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## FEBRUARY 2015

## **From the Desk of the President**

### **Kurt Hoberg**

I have so much to discuss this month I've added section headings!

### **Tournament Range**

The developments continue around the CVA Tournament Range. The Tournament Committee is working to finalize required plans and paperwork so permits can be pulled.

The latest is that we cannot clear brush to avoid the bird survey, so we may need to get a biologist to verify that nesting birds aren't an issue. One large milestone is that the grading plans for the range have been submitted to the Public Works department, which allows us to avoid additional pre-review fees.

The Tournament Range team is working diligently on completing these final requirements as soon as possible so we can start moving dirt. I'll be reporting out information as more developments occur.

### **3D Range Captain**

In last month's article I mentioned that the Board of Directors is looking for a 3D Range Captain / Chair who will be in charge of the 3D range, organize work parties to keep the range shoot-able, and who will be asked to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings to give a report on the state of the 3D range.

I'm happy to announce that Bryan Tanger has volunteered to fill the 3D Range Captain role for CVA. Bryan has been shooting for many years, and at last count owns nearly 30 bows and is obviously married to a very understanding wife! (His whole family shoots, so that helps.)

He has already made a huge contribution to the 3D Range and has a very exciting vision on making CVA's 3D offering one of the best in the State, if not the Nation.

If you have questions or suggestions for the 3D Range please reach out to Bryan. Join me in welcoming him to his new role in the club!

### **JOAD / Adult Achievement Pin Program**

Congratulations to this month's Adult Achievement Pin program award earners. Great job and fine shooting! As of the time of writing this article, here are the achievements:



- Andy Cleveland – 7<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- Brianna Erickson – 6<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- Eric Hammerquist – 6<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Fingers)
- Jeff Blackwell – 5<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- Keyth Pengal – 6<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- Luz Garces – 4<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)

The JOAD pin program has leveled out a bit over the last month. For those youth archers who are interested in participating in the JOAD pin program please see me during our Saturday Public Sessions. Congratulations to the following archers for their fine shooting! As of the time of writing this article, here are the achievements:

- Kale Hayes – 6<sup>th</sup> pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- Shen Linson – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> pins, shooting FITA Recurve

### **CA State Indoor and JOAD 2015 Standings**

The 2015 State Indoor tournament held in January in Tulare CA was yet another record breaker. Our sport has become so popular that this tournament, for the second year, was extended to two (2) weekends as there were so many archers. In a like fashion, CVA's attendance was nearly record breaking. We had a total of 20 archers attending from the club, and from the standings below you can tell that our youth archers dominated in their divisions. Great shooting to all. Of special note, Miles Gould earned his Bronze Olympian pin during the State Indoor portion of the tournament, shooting a 280 in one set of 30 arrows. That's a 28 out of 30 average! Great shooting Miles!

#### **2015 JOAD Indoor CVA Awards**

- Compound Cadet Men: 2nd - Jack Sampson 553
- Compound Cub Men: 1st - Miles Gould 566
- Recurve Cub Men: 1st - Connor Blackwell 433
- Novice Cadet Women: 1st - Natalie Tietz 316
- Novice Junior Women: 1st - Joyanne Begg 150

#### **2015 State Indoor CVA Awards**

- Bowman Novice Women: 2nd - Sacha Del Bosque 312
- Cadet Compound Men: 2nd - Jack Sampson 1098
- Cadet Novice Women: 2nd - Natalie Tietz 443

- Cub Compound Men: 1st - Miles Gould 1124, 2nd - Connor Blackwell 899
- Cub Novice Men: 2nd - Wesley Richter 254
- Cub Novice Women: 2nd - Carissa Goldberg 288
- Junior Novice Women: 1st - Joyanne Begg 311
- Master50+ Recurve Women: 1st - Rose Hoberg 990

### **National Indoor and JOAD 2015 Tournaments**

On February 20<sup>th</sup> the 2015 JOAD National Indoor and on February 21-22<sup>nd</sup> the 46<sup>th</sup> US National Indoor Tournament will be held in Tulare CA. The format for these two tournaments is the same as the CA State Indoor that was recently held in the same venue, however the tournaments are National in scope.

Each United States region will shoot their respective tournaments and the scores are combined to determine National rankings. These two tournaments are just as popular as the State Indoor tournaments, so if you are interested in competing you need to register and book your hotel ASAP. Registration and tournament information can be found at <http://calarchery.net/>  
See you on the range!

