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## From the Desk of the President

**Kurt Hoberg**

### **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 have to proceed with the bird survey, which is a 30 day process plus 1 week for the report. Plans are nearing completion to get a biologist on site to start working on the survey.

One 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. Per PW, the plans are 'approvable' which should (hopefully) expedite the process. That being said, we are dealing with government bureaucracy...

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

### **3D Range**

Brian Tanger and team have been working almost daily on the 3D range. Even without all planned targets being placed, the range is very popular with club shooters.

Plans are underway to have the range inspected and NFAA certified, which requires specific target placement that is predicated on designing the range with the assumption that each shooting stake is occupied by shooters. For those that have shot the 3D range prior to these changes, this may be an unpopular adjustment. However, if CVA is going to have a NFAA certified 3D range where we can run tournaments, include the 3D range in CVA club activities, etc. it is critical that we perform the due diligence to make the range safe.

If you have concerns or input, please reach out to Bryan or me and we'll be happy to discuss.



## **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:

- \* Brent Richter – 2nd pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- \* Chris Champigny – 1st pin, shooting Compound (Release)
- \* Luz Garces – 6th pin, shooting Compound (Release)

The JOAD pin program has leveled out. 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:

- Natalie Teitz – 1<sup>st</sup> pin, shooting Recurve

### **Public Session Archery**

One aspect of CVA's Public Session that is important to keep in mind is that we are introducing archery to many members of the public for the first time, and many of these first time shooters are children. I see so many of these kids leave the range excited to come back and continue to shoot. In my opinion, what we do during CVA Public Sessions is introducing our sport to a new generation of archers, working to ensure the future of our sport. There is nothing better to watch a kid's confidence and self-worth bloom when they experience success in archery.

Keeping that idea in mind, I want to extend a special thanks to the self-named Darkside Archery Crew, headed by CVA Board Member Mike Keena. This group of archers, instructors, and coaches are dedicated to providing CVA a well maintained Public Session area and a strong development program at the 10M line. The work that the team is doing at the 10M line with adults and kids that have graduated from the instruction at 5M has been producing results...with many young women and men becoming inspired in the sport of archery.

Some specific examples of how dedicated the Darkside Crew is - Mike and crew sprayed weed killer behind the 18M line all the way to the 90M line, and will be spraying behind the 5/10M lines soon...most likely before this article gets sent. They also spend time repairing bales, maintaining the 10M line, and let's not

forget...hosting the amazing BBQs, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual last year, number 11 coming up, schedule TBD.

Darksiders – thanks for all the support!

### **Upcoming CVA Pacific Coast 3D Adventure**

CVA's Pac Coast 3D will be held on Saturday March 28 through Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>, and is a two day archery extravaganza. Please contact Clark Pentico if you can volunteer to help at the event, which is a big fund raiser for the club. Or, come out and shoot the event, it will be a lot of fun.

CVA's Public Session will be closed on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> as the tournament will be held on the Public Session range in addition to other CVA's Field Range and trails.

### **Broadhead Policy**

During last month's General Meeting, a motion was passed for a 90 day General Membership review of Broadhead Policy.

Please contact me ([president@cvarchers.com](mailto:president@cvarchers.com)) if you have changes to propose. I'm looking for specific changes, so please send me the existing wording and your proposed wording.

The Broadhead policy will be voted on during the General Meeting in May, so please get your changes to me before then.

See you on the range!

Your President,

Kurt

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

**From the VP Desk** – I don't really have a VP desk but whatever!

**SNAKES!!**

It is that time of year when an archer's fancy turns to the roving field range and walking the beautiful new target lanes on the 3-D range area. But alas our beautiful dream is slightly interrupted by SNAKES!! It's really nothing unusual of course to have snakes on the range but it is important to know that we do seem to be having a dramatic increase in the numbers and size of them on all areas of the range. The largest one spotted so far has been a 5 footer with a 4 inch girth. There have been many nests with young and thus more dangerous rattlers also. (Young snakes will inject more venom than an adult snake and some cannot yet use their rattles!)



