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Monthly Newsletter

December 2013

From the Prez

To all CVA member's

The holidays are upon us, with the end of the year coming quickly.

I want to thank Rose and Laura for putting together a successful "Toys for Tots" shoot. It was a little chilly this year, but the shooters seemed to have a good time. I'm sure the children who receive the gifts will also appreciate all those who came out.



We have started the New Year for the club shoots. We had a lot of new archers out this last month. Hopefully, we will have more coming out this month. There is still plenty of time to establish a handicap score and win the belt buckle. It is a lot of fun and gives everyone a chance to meet each other before the club meeting.

This last weekend we had a large JOAD work party and upgraded all the bales and cleaned out the bin. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help.

Also, I want to remind everyone that if you are looking for an end of the year donation, CVA is a 501(c)(3) organization. If you donate now you can get a tax deduction on your taxes.

I am very excited about this next year. We have a lot of changes planned, which should totally upgrade how we support archery and promote the sport.

Now, get out and shoot.

Clark Pentico
CVA President

From the Desk of the Vice Prez

Kurt Hoberg

The weekly 300 Rounds Tournament took a breather the first weekend of this month due to rainfall, and the next week's round saw a hardy six competitors brave the gusty winds. We will continue to hold these scored rounds each Saturday during the Public Session with scored shooting at the 18M line starting at 11am. Come on out, shoot, and look for your scores posted on the bulletin board on the JOAD bin!



I have made progress on the CVA Scholarship, the intent of which is to assist youth club members in offsetting the costs of tournament attendance. The board has been presented with a first draft and we are working through the details. I am hoping to have something much more refined to discuss during our next club meeting this month.

This year's California State Indoor Tournament looks to be well attended, including a healthy turnout from our club. We will be holding a meeting (date TBD, most likely after a Saturday Public Session) for those of you who are attending your first sanctioned archery tournament to give some tips, tricks, and suggestions that will help make the tournament even that much more enjoyable. This link provides very good information for those who are attending their first tournament. (<http://www.archerygb.org/tools/documents/12ScoringandTournaments-%5B13156%5D.pdf>). If you have questions and would like to discuss in a one on one setting, I'm more than happy to chat with you. Feel free to reach out.

This year's Toys for Tots charity shoot (organized by my lovely wife, Rose!) was held on a cold, muddy, Sunday, with nearly 40 archers shooting for charity. CVA was able to donate 50 toys due to this event! I want to thank everyone that helped, including the crew that braved the worst of the rain on Saturday to set up the range. Thanks everyone!

Here are upcoming events and activities that you can expect to hear more from me on in the coming months:

The Adult Achievement program

US Archery Mail-in tournament

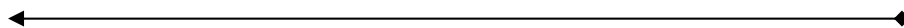
See you on the range!
Your VP,

Kurt

Remember, archery is easy. Shoot a 10, do it again!

Toys for Tots Archery Tournament





BALANCE IS THE KEY

By Curtis Hermann

Way back in “Oldin’ Times” (1988) a fine bowhunter/field tournament archer by the name of Dave Holt wrote a book titled “Balanced Bowhunting.” This book took the hunting and field tournament archer audience by storm, myself included. The concept “of all things in archery should be blended to provide the best overall performance” has had me hooked ever since. Dave’s first book was an attempt at helping the everyday archer balance shooting accuracy with an equal amount of hunting knowledge, to improve his performance in both areas. His book was directed at the compound archer (even though the Traditional Archer “like me” was well on his way to returning as a significant element of the archery community), he was not the targeted customer, never-the-less the concept crossed all barriers and I adopted it.

Many years have gone by and it seems this idea of “BALANCE” has been lost in the speed of the times, but I think it has a lot of value and I want to visit it several times over the next year because I believe it has value to both our club and each individual member of the Conejo Valley Archer’s. So today we are going to discuss “balance” as it relates to our club, in later column’s we will discuss “balance” as it relates to shooting styles, range types, equipment choices, etc.

Just how “balanced” is the “Conejo Valley Archers?” Well at first it seems that we are nicely balanced, we have a 28 target field range that has drawn archers from near and far for forty years. It has survived several incarnations and has always maintained respect as a club with a challenging range and as a leader in our area of the state.