Your President,

Kurt

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

## From the Desk of the VP

### **Bonnie Marshall**

Volunteering! That is my theme for the month. I know everyone wants the club to be great and look great but we all know that doesn't happen without our volunteers, which means our club members.

I hope that everyone who is reading this article thinks to themselves, "What have I done for the club lately? Have I contributed to this great organization that gives back to me, a place where I (and my family) can go and enjoy the sport I love". If you have some examples, great, if you have to think about it then maybe it's time to come on out and get busy!

There are many opportunities to help this time of year, especially as we start into our tournament season. We will have 5 invitational tournaments that we host and raise monies for the club this year. These next two events, the Pac Coast 3D and the Pac Coast Traditional are 2 day tournaments that require setup of the range on a Friday. That means we need LOTS of help. Not only for setting out targets but getting the kitchen ready and the range looking its best. I have posted all of the jobs that are needed to get a tournament and keep a tournament running but just know that we need everyone to help whether you are shooting the tournament or not.

If you enjoy shooting the tournaments then helping out on the Friday is the best option. If you don't shoot it then the days of the event is where we need you. Whether it is in the kitchen, parking, registration, running the wagon getting shooters where they need to go, running specialty shots, selling raffle tickets or replacing targets as they get shot out, there's something to do. And many of these things can be done by adults or kids. This is great opportunity to show the kids how important it is to give back to "their" club.

Please check out the Pac Coast flier and contact Clark Pentico and Bob Bombardier to help.



I also would like to welcome Bryan Tanger on as the 3D Range Captain. Bryan is full of great ideas and is willing to make things happen. He brings a wealth of 3D shooting experience and I hope everyone gets a chance to check out the area over the next few weeks to watch what is happening. I also hope that if the 3D range is of particular interest for you that you would also contact Bryan and find out how you can help.

See you on the range!  
Bonnie

### Membership Corner - February 2015

Renewals have slowed down this time of year but we are continuing to get new members each month now also. I have sent out an email to the members who did not renew as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been very pleased to hear back from about 25% of them and all had very positive things to say about our club and why they hadn't yet renewed.

The main reason for renewing was life just got busy and they forgot. Boy, do we all get that and most all of those people said they would be renewing and some already have. There are a few who have moved away or are away at school and there were a few who had medical issues and have not been able to shoot. But everyone that I spoke with had the same positive comments about the club and that they always enjoy their time spent here and the people they met.

I'll take that as a "pat on the back" for us all.

Thank you all for your consistent positive welcome to new members and helping them into the world of archery. We are all better for it.

#### **This month's anniversaries:**

Founding members **Gordon and Claudia Marks** and **Rick Bowen** - Thank you!

**Mike Broder** who has been the rock behind our JOAD program for years and runs all of our Level 1 certification classes celebrates his 10<sup>th</sup> year with the club.

**David Westerburg and family** – 7 years

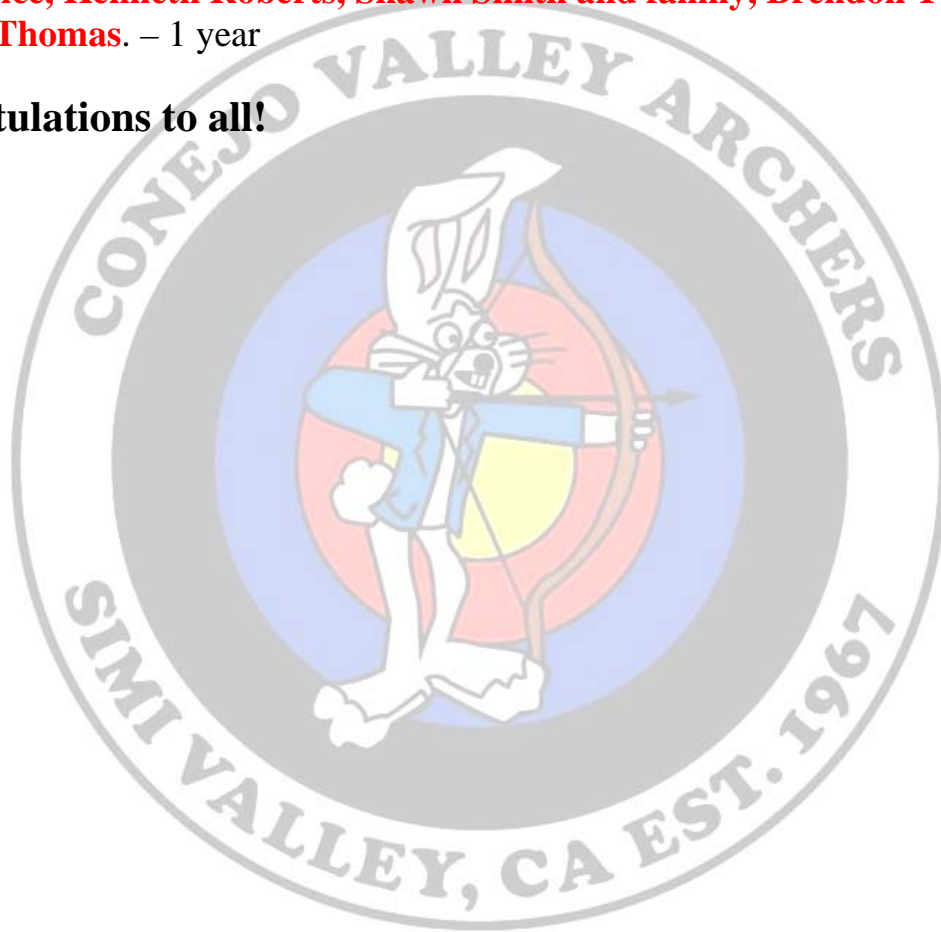
**Bill Feldt** – and **John Steele** – 4 years

