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Monthly Newsletter

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## From the Prez

To all CVA member's



Well, this last month has been busy. We had an open-house, Dry and Dusty shoot and several work parties, on top of all the JOAD items happening. I look back and think about all the work it takes to get these things done and I think. Wow!

The open-house was a great success. Lots of prospective members participated, several signed up as members. Robert Luttrell and Bonnie Marshall did a great job putting it all together. Curtis was out there with a full archery museum. Bob had arrow napping going on. Carl with leather crafts. Ken with traditional bow making. Tom was fletching pens with the kids. Dawn running the snack shack. Keith and John running tours. Big thanks to all.

The Dry and Dusty was also a great event. We had just over 100 shooters. Everything went smoothly. Richard Carpenter did a great job taking care of this event.

As always ironman Keith Murphy and crew were working around the range, changing bales, clearing trees and lanes. The range keeps looking better and better.

Just a couple housekeeping items that everyone needs to think about as we are using the range more and more during the long days of summer:

- ◆ Fire Danger. It is getting hot out there, and there is a real possibility of fire during times like this. Please, do not smoke on the course.
  
- ◆ Guests. If you have guests please have them sign a waiver and pay the guest fees and the snack shack.
  
- ◆ Hunting: Don't!! There is no hunting on the range.
  
- ◆ Cross canyon shots. Don't do that either. It is a safety issue.

Keep your eye on the target!!

Clark Pentico  
CVA President

From The Desk of the Vice Prez,

Happy belated Father's Day to all the Dads out there!

I spent my Father's Day in Long Beach for the California State Outdoor Championships. It was a great weekend for weather and Archers came from all over California. I'm not sure of the final numbers, but there were about 400 shooters! I was told there was about a 2 to 1 ratio of Juniors to Adults. This proves the increasing popularity of our sport especially with the kids! In addition, it was very apparent that there were a lot of new shooters as well as some new JOAD Clubs participating in the tournament. Our sport is growing and will continue to grow!



I wandered around the field all day and saw a lot of old friends and familiar faces however, some I didn't recognize because the kids keep growing up! I was asked a lot of questions which I found interesting in respect to Clubs having enough qualified Coaches and support staff. This just made me feel even more proud of what we have at CVA. I talked about our JOAD Program and our terrific Coaching Staff, as well as dedicated parents who always help out when needed. I just want you all to know how much I appreciate you all and how others were envious of what we have to offer our young and older archers here at CVA!!

We only had 2 members shooting at the tournament; Kurt Holberg in the Open Men's Division (shooting Sunday with a bad cold), and Miles Gould in the Junior Compound Division. I believe Miles took home the Silver Medal and I'm not sure how Kurt did however, the last time I talked to him he was happy with how he was shooting despite feeling bad from the cold. Next year I hope to have a lot more of you ready to shoot the outdoor tournament! So be prepared for the coaches to start pushing you all a lot harder!!!

In addition to all the shooting fun, I am also on the Board of State Archers of California (SAC). During the tournament we typically have a board meeting. The good news is we now have a full board for the first time in 5 years! The Board set up a few committees to help with some problems relating to how SAC Tournaments are run and we should start to see results very soon. Most of the issues involve scoring and State ranking. For all the parents out there with Juniors competing, please remember to check their math and always ask a judge to change arrow values as well as sign any changes before the participant signs and turns in their score card. Once the archer signs their score card and turns it into the Tournament Director that is it. The score stands. It is too late to realize you made a mistake and expect the tournament to change the score for better or worse!!

If anyone has any questions about SAC and would like to know more, feel free to contact me and I will do my best to answer your questions. I am also assisting SAC with the help of another board member, in getting more information about JOAD Clubs and US Archery rules pertaining to JOAD tournaments. This will help parents to be more informed about how and what to expect during a tournament.

That's about it for now. Remember to stay hydrated out there, watch for those pesky rattlers, and as always shoot for the gold!!!

All My Best,  
Coach Dave



“PRACTICAL KNIVES FOR THE ARCHER/BOWHUNTER”

By Curtis Hermann

Archers are outdoorsmen/women and outdoorsmen/women carry a knife, it is the universal tool of the outdoorsman, have you ever heard of an outdoorsman who did not carry a knife? I don't think so. This much I think we can agree upon.

