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Monthly Newsletter

**December 2012**

## **From the Prez**

**To all CVA member's**

From the Prez,

I would like to start off with giving big thank you to Rose Hoberg & Laura Loya for running the Toys for Tots shoot. It was a great success. I am sure the toys will bring smiles to so many children.



Next I want to thank everyone who came out and helped upgrade the JOAD range. It was a great success, with a flat shooting line and the extension of the 5 and 18 meter lines. A special thanks to Bill Davis, for coming out with his tractor and volunteering for two days. You are a very giving guy, especially when you consider you don't shoot a bow and are not even a club member.

It is hard to believe that 2012 is almost over, and what a year it has been. The range is looking the best it has since I have been a member. Target butts covers and animal stakes are going in and should be completed this spring. The practice range at JOAD has been upgraded twice this year. Membership is up. Finances are solid. Progress on the new range with Easton has been made.

Hopefully, over this next year we will be able to finish these projects and make CVA a true archery destination for Southern California. Happy Holidays: I hope to see you all out at the range.

Clark Pentico

## From the desk of The Vice Prez

### Dave Dragan

Happy Holidays Everyone,

Well it's that time of year again and I just want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous Holiday Season!! It is the time of year for giving,



That being said I want to mention a few things. First off next Saturday December 22, at JOAD if you bring a unwrapped toy or sporting good type toy, you will not have to pay the \$5 fee and we will donate all the toys to the Spark Of Love toy drive!!

Next I want to take a moment to thank all of the members who gave their time and worked so hard last weekend at the JOAD Work Party. it was so inspiring to see everyone working together having fun, laughing working towards a common goal of making our range the best it can be, this to me is what it's all about!! Boy did you all do an incredible job; we got so much done on Sunday. We had about 30 or so of you show up, some just for an hour or so but it made a huge difference.

A new extended 5 meter line, and the 18 meter line was also extended by 2 lanes with a total of 60 new bails compacted and set in place. Also a BIG thanks to Bill Davis for his time and hard work setting the new 18 meter shooting line that is now perfectly flat and level!

I know that when everybody sees the range the next time they come by they will not believe their eyes! If you have a chance the next time you're at the range stop by the JOAD area and check it out! We still have a little bit of work to do to complete it all the way, but the major part is done

Now we can concentrate on improving the program which the other coaches and I have already started talking about. So just a big thank you to everyone for helping to make CVA the best Archery venue anywhere!!!

Oh one last notes, we also installed a cell phone signal booster in the JOAD bin that will be on all the time. So if you need to make an emergency phone call just go up to the area by the bin and you should get a single, and it works with all the major carriers.

I am looking forward to the new year with a lot of things on our "do list" but I'm sure with this incredible group of very special people that nothing is out of our capabilities!!!

So again I just want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday, enjoy your family and friends!! And as always if there is anything that I can do for you concerning Archery please feel free to contact me!!

Merry Christmas Everybody,

Coach Dave





## Tech Talk with JBD

It should also be noted that a number of the organizations have close relationships with each other. Easton Archery Sports for example has a close working relationship with both NAA & NFAA. The Easton Foundations in connection with the National Field Archery Foundation offer scholarships for continuing education. <http://www.fieldarchery.com/depot/documents/1176-2011923-ESDF%20NFAA%20Scholarship%20Program.pdf>

## A Few Archery Organizations Worth Looking Into

### USA Archery

The mission of USA Archery is to develop and promote the sport of archery with the ultimate goal of producing Olympic and World Archery Champions. This organization is closely related to both NAA and the International Archery Foundation. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery.aspx>

### International Archery Federation

FITA is the recognized world governing body for the outdoor and indoor target archery and field archery. <http://www.archery.org/>

### California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association

California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) is dedicated to Promoting and Protecting Archery & Bowhunting Rights in California. This statewide non-profit organization, speaks for California Archers and Bowhunters in matters concerning legislation and regulation since 1943

### International Bowhunting Organization

The IBO was created in 1984 to “ensure that bowhunting and the ideals of wildlife conservation will survive, expand and flourish to be shared, enjoyed and passed on to future generations”. <http://www.ibo.net/>



### **National Bowhunter Education Foundation**

The National Bowhunter Education Foundation, also called NBEF AND IBEP is the organization responsible for the proper education of bowhunters. A number of our club members are certified archery instructors for this organization.

### **National Field Archery Association**

The National Field Archery Association is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the practice of archery. <http://www.nfaa-archery.org/>

### **State Archers of California**

The State Archers of California (SAC) is the state affiliate of USA Archery (USAA), the National Governing Body for Olympic archery in the United States. SAC's objective is to promote and encourage archery throughout the state of California. California residents attain SAC membership concurrent with their membership in USA Archery. <http://calarchery.net/>

# Hipsters Who Hunt

I think the evolution of the new lefty urban hunter goes something like this:

2006: Reads Michael Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, about the ickyness of the industrial food complex. Starts shopping at a farmer's market.

2008: Puts in own vegetable garden. Tries to go vegetarian but falls off the wagon.

2009: Decides to only eat "happy meat" that has been treated humanely.

2010: Gets a chicken coop and a flock of chickens.

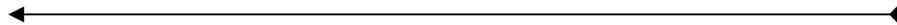
2011: Dabbles in [backyard butchery of chickens](#). Reads that Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg decided to [only eat meat he killed himself](#) for a year.

2012: Gets a hunting permit, thinking "how hard can it be? I already totally dominate *Big Buck Hunter* at the bar."

Hunting is undeniably in vogue among the bearded, bicycle-riding, locavore set. The new trend might even be partly behind a recent 9 percent increase from 2006 to 2011 in the [number of hunters in the United States](#) after years of decline. Many of these new hunters are taking up the activity for ethical and environmental reasons.

"It feels [more responsible and ecologically sound](#) to eat an animal that was raised wild and natural in my local habitat than to eat a cow that was fattened up on grain or even hay, which is inevitably harvested with fuel-hungry machines," writes [Christie Aschwanden](#), a self-described "tree-hugging former vegetarian."

A recent [spate of books](#) with titles like *The Mindful Carnivore* and *Call of the Mild* chronicles the exploits of these first-time hunters as they wrestle with their consciences and learn to sight in their rifles



The expansion of hunting into liberal, urban circles is the latest development in an evolving and increasingly snug coexistence between humans and beasts in North America. Jim Sterba's new book, *Nature Wars*, examines the paradox of the rebound of many wild species, particularly in the densely populated East Coast of the United States. Whitetail deer, turkeys, Canada geese, black bears, and trees are all doing wonderfully in 2012, thanks to conservation measures in the past and vagaries of history and cultural change. The problem, Sterba says, is that most modern North Americans have no idea what to do with these species.

We gawk and gape; we feed them doughnuts; we run into them with our cars; we are surprised and alarmed by their messy habits and occasional aggressiveness; we manage them all wrong; we want them gone from our neighborhoods, but we abhor the idea of killing them. Sterba blames our ham-fisted interactions with these representatives of the natural world on two main factors: sprawl and sentimentality. Call it the Bambi and 'burbs theory of human-wildlife interaction. Sprawl brings people to wild species and in many cases creates better-than-natural habitat by increasing habitat "edges"—the complicated, resource-rich borderlands between forest and field that deer and other species love. In addition, sprawl brings goodies in the shape of high-calorie garbage in poorly secured cans. And sentimentality, born of an alienation from real nature and a diet of too much anthropomorphized wildlife on TV, makes people unwilling to take what in many cases is the easiest route in dealing with problematic interactions: killing the animals



· Sterba can come across as a bit of a curmudgeon (he throws in a side discussion about those teenagers with their damn texting), but he is right. People need to suck it up and realize that in this crazy, anthropogenic world we live in, we sometimes need to kill to keep populations in check. If goose poop is throwing nutrient cycles out of whack, causing algae blooms, and imperiling lake species, then ready the roasting pan for some goose.

So how should we solve this “too much of a good thing” problem? Sterba proposes that local sharpshooters hunt overabundant deer and sell it at farmers markets, a genius way to use the locavore trend to pick up where declining interest in hunting has left a gap in population control. He also advocates wildlife overpasses and underpasses, fines for feeding wildlife, and making wearing fur acceptable again when populations of furbearers need to be controlled. In general, he argues, people need to reconnect with real nature “in ways that, to put it bluntly, get dirt under their fingernails, blood on their hands, and even a wood splinter or two under their kneecaps and butts.” In other words, he’s all for hipsters taking up hunting.

It is high time. And all it takes is overturning two long-held beliefs among many urban liberals: that it is wrong to personally kill animals and that hunters are all rural conservatives.

If you eat meat, eating animals you hunt yourself is a more ethical alternative than eating those from the current industrial agricultural system. Rather than being **confined in small enclosures and dosed** with antibiotics and antidepressants, wild birds and mammals have been leading lives very similar to those their species have been living for thousands of years (though featuring more corn, soy, and suburban refuse, generally speaking). And instead of outsourcing their deaths to an underpaid slaughterhouse employee, you do it yourself, which seems somehow most honest. If you can’t pull the trigger, you had better start collecting tempeh recipes





Besides, hunting is green. Hazel Wong, a senior policy adviser at the Nature Conservancy, told me that to pass environmental legislation at the state level, “believe it or not, we work with hunting groups a lot.” I wasn’t surprised. Conservation in America was practically founded by hunters. Yellowstone was first envisioned as a giant game reserve that would create big populations of animals that hunters could nab as they spilled out over the boundaries. Our first conservation-minded president, Teddy Roosevelt, mowed down untold hundreds of animals in his long career as a sport hunter. And “hook and bullet” organizations continue to fight for land protection. You see, you need nature to go hunting. And hunters—liberal and conservative—generally like nature. That’s why they are out in it.

