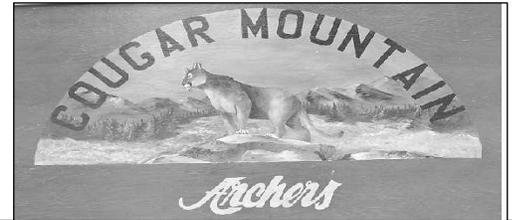


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CLUB MEETING:

Our next Cougar Mountain Archers club meeting will be held at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Oroville May 5th in the shopping center 1901 Oro Dam Blvd. Oroville at 7:00 PM. Come early and enjoy some pizza while sharing a Tournament or Turkey story, with other members and eating prior to meeting time.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

"Thank you to everyone who helped replace almost all of the necessary targets on the range. It was a LOT of cardboard shuffled around and a fun weekend. It was so successful the attending crew decided the May 2nd work party will not be necessary. For those who are not able to attend the scheduled work parties, please find the attached "to do" list. If you are able to make it out to the range and complete these items, please just let me know and I will happily take them off the list."

(Range work list Page 3.)

Club Activity dates.

May 5th	Club Meeting
May 10th	Club Shoot Day
May 16th	Work Party
May 29th	Work Party

June 2nd	Club Meeting
June 13th	Work Party
June 20th & 21st	Shoot Weekend

Matt Quentmeyer

2015 ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

5/1-3 Straight Arrow Bowhunters, Western Classic & NFAA Champ.
5/3 Sonoma County Bowmen, Ultimate Bowhunt
5/17 Diablo Bowmen, Cartoon Shoot Market 42 targets Paper
5/17(Added) Ishi Archery Club, Youth Shoot 42 targets
5/17 Yahi Bowmen, Bill Sullivan Traditional - Unmarked 28 -3arrow- 3D
5/23&24 Traditional Bowhunters of CA., Western States Trad. Rendezvous
5/23&24 CBH/SAA Broadhead Championship Tournament. **Lodi Bowman**
5/31 Sonoma County Bowmen, Last Chance Broadhead - Unmarked - 3D
5/30&31 CBH Small Game Club, Carp Shoot
June Tournament Dates, at end of Minutes next page.

Range Work Project Needs to be completed yet prior to our Tournament.

Target	Bale	Shoot Target	Action needed
H-1	Straw	Skunk	
H-2	CB	Mt. Goat	
H-3	Pacific	Bg Ft Prnt	
H-4	CB	Butterfly	
H-5	CB	Lg. Buck	
H-6	CB	Raccoon	
H-7	CB	Lg. Ram	
H-8	CB	Antelope	
H-9	CB	Owl	
H-10	CB	Buffalo	
H-11	CB	Rabbit	Needs a new 34" 2X6 on hut
H-12	Pacific	Coyote	
H-13	CB	Bear	
H-14	CB	Pig	
F-15	CB	Butterflies	
F-16	CB	Possum	
F-17	CB	Antelope	Bench needs to be replaced
F-18	CB	Elk	
F-19	CB	Bobcat	Need new bale cover
F-20	CB	4x6 Buck	
F-21	CB	Sheep	Nees new twine/ Re-stack cardboard
F-22	Pacific	4x4 Buck	Needs a metal roof placed on hut
F-23	CB	Raccoon	
F-24		Lg. Pig	
F-25	Pacific	Turkey	
F-26	Pacific	Pig	
F-27	CB	Owl	
F-28	Straw	Cougar	Needs new bale and cover
A-29	CB	Fox	Needs new bale cover
A-30	CB	Rabbits	
A-31	CB	Bees	
A-32		Cougar/deer	
A-33	CB	Goat	
A-34	CB	Skunk	
A-35	CB	Antelope	Needs new target pins, Needs new twine for cardboard
A-36	CB	Moose	Needs new bale cover, Need to cut trail wider for pickup truck to access
A-37	CB	Wolf	
A-38	CB	Possum	
A-39	CB	2x3 Buck	
A-40	CB	3x4 Buck	
A-41	Pacific	Squirrels	Turn around bale cover

Club Members Activities:

Reports I have heard of for our members, are that we had shooters at West Valley, Maya, Paradise, Redding, plus working and camping at our own range. Have not gotten any reports from our turkey hunters with long beard stories so far, Season is still open, as well as many open tournaments still being shot around northern California. As Joan and I are also members of Paradise Bowhunters, some of our members shot it this past weekend. With Gold Nugget Days in Paradise also this past weekend, Paradise Bowhunters hosted a Booth in Craft Fair down town which Joan & I set up and operated, Paradise Bowhunters gained 9 new archery club members by offering a discount rate on membership, Lord willing they in future will build to our active archers of our state. In addition to the new members, 29 people signed up to take beginning archery lessons class, again, goal is to increase archer / bowhunter numbers in area. So guess, it once again is time for us to pick new dates for a future beginner archery class. We just completed an 8 person class this month.

Last meeting we were updated on Randy and Peggy Pope with health issues, Pray you are both doing better now again. Also were told that one of our older life members, Shirley Howard has passed, May God Comfort her Family.

Since our last Newsletter we have gained another new member or family: Bud Shaw Hilltop Rd in PennValley. Welcome to Cougar Mountain Archers Bud, please join us in our activities of meetings, shoot days, other Clubs Tournament attendance, Hunting if you are a hunter, and lastly club work days to keep our facility in top shape.

Archery pro shops of our area, this past year in Chico two new businesses have opened. Am sure most of our membership have heard about both Down Range which is both firearm and archery pro shop, with both offering indoor shooting ranges. Also in Chico the large Sportsmans Headquarters are now in the old Mall at east end of East Ave. In Paradise just opened is "Dog Town Archery" located on Clark Rd just below intersection of where Clark and Skyway come together. Neil Krivoski has opened it, purchasing Cliff and Darlene White's archery section of C.W. Enterprises, as they are at retirement age like many of us older people. Believe it is the wishes in all of the area that Neil, his family assisting and Dog Town Archery become a great archery pro shop in future. As well as every other archery business, they can only help our archery organizations in the future, by every one working together for the good of a wonderful family recreation.

Some considerations for your Club:

First, with our open annual Fathers Day Tournament coming up on June 21st it would be great if each family of our membership could see to bring one raffle prize to the club, so we would offer great raffle gifts to as many of our guests that purchase raffle tickets as possible. Club raffles are many times the difference between profit and loss at a shoot. Great prizes sitting out for guests to see bring in more dollars for the treasury.

Next a subject I as your Editor, have not mentioned for a few months now. Is each of our members who agree to receive their monthly Newsletter from CMA through your email on computer saves club money in the treasury by a minimum of 49 cents presently. And am sure in future will cost club more nickles. Last month I emailed 25 newsletters and printed & mailed 27 copies. As I did not get any complaints last month about emailed copies, believe I have finally learned how to do pdf format. Hope so anyway. Also either way you get your newsletter please if you have phone, address or email change please let me or one of our officers know so we are able to update your contact information. Also as we try to be an archery family, health or other concern issues the club may be able to assist with would be nice.

Legislative News:

by: Joe Becker, Editor

Now for what is taking place in the Legislative areana. All who had purchased a Hunting License and any type of a Big Game Tag last year, should have received in the mail recently the 2015 Big Game Booklet with all the

information for each hunter to apply and purchase our 2015 California Hunting Licenses, Stamps and apply for our Big Game Specie Tag or Application of our wishes. Won't say choice, as you may like me be applying for one of the limited tag zones and compete in this Junes Drawings of Tags to fill your preferred hunting zone. The date you must have your applications in to DFW License Department in Sacramento is June 2nd. Drawing results will start being on the internet after June 17th, could not find in the booklet actual date of drawings.

Three major changes for 2015, Non Lead firearm ammunition will start to be required in all of California not just the Condor Area. So if you hunt on any California Fish & Wildlife property you must use Non-Lead ammunition after July 1st for all hunting. Also if you get drawn for one of California's Desert Big Horn Sheep tags, Non-Lead Ammo must be used. If you are a youth in the past, all under 16 purchased Junior Licenses, that changes for 2015. Now youth stay Junior Hunters until they become 18 years of age, with July 1st birthday becoming adult date.. By staying with a Junior License until our children turn 18, that also allow them to put in for all apprentice hunts of every specie. Which generally Apprentice hunts are very good areas where more game is available. In applying for apprentice hunts, application may ask for your Hunter Education Certificate number, and if you just became a licensed hunter this H.Ed, Cert # gives you an added advantage over older past licensed youth so beginner hunters get preference.

Now for the last of major changes computers have given Fish & Wildlife, which ultimately should be used for more scientific setting of future wildlife management seasons. Following this years big game hunt of yours, ALL Big Game tags are to be recorded by each hunter as to success or not successful in your hunting season. Every hunter must turn in or register your Species report card part of the tags. DFW had originally proposed a fine which had to be paid with your 2016 purchase of your hunting License next year. CBHSAA and other State Conservation organization were successful in holding that off for another year, plus they requested that in place of a fine a reward be given to hunters for following regulation requirements. But as of what is published for 2017 they desire our money as a fine not give hunters a reward. **But this years tags must be reported to DFW after it is filled and validated or season closes which ever comes first.**

Activities from the legislature on what will affect hunters with proposed new laws in 2015, per Gaines and Associates, April 24 Report to CBHSAA our State archery representative for all archery in California.

It is reported that AB96 which deals with Ivory and the Importation or Sale of it and Rhinoceros Horns is moving through each committee, with out much opposition. The problem with this Bill is of the future restrictions of most Ivory used for products we purchase. Am sure that each of us has something made of Ivory other than your teeth the Lord gave you as you grew up. 70 people spoke in favor and only 4 conservation minded speakers opposed. Estimate of future costs and fiscal impact of up to \$1.7 million of General DFW Funds for Staffing and Start Up Costs, then \$1million annually. Without stating oppose this legislation.

AB290 Wild Pig Management: This legislation if passed with present language could cost our Big Game Management Account of DFW from \$250 to \$400 Thousand annually for repair to property owners of private land because of pig problems. The Bill has been made into 2 year Legislation and Bill Gaines hopes to be able to work with the Author amending language of proposed law so it ends, if passed as a credit to wildlife management with DFW.

AB367 Clear Lake Wetlands: This bill was amended on 4/15 removing the funding of \$2.4 Million of Game Preservation Funding of DFW, from the proposed law to an unspecified fund. The Legislation is presently in the Suspense file; to move on, must be considered by the Assembly Appropriations Committee by May 29th.

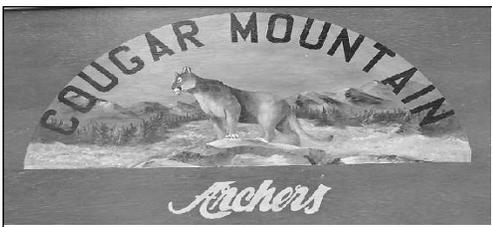
AB#395 Repeal of Non-Lead Ammunition for Hunting: Naturally this Bill is being opposed by the Liberals, as it would allow Lead Ammo, it has been made into a 2 year proposed Bill, giving our local Assemblyman Galagher who authored it, more time for gaining support for passage which will be an uphill battle.

AB499 Archery Hunting Concealed Firearm Carry: CBHSAA in the past few years, have endorsed the concept of bowhunters being allowed to carry handguns, for a couple reasons, Pot Gardens and Predator Protection. This Proposal is only for carry by Concealed Weapons Permit Holders, and they would not be allowed to use firearm for hunting while hunting with their bow. A couple years back a similar law gave permission to Law Enforcement Officers or Retirees, to Carry while they Bowhunted, this is just a slow way of working to all being able to carry for protection.

AB665 Local Regulation of Hunting and Fishing: This is moving through the Legislative Committees, it would stop local small towns, cities, counties or other public jurisdictions from passing restrictive hunting, taking or possession of fish and game on any public land or water within the state. Attempting to enforce DFW's roll of being the sole manager of wildlife. Believe this would have probably stopped what Burbank, East Bay Water District or Contra Costa County has been attempting for several years. The Bill now goes to the Assembly Floor before June 5th, CWA was the organization who had it written, naturally CBHSAA are in favor of it.

Though this proposed law will not slow or stop our state legislature from controlling wildlife management of DFW, who in the past few years have changed regulations more than cities and counties doing DFW & FGC's job. Thanks to Governor Brown signing and not vetoing these non-scientific emotional passed proposed laws.

SB457 Bobcat Protection Act of 2013: Senator Nielson is Author of this; it would maximize much of the area to future bobcat management with both hunting and trapping. Correcting much of the closures that last years enacted new law closed for bobcat management in this years regulations. Again it has been made into a 2 year Bill, giving author more time to gain support for amending the proposal for better future management seasons of Bobcats.



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