Once we have decided that the archer/bowhunter/outdoorsman must have a knife as an essential part of his/her gear then we must come up with some parameters- because we all know that knives come in many forms and sizes and not just any knife will do. I think we can also agree that a sword would not be practical to carry everywhere we go, a sword would be a bit burdensome and hard to carry when entering the front seat of our SMART car. Likewise that small pen knife attached to your money clip is probably not large enough for serious knife work.

Fortunately many experienced outdoorsmen/women have come before us and are able to advise us as to what is most practical for 90+ percent of our outdoor needs. The consensus of these elders is this: a knife must be sharp, sturdy and portable. Whether you are Cal Taylor – friend, rancher, outfitter with 29,000 acres of range to oversee on a daily basis or an elite archer fumbling through his tool box at the Las Vegas Indoor Money Shoot you are most likely to find a folding knife with a two and a half to three inch blade in his hand. This blade will most likely be made of 440 Stainless Steel or one step up to 154CM steel. Cal Taylor carries a 3 inch folder with a 154cm blade, Tom Dailey who shoots Vegas has a two and half inch 440 stainless steel folder in his tool box, Gary Magness a CVA experienced bowhunter of 40 plus years has carried the same Buck model 110 3” folder all these years, I carry a custom 3” folder in 154cm and when in the field I may also carry a Scharade Sharp Finger fixed blade 440 Stainless Steel three inches in length.

We are all just your average experienced archer/bowhunter/outdoorsman who have learned from those who came before us.

Now 3” is not a fixed or hard rule but if you observe those you know to be experienced outdoorsmen/women you will find that two and a half to three and a half inches will cover most of those that carry with 3” being the dominate blade length. I do prefer a fixed blade for field dressing because it is much easier to keep clean and germ free, I always worry about how clean a folder is that has recently been used to field dress or bone out a game animal.

Choosing between a folder and a fixed blade is really a matter of taste, obviously a folder is more compact and therefore more portable for the urban or rural town dweller, a fixed blade however is often more handy in a wilderness situation. A three inch blade is equally handy in the camp kitchen as it is inside the chest cavity of a mule deer or when trying to cut a rope. Any task that your 3” blade can’t handle should be done with a small hatchet or axe. For example, don’t use your knife to split kindling, clear brush or remove roots from under your sleeping bag. A knife is meant to cut hide, flesh, tendons, not trees or logs.

Your honing stone should go with you every time you go afield, particularly if you are going for more than the day, use the stone when needed and at the end of the work for a touch up, keep the blade lightly oiled before putting away and put it away in the same place every time, nothing is worse than not being able to find your knife when it is needed.

The best skinning knives are really not very good when it comes to gutting small game birds because their wide blades are not maneuverable enough and a fillet knife would be nearly useless with which to skin an elk as their thin flexible blades and sharp points would put to many holes in the hide. The same with your archery gear, a large skinner is of little use in cutting a string serving or trimming a torn vane but a medium length of 3” – 4” will do just fine. So there is no miracle one knife that does everything and as an outdoorsman/woman you will end up with several knives in your collection.



Survival knives can cut branches, split kindling, remove roots, pound stakes, fillet knives can be extremely handy in the kitchen and with small game, but for 90% of your outdoors work the fixed or folder in a 3" – 4" length has you covered. Also the little Swiss Classic has a pair of surgical steel scissors that is perfect inside your First Aid Kit.

Most mid-range to upper end Bench-Made knives are made of 154cm steel, most mid-range priced knives (\$30.00 - \$80.00) or so are made of 440C Stainless steel (if it says 440 on the blade without the "C" it is probably 440A or B and not as good as 440C) and this has been an excellent knife steel for over 50 years. The Sharpfinger by Scharade is a design that has become public domain and is therefore manufactured by dozens of companies, many are 440C and many are not but most will skin and field dress a local deer with little touch up. The Sharpfinger is a very inexpensive knife running from \$14.95 - \$29.95 in most outdoor stores.

I fell in love with a Rapala 6" wood handled fillet knife many years ago and always throw it in my pack as its thin flexible blade is so useful in camp and when boning out game and it weighs just 2-3 ounces.

I rarely carry a survival knife, preferring to be prepared with rain/survival gear and not needing to build a shelter, survival knives are usually bulky and heavy and I carry them only when going into unknown territory.

There are many steels worth checking out and custom knives are a true work of art and it does a heart some good to have one in your collection, I have learned that I am a bit careless and it does not pay for me to carry real expensive knives into places where they can be lost. Several mountains have become the new owner of a good knife that I inadvertently left behind, so the custom knives I have left now reside in a shadow box on the wall.