So hunting is not a red state thing. It is a red meat thing. And, more than that, it is a necessary thing. In the lower 48, we have nowhere near as many wolves, cougars, and other predators as we would need to keep our deer populations in check. Without hunters, we would be up to our eyeballs in whitetail deer—scruffy, hungry, disease-ridden whitetail deer that relentlessly devour any flora they can reach, be it crops, garden plants, native groundcovers, or tree seedlings. In some places, we already are. In many places, deer overpopulation is so bad that teams of sharpshooters are called in to cull numbers.

State departments of conservation and game have been frantically trying to recruit more hunters. “Hunters are basically the only tool, other than cars, that we have to control deer in Missouri,” says Missouri Department of Conservation spokesman Jim Low. To boost hunter numbers, the department offers a “hunter skills university” for adults interested in getting into the pursuit. And they have permits for “apprentice hunters” who want to try it out (with a licensed mentor) before they go through the trouble of taking the required safety classes.



One problem in deer management is that many hunters are mostly interested in taking big bucks with impressive antlers. But removing bucks doesn't do much to reduce populations. The number of does needs to be brought down to reduce the number of fawns born that season. Enter the hipster hunter, who is out in the woods for meat, not antlers, and is happy to shoot a tastier, smaller doe.

Changing blue state mores about hunting may help solve many of the problems of wildlife-human conflict. But there is one other solution: getting people out of the sprawl and into cities, where efficiencies of scale and density reduce the per-capita impacts on the environment while simultaneously creating more space for the rest of nature. I believe this is possible, given the right constellation of policies, incentives, cultural shifts, and energy prices. Right now, many people live surrounded by nature but don't understand it—the Bambi and 'burbs problem. But it is possible to become simultaneously more urban and more nature savvy. Then we can leave the woods to the deer and turkeys, except when we visit to admire them and/or shoot them for dinner.

**Attention  
Shooters  
The Second Annual  
JOAD HOG HUNT  
If you are interested in Joining  
Mike Kenna  
Please give him a call at  
(805) 527-4585  
More info to come next month...**

## **STOLEN BOW ALERT**

Please be advised that one of our members had his bow stolen out of his vehicle,  
after packing his car, the night before leaving on a hunting trip.

The bow is a PSE 2012, 70# Brute X. Realtree camo finish Serial #: 19405152970 Arrow rest: NAP Apache Sight: Apex 6 pin  
With a quiver containing 4 Easton Bloodline 400 Arrows,  
Hen: Red, Cock: White, 4 Broad heads: 2 Rage (1 w/3 cutters, other w/2 cutters), 2 Muzzy (1 w/4 cutters, other w/3 cutters)

At the arrow cut away, I glued Mole Skin felt (tan colored) to dampen noise when walking around with a nocked arrow.  
If you see this bow please contact the Ventura County Sherriff's Department and reference Police report # 12-26292.





# Calendar of Events

## **Dec 23 CVA Club Shoot**

Jan 6th San Diego Archers 3-D Unmarked 28 targets  
Jan 13th Stump & Varmint Marked 2 arrows paper  
Jan 20th Mojave Archers Clara 3-D Challenge Unmarked 42 1 arrow  
Jan 20th Riverside Archers Javelina Hunt Marked 42 1 arrow  
Jan 20th San Diego Archers Animal 28 Marked

## **Jan 27th CVA Club Shoot**

Jan 27th Cherry Valley Bowhunters Winter 300-indoor 20 yard Vegas Style Target

## **Feb 3rd CVA Pacific Coast 3D 45 Unmarked 1 arrow**

Feb 3rd San Diego Valley Archers Flying Pig 28 unmarked Novelty  
Feb 10th Oranco Rendezvous 42 Unmarked  
Feb 17th Riverside Archers Team Toughman 30 Unmarked 1 arrow  
Feb 17 San Diego Archers Hunter 28 Unmarked 4 arrows  
Feb 23rd Mojave Archers Lucky 7 Combo 42 Marked 3D

## **Feb 24th CVA Club Shoot**

Feb 24th Mojave Archers Mojave Trad Shoot 25 Unmarked 2 arrows

## FITA/JOAD Calendar of Events

JOAD Mail-In Tournament Series 2012  
October 15 – December 31, 2012

44th U.S. National Indoor Championships and  
2013 J.O.A.D. National Indoor Championships  
February 22-24, 2013  
Tulare, California







### **Found Bow Case**

Did you leave your bow case at the range????  
If so please email me with a description  
You can reach me at [wudstoc@aol.com](mailto:wudstoc@aol.com)

### **LOST**

**If someone happened to find a bowstinger please  
contact me, so we can return it to its owner  
[wudstoc@aol.com](mailto:wudstoc@aol.com)**





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

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