Generally, rattlesnakes emerge from hibernation in March or April, or when the average daytime temperatures reach and remain about 60F and higher. The snakes are then most active when the temperatures are between 80-90F. This means that the snakes may be active most of the day during the spring, and during the early mornings and late afternoons throughout the summer. Exposure to temperatures above 110F for more than a few minutes is enough to kill a rattlesnake; therefore, during the hottest part of summer, snakes are seldom observed, except occasionally at night. Snake activity picks up again as temperatures begin to fall in late summer and early autumn before they go into hibernation as early as September or as late as December.

So where we don't want to scare anyone away from shooting we do need to make sure that everyone is VERY aware of their natural presence and knows what to do if you come up on one. To kill or not to kill is of course up to you if you feel you are threatened, (as hunting on the range is not permissible) but if you do kill one and would like to freeze it for a couple of weeks, we are planning on serving up some barbequed snake at the Pac Coast Tournament on Saturday evening!

What do you do if you meet up with a rattlesnake on the range? Well first of all try to avoid them!! Wearing boots helps protect your feet and also the vibrations from your heavier boots will be felt by snakes and can help to scare them away. Remember snakes are reclusive creatures and mean no ill will but things can

happen. If it is just an encounter and you can back away go for it. Remember a snake can strike up to 1/2 its body length but that can vary greatly. Look where you're stepping, sitting or reaching.

If you are already too close, call for help immediately, so that if you do get bit you have help before the fact and not after. It's another good reason to always shoot with a friend! If you are alone and do not have experience handling snakes stand still and don't move. The snake will usually stand down after the threat is gone but it may take a while. If you have experience you're on your own for sure. But remember intentionally interacting with a snake is an invitation to trouble. I think they call that the Darwinian Theory.....

General Dos if bitten:

- DO wash the bite area gently with soap and water to remove any residual venom on the skin and cover with a light bandage. These items are on the range and in the first aid kits on site.
- DO identify the type of snake, if you can. If you have a camera with you, snap a photo from a safe distance.
- DO remove watches, bracelets, rings, and any other worn objects that could constrict a swelling extremity.
- DO remain calm. The faster the victim's heart rate is, the more quickly the venom will spread. The vast majority of rattlesnake bite victims survive. The calmer they remain, the better their chances. Keep the bite area BELOW the level of the heart.
- DO get to help as soon as possible. The single best first aid tool for snakebite is a phone and a set of car keys.

General DON'Ts if bitten:

- DON'T attempt to capture or kill the snake. The snake is already highly agitated and you're risking another bite. Take care of yourself or others' injuries first.
- .DON'T apply a tourniquet or icepack to the bite area. For most snakebites, the major threat is tissue damage, and applying ice or tying a tourniquet will likely make the damage worse. Keep the bite below the level of the heart.
- DON'T "cut and suck." The old-style snakebite kits are worthless at removing venom, and they can increase the risk of infection or tissue damage.

- DON'T act recklessly in an attempt to reach medical assistance. If you are alone, get to the road and call for an ambulance. The range address is 4651 Tapo Canyon Road inside of the Tapo Canyon Park. If driving call ahead to the emergency room if possible to let them know you are coming in with a snakebite victim.

Hope this helps as a general information guide. Be safe out there and enjoy the range!

Bonnie





Watch  
For  
Snakes



## Membership Corner - March 2015

Memberships have been busy again with many new members signing up and attending meetings. Spring is always a great time to show new members our club and ask them in as guests to the field or roving ranges or invite them to a Public Archery Session. Remember membership dues are prorated and so the cost of a yearly membership is really a great deal right now!

I would like to acknowledge donations to the club for the month of February. Thanks to Edward Lerma with a donation of \$35, Randall Porter with a \$20 donation and to Matt Steiner who submitted volunteer hours through Amgen's Volunteer Program and has donated and dedicated \$375 to go towards the 3D range. You can earmark any donation to be used in any area or program of the range you wish.

March Anniversaries is a large list and include:

11 years - Steve Demski  
7 years - Jeffrey Goodwin and family, Clark Pentico and family, Craig Nelson  
5 years - Victor Westerburg  
4 years - Robert Luttrell and family, John Heaney,  
3 years - Bobby Marks, June Montenegro and family  
2 years - William Kendall, Francisco Raquel Jr. and family, Ruth Haskins and family, David King,  
and Johnathan Geiger and family  
1 year - Stephanie Davison, Theresa Loveless, Keith Baker and family, Jeff Blackwell and family, Jeff Goldberg and family, Joe Johns ad family, Ed Malouf and family, Mary McLaughlin, and Spencer Miles.

