

Conejo Quiver



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Monthly Newsletter

March 2014

From the Prez

As with every year, spring is a time at the range where there is a lot of work to be done. This year this hold true more than past years due to the moving of the targets on the roving range.



If you have been to the roving range recently, you will notice that there has been a lot of heavy equipment action happening as the new lanes begin to be cut. And on March 22nd, we will start moving the bale stands that hold the targets.

Now that we have momentum, we want to get the range completed ASAP, so anyone that wants to help please look for e-mails announcing times we will be having work parties. There will be several in the coming weeks, so I am hopeful we will have the full 28 target range completed before the April club shoot.

This will take a concentrated effort of all members so I want to encourage you to come out and help for at least one of the work parties, if not more.

Daylight Savings time is here, so we will now be starting our monthly meeting at 11:00 a.m. This also means we typically start the club shoot around 7:00ish, so we can finish before the meeting and beat the high temperatures as we move into the summer months.

Go and become one with the arrow.

Clark Pentico

CVA President

From the Desk of the Vice Prez

Kurt Hoberg

Due to the rains and my tournament schedule our 300 round has flagged a bit this month. I'll be 'asking' for 'volunteers' during our Public Sessions to get trained on running our weekly tournament so if I need to be away from the range for a few weekends we can still offer this popular event. If you are interested in helping, feel free to ask!



We have announced our CVA Scholarship and the relevant forms will be posted to the CVA WEB site. If you are a youth archer interested in the Scholarship, please take a look at the requirements and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Indoor tournament season is for the most part over, so the next sanctioned tournaments will be outdoor format at longer distances. Tune your bow for distance and start practicing. I'll be working with the JOAD coaches to be sure that we have targets at all the FITA distances.

I will also be announcing the start of the Adult Achievement pin program, which works very much like our existing JOAD pin program. I'll have information with me during our Public Session so if you are interested in shooting for score and earning pins this will be for you.

Our Coaching Policy will be undergoing an evolutionary revision, with the requirement of USA Archery's Safe Sport Certification program. If you are a Certified Level 1 or 2 Instructor, or a Level 3, 4, or 5 Coach, this certification is a requirement to coach on CVA's range. Please reference the article about this program in this month's Quiver for specifics.

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

- ◆ US Archery Mail-in tournament – shooting logistics and specifics are underway.
- ◆ Do it yourself arrow repair seminar. As I reported last month, I've been working on some techniques that may help those on limited budgets to get damaged arrows shoot-able. I'll be scheduling out the seminar (most likely after our Public Session on Saturday) sometime within the next couple of months. Progress has been slow due to my recent diminished availability to work on the seminar content. Rest assured I haven't forgotten!

See you on the range!

Your VP,

Kurt

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



“Quiver Column” for March 2014

By Curtis Hermann

At 40,000 feet in the luxury of a Boeing 777, I was fortunate enough to be the only one to occupy a seat in my row, I also had six hours before setting down in LA and that gave me time to contemplate both the weekend training session I had just presented, and also the next thing on my agenda, which would be this column.

The training session took place at the University of Hawaii’s Institute for Astronomy’s Advanced Technology Research Center in Pukalani, Maui. An odd place for a gathering of bowhunter’s, one would think, but one of the volunteer Hunter Education Instructors was also a researcher at the Institute and was able to book the conference room for us. Andrew Choy the Hunter Education Coordinator for the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources began the meeting by asking each person to introduce themselves and to state what it is that makes them “happy”. As the featured speaker, I was the last to introduce myself. Like the others, I gave my family as my purist source of pride and happiness and also my sixty years as an archer and I had to end with the statement, “We are in Hawaii with a bow in hand, this beautiful mountain under our feet and Axis deer in plentiful numbers, is it possible for a bowhunter to be unhappy in this scenario”

More than the beauty of Hawaii, it is the people on the islands that exude pure joy and happiness and it is captivating when you are around them. Jaye and Mary both ran forward with a hug the moment I walked into view, it had been seven years since I was with them last, but you would have thought it was last week. They placed the traditional Lei around our necks, (I was attending with Marilyn Bentz the Executive Director of the NBEF and her husband Dick) and the welcoming was now complete.

I will get a little more into the training in paradise before I finish but for the moment, back to the plane. You do not realize how fast a day can disappear until you are doing 600 miles per hour away from the setting sun,

first you see the clouds way down below and the ocean below that and the yellow turns to orange and then to blackness almost like closing a door. As I watch the day disappear and the night take over, I realize that this theme of “happiness” is still occupying my mind and I began to wonder how much of my happiness is due to my years of involvement in archery and bowhunting. As the miles ticked away below me, my mind wandered and mulled over thoughts as I tried to make comparisons and judgments connecting happiness and archery.

I had always judged myself as a naturally cheerful child/person but in thinking it over, I began to realize how much the natural baseline of happiness, that is me, had been enhanced by the years of pulling a bow, the meandering across the prairie, the exploration of the western peaks and ranges and the intimate relationship I had with the wilderness and the involvement in the life and death struggle that is its dynamic. I wanted to find a way to bring in this year’s theme of “Balance in all things Archery” into the mental discussion I was having with myself.

