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Monthly Newsletter

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From the Prez

The 2014 Pack Coast 3D Adventure was a big success. With over one hundred shooters, great weather and excellent volunteer help what else could you expect. First of all I want to thank all the volunteers for their help and support. We could not have had such a successful event without everyone doing their part in the setup, working the event and cleaning up.



Over the last few weeks we have started moving the targets on the lower range. This will take a few more months to complete; as we need to get in some heavy machinery to clear some trails and build up berms, replant the targets, bow racks and stake followed by a safety inspection before we are back into full operation. Keep looking for e-mails or messages in the Quiver on when the next work party will be so we can make more progress.

Moving the targets is just one of many changes to the club in recent times. As the club grows we will continue to adjust how we are doing things in the best interest of CVA and archery in general. Progress should be changes with a purpose (efficiency, safety, more participation, liability, etc...) but often there are some downsides, inconveniences to some members or unintended consequences that are associated with these new policies. I think of these things as “growing pains,” that we must endure to make sure we have a safe, healthy club in the long run.

Any of you who know me, know I am all for freedom, self-responsibility and hate unneeded policies or procedures that restrict people from doing what they want or make things more difficult than needed. As the club grows there will be more changes driven by the CVA Board of Directors, based on what is believed to be the best interest of CVA. I assure you that when the board changes things there is a reason otherwise we would not be doing it.

Typically, we set policy based on the following order 1) safety, 2) liability and 3) organizational long term growth. It is not always easy to figure out where we want the club 1 to 2 years out, but we try our best, based on the information we have at hand.

If we do not make these changes, there will come a time when I would expect chaos where prospective members would not be getting the correct information, current member would be doing things that could put the club at jeopardy, and confusion form the members. These are things that we did not need as a smaller club, but are needed as we grow. We do not want complete breakdown in the system, so we must put some of these regulations in place for the long term growth of the club.

Please support your board members, by letting us know your perspective of the club, bring ideas on what we might do differently, and be willing to help make the changes. This is your club, be involved and active in shaping CVA into the club you want.

Now, get out there and enjoy the range.

Clark Pentico

CVA President

From the Desk of the Vice Prez

Kurt Hoberg

The Public Session weekly 300 rounds slowed a bit this month due to the cold weather. I would like to thank Julio Durado and Ryan Vartio for running the event when I was unable to make it to our Public Sessions earlier this month.



I'm very happy and encouraged at the participation and enthusiasm around this weekly event. As always, come on out and shoot, and look for your scores posted on the bulletin board on the JOAD bin.

We will be announcing the start of the CVA Scholarship during the Club meeting this month. The intent of the Scholarship is to assist youth club members in offsetting the costs of tournament attendance. Information on how to apply and the necessary forms will be available on the CVA WEB site sometime within the next few weeks. If there are questions about this program please contact me.

For those who are interested in competing, the US National Indoor and 2014 JOAD Indoor Championships will be held in Tulare, CA on March 7-9, 2014. Deadline for registration is February 28th, so if you are interested in participating visit the USA Archery WEB site for more information. If you have questions I'm more than happy to help. Upcoming events and activities that you can expect to hear more from me on in the coming months:

- The Adult Achievement pin program. Information on this program will be announced after our weekly 300 round this month. Specifics will also be posted on the CVA WEB site for review. I am working on the final logistics of offering the program and am excited to provide this to our adult members who are interested in working on goal setting in archery.

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- Restart of the JOAD pin program. This program is very much like the Adult Achievement program and I am hoping to piggy-back this program on the weekly 300 rounds we are running during the Saturday sessions.
- US Archery Mail-in tournament – shooting logistics and specifics are underway.
- Do it yourself arrow repair seminar. I've had numerous archers come to me with questions on how to repair their arrows fletches, nocking points, and other parts without all the fancy gadgets that engineers like me just have to go out and buy. I've been working on some techniques that may help those on limited budgets to get their arrows shoot-able again. I'll be scheduling out the seminar (most likely after our Public Session on Saturday) sometime within the next couple of months.