You all are what make our club great!

See you on the range!

Bonnie

## “Analyzing Bowhunting News”

Curtis Hermann, March 2015

Each month, I peruse various outdoor/hunting related magazines, newsletters and sometimes even a video or two in search of relevant changes in our sport. When I find things that I feel are relevant, then I try to analyze the brief report and try to discern just what information has been left out. This month in the IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) reports in Bowhunting World magazine, I came across this one titled “Wisconsin Crossbow Tags Make Up For Drop In Archery Licenses.”



Ever since the “Crossbow Wars” were fought and lost, I have been waiting for such a report, so that we can analyze the results and see if our fears were warranted or not. The “fear” that I’m speaking of is that crossbows would decimate the deer herds and our tags would then be reduced and archery opportunities would be lost. Well it is still too early for that information to have been gathered but there is numbers of participation that can be given some thought.

The Wisconsin DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources ....i.e. Game & Fish) reports that they sold 102,422 archery licenses (3 times as many as sold in Calif.) and 36,460 crossbow licenses. The archery total is down 16,609 or 14% from the same time last year. *Now, what they do not say is, who are those 16,609 archers and why did they not purchase a hunting license this year. Of course the DNR has no way of answering that question, the answer can only be speculated by those who have experience with the battles or by interviewing those archers that did not purchase a license. I have no way of interviewing those archers, but I do have the necessary experience and I’m not bad at speculating, so here goes.*

*The 16,609 archers that did not purchase an archery hunting license can be divided into several groups*

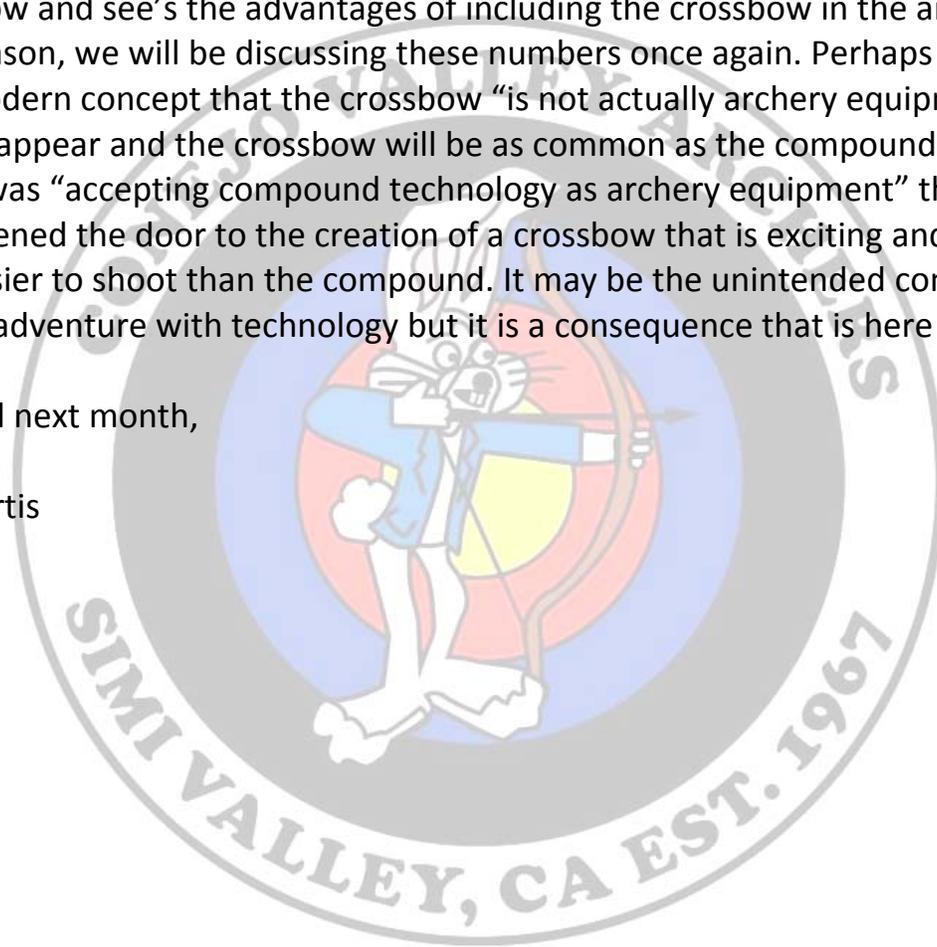
1. Those who are no longer with us. The average age of a bowhunter grows every year, so those who drop out due to age, health or death grow in number each year. Young replacements are not keeping up with the losses.
2. In the above aging group are those who still want to hunt but can no longer handle a hunting weight bow, this perhaps is the second largest group and they look forward to enjoying a few more seasons by switching to a crossbow.
3. Those who find the crossbow fun and fascinating! Today's modern bowhunter is fascinated by archery technology and the crossbow is the epitome of advanced technology, so yes many archers may use a compound at the range but when it comes hunting season, switching to the crossbow to help insure chances of success, may seem to be a good idea. It is quite possible that this is the largest group in this discussion. This group joins the 20,000 or so of committed crossbowmen/women in the state of Wisconsin. *(I'm going to speculate here that approximately 80% of those 16,609 archers that did not purchase an archery hunting license last year will fit into one of the above three groups).*
4. Those, "in protest of including the crossbow in the archery hunting season," just simply gave up their hunting season and refused to share the woods with a crossbowman and refused to purchase a hunting license. This is the smallest group, the saddest group (in my opinion) and I am sorry to say that they are probably made up mostly of my fellow Traditional Equipment (i.e. longbows & recurves) guys and gals that see the modern technology bowhunter as an abomination and just short of needing A.I. help to enter the woods. I understand their emotional stand, have sympathy for their cause, unfortunately the world they want can only share the woods, not own them.

