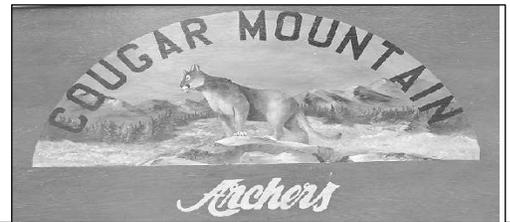


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CLUB MEETING:

Out July Meeting will be on Saturday July 11th at our archery range, Potluck Dinner at 1PM. Club will supply the Barbequed Meat and Iced down Drinks. We as members please bring a favorite side dish or two. Am sure that with all the great cooks in our membership, our plates will be overflowing with goodies to fill our tummies.

Before and or after our tummies are filled, am sure several will break out archery equipment and venture around one or more of our ranges. Attempting to punch new holes in some spots on a target face. If nothing else tell a story of the huge animal which got away, or where you have it tied up in the middle of Zone ??????

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work putting together a great 28th annual shoot. All of our guests stated they had a great day using our range. I also heard some positive responses from people regarding the club donating \$1 per shooter to CBH. We were able to put together a great day for a lot of good people, forward some monies to protect our archery rights and keep our club in good health moving forward. "Thank you again to all and I hope to see you at the club potluck."

Matt Quentmeyer

Treasurer's Note: We had 270 Shooters, plus gained 3 new Oroville Residents as Members of Cougar Mountain Archers. Would like to welcome these members, and hope to get better acquainted at our Pot Luck Meeting: **Venna Sutton, Garet Sutton & Jheri Potts**. Plus as these members find out we are a family organization, others in their households will also start pulling a bowstring from time to time. Janelle Quentmeyer

2015 ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

7/11 Cougar Mt Archers annual July Potluck Meeting at Range. 12th Club Shoot
7/11 thru 8/2 A zone Archery Deer Season
7/19 Mt. Madonna Bowmen, Bug Shoot, 42 3D
7/25 thru 8/16 B4 zone Archery Deer Season
7/26 Paradise Bowhunters, Deer Shoot, Unmarked 28 3D, Animals have been repaired.
7/26 Lodi Bowmen, Bowhunter Challenge Unmarked 28 3D
8/1&2 SF Archers, 1 Million BC Marked 60 targets
8/15 thru 8/30 A1 (C4) zone Archery Deer season.
8/15 thru 9/6 Most of the other north area Archery Deer & Bear seasons.
These dates are California seasons, many of our out of state hunters will be packing equipment about the same time. Good Luck to all, be safe, never say quit next bush may hold the reward.
9/13 Paradise's New Fall Classic 42 marked 3D targets

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CBH/SAA: Wayne Raupe

A portion of the President's Message from the June CBH newsletter. Reprinted with permission from Wayne Raupe. A subject dear to us all: Safety

I want to touch on the issue of **SAFTY** while shooting your bow. **Speed and Overhead Drawing** (AKA high draw) are the two most often violations of the rules and safety. These two violations are the concerns which CBH/SAA and many of our local clubs have been stressing for years. We as archers **MUST** police ourselves and provide proper, constructive criticism to the unaware offender so that the he/she corrects what they are doing wrong and eliminate the safety issue. Clubs that establish safety rules and enforce those rules are sometime demonized. However, what the demonizers must understand is that these rules not only protect the club and its officers from litigation but also protect the offender from being sued if they accidentally shoot someone or something other than the intended target. Additionally, without safety rules our clubs and individual archers could be more stringently regulated by local and state government or insurance companies if this activity is not curbed. Safety is vital to the future of our sport, our clubs and our freedoms on where, when and how we shoot our bows.

Speed is an easy fix... shoot a heavier arrow or reduce the draw weight of the bow. **Overhead Drawing** is easily identified and is also easily corrected if you are conscious of what you are doing. If you are an individual who has to point your bow and arrow skyward while in the process of drawing your bow you are a safety risk to others and our sport. Please correct this dangerous drawing method by getting out of the habit of drawing your bow in such a manner. Instead, hold your bow arm horizontally and point your bow and arrow directly at your target and draw back into your face. If you can't do that comfortably you could be over bowed, that is you are drawing to much weight. You can test this by sitting on a bench or a chair, again holding your arm horizontally, pointing the bow and arrow directly at the target and then draw you bow. If you can't draw your bow so your release hand comes back to your anchor point, without having to squirm and twist, then you are obviously drawing to much weight. To correct this reduce the draw weight of the bow to a point where you can draw the bow comfortably. Being a safe archer means that you are concerned with the safety of others and you are willing to do whatever it takes to be that safe archer.

On this same note, in this year's NFAA Petitions, there was a petition dealing with just this subject and it passed and will become effective in August of 2015. If you shoot any NFAA or Sectional or State shoot, the following will apply: Skydraw – a warning will be given on the first instance. 2nd instance will require the removal of the archer from the event. (June CBH newsletter)

Editor Note: Along the same train of thought with shooting form, in all Hunter Education classes, it is stressed in shooting any/or all shooting equipment, that the projectile bullet (barrel), arrow, rock in sling shot be pointed at the center of target you plan on shooting prior to drawing or aiming that equipment. And never point at anything you do not desire to kill. If you are a hunter, using the bow, firearm or whatever to help break up your human silhouette while preparing to shoot assists in having the quarry stand without spooking during the draw by you not making extra movements as the string is pulled back to your anchor point. Generally I stress bow weight should be set so after 10 hours hiking up a mountain, bow can still be pointed at target and pulled straight back. This explains why my bow weight is now set at 35#, but still shoot 500+ grain arrow. Not much speed but good penetration yet, for a 15 yard hunting shot.

Little Grass Valley reservoir campsites available for reservation

Hi, there – some info on Little Grass Valley campsite reservations and on campground host openings. See attachments. Quincy, CA – June 26, 2015. Visitors now have more opportunities to reserve their favorite campsites at Little Grass Valley reservoir located just outside LaPorte, CA within the Plumas National

Forest. Little Beaver campground sites in loops A & B may now be reserved by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling 1.877.444.6777.

Reservations are also available at other campgrounds within the Little Grass Valley recreation complex with some also featuring first-come, first-served campsites.

For more information, please contact Mary Sullivan, Feather River Ranger District Public Services Staff Officer at (530) 532-7460 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/plumas.

Have a fine weekend!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A USFS CAMPGROUND HOST FOR A SUMMER VACATION, AND GET PAID FOR IT.

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Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 2:06 PM

Subject: USFS: Plumas NF - Little Grass Valley Campground hosts needed

NEWS RELEASE

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Campground Hosts Needed at Little Grass Valley Reservoir

Quincy, CA. June 26, 2015 - The Plumas National Forest seeks volunteer campground hosts for the remainder of the 2015 campground season at Little Grass Valley Reservoir. The recreation complex is located outside of LaPorte, CA; hosts are needed at Red Feather, Running Deer, Wyandotte, Horse, and Black Rock Campgrounds.

Host duties include welcoming visitors upon arrival; posting daily reservations at campsites; sharing news and information about the facility and recreation opportunities; educating visitors regarding rule compliance; and light campground maintenance.

The recreation season generally extends through October, dependent on weather.

For more information and an application, please contact Mary Sullivan, Feather River Ranger District Public Services Staff Officer at (530) 532-7460.

This came through our CBHSAA News, with Cougar Mountain being close to the area, thought one of our members or a friend may like this information, located just up the road from our range. Editor Joe

Legislative News:

by: Joe Becker, Editor

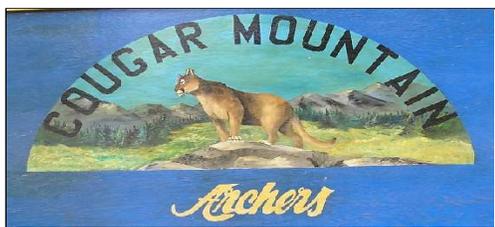
Since our last meeting, Governor Brown has finally appointed two new F&G Commission Members, replacing those whom terms had expired, and most of our Shooting & Fishing Organizations have had disagreements with the past few years. The new appointees do not have much background of enjoying the outdoors as we do, but

hopefully they move the Commission back to science based wildlife management like our state laws dictate we are to follow. Time will tell.

New Commissioners are: Eric Sklar, 52, of St. Helena, located in northern California's Napa Valley, is a vintner who is deeply involved in the area's wine industry, as well as serving as a member of the St. Helena city council. He earned his Master of Business Administration from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business and was an adjunct professor there from 1997-99. Sklar is a sportsman who enjoys waterfowl and upland-bird hunting.

Anthony Williams, 47, of Huntington Beach, originally hails from Bakersfield in California's central valley. Williams earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and a Master of Public Policy degree from the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He has been director of government relations at the Boeing Company since 2014 and has served in various legal capacities in the public and private sectors, including as director of government affairs at the State Bar of California from 2004-06.

Wyatt is riding this Moose back to Alaska, where he belongs, following the weekend at CMA's Tournament.



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