See you on the range!

Your VP,

Kurt

“THE IMBALANCE’S IN THE BALANCE”

By Curtis Hermann

Our little world of being an archer is always in a state of flux, a chaotic group of influences are always tugging us one way or the other and in many ways for every progressive step forward there is a cost/benefit ratio that is not always comfortable to live with. With this column, I will give you examples of this conundrum, I may not provide all the answers needed to solve all the issues, but I do think you will begin to realize just how large our world is, how far beyond tuning a bow and getting an arrow to fly straight your knowledge as an archer must encompass.

Ever since the mid-eighties, I have been in a position to promote archery/bowhunting and have spread the idea that we need numbers of archers/bowhunters to increase in order to have enough clout in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to protect and advance our sport and to ward off the anti-hunters and other special interests groups that would end our way of life. When I started justifying the need for more archers there were approximately 5 million bow hunters and 3 million target archers with an equal amount of anti-hunters/anti-weapons fighting us not only to end the hunting but to commandeer all the park/civic land they could to replace archery ranges with dog walking parks, etc. All during this period, 75% of the general public approved of bow hunting, as long as the hunter ate his take.

Times change, today there are 16 million (11M-bowhunters/5M-target archers), the anti-everything macho groups have lost membership and 79% of the general public except bowhunting as a valid way of life and now appreciate its organic/health benefits. For the first time target archery is growing nearly as fast as bowhunting (thanks to my friend Roy Grimes* who started and runs the NASP or National Archery in the Schools Program).

Side effects of this growth has appeared, hunting numbers are up, deer/game numbers are up, access to private land by your average working bowhunter has diminished by 80%



putting enormous pressure on public lands, the available private land sector has been leased by large outfitters that have tied up 100's of thousands of acres, especially in the west. The result is that bowhunting has become big business and therefore expensive and changes are coming at a pace that is hard to keep up with and a hunting future that is hard to predict. We have lost the relationship of the average man being able to ask his friend farmer John for permission to hunt his land, now we must deal with the outfitter who has leased this land and we never get to speak with farmer John again.

Target archery is also seeing explosive growth and keeping up with that growth is an exceptional challenge. Without an adequate amount of ranges being built, this growth will begin to slow. Ranges require space, funding, insurance, maintenance, upgrades, facilities (bathrooms, storage, working shop, etc.), coaches, regulations, tournaments and social events, administration and public relations. Thousands of hours of voluntary labor and a spread of "archer's passion" is required to have a successful club/range.

The dynamic interrelationship between target archery and bowhunting starts in the USA right after the civil war with the beginning of the United Archers of Philadelphia. The first National Champion was Will Thompson, but it was Will and his brother Maurice that insured that archery would survive by writing the first book of American bowhunting "The Witchery of Archery." This book opened up a whole new world to the American public, it changed archery from a leisure afternoon of a few rounds of arrows, conversation and tea with ladies dressed in fine attire to a bold adventures relationship with the wilderness.

The introduction of bowhunting insured that enough participation in the sport to make for a viable industry was possible, that symbiotic relationship continues today. It has always been bowhunting that has driven this industry, faster more accurate, more versatile bows for hunting allows for the R&D money that moves us forward. National, World and Olympic Champions all make for great promotional events but if the industry relied on target archery as its only

market our world would be 60% smaller and equipment advancement would be twenty years behind what it is today.

This imbalance of explosive growth in archery has stressed communities that need to include our presence, to game management departments that must prepare for, educate and accommodate our wilderness aspirations and even at our own table, our field archery club in the beginning never really envisioned this growth and interest and now diversification of target archery and eventually the inclusion of crossbows to manage, share and enlarge our world.

So needless to say, I no longer argue for the growth in the numbers of archers, the side effects are enormous, I now concentrate on how to manage and hold on to what we have, and hope that we can keep up with the demands our sport makes on us.

There will always be the new, the old and the status quo and we must always keep them in balance, leaving none behind and insuring the future for all.

The imbalance within the balance is always a challenge, but archers are resourceful and we always meet the challenges ahead of us.

Curtis

*Roy Grimes shares a seat on the NBEF BOD with me, he also created the NASP program when he was Deputy Commissioner of the Kentucky Department Fish & Wildlife; Roy is currently the CEO/President of NASP.

NASP = National Archery in the Schools Program (est. 2003 ?) with over 100,000 students in all 50 states, their annual tournament draws over 4,000 participants.

NBEF = National Bowhunter Education Foundation. Est. 1967, Roy is a board member of the NBEF, I am the Western (Region 1) Coordinator over 7 western states. We meet bi-annually as board members and coordinators and industry leaders to work on issues, this year will be on a ranch in north central Nebraska, followed up with 3 days of turkey hunting.



January Club Shoot Results

We had another nice turn out for the January Club Shoot. Twenty-four sets of cards were turned in, and at least one hearty individual made the round twice shooting two different styles. January had the distinction that this was the first month that handicaps started showing up (for those archers that have shot three club shoots in the same shooting style).

When it was all done and the scores were tallied we had a number of folks at the top of the board for the first time.

Julio Durado had the top score of 562, and was following in turn by Jonathan Geiger (557) and Rick Gabbie (556). In fourth place and just one point back was Stan Ogle (555). Frequent leader board winner, Keith Murphy had to settle for fifth place. Keith did however pick of the top scratch score (514).

I should point out that a couple of the score cards turned in this last time had some problems with them. One was probably in the wrong division and another was not properly totaled.

Please double check your scores and shooting styles. If your score card for example says BHFS but you normally shoot FS, I have no way of knowing if you changed your style that month or had an oops. I will enter the score & style the way it is reported. You as the archer, are responsible for your score card.

NAME	HSCORE	SCRATCH	DIVISION	STYLE
Julio Durado	562.00	463.00	A	BHFS
Jonathan Geiger	557.00	270.00	A	TRAD
Rick Gabbie	556.00	463.00	A	FS
Stan Ogle	555.00	431.00	A	BHFS
Keith Murphy	552.00	514.00	A	BHFS
Norman Rice	548.00	488.00	GA	FS
Randy Estrella	547.00	485.00	A	FS
Luke Sekerka	543.00	476.00	A	BHFS
Steve Price	542.00	480.00	GA	FS
Chuck Thurber	539.00	405.00	GA	FS
Joe Cavaleri	533.00	235.00	A	TRAD
Curtis Hermann	533.00	319.00	GA	TRAD
Tom Swindell	498.00	237.00	GA	TRAD
Rob Lind	489.00	190.00	GA	TRAD
Robb Ramos	487.00	187.00	A	TRAD
Steve Erikson	486.00	111.00	A	TRAD
Dawn Burnham	482.00	97.00	A	TRAD
Robert Luttrell	477.00	199.00	A	TRAD
Norman Rice	467.00	467.00	GA	BHFS
John Brix	463.00	204.00	GA	TRAD
Kris Ogle	448.00	448.00	A	BHFS
Jack Sampson	426.00	426.00	Y	BHFS
Didier Beauvoiz	278.00	278.00	A	TRAD
Bob Bombardier	153.00	153.00	A	LB

Membership Corner

March 2014

The final call for renewals has now gone out and we are getting quite a few replies back. Thank you to all who have committed their support for our club for another year. We think we are worth it!

We all ask that if you know of someone who is still using the range and has not renewed their membership to please notify me as such. This issue is twofold for us as a club. These persons are on the range without permissions and have not filed an updated waiver which opens us to issues if someone gets injured. This can jeopardize our lease and our club. It is serious. Also such persons are utilizing the range which costs money to run. If they are using the range they need to contribute towards its care and maintenance with their membership dues just as the rest of us are. Our fees are not extravagant and if someone is having financial issues then, again they should be directed to me for options.

The best way for all of us to keep the range safe is to make sure that the main gate is being locked every time a member comes in and out of the gate. Do not wait until you are done shooting to lock it behind you. It is at this time that nonmembers come into the range area. We again had two people who came in last week and got locked inside with their vehicles.

It is up to all of us to make sure that we are utilizing the facilities safely and securely.

See you all on the range,
Bonnie





Conejo Valley Archers Annual Pacific Coast

23ND TRADITIONAL CHALLENGE

Vendor Sales

\$Money Shoots

2-Day 50 Targets 3-D Tournament

Saturday, May 3, 2014 – 30 Targets

Sunday May 4, 2014 - 20 Targets

Separate Longbow, Recurve, Selfbow & Senior (60+) Divisions (no clickers)
 * NFAA Rules Apply (Quivers OK!) *
 * No Compounds, No Sights *
 * Unmarked Yardage*

10-8-6 Scoring on 1st Arrow, in case of miss, 2nd arrow scores 5-4-3
 * Lunch & Dinner served on Saturday *
 * Breakfast & Lunch served on Sunday*
 * Snacks & Drinks served all day *

Saturday Schedule

7:00am – 8:30am Tournament Registration
 8:30am – 1:00pm Start shooting right after
 3pm – 5pm \$5 Smoker Round (1 arrow)
 Women's and Men's Division

* Raffle tickets sold, General & Bow Raffles *
 * Food & Drinks Sold all day*
 * Clouts – prices posted at clouts *
 * Vendor Trade Show and Sales *

\$\$ MONEY SHOOT - Team Rules \$\$

\$15 per shooter - Teams consist of (1) Recurve and (1) Longbow or Primitive shooter.
 Best Individual Score on each target for both days will be used to determine the total score. Club gets \$3.00 per person of fee paid. Balance will payout at 75% for 1st and 25% for 2nd.

Sunday Schedule

7:00am- 8:30am Tournament Registration
 Start shooting right after
 2:00pm → Score Cards must be turned in
 Awards & Raffle held soon after

* Raffle tickets sold, General & Bow Raffles *
 Shots will include * Speed Round * Running Pig * * Pop-up Pig * Steel Deer Silhouette *
 * Vendor Trade Show and Sales *

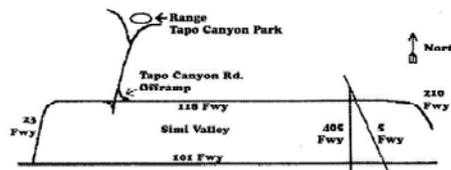
RV Camping (\$37 per night)

Full RV Hook-ups in adjacent county park. Tent Camping \$5.00 per night, Trailer Camping or Camper Shell with no hookup \$10 per night. Must check out by 6:00 pm or pay for an additional night. A daily parking fee of \$4.00 will apply on Sunday after 11:00 am, unless the vehicle is parked in the archery fenced area. If you park inside the "county park" at any time you must pay a daily parking fee. Free day parking inside our fenced range.

* Tournament Fees *

Non CBH, NFAA or NAA members please add \$5 to the fees listed below (unless a member of an out of state archery organization)
 Adults - \$25 Couples - \$35
 Family - \$40 Youth - \$15
 Seniors (60+) \$25 Cubs - \$10
 To only shoot Saturday or Sunday with no awards delete \$5 from original fee.
 (Includes husband, wife and kids under 18 years old).

Directions to Range



118 Freeway East or West to Simi Valley. Exit Tapo Canyon Road. North on Tapo Canyon Road, 3 miles to Tapo Canyon Park

More Information – Call:

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*Remember with the
time change next club
meeting will start at
12:00 PM*

Reminder: Range Beautification Days
are the 1st Saturday of even months