So the bottom line is this, Wisconsin lost 16,609 archery license sales but gained sales of 36,460 crossbow licenses (of which I expect includes the majority of those lost 16,609 archery hunters) and consider this move a win for the Wisconsin DNR. I have to agree, I'm not happy about it but we play the hand we are dealt, not the one we wish we had.

This scenario will play out in state after state and who knows, may actually someday even include California. As each state watches the movement grow and see's the advantages of including the crossbow in the archery season, we will be discussing these numbers once again. Perhaps the modern concept that the crossbow "is not actually archery equipment" will disappear and the crossbow will be as common as the compound. After all, it was "accepting compound technology as archery equipment" that opened the door to the creation of a crossbow that is exciting and even easier to shoot than the compound. It may be the unintended consequence of adventure with technology but it is a consequence that is here to stay.

'Till next month,

Curtis



# 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



## 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 – February 2015

Seventeen hearty archers made it through the course this month and managed to turn in scorecards (there was a bit less turnout for the club shoot this month).

Jonathan Geiger, shooting his trusty FITA style recurve picked up the top handicapped score of 583. This may be a first. Could a recurve bow and a sight win the Club Championship Buckle this year? Who knows ... it could happen.

Norm “the Iron Man” Rice came in second with a 558 and also had the top scratch score of 514. Will this be the year that Norm picks up the coveted buckle, or will it be Keith Murphy, who was just 3 points back at 555.

Jack Sampson turned in an impressive 505 scratch score, just 4 points behind Keith Murphy. What is noteworthy about this, is that Jack moved up to the adult distances this month just so he could compete for the buckle himself. Will youthful inexperience beat out old age & experience this year? Stay tuned.

Top Traditional Scratch Score was shot by Curtis Herman (273, 499 handicapped). Curtis was no doubt getting prepared for Bob’s upcoming May Traditional tournament. You may want to dust off that longbow or recurve and prepare for the shoot yourself. Bob has all kinds of neat stuff planned for this year’s event (First weekend in May).