We have one of the most successful JOAD programs in the country, one that introduces literally thousands of people to our sport every year. A program that is in expansion as we contemplate a FITA style range near Bennett Road to provide even more tournaments and access for archers.

We have a dedicated group of “Traditional Archer’s” that have been an active and successful arm in our club since the very beginning, often providing much of the physical labor and one of the more successful tournaments of the year. Yet this segment is the least organized and the least prepared to help others explore this side of archery.

Over all it seems pretty good doesn’t it, so how do we improve on such a good product? We need to look at the strengths and weaknesses of each area and see how we can improve that area and use it to introduce their participants to the other areas of the club.

Let’s start with the field archery side. Most of our members shoot compound bows yet we do not have even one certified NFAA coach in our club, not one compound shooting or tuning clinic scheduled per year and little discussion in the “Quiver” on NFAA rules and regulations or tournament etiquette. Many of our members have no idea who the NFAA is or our state archery association (CBHSAA) and what our relationship is with these two organizations. I would guess that few of our members have any idea on how to map out a program that would lead them to becoming a recognized State Champion in this state. These are responsibilities of the field archery side that need to be improved upon in order to bring “balance” to our members.

Next in importance to our club is the JOAD program and we have been praising its successes for some time now without addressing some of its weaknesses. It certainly has a strong coaching program (I know they complain they need more coaches) but in comparison to other clubs in the state, our coach making program is as successful as any and certainly better than most. As I see it, as an observer from the corner of the chess board, is that the JOAD program is challenged to just keep up with its popularity and has little time to consider much else. Yet I know, (as a traditional archer) that many people go to JOAD to learn instinctive archery without knowing that JOAD is a specific style of archery that leads to world or international target championships in Olympic style target archery. .



I know that this search for archery help is because of the movies promoting archery in their films, never-the-less, the archery that many are now searching for is the simple “stick-n’-string, at one with the arrow” type archery that we refer to as “traditional,” or “instinctive” archery.

So it appears to me that the Saturday program needs to be expanded to include an area with a NFAA certified coach and an area with some “Instinctive” help (there is no certification for instinctive coaches) to help those looking for help for what JOAD does not provide. This requires more communication and volunteerism between all the segments of the CVA club.

In summary, every CVA member should be aware of the three styles of archery that we provide, the relationship of the club and the ruling organizations, (NAA/JOAD, NFAA, CBH/SAA) and the loosely organized but always “hanging in there” group of traditional/instinctive archers and be able to find scheduled help in the style of their choice. This is what we mean by “BALANCE.”

One last paragraph, I have not discussed “Balance” in looking at hunting knowledge or forward to the future, but to be completely “balanced,” these last elements also need to be considered. Providing hunting knowledge is just simply part of archery, always has been, always will be. Making it a part of the clubs agenda is simply and we will cover that in another column. There is a form of archery that has been coming down the pike for some twenty years now and will have to be included some time down the road, my guess is in the next twenty years or less and that is crossbows. It may be a contentious point at the moment but it will not always remain so, so keep that point in mind.

See you next month,
Curtis



Membership Corner December 2013

This may look like last month's article and that is because a lot of it is the same! Only because this is an important and busy month!

Renewals are due!!!

You renewal forms were sent out on approximately October 6th from Dan Dix. Please check your inbox or spam if you haven't seen it. Please mail in all renewals to Dan or bring it to the below mentioned times when exchanging your key. You cannot get a new key if you haven't renewed. Please bring checks for payment.**

KEY EXCHANGES – NEW POLICY

Locks will be changed on the early evening of **Friday, December 20, 2013** – an email will be sent out to all members for a reminder.

Key exchanges and membership card pick up will take place on the following dates ONLY:

The **two Saturdays following the change, during the Open Public Sessions at the JOAD range,

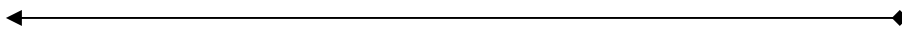
December 21st and 28th from 9:30 am to 1pm

**Any monthly General Membership Meeting

Any of our CVA tournaments **after registration

You must bring in your old key for exchange or pay a \$5.00 replacement cost fee. Your name will be checked off from our paid membership list.