**Tom Swindell, Roland Bastian and family, Jay Bodnar, Joe Bittner** – 3 years

**Cynthia Loo and family, Randy Estrella, Michael Banks and Gregg Sherman and family** - 2 years

**Jason Bear and family, Tyler Hines Joyanne Begg and family, Marc Blumberg, Shane Boomhower, Michael Burditt and family, Tyler Flores, Dennis Nice, Kenneth Roberts, Shawn Smith and family, Brendon Terry and Michael Thomas.** – 1 year

**Congratulations to all!**



## **“Happening’s in the world of Bowhunter Education”**

**Curtis Hermann, February 2015**



February’s International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) class is now in the books, it was a small class, equally divided between very experienced bowhunters and those wanting to become a bowhunter. I always enjoy this mix of those with enough experience to add to the class and the questions from newcomers help me stay on top of today’s audience. One CVA member (Tom Sheppard) took the class after a twenty year hiatus from bowhunting; he wanted to get back into the hunting scene. Tom Swindell (another CVA member) also came as an assistant and did so much work setting up our “in the woods” portion and laying out the blood trail. I want to thank Tom & Tom for all they did to help make this class a success as well as my co-instructor Jim Overman from Angeles Shooting Ranges.

One bit of archery/bowhunting news is on the horizon. I received a call from Johnnie Waddles (CA. IBEP State Chairman) right after the CBH/SAA annual meeting in January; Johnnie informed me that CBH/SAA has supported the California Department of Fish & Wildlife intention of making the IBEP class mandatory for hunting with a bow and arrow in this state. Of course if you have already taken this course you will not have to take it again, also it is my guess that if you have previously possessed a California bowhunting tag you will be “Grandfathered In,” meaning that you will not be required to take the course. The expectation is that it will become mandatory just previous to the 2017 hunting season. There is a way to go before this is accomplished but it is being led by Captain Roy Griffith of the DFW Hunter Education Division and Roy is a strong and persuasive leader, so I would expect things to move along smoothly and efficiently to a sooner than later conclusion. As the CVA Conservation Officer, I shall keep you updated through this column on this issue.

My next Bowhunter Education (IBEP) Class is scheduled for August 2. 2015, this may be a good time for you to start thinking about saving that date and join us for a day of training and fun, a good introduction into the world of bowhunting. My email is: [onerobinhood@roadrunner.com](mailto:onerobinhood@roadrunner.com), let’s start a conversation!

Till next month,

Curtis



## **Article by Kurt Hoberg**

This article came my way from John Gould, Miles Gould's dad. The article was forwarded to Miles from one of his Compound Junior Dream Team Coaches, and is written by Larry Wise, who has been involved with NAA coaching since 1984, is a published Archery Coaching author, and who holds his Level-4 Certification.

This article has a message to all of us archers who sometimes get caught up in the outcome of the sport and sometimes lose sight of the process.

DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID?

6/13/14

L. WISE

No, really. Did you hear what he said last night? It was between periods last night when he said it. Coach Daryl Sutter said it and I heard it. With his LA Kings hockey team tied and headed to overtime play Coach Sutter was asked what he thought his team needed to do to win this game. Coach Sutter is a man of few words so I always listen closely when he speaks and he spoke, "It has to be about output and not about outcome." His players listened and obviously understood what he meant because 35-minutes of overtime hockey later they were hoisting the Stanley Cup for the second time in three years – a great accomplishment.