It was then that I began to realize that archery and my life as a bowhunter, those two things had brought stability and emotional balance to my life but there was one more element and that was probably the most important one, it was the giving back that really made it all such a benefit to personal happiness. My thirty years of sharing my experiences through the International Bow hunter Education Program, my writing, friends I have made and cherish and the days afield, if you have those you are a happy person, you have no choice.

Sunday morning arrived, we were all (all 40 of us) in the hotel lobby and figuring out transportation to the “field day site” where Andrew Choy, Master Instructors Ken Saito and Alan Nakagawa and I planned the outdoor portion of our training. It was a scenic farm, small as they tend to be on the islands, the lush tropical foliage was criss-crossed with game trails, Axis Deer sign, “rubs” were everywhere, bedding areas and travel routes along with tracks and scat made for a very realistic scenario.



Ken laid out our “Shoot, Don’t Shoot” range, Alan took it over from there and laid out the recovery - blood trail and field dressing leg which ended at the “Treestand Safety” demonstration that Marilyn and I held. I had previously gone over “What to carry” and “Outdoor Preparedness” sections and the local pro-shop owner covered, determining your own “Effective Range.”

Some of those attending this training had logged in over 8,000 hours of helping others learn to hunt safely and responsibly and were still trying to improve their game.

There is nothing more natural than pulling a bow, hunting quarry and exposing and involving yourself with the life and death struggle of nature and then topping it off with helping others to have the same experience, that is truly “Perfect Balance.”

I have noticed that almost everyone who participates in archery, has an overall genial manor, not only when they are participating, but in life generally. There may be some truth to the idea that archery is just attractive to genial people. Over the years I have known many who entered the sport bringing with them personalities that were not as likable as one would want if they were to represent a “HAPPY” sport. Even the worst of these troubled people became kinder and gentler as their archery aspirations and friendships blossomed.

So remember these three things, participate in archery, involve yourself in nature, share it with others, be a full member of the most balanced and happy group around, “Archers.”

“Life is Better Outdoors”

Curtis





CBH/SAA STATE BROADHEAD CHAMPIONSHIP



SHOOT FEES
 CBH/SAA Members
 Adult-\$40.00
 Husband/Wife - \$65
 Young Adult - \$25
 Youth - \$25
 Non CBH/SAA Members
 \$45.00 each

May 24 - 25, 2014



Dry Camping
 On Range
 Motels Nearby
 Unmarked 3-D targets
 at Realistic Distances
 No Crossbows Allowed

\$5.00 Discount for Preregistration per family

NO PETS WILL BE ALLOWED ON TEJON RANCH PROPERTY - NO EXCEPTIONS

Continental Breakfast both days
 Lunch Available on range
NO Dinner Saturday Night

Hosted by
CBH/SAA Big Game Club,
Mojave Archers & The Tejon
Ranch

Sat. Shoot Starts 9:00 am
 Sun. Shoot Starts 8:30 am

ADULT SHOOTING STYLES

S - Sight ♦ NS - Non-sight ♦ R - Release ♦ Rc - Recurve ♦ L - Longbow

Release, Sight and Non-Sight for Young Adults and Youths — Sorry, No Cub Classes

Non-Members of CBH/SAA will shoot in one combined guest class (no awards)
 (Memberships will be available at the shoot)

PREREGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Postmarked by May 9, 2014

CBH/SAA CARDS WILL BE CHECKED!

Send to Sandy McCain; 27928 Clear Creek Road, Keene, CA 93531

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CBH/SAA

Send copy of CBH or NFAA Card with Registration

Name	Select One					Select One					CBH/SAA Member? Yes/No	Amount Enclosed
	M/F	Youth 12-14	Young Adult 15-17	Adult 18-64	Senior 65+	S	NS	R	Rc	L		
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General Tournament Information and Rules

Craig Fritz (424) 675-4311 Wakmasterr1@yahoo.com

Joe Dotterer (951) 897-5685

Range Information, Directions, Camping & Motel Info

Gary McCain (661) 809-0947

Joe Dotterer (951) 897-5685

Rules & Regulations, Map and General Information on Back of Flyer

We had another good turnout in February for the 3rd club shoot of the new club year. We also had a bunch of new faces in the top five including two of the extended Murphy Clan. As I type this on Saint Patrick's Day it seems only fitting (as a fellow Irishman) to give you all a Top 'O the Evening toast to my fellow Irishmen. Erin Go Bragh

At the Tip 'O Top was Alan Murphy with a 589 (Chris and Keith are probably glad right now that Alan is in a different age division). Alan was in turn followed by over-achiever Norman Rice with a 558 (FS Style) and a 490 in BHFS. The two were in turn followed by Steve Price (554), Chris Murphy (552), and both Rick Gabbie & Randy Estrella who turned in identical scores of 551 for 5th place.

