participate in hunting and recreational shooting and the firearms and ammunition industries as well as the vital conservation [programs](#) they fund," said Lawrence G. Keane, senior vice president and general counsel, National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

The coalition letter to Sen. Pavley noted that, "Shooting sports participants and manufacturers are the largest financial supporters of wildlife conservation throughout the United States, having contributed over \$5.4 billion to habitat conservation, recreational shooting and wildlife management through federal excise tax payments since 1991. This year alone California received more than \$14 million from these Pittman-Robertson excise taxes for wildlife conservation and restoration."

Organizations in the coalition actively support wildlife conservation and the preservation and [enhancement](#) of our nation's hunting and recreational shooting choices. NSSF joined 23 other organizations including Ducks Unlimited, Congressional Sportsmen's

Foundation, Delta Waterfowl, Wildlife Management Institute, National Rifle Association, Safari Club International, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and others as signers of the letter.

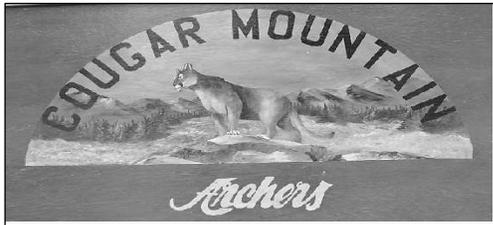
The letter of opposition says that AB 711 will also:

Result in massive increases in the price of ammunition due to the exponentially higher raw materials and manufacturing costs of using alternative metals such as copper or bronze. The higher costs associated with non-traditional ammunition will not only price everyday consumers out of the market, but it will also detrimentally impact countless [manufacturing facilities](#) resulting in the estimated loss of more than 2,500 [jobs](#) and \$132 million in wages.

Create a de facto ban on hunting due to impediments on the production and sale of alternative ammunition that stem from the [Law Enforcement Officers Protection Act](#) (P.L. 99-408). Although the Act was intended to exempt ammunition designed for rifle use, its implementation has resulted in hunting ammunition being scrutinized as potentially being "armor piercing" under the statute. As a result, at least 19 companies that produce ammunition for hunting or other shooting sports have submitted petitions to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), requesting the agency exempt their products as "primarily intended for a sporting purpose," as required. Unfortunately, ATF has given little indication as to when, if ever, it will process these petitions. The California [Department of Finance](#) also expresses concern about this issue in its bill analysis and does not support the legislation.

This reduction in hunting opportunities would serve as a significant threat to the economic benefits that sportsmen and women generate in California. In 2011, the 394,471 California hunters alone paid nearly \$153.3 million in state and local taxes and employed 20,640 people that paid more than \$758 million in [salaries](#) and wages. Furthermore, hunters were responsible for over \$1.1 billion in retail sales, which had a multiplier effect of nearly \$2.17 billion.

This bill is largely supported by extreme anti-hunting interests that assert this legislation is necessary to address impacts to wildlife populations resulting from traditional ammunition. This assertion lacks a credible scientific foundation in the vast majority of cases; elevated lead levels are still seen in areas where traditional ammunition has been banned, indicating animals are ingesting it from other sources. We hope that the Senate will consider readily available, objective data.



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