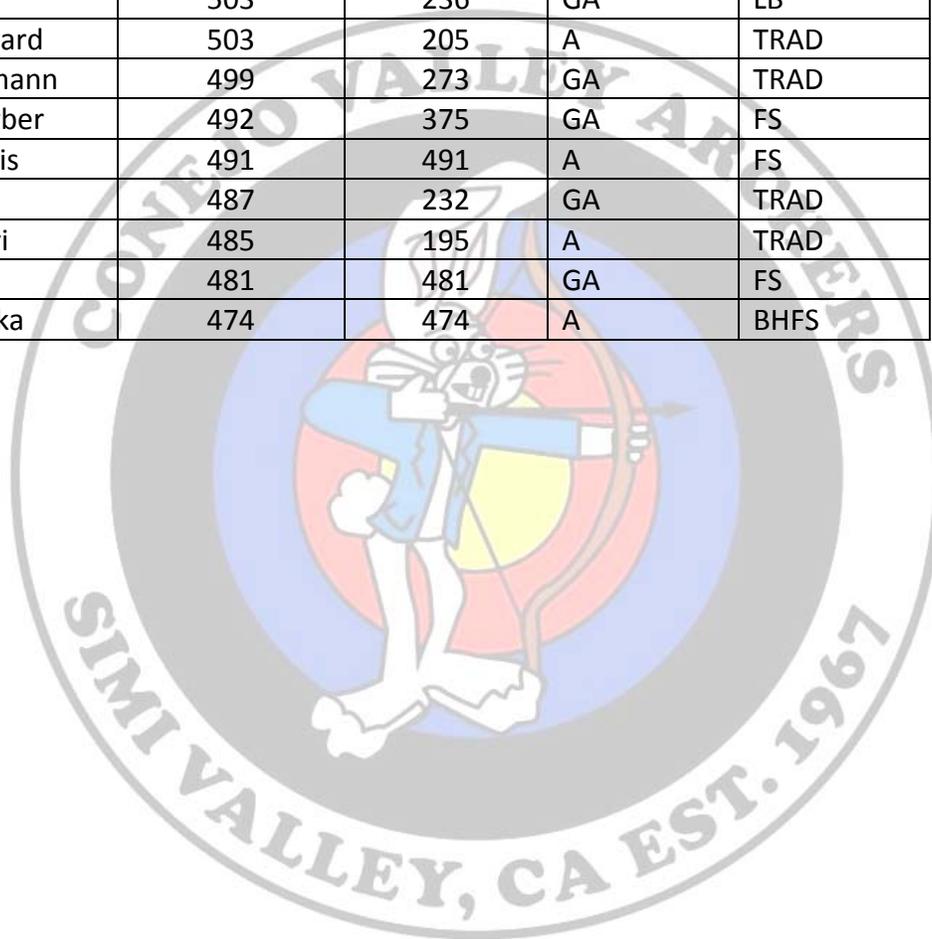
Also of interest this month was that there were more handicapped scores over 500, then under it – this may also be a first.

See you around the range and watch out for rattlesnakes. We have been seeing a lot of snakes around the range lately.

John Downey  
Tournament Chairman



NAME	HSCORE	SCRATCH	DIVISION	STYLE
Jonathan Geiger	583	449	A	FITA
Norman Rice	558	514	GA	FS
Keith Murphy	555	509	A	BHFS
Rick Gabbie	548	473	A	FS
Clark Pentico	547	507	A	FS
Norman Rice	540	481	GA	BHFS
Garry Magness	522	276	A	LB
Jack Sampson	505	505	YA	FS
John Brix	503	236	GA	LB
Tom Sheppard	503	205	A	TRAD
Curtis Hermann	499	273	GA	TRAD
Chuck Thurber	492	375	GA	FS
Derek Lyneis	491	491	A	FS
Rob Lind	487	232	GA	TRAD
Joe Cavaleri	485	195	A	TRAD
Steve Price	481	481	GA	FS
Luke Sekerka	474	474	A	BHFS



## Calendar of Events

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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – CVA Club Meeting 11:00 AM**

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> – Mojave Traditional Shoot 25 unmarked 2 arrows

April 4<sup>th</sup> San Diego Archers Un-Marked 3D – Saturday 28 Unmarked

April 12<sup>th</sup> Oranco Bowmen Big Game Shoot 42 Unmarked 2 arrows

April 18<sup>th</sup> Santa Ynez Valley Bow Club 1 of 4 Point Series 25 Marked 2 arrow

April 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego Archers Animal Round 28 Marked 3 arrow

April 19<sup>th</sup> Verdugo Hills Archers Dinosaur Days-Range finders ok 28 Marked 3 arrow

April 26<sup>th</sup> Bear State Bowhunters 3D Fun Shoot 28 Unmarked 1 arrow

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – CVA Club Shoot**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> - CVA Meeting 11:00 AM**

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

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