

Conejo Quiver



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Monthly Newsletter

May 2014

From the Prez

I want to give a big thanks to Bob Bombadier for making the Pacific Coast Tradition Challenge a great success. There were 148 archers and from what I heard everyone had a great time. If you see Bob around the range, feel free to thank him. His hard work and the help of all the volunteers helped raise money for the club, keeping your dues down. I heard several comments from the participants that all the work we have done on the range is incredible and they want to become members of CVA because we have such nice facilities.



A big part of CVA is allowing people to experience archery at all levels. This is especially important to new archers. As the summer months are upon us, we expect a surge of participants at the Public Open Sessions at the JOAD practice field on Saturday mornings. We want everyone's first archery experience to be a good one. If you have time and would like to help please come on Saturday morning and let a coach know you would like to help. There are always things to be done to help out. Things as simple as helping people get armguards and finger tabs, or waiver paperwork really helps, and you don't even need to be a coach. If you are a coach, you can help with equipment and safety. We even have a coaching mentorship program for anyone who wants to become more involved. Regardless, keep in mind that "non-members" are guests and it is our responsibility to be a good host. If you see a line of people at the bin, please assist to make sure everyone has a positive experience.

One of the key things that make CVA such an excellent range is its volunteers. Without these giving members the facilities would end up in disrepair in matter of months. In the last few months we have had a strong turnout to rebuild the range and make the traditional shoot a success The issue is that it is always the same people doing all the work. We need more member involvement in order to have a better club.

We need to make sure we do not burn out the few active members that we do have.

I have a philosophy about people and life. “There are givers and there are takers.” The question I have for you is, “Are you a giver or a taker?”

Most members do not realize that the dues cover only a small portion of cost of operating the range. We have to rely on other sources of income (tournaments, donations, selling CVA member items, corporate funds, grants, etc...) in order to cover the budget gap. Sometimes when I talk to members they complain that they want all these upgrades to the range because they pay their dues. These members feel “entitled” to ask for more because they have a “paid” membership. Well, even a family membership is only \$160 per year. So the question I have to ask is “If you are using the range are you getting more than \$13.33 worth of value per month?” It is really as simple as that. If you are getting more than you are putting in you are a “taker.”

“Taker” members make more work for the club. They use the facilities, shoot up targets, ask for more benefits, complain at meetings, shoot broadheads into the 3D targets, etc... Basically, they are a drain on the club and make us a weaker organization.

If the CVA membership was all takers, we would not have a club, organization, range, JOAD program, etc... We would fall apart in under a year.

Given the Herculean efforts of a few of the members the club has a slow progression to improve. But there are many projects that do not get resources applied to them just because we do not have the volunteers to make it happen.

Today, I ask you the big questions:

“Are you a giver or a taker?”

“If you are a giver, how does that make you feel?”

“If you are a taker, how does that make you feel?”

“Would you prefer to be a giver?”

As we move forward there are a lot of things any member can do to become a “giver”.

-Adopt a target- Contact Keith Murphy

-Public Open Session Archery/JOAD- Show up on Saturday morning and ask any coach

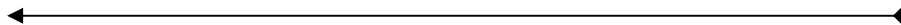
-If you do not know what you want to do but would like to help

– Contact Clark Pentico

I throw down the gauntlet. Become a “CVA giver!”

Shoot for the center,

Clark Pentico
CVA President



From the Desk of the Vice Prez

Kurt Hoberg



We had a great showing for the Traditional Challenge. My wife and I worked the back canyon snack shack and had the opportunity to meet and talk to a great many archers. To say that the event was a lot of fun is an understatement...to the point where I am thinking about getting a longbow so I can shoot the event next year. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to help during a CVA event I highly recommend getting involved as it is a really good time!

We have a group of 15 or so archers that are consistently participating in our 300 rounds. We also have a handful of Adult Pin participants, and I'm happy to announce that we have handed out our first award! My lovely wife Rose Hoberg earned her first pin by blowing away the 100 points she needed. Just think...that could be you!

Here are the particulars of the pin programs:

- **JOAD Pin Program.** This program is for youth archers to earn pins for shooting a specific score at 18M distance. The cost is \$10 per year to join and the pins and lanyards are \$3 each. USA Archery membership is required by the third pin earned – see <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery/Membership/Membership-Benefits> for membership options. We will be shooting for score during each 300 round, so if you are interested please contact me for more information.
- **Adult Pin Program.** This program works like the youth program, only it is specifically offered to adults. Adults need to be a current USA Archery member to join the program. The cost is the same as the JOAD program for enrollment / pins / lanyards.