Knives are tools to be sure but they can also be addictive and can add up in the gear locker, multi-tools are good in the archery tool box or shop or if you own a compound bow. A 6" fixed blade is real good for cutting your arrows out of the rubber that surrounds our target butts. One must not forget that whittling is a time honored hobby in camp or on the front porch so a small double bladed pen knife fits that bill really well.

Choose a well - made, compact, practical knife that meets 90% of your needs, keep it clean and sharp and store it in the same place every time. Take care of your knife and it will take care of you.

Till next month,

Curtis

This folder has two blades, each 3" in length - a skinning/field dressing blade on the right and a clip blade on the left. Good all around knife





# APRIL CLUB SCORES

We had a nice turnout again in May for the Club Shoot. Randy Estrella managed to come in on top with a 558 scratch score, He was following in turn by the club dynamic duo of Clark Pentico (557) and Keith Murphy (557). Oldster Norman Rice was only 2 points back in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Top scratch score went to Keith Murphy (BHFS), proving you don't need a moveable sight to come in at the top.

Garry Magness once again picked up the top "traditional" style score (301) with his trusty long-bow. This was also good enough to pick up a handicapped score of 515.

NAME	HSCORE	SCRATCH	DIVISION	STYLE
Randy Estrella	558	487	A	FS
Clark Pentico	557	519	A	FS
Keith Murphy	555	523	A	BHFS
Norman Rice	553	471	GA	BHFS
Steve Price	543	478	GA	FS
Jim Niehoff	529	439	GA	BHFS
Garry Magness	515	301	A	LB
Tom Swindell	512	244	GA	TRAD
George Blevins	511	511	A	BHFS
Clark Pentico	510	510	A	BHFS
John Brix	497	241	GA	TRAD
Bob Bombardier	470	137	A	LB
Andrew Ramos	464	85	Y	TRAD
Robb Ramos	458	168	A	TRAD
Rob Lind	451	141	GA	TRAD
Curtis Hermann	241	241	GA	LB
Keith Murphy	197	197	A	LB

**Club Trophy (Belt Buckle) – Best Five Handicaped Scores**

As of now, Keith Murpohy is still at the top. Norman Rice is less than 2 points behind (for now).

NAME	AVG	STYLE
Keith Murphy	551.8	Mixed
Norman Rice	550.0	Mixed
Clark Pentico	545.0	FS
Chuck Thurber	514.2	FS
Doritina Pentico	512.6	FS

**Golden Ager Award – Best Three Handicaped Scores**

Norman Rice is at the top this month with a 14 point lead over fellow oldster Chuck Thurber.

NAME	HSCORE	STYLE
Norman Rice	551.0	FS
Chuck Thurber	537.7	FS
Steve Price	524.3	FS

## Membership Corner by Bonnie Marshall

Conejo Valley Archers would like to welcome our newest members, Dawn Burnham, Ruthie Haskins, David King, Michael Koller, and John and Shayna Naulin who were voted in at our last General Meeting. We hope you all will reach out to them and invite them to shoot with you some time

We're excited that our new members are already stepping up to volunteer to make our club great. Dawn has already stepped up to help with the Snack Shack at our Open House and John and Shayna will be bringing in some movie magic for our Zombie Fun Shoot! We look forward to working with everyone in the months to come.

I would like to announce some very special membership anniversaries. **Bob Bombadier** who has always been a driving force for our club and just an all-around nice guy is the man behind the Traditional Shoot these past few years. Those beautiful native arrow awards were all hand-made by him and he generously supports our club in all he does. Bob has just passed his 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Conejo Valley archer!

**Gary Magnuss** is another member we can always count on to be there when the club needs help. He has always given of his time and energy to the good of the club through all of these years. Although Gary may be moving on to "out of state pastures" he will always be a CV archer. Gary has just passed his 21<sup>st</sup> year with the club!

Last but certainly not least is our gentlemen archer **Mr. Curtis Hermann**. Curtis is a wealth of information on the sport of archery and you can meet him at our Open House giving great lectures on our sport. Curtis is always ready to share a story and share his knowledge with anyone who wants to listen. You always come away feeling like you learned something after talking with Curtis.

Congratulations and THANK YOU gentlemen for always being there for our club, our sport and sharing all of your special talents with all of our members. We are blessed to have you in our CVA family. I hope that all of you will take the time to introduce yourselves to these gentlemen when you get the chance and truly see what our club is about.

CONGRATULATIONS!







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*Remember with the  
time change next club  
meeting will start at  
11:00 AM*

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