All in all, we had 12 scores that broke 500. That also includes Curtis Herman (511), John Brix (532), Didier Beuvoiz (509) and Robb Ramos (506), all doing it without the benefit of training wheels or other such fancy paraphernalia.

Note: JBD also shoots a compound bow when he finds the time and is allowed to poke fun at other "wheel bow" shooters (all of which no doubt shoot better than JBD anyway ... sigh).

We are heading into the summer months now when it gets a bit hotter on the range. Everyone is encouraged to drink lots of water in addition to starting their shooting round a bit earlier. Since our General Meetings are starting a hour earlier (at 11:00am now), this is another good reason to get an early start. Remember only Mad dogs, Englishmen and Archers go out in the noon day sun anyway.

See you all out on the range.

John B. Downey (aka JBD)
Tournament Chairman



Membership Corner

This month's anniversaries include another one of our long time members. Congratulations to Garry Magness for 22 years with the club. Gary has been an amazing volunteer every year and although I hear rumors of his moving on, to out of state pastures it looks like he is hanging with us for a while longer. Glad you're still with us!

Another notable member reaching his 10th year with the club is Richard Carpenter. Richard has served as President and on the board for multiple years and has also been the tournament director for our up and coming Dry and Dusty Tournament. He is also a lead coach of our JOAD program. Thanks Richard for your many years of commitment to our club.

Members celebrating anniversaries include:

The Thomas Family - 6 years

Carlos Parada – 4 years

Michael Duckett and Dennis Kunkel - 3 years

Troy Zedlar, Ryan Frazier, Matthew Mitchell, Kevin Mooney, Paul Long – 2 years

Dustin DuBrall, Michael Freed, Steve Mahoney, Ngan Truong, Johnathan Analogue and Michael Koller – 1 year

Congratulations to all!

Just a reminder that clothing, decals and patches are all on sale. Let me know if you would like to order anything and I can bring it to the General Membership Meetings. I will have more sizes in in the next few months and will also be getting some type of order system online where you can view items for sale.

Have a great month and see you at the meeting!

Bonnie



After open house camp night

We would like to invite all club members and their family to the “1st Annual Club Camp-Out Under The Stars” following the Club Open House on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

This will be a completely member orchestrated event. What we all put into it is what we will get out of it! Bring your tent, sleeping bags, and other camping essentials and let's have a night of camaraderie, food, music, fun, and games.

Space will be limited to what the park can hold. Camping prices will come later but assuming will be minimal. Before finalizing, would like to see how much interest there is from you all.

Also, would love to receive ideas and suggestions for other club events such as bowling, fishing, and whatever else might float our boat. :-)

If interested please let me know. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email me at

wudstoc@aol.com.

Thanks Robert Luttrell



Conejo Valley Archers



Presents an

Open House

For everyone interested in archery!

Saturday May 17th, 2014

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

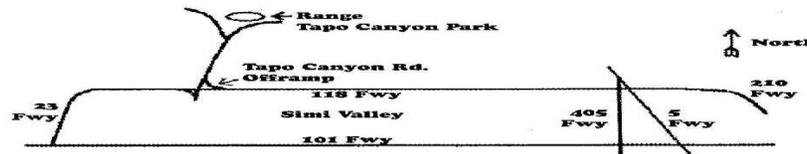
Activities to include:

- Open Public Archery Session 9am-1pm \$5 fee
- USA Archery Certified coaches and equipment will be available
- Free Interactive Workshops on:
 - Arrow Cresting/Fletching
 - Leather Workshop
 - String Making
 - Informational presentations on various bows

Field Tours of our
28 Target
Roving Field Range

Tapo Canyon Prk,
4651 Tapo Canyon,
Simi Valley,
CA

Hot Dogs, water and soda will be available for purchase



For more information contact Robert Luttrell at 805-490-8601 or wudstoc@aol.com
Check us out online at www.cvarchers.com

Calendar of Events

Mar 23rd Cherry Valley Bowhunters Bighorn Canyon Ranch shoot

1 arrow 42 targets

Mar 23rd CVA Club Shoot

April 13th Oranco Bowmen Big Game Shoot 42 unmarked 3D

April 13th Verdugo Hills Archers Wild Game Chili Cook-off and 3D

28 Unmarked 1 arrow

April 19th Mojave Archers Half Ass 30 2 Arrow Novelty

April 19th Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club 2014 Point Series 25 Marked

2 arrow

April 20th Riverside Archers Pigs Wild Shoot 42 Unmarked 1 arrow

April 27th CVA Club Shoot

May 3rd and 4th Conejo Valley Archers Traditional Challenge

50 Targets 1 arrow

May 4th Mojave Archers Snake Shoot Invitational 42 2 arrow paper/3D

May 10th Cherry Valley Bowhunters North American Big Game Shoot

42 2 arrows



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*Remember Time
change , next club
meeting will start at
11:00 AM*

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