So what did he mean? What did he mean by "output"? I'm sure he meant that his players needed to focus on the effort they put into their skating. They had to be aware of their direction and location and feel their teammates around them. They had to be constantly putting themselves in the right place at every point in time. He knew and I know that they, each and every one of them, had to be skating in the "present" and thinking only in their own process of playing hockey. They had to give each moment all they had and you can only do that by "being in the moment".

To be sure, you cannot control the outcome of the game because the other teams' level of play has something to do with that – they want to win too and direct their efforts to that end. The only part that you can control is your own physical and mental effort (output) - the team that does that the most maximizes their chances to perform at a higher level and, ultimately, win. There are no guarantees that you will win but you do maximize your chances by playing "in the present".

In overtime hockey you and your teammates must be engaged in the task of getting the puck out of your own defensive zone when you are there or keeping it in your offensive zone when you are there. And I'm certain that involves "passing the puck" so "passing" becomes your "process". When you are skating to be in the right place while heading in the right direction you are better able to make or receive the right pass at the right time.

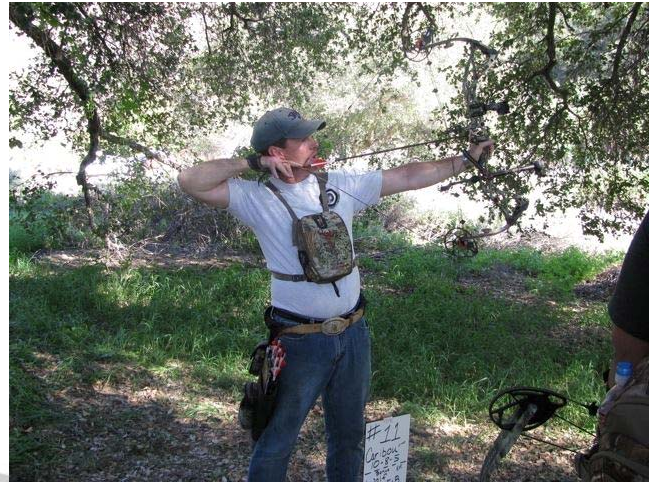
If you are thinking about the guy that just jammed you into the boards, where he is now and how you can "get even" then you aren't engaged in the present. For sure, you are thinking in the future – you are thinking of that moment when you can really put a smack-down on that other guy. And in that instant of selfish thought you miss making or receiving "the pass" that could get the puck out of your end or keep it in their end of the ice. In that moment you moved out of the present and missed an opportunity to execute the "process" that ultimately wins games. In that moment you left that team network around you and are playing by your self – and it's hard to beat the opposing five skaters and goalie if you are playing by yourself.

That's why it has to be "about output"! If there is time on the clock and you are thinking about "winning" or "scoring" then you are thinking in the future when you should be thinking about your process in the present. In my sport of archery if you are aiming an arrow and thinking about where you want it to score (outcome) then you are thinking in the future. You must, instead think about your "output" which means your physical process of executing the shot. If you take care of your execution process in the present then the bow will take care of the arrow. Without the "output" how will you ever get "the score"?

Coach Sutter is right - It's gotta' be about output! So what is it about in your own personal performance?

Hi All CVA members,

“Adopt a Target” is for members to volunteer to help maintain one of the 28 shooting lanes on the Roving range. It mostly consists of keeping the weeds and brush at bay and general clean up on a selected lane. On most lanes this would require the person(s) to spend only about 30 – 45 minutes working on the lane maybe 2 or 3 times a year. This would allow me to focus on



other project on the range. Because if I have to clear all of the lanes (30 minutes x 28 lanes) it eats up my available time to do other things like working on bales, spraying weeds, putting up covers on the target, fire abatement, repairs, etc.....

If you're not sure of what maintaining a lane would consist of feel free to give me a call with any questions you may have.

If you are interested on a particular lane send me an email. It will be first come first serve so if you want a particular lane let me know ASAP.

**If you have adopted a lane already please take the time to maintain it. If you're no longer able to maintain it please let me know so we can show it as available.**

Thanks,

Keith Murphy (CVA Roving Range Captain)

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805 558-9312

### Adopt a Target - Sign-Up Sheet


| Target # | Distance                                     | Adaptor(s)                     |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1        | 35 yrd fan field 36 yrd fan hunter           | Gary Magness                   |
| 2        | 30 yrd. field 32 yrd hunter                  | Rob Lind                       |
| 3        | 20 yrd. field 19walk-up hunter               | Robert Lutrell                 |
| 4        | 35 ft. walk-up field 11 yrd hunter           | Cher Riggs                     |
| 5        | 80 yrd. walk-up field 70 yrd. walk-up hunter | Norman Rice                    |
| 6        | 25 yrd field 28 yrd. fan hunter              | James, Nathan, & Joshua Colins |
| 7        | 55 yrd field 53 yrd walk-up hunter           | James, Nathan, & Joshua Colins |
| 8        | 45 yrd walk-up field 44 yrd hunter           | Terry Gieskewski               |
| 9        | 15 yrd. field 15 yrd. walk-up hunter         |                                |
| 10       | 65 yrd. field 64 yrd. walk-up hunter         |                                |
| 11       | 40 yrd field 40 yrd. Hunter                  | Steve Price                    |
| 12       | 60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up                 |                                |
| 13       | 45 yrd field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter          | Steve Mahoney                  |
| 14       | 50 yrd. field 48 yrd walk-up hunter          |                                |
| 15       | 45 yrd.walk-up field 44 yrd. hunter          | Ruth Haskins                   |
| 16       | 50 yrd. field 48 yrd. hunter                 | Julio Durado                   |
| 17       | 20 yrd field 19 yrd. walk-up hunter          | Clark Pentico                  |
| 18       | 80 yrd. walk-up field 70 yrd walk-up hunter  |                                |
| 19       | 55 yrd. field 53 yrd. walk-up hunter         |                                |
| 20       | 25 yrd. field 28 yrd. fan hunter             |                                |
| 21       | 35 yrd. fan field 36 yrd fan hunter          | Jim Niehoff                    |
| 22       | 30 yrd. field 32 yrd. fan hunter             | Jim Niehoff                    |
| 23       | 35 ft. walk-up field 11 yrd. hunter          | Sharron Jacobs and Casey Nolte |
| 24       | 45 yrd. field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter         | Alan & Chris Murphy            |
| 25       | 65 yrd. field 64 yrd. walk-up hunter         | Kit Raquel                     |
| 26       | 60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up                 | Jonathan & Diana Geiger        |
| 27       | 15 yrd. field 15 yrd. walk-up hunter         | Chuck Thurber                  |
| 28       | 40 yrd. field 40 yrd. hunter                 | Chuck Thurber                  |
|          | 20-40 yrd practice butts                     |                                |
|          | 20 yrd. practice butts by running pig        | Kris Ogle                      |

# Conejo Valley Archers

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## Pacific Coast 3D Adventure

**All New Format**



- 2 Days
- 60 3D Targets
- Orange Spots
- Marked yardage
- 2 arrows per target
- 11-10-8 scoring
- Compound, Traditional < 50yard, Youth and Cub stakes

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – 35 Targets**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> – 25 Targets**

| Saturday Schedule      |                          | Sunday Schedule        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | Registration             | 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | Registration             |
| 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Shotgun Start 35 Targets | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Shotgun Start 25 Targets |
| 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Novelty Challenge        | 2:00 p.m.              | Awards                   |
| 4:00 p.m.              | *Raffle                  |                        |                          |

\* Can pickup prizes on Sunday with matching ticket

- Food and beverages available on the range
- Vendor Trade Show and Sales
- RV park and camping available next to range at Tapo Canyon Park (camping reservations recommended) (NO CAMPING ON THE RANGE!)
- Must shoot both days to be eligible for awards

### Novelty Challenge

- Laporte disk thrower
- Long distance clout
- Flying mosquito
- Floating ping pong ball
- and more????

| Entry Fees                          |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Family*                             | \$ 45 |
| Couple                              | \$ 35 |
| Adult/Senior                        | \$ 25 |
| Young Adult (15-17)                 | \$ 20 |
| Youth (12-14)                       | \$ 15 |
| Cub (8-11)                          | \$ 10 |
| PeeWee(0-7)                         | \$ 10 |
| 1 Day with no awards reduce by \$5  |       |
| Non-CBH/NFAA members add \$5        |       |
| *Family: Parents and minor children |       |

### \*\*\*\* Notice \*\*\*\*

The CVA Pacific Coast Traditional Challenge  
 Two Day Shoot is on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**\*\*Rain or Shine Event\*\***  
**\*\* NO DOGS ON THE RANGE! \*\***

Visit: [www.cvarchers.com](http://www.cvarchers.com) for  
 lodging/camping & directions to the range.  
 Questions: Clark Pentico (805) 630- 1749

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## Conejo Valley Archers Broad-head Policy

### Purpose:

Per the Conejo Valley Archers (CVA) Code of Conduct policy, shooting of broad-head and/or blunt arrows is banned on CVA premises unless specific conditions are met.

The purpose of the CVA Broad-head Policy is to define and regulate the use of broad-head and/or blunt arrows on CVA premises. This policy has been developed to promote a safe archery environment, comply with all laws/lease obligations, and promote archery in line with the CVA mission statement.

### Conejo Valley Archers Mission Statement:

The mission of the Conejo Valley Archers is to foster the growth of the sport of archery by maintaining a facility for family oriented events, and by promoting skill and sportsmanship through educational outreach, for all ages and abilities.

### Definitions:

**Broad-head:** An arrow point/tip that is specifically made for hunting. Typically broad-heads consist of 2 to 4 sharp blades that are designed to deliver a wide cutting edge as to kill game as quickly as possible.

**Blunt:** An arrow point/tip that is unsharpened and blunted, often used to hunt small game.

### POLICY

**Section 1:** Approved broad-head and blunt arrow shooting conditions are as follows:

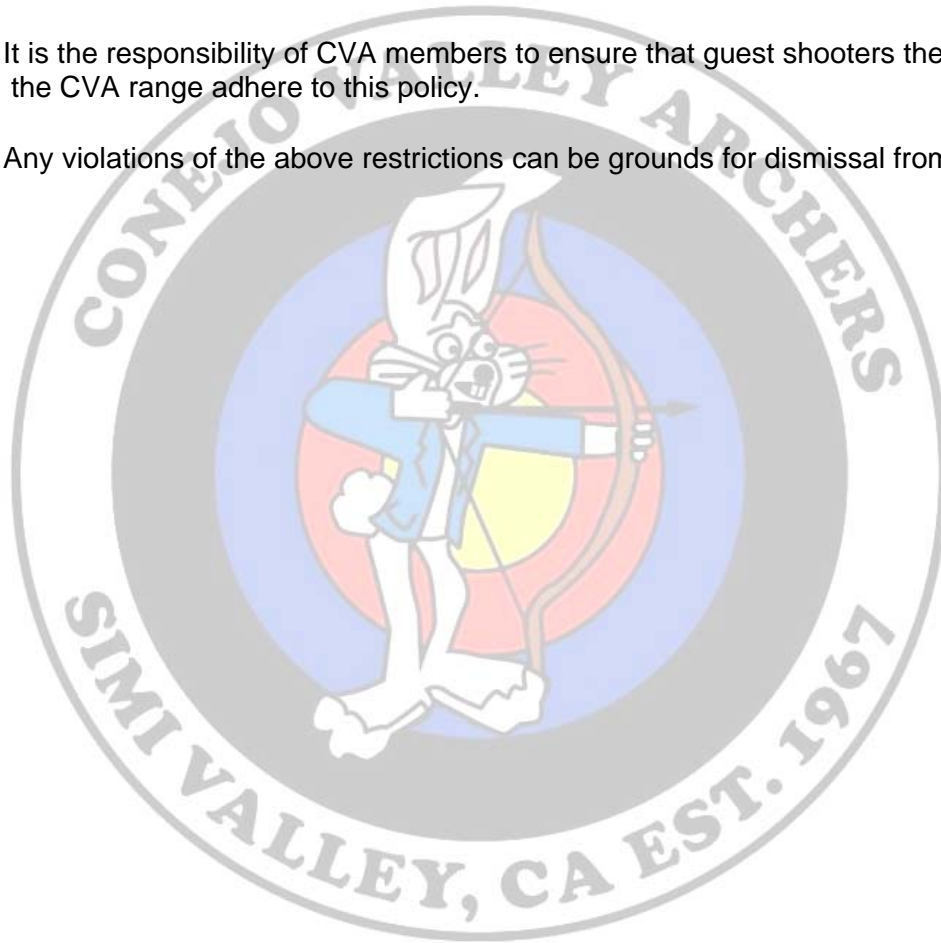
- A. *Shooting broad-heads/blunts into and CVA provided 3D targets is **expressly prohibited**.*
  - a. *Broad-heads and/or blunt arrows are **not to be shot** into any hay bale, temporary target, or 3D animal target provided or placed by the club **at any time**.*
  - b. *It is the responsibility of the CVA member shooting broad-heads or blunts to do so in a safe manner that does not add cost or time to the upkeep or maintenance of the range*
- B. The only approved location on CVA's premises to shoot broad-heads and/or blunt arrows is at the swinging tire target.

