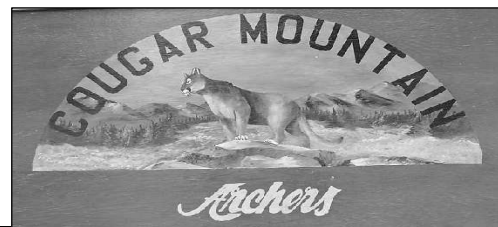


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### **CLUB MEETING:**

Meeting will be on February 4th, 2014 at Mountain Mikes Pizza in the shopping center 1901 Oro Dam Blvd. Oroville at 7:00 PM. Come early and enjoy some pizza while fellowshiping with other members and eating prior to meeting time.

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

Over the weekend of January 17<sup>th</sup>, Julie and I attended the CBH/SAA Hall of Fame dinner and Induction. Congratulations to Bob Lawson, from the Maya Club, and the other recipients for their induction into the Hall of Fame. At the beginning of the program, Pete Budding made a "surprise" special presentation. He began by reading the following speech:

Tonight, for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in CBH history, we are awarding the CBH Medal of Honor. Lynn Garner received the first award in 1980. Those who knew her fully understand the dedication, devotion, and love of archery expected from the recipient of this award. The individual we are honoring this evening has devoted much time in teaching, promoting and protecting archery in California. In 1960 he almost single handedly established archery hunter safety courses in California and was in the forefront of starting the International Bowhunting Education Program in California. In 1985 he, with the help of his wife, ran the archery venue of the Special Olympics in Sonoma and worked with the Telephone Pioneers of Northern California in establishing an archery program for wheel chair bound and blind individuals. In 1988 he, again with the assistance of his wife, worked with the Dept. of Fish & Game in their BOW program in setting up ranges and instruction in archery. For over 30 years he has represented his region at CBH/SAA annual meetings, working with the Legislative committee in helping preserve hunting in California. In 1980 he was recognized as Sportsman of the Year by California Archery Business Association, in 1982 awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the NRA, in 1988 he was awarded a F&G Hunter Education certificate for Outstanding Hunter Safety Training, in 1988 was awarded the Bowhunter of the Year award by CBH, in 1990 he received CBH recognition of Dedication and Commitment to Archery. In 1992 he was inducted into the CBH Hall of Fame and honored by Telephone Pioneers of Northern California for establishing the Special Olympics archery program. In 1995, he and his wife, were awarded the NFAA Medal of Honor. Even after retirement he has continued, along with his wife, to work in teaching and promoting archery.

For a lifetime of service and dedication to archery in California, we are honored to present the CBH Medal of Honor to Henry Joseph "Joe" Becker Jr.

Joe, on behalf of Cougar Mountain Archers, we want to thank you for all of your service. Considering that this is only the second time this award has been made since 1980, and with 34 years in between, it is apparent to me that it is a prestigious and well deserved award.

Jim



Yes the award was presented to me, but as I told Joan prior to us getting married in 1966 if she did not want to be a weekend widow she needed to learn how to shoot a bow. Prior to then Archery was my GOD not the Lord. After my first marriage, our minister brought that to my attention. Thus I did not give up archery, but rearranged its order in life, to Our Lord God, family and then archery. And since 1966 Joan has been a fixture in all my archery activities, and as we get older this past year I have realized she can not keep up like younger days. So our commitments to long outings will be fewer.

And this award was truly a surprise, thought that over the years CBH/SAA and Hunter Ed had presented us with more than our share of honors. As Joan has a few also. One class many years ago I bite my tongue at lunch, it would not stop bleeding, so went to hospital and she taught total class herself. While Doctor figured out how to stop the bleeding. All said she did very well. Joe



Our Hall of Fame inductees: Starting on the left standing are the three sons of Ron Morrett, as he is with our Lord, Ron owned an archery shop in Fontana for over 20 years, plus hand made his version of the Dyna Bow tuning each bow prior to selling it. Next in the wheelchair is Jeff Fabry, who following a motorcycle accident in 1997 losing most of his left leg and arm took up archery to start his recovery life. As a physically challenged archer Jeff participated in several Para-Archery Olympics holding the bow with his left hand and using a mouth tab. Winning the Gold metal in 2012 during the London Games. Since then Jeff has spent his time working with Wounded Warriors, wanting to be a positive example for his 2 children in not giving up on life. Then comes Kathy Budding, whom Joan & I have known for many years as good friends, she has been active in the NCFAA region and her club for many years. For the last several she has been chairman of the California Archery Foundation which is our 501C3 Organization to generate money here in California for promotion of our sport with tax exempt donations. Also Chairman of the CBH/SAA Range Committee. Last in the photo, but not least is Bob Lawson who most, who have shot Maya's range or been around long bows knows, he makes very nice long bows as well as custom wood arrows. For any of you who would like to read the complete list of accomplishments each of our inductees are credited with go to the cbhsaa.net website and pull up the September 2013 issue of the newsletter and read the Resume's.