**Anyone not able to make these dates/times will need to send a stamped/self-addressed envelope to Dan Dix 4008 Monterey Ct. Newbury Park, Ca. 91320 and include your old key in the envelope or a \$5.00 deposit for a new key if you have lost the old one.



New Membership Cards

-The new cards will be useful for discounts to local businesses. We are working to connect with more companies for more discounts also. If you have a business and would like to offer a discount to club members, let me know. If you know of a business that you think we should connect to (maybe your favorite Sunday Brunch restaurant,) then let me know that too! I will contact them with the appropriate paperwork. We will offer an announcement in the Quiver as we add a new business and then they will be posted on our website. Members can refer to these supporting businesses anytime you need.

CVA Promotional Items Are In!!!

All preorders have been packed and will be ready for pick up at the key exchange times. Otherwise you will need to contact me by email to arrange another time to pick items up. Please bring a check for payment.

Short Sleeve T-Shirts - \$10.00 each

CVA - Heather Ash

JOAD - White

Long Sleeve T-Shirts - \$15.00

Heather Ash

CVA logo only

Crew Neck Sweat Shirts - \$20.00

Heather Ash

CVA logo only

Zip Up Hoodie - \$30.00

Steele Grey

JOAD logo

COACH logo – \$38.00

Coaches Collared Polo Shirt - \$18.00

Heather Ash

JOAD logo only

6" Decal - \$5.00

CVA or JOAD logo

3" Embroidered Patch \$5.00 - (preorder only at this time – will not be available until after the holidays)
CVA or JOAD logo

CVA Lapel Pins - \$3.00 (each member gets one free when picking up their membership card at the range!)

To pre-order please send me an email with the items, sizes and logos specified.

Email me at bmarshall79@verizon.net. Please do not call me about pre-orders. All styles and quantities limited at this time. First come first served!

December Anniversaries

Gale and Hilda Fowler officially have their membership anniversary of 41 years this month! I say official because membership records only go back to 1972! But obviously as the founding members of our club we would like to say Thank You to them for their actual 46 years as members! Maybe they might think about joining us for our 50th anniversary in 2017!

Other notable anniversaries include:

The most honorable Dan Dix (Treasurer extraordinaire) is also celebrating his 24th year with the club. Thank you Dan for your ever present patience in all matters financial and life just wouldn't be the same without a good dose of Dan jokes and hilarious t-shirts quotes at meetings and tournaments.

Frank Suarez and family – 8 years

Anthony Price – 7 years

John Ives – 4 years

Lee Glasser and Alyssa – 3 years

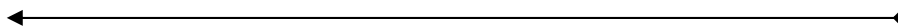
Marc Reinoso – 3 years

Lance Peet, 2 years

1 year: Todd and Angie Bartel and family, John Gould and family, John Strubbe and family, Roy Brokaw, Frank Charlton and family, Gilles Godin and Jacqueline

Happy Holidays!!!

Bonnie



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Reminder
 Saturday February 1st
 Is Range Beatification Day
 Please come out and give us a hand



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Calendar of Events

Dec 22nd CVA Club Shoot

Jan 12th Oranco Bowmen Stump and Varmint unmarked 2 arrows paper

Jan 18th Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club 2014 Point Series 30 unmarked 1 arrow

Jan 19th Mojave Archers Clara 3-D Challenge 30 unmarked 2 arrows

Jan 19th Archery Outpost Host CBH/SAA indoor Championships

Jan 26th Riverside Archers Javelina Hunt 42 Marked 1 arrow

Jan 26th CVA Club Shoot

Jan 26th Cherry Valley Bowhunters Winter 300 indoor 11am 20 yard

Feb 9th Oranco Bowmen Rendezvous 42 Unmarked

Feb 16th Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club 2014 Point Series 30 unmarked 1 arrow.

Feb 16th Conejo Valley Archers Pacific Coast Adventures 45



CVA has created a memorial rock honoring past members who are no longer with us. You can view the rock located next to the grand stand. When you get a chance take a look.

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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