- a. The swinging tire target is located near lane #14 on the Roving Range, close to the 3D range.
- C. When shooting broad-heads and/or blunt arrows, the CVA member must bring their own target pad/bag to be setup at the swinging tire target.
  - a. Member targets must be of sufficient thickness and durability to safely shoot broad-heads without arrow pass-throughs.
  - b. Members are required to remove all broken broad-head and blunt arrows safely from the CVA range.

**Section 3:** There is no hunting on the CVA range at any time under any circumstances.

**Section 4:** It is the responsibility of CVA members to ensure that guest shooters they host on the CVA range adhere to this policy.

**Section 5:** Any violations of the above restrictions can be grounds for dismissal from the club.



## CVA Club Shoot – January 25, 2015

Over twenty archers made the round in January again, including three new archers (Jeffrey Del Bosque, Ryan Marton, and James Nickelson). A number of archers also picked up handicaps for the first time (third shoot of the club year).

Top handicapped score went to Norman “Ironman” Rice with a 545 (480 Scratch) shooting BHFS, while the top “Scratch” score went to Clark “Call me Lefty” Pentico with a 515 (BHFS). Just five points back was Norman Rice again with a 510 shooting FS.

Top “Traditional” score (Recurve or Longbow) went to Tom Swindell (232 scratch).

Note: There were a few “Style” changes this month by a couple of the archers (i.e. reported FS instead of BHFS or Trad-Recurve instead of Longbow). If you feel your score was recorded in error please let me know.

See you around the range.

John Downey - Tournament Chairman



| NAME               | HSCORE | SCRATCH | DIVISION | STYLE |
|--------------------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Norman Rice        | 545.00 | 480.00  | GA       | BHFS  |
| Chuck Thurber      | 539.00 | 434.00  | GA       | FS    |
| Keith Murphy       | 538.00 | 490.00  | A        | BHFS  |
| Kurt Hoberg        | 537.00 | 395.00  | A        | FITA  |
| Jonathan Geiger    | 521.00 | 375.00  | A        | FITA  |
| Clark Pentico      | 515.00 | 515.00  | A        | BHFS  |
| Norman Rice        | 510.00 | 510.00  | GA       | FS    |
| Clark Pentico      | 509.00 | 509.00  | A        | FS    |
| Tom Swindell       | 492.00 | 232.00  | GA       | TRAD  |
| Tom Sheppard       | 490.00 | 172.00  | A        | TRAD  |
| Rick Gabbie        | 472.00 | 472.00  | A        | FS    |
| Bob Bombardier     | 468.00 | 142.00  | A        | LB    |
| Joe Cavaleri       | 466.00 | 182.00  | A        | TRAD  |
| Stan Ogle          | 409.00 | 409.00  | A        | FS    |
| James Nickelson    | 377.00 | 377.00  | A        | BHFS  |
| Curtis Hermann     | 254.00 | 254.00  | GA       | TRAD  |
| Garry Magness      | 251.00 | 251.00  | A        | LB    |
| John Brix          | 212.00 | 212.00  | GA       | LB    |
| Robb Ramos         | 211.00 | 211.00  | A        | TRAD  |
| Jeffrey Del Bosque | 151.00 | 151.00  | A        | TRAD  |
| Ryan Marton        | 69.00  | 69.00   | A        | TRAD  |



## **Pasadena Roving Archer's Update**

### **Kurt Hoberg**

I have been keeping the club informed of Pasadena Roving Archer's fight to continue their 80 year old archery program in Pasadena's Lower Arroyo. The area has been contested for use by a small number of well-connected citizens, and the City's' discussion of the issue has been pushed out month by month.

Finally, the hearing took place earlier this month. Below is a letter provided by Gary Spiers, the President of Pasadena Roving Archers outlining the fight and the results.

The title should give a pretty strong hint as to the outcome!

**We WON!**

After a marathon eight-hour meeting that began on Monday February 2nd and didn't conclude until 2:30 am the next day, the Pasadena City Council voted to keep intact the historic 80-year old Pasadena Field Archery Range.

The first half of the council meeting had been occupied by a discussion about recent shootings in parks in the North-West portion of the city. Many speakers addressed the need to engage kids in activities in the park to keep them out of gangs and stressed that PAL (Police Activities League) was a positive influence. The meeting then progressed to a discussion of the archery range, where a small group of residents was arguing to shut down a successful park activity. PRA actively supports Pasadena PAL by providing archery classes. Some members of the council did not fail to notice the irony of the situation.

We had amazing passionate speakers who eloquently explained just why archery and this range are so important, and politely but effectively demolished the nonsense put forth by our opposition. We had young archers speak, including a large group of JOADs. We had veterans. We had an archer from the US Junior Dream Team and a barebow world champion. We had numerous people who are not archers but recognized the unfairness of what was happening, and spoke out in favor of preserving this historic archery range. We packed the city council chambers and BOTH of the overflow rooms were overflowing with archery supporters. By contrast, despite an organized fear-mongering campaign by archery opponents, the number of people who showed up to speak against the archery range "could fit in a minivan" as one fired-up speaker put it.

Council members voted 5-3 to allow the City Manager to determine where archery is permitted and to approve development of a new licensing and operating agreement with the PRA with the removal of a poison pill recommendation that instructed the city manager to find an alternate site for archery so that the range could be closed to archery on weekdays. A subsequent vote 6-2 in favor passed an amendment directing the city manager to find additional -- rather than 'alternative' -- locations for archery.

This long battle started five years ago. We had always had the support of the Recreation and Parks Commission and both of the neighborhood residents associations. The range is clearly called out in the city's own Lower Arroyo Master Plan. Our opponents, though influential, were a big part of their own failure. They lied to the public on a website they set up to garner support. What they had not counted on was a dedicated group of PRA supporters who monitored their petition and contacted people who had signed it and pointed them to public documents that explained the reality. Many of these people then became committed to helping the archery cause. And so it spread.

Online media became very important. We developed an email distribution list of over 4,000 people, we used our Facebook and web pages, an online petition, monitored neighborhood bulletin boards, had a booth at our Saturday classes with paper petitions and postcards for people to fill out, we talked to the regular people who walked past the archery range and even fed their dogs treats! Every Saturday we teach about 200 people the basics of archery and after every class we would give them a short informative speech. We invited new archers to help out by signing petitions and filling out postcards. The core team was deliberately made up of archers and non-archers. One of those non-archers put in so many hours and was so effective in countering the arguments of our opposition that PRA will be instituting an award in his name. The annual Sam Dolinar Award will be given to the non-archer who most contributes to furthering the cause of archery in a year. At this past Wednesday's monthly club meeting Sam was also made an honorary member of Pasadena Roving Archers.

The numbers at the end of the day speak for themselves. Attendees at the council meeting: For Archery ~200+ Opponents ~10; letters to the council: For archery ~200, against archery ~25; Petition signatures: For archery ~4,000, against archery ~440; Postcards: For archery ~200, against archery 0. All of the supporting letters and cards were written individually - we wanted people to use their own words. Many of the opposing letters were form letters. This was very important for the council as it showed the commitment to the cause of the supporters.

This is our 80th Anniversary Year and we can now look forward to celebrating in style and we're very happy to be able to say "We'll see you on the range!"

This article was group written and edited by the core team known as Strike Force Delta (named by a 12 year old member of that team).

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Celebrating the art of the bow and arrow in the lower Arroyo since 1935.



## Calendar of Events

March 1<sup>st</sup> – San Diego Archers Iron Turkey Challenge – 34 targets, marked, one arrow, 3D/Novelty

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Verdugo Hills Archers Wild Woods 3D Invitational – 42 targets, unmarked, one arrow

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Mojave Archers Shivering Indian 3D – 42 targets, unmarked, one arrow

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Riverside Archers Saint Patty’s Day 3D – 42 targets, marked, one arrow

March 15<sup>th</sup> – San Diego Archers Field Round – 28 marked, four arrows

March 21<sup>st</sup> – Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club Archer’s Challenge – 16 targets, unmarked

### **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – CVA Club Shoot**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bear State Bowhunters 3D Annual Bear Ass Shoot – 42 targets, unmarked, one arrow

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cherry Valley Bowhunters Big Horn Canyon Ranch Shoot – 42 targets, unmarked, one arrow

### **March 28<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> – Pacific Coast 3D Adventure – 63 targets, marked, two arrows**

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Horseshoe Bend Field Archers 3D Buffalo Hunt – 28 targets, marked, three arrows

June 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> – SoCal Showdown – USAT Qualifier Series – Chula Vista, CA

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