### **FUTURE ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:**

- 2/15&16/14 – Y/S Bowhunters, Spenceville 42Targets.3D
- 3/1&2/14 – Eldorado Hills, 3D.
- 3/9/14 – Straight Arrow Warm Up 3D
- 3/16 –Ishi Archery Club, Spring Fling

## **MORE ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:**

3/15&16 – Yahi Bowmen, Spring Fling 3 arrows 28 unmarked targets.

3/22&23 - Lodi Bowmen, Cartoon Classic

3/30 – Horseshoe Bend 3D Buffalo Hunt 28 -3 arrows

3/30 – Madera Field Archers Bounty Hunt

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Last month we had a wonderful Potluck at Randy & Peggy Pope's home in Browns valley. As no business was pressing and several of our officers were attending a Memorial Service for a close family friend. Those in attendance just enjoyed lots of food, good fellowship and the hospitality Randy and Peggy gave the club members in attendance in their beautiful home. As of yet the November minutes are still waiting for a motion to approve. That will be one of the first orders of business in February, They have been printed in the last 2 newsletters so reread if you had any concerns to voice. Under New Business Joan & I would like permission to hold an IBEP class this June 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> at our range, which is the weekend following our open tournament.

## ***Newsletter cost saving Information***

At the end of 2012 I suggested to our club at a meeting in Oroville, that to save our club money and assist in helping keep our Annual Club dues at \$40.00 longer prior to increasing dues in order to continue operations in the black. Plus be able to donate to needy conservation efforts and other archery related projects in our future, that if our monthly newsletters were emailed to the membership in place of US Snail Postal Service mail we would save postage expenses. Presently I do email 12 Newsletters (following this notice last month we gained a couple more email requests for the news). And snail mailed 34 newsletters. To assist in Janelle closing out our club financial expenses, a bill in amount of \$184.74 was just paid covering postage expenses of our newsletters for 2013. My reason for bringing this up once again is many clubs put out newsletters this way, postage goes up again this month to 49 cents per ounce, this past year some newsletters have been torn up by postal equipment, plus if you read it with email they are always in color.

Our club membership approved the concept of email delivery of newsletters, so if you our members are interested in assisting Cougar Mountain Archers saving postage costs and club funds email is a great fast way to receive your newsletters. One issue on your part though is that because people change email addresses quite a bit, each person needs to keep me your editor informed of email address changes or your newsletter will end up in cyberspace. And I will not know you didn't receiving it. **So if you wish to save club funds and get your newsletter email, please send your email address to [bjoe@ccxn.com](mailto:bjoe@ccxn.com) so I am able to place you on my newsletter email list.**

To assist with this if you a member email me, to let me know your newsletter did not arrive by meeting day I can always resent. When home email is the best method of contacting me, as I check, read and reply if needed every day we are home and it does not cost either of us any money for postage or long distance phone calls.

**Editor Thoughts:** I sat and listen to most of the discussions during the CBHSAA meeting, starting with Fridays Legislative Committee Session. As mentioned in last months newsletter our 2014 legislative activities have not gotten started yet, In early February the first session of our 2014 Mammal proposals will be presented in Sacramento, along with an agreed upon longer archery pheasant season for next year which needed more

clarification in wording. It was basically understood that presently until the political climate changes some within the Fish and Game Commission and Department hunting and fishing will not be expanded much. With lots of people watching just to maintain status quo.

Yes, our Legislative protective costs will be much higher in future years. My long time thoughts on this funding are it would be great to have every archer/bowhunter belong to our organizations. Fact is that will never happen, percentage wise 50 years ago we had more members in our ranks (club, region, CBH, NFAA) than we do now. Most of our clubs each year struggle to maintain the required 5 members for club certification. Years ago it was standard for being a full member when joining a club. Then our finances started changing how we live to pay all expenses at home. Thus to encourage guest shooters (non-members) to join clubs and etc. Clubs started charging more at tournaments for guest shooters, and originally part of those funds were to be mailed as a gift to CBH/SAA. Many of our Tournaments still charge guests more than CBH/NFAA members plus clubs have stopped posting guest scores on the score board. Let's face it our shooters come to shoot because they enjoy flinging arrows, great ranges & targets, sunshine and fellowship. Thus our problem of organization membership to pay costs of protection of our archery privileges. The additional fees for guest generally are referred to as a discount for CBH/NFAA membership, feeling it is easier to swallow, next most accept the fact one added dollar earmarked for legislative defense fund is easiest way to generate enough funds to pay our legislative costs. In addition, many individuals, clubs, regions donate checks each year to the legislative defense fund, knowing that we can not slack on our protection of archery or hunting.

I had planned on giving my thought of other Discussions for changes or improvements in our chosen form of recreation, but ran out of room for a 4 page newsletter.



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