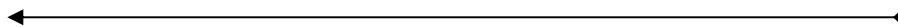
Our next CVA shooting event is the Dry and Dusty, sometimes called the Wet and Wild if it rains – somehow I think Dry and Dusty is what we'll have this year. This event would be a great one to help at, or come out and shoot to support your club. This is scheduled for July, so you have some time to mull it over...

For those who are interested in competing, the California State Outdoor tournament is scheduled for June 14th and 15th. Archers from all over California converge on Long Beach's El Dorado Park to shoot some distance! Rose and I will be attending, and I'm sure some other CVA members will be shooting in their CVA shirts with us. (We have those for sale, by the way!) If you are interested in attending an outdoor tournament this is a good one. Let me know if you have questions.

See you on the range!
Your VP,

Kurt

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



Membership Corner

May 13, 2014

As I write this “Spring” (do we really get Spring in California?) newsletter, I see the hot summer months coming at us fast. Membership numbers tend to drop slightly during the hot months as it is harder to get new people to try out the range during the heat. Our Open House on the 17th will be a great opportunity to get people on the ranges and see what we are all about. More often than not, people will notice our shirt or patch that you may be wearing and ask you a simple question about it. Always look to these moments to spread the word and tell people about our Open Public Sessions or give them a personal invite as a guest to come and walk or shoot the range if they have experience. Sometimes it is the most casual of comments that feed an idea or inspire someone to try something “new” or “different”!

As plans for the Tournament Range start to really come together we will also be looking for continual support from the communities that we work at every day. How can your workplace help our club? You may be surprised that many companies like Baxter, Amgen or Microsoft have matching donation programs and/or programs that pay us dollars for your volunteer hours. We have recently received \$2500 from our VP, Kurt Hoberg through Amgen from these exact programs. Just think of all the hay bales that will pay for! Maybe if you are the owner of a business you may think about starting one of these programs for your employees. Studies prove that employees that volunteer are better workers!

Speaking of volunteering, we have had many great members out there helping out during the major target relocation project that our Range Captain, Keith Murphy and Bob Bombardier have been spearheading for the past few months

These are the members that as you all know I like to call our “quality members”. I hope you are one of them! If not yet, please don’t hesitate to talk to me and I know we can come up with a project, big or small that matches your time and temperament!

I will also be calling on members for some help with upcoming Private Parties. Remember these parties are a big part of our fundraising dollars and sometimes just 20 minutes of help is all we need to get a group suited up with their equipment and get them on the line shooting and having fun. We have two large parties coming up over the next few weekends. Please reply to email flashes when they come out. Also remember that these parties are for members too! If you would like to put together an event for a birthday, church group, sports group or team building event, we can do that “different” event that you have been looking for.

That’s all I have for this month and here is the list of April and May’s membership anniversaries! (Sorry I missed last month!)

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your continuing support of our club!

Bonnie

April/May 2014 Anniversaries

Garry Magness – Congratulations on 22 years with the club!

Keith Murphy, Range Captain Extraordinaire is celebrating 12 years with us!

Past President and Dry and Dusty Tournament Chair, Richard Carpenter has reached the 10 year mark!

6 years – Mike Keena and Marc Freedman

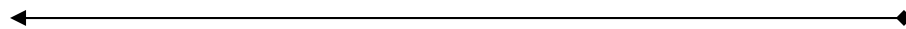
4 years – Carlos Parada, Mark Ridgley and family, and Dennis Smith and family

3 years – Michael Duckett, Dennis Kunkel, Thomas Caiya, James Reddington and Gary Ervin

2 years – Edward Lerma and Matthew Wardlow and family

And completing their first year with the club:

Steve Mahoney Thien Troung and family, Michael Koller, Peter Burdi, John Barrow and family, and Michael Davis.



“On Hallowed Ground”

By Curtis Hermann 5/8/2014

Archery History in America is a very rich and colorful topic and every archer should have a certain amount of knowledge of the past pioneers of our sport. Of course the history of America’s first people and their relationship with the bow and arrow as a tool of survival and war goes back over a thousand years, but very little of that history has been written down for us to study. Modern archery on the other hand is well documented and fairly recent and is only a little over 150 years old.

Because of this short history I have been fortunate enough to have been involved with portions of it and have actually had a friendship with some of those who have made our sport what it is today. This last weekend I had the opportunity to tread on some of our sports “Hallowed Ground” and I would like to share that experience with you, but before I do - lets just go over some very important moments in our history that leads up to this experience.

Archery in America was officially started in 1828 with the start of the first archery club “The United Bowmen of Philadelphia.” Target archery using the latest in European technology had begun, but bowhunting was not on the horizon until the end of the civil war (1865). Will and Maurice Thompson were brothers who fought on the side of the south, at the end of the war the north sent them home without their muskets, they took up the bow and arrow as a hunting weapon and as a means of survival. A decade later (1878) Maurice wrote a book on the brother’s exploits while hunting with a bow and arrow, it was titled the “Witchery of Archery.” Up until this point in history archery was a social sport involved in city parks and shared with ladies dressed in their best finery and having tea between ends or rounds as a drawing in the front of the book shows. The importance of the “Witchery of Archery,” is that for the first time the national perception of archery as a “social sport” was changed to include a perception of “a personal adventure in the life and death struggle of nature”, the term bowhunter had begun. And for all you JOAD guys and gals the National Archery Association (NAA)

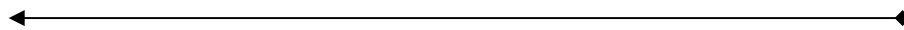
was formed one year later (1979) and the first National Champion was Will Thompson.

The next event every Conejo Valley Archer should be aware of is the story of “Ishi” America’s last wild Indian, because Ishi was a native Californian. In the early 1900’s a survey team for the telegraph company was measuring a canyon up near Oroville for a new telegraph line when a couple of arrows came flying out of the canyon at them, going for help and returning they found two native American huts (Ishi, his wife and two kids and his mother lived there) that were now empty, they took everything as souvenirs. Ishi and family had been hiding for twenty-five years from the white man and now his family was scattered, his mother was never found, his wife and kids may have made it to a reservation and Ishi in thirty days decided that hanging was better than starving to death. So one morning he sat next to a corral post in Oroville - hungry and sick. The sheriff took him to jail, fed him and called on a Professor Kroeber from the University of Berkley, the only known person to speak Ishi’s Yana language.

Ishi returned to Berkley with the Professor and was turned over to the Chief Medical Doctor for the school of Medicine Dr. Saxton Pope. Ish

I was very impressed with this powerful “Witch Doctor” and they soon became fast friends. Ishi taught Dr. Pope and his friend Art Young to hunt with a bow and arrow and they in turn wrote a book titled “Hunting with a Bow and Arrow.” They became known as the “Fathers of Bowhunting.”

Were getting closer folks! Next in line was a tall, skinny guy from Michigan that wore a size 13 boot named Fred Bear. Fred had met Art Young and fell in love with bowhunting, in 1933 he started making leather goods for archers and eventually arrows and bows, by the late forties he was America’s largest bow manufacturer and a world-renowned bow hunter. Fred hunted worldwide but he had two favorite hideaways,



, one was his own hunting camp in Michigan named “Grouse Haven” and when he really wanted to get away from all the cameras and publicity he went with his mid-west field representative Dick Mauch to Dick’s hunting cabin in the Nebraska Sand Hills along Plum Creek. Dick’s place was 2,000 acres of cedar, pine, oak and cottonwoods filled with whitetail deer and turkey in the north-central Nebraska sand hills. This is still a active hunting camp today, Dick is in his eighties and both he and his wife Carol are active bowhunters. This is a small cabin with probably more bowhunting history than any camp in American bowhunting history. Inside are three sets of double bunks with a couple of beds up in the rafters. Each set of bunks is covered with a curtain and each curtain is covered with hundreds of signatures from our bowhunting ancestors. The center section was known as the “Fred Bear Suite,” the one on the right the “Dick Mauch Suite.” The cabin was a living history of bowhunting, it was filled with arrows, quivers and other memento’s of hunts gone by, to touch anything was to get a tingle in your fingers. On a small table in the corner lay some magazines and on top was a “National Bowhunter” magazine with a column in it by yours truly, what a surprise to think that perhaps Ted Nugent, Dick or Carol Mauch, Glenn St. Charles or any of the other fine hunters had actually settled in after a days hunt and may have picked up that magazine and actually read what I had to say, it was overwhelming.

Carol Mauch entered the cabin adorned in her turkey hunting garb, a very old hunting compound in her hand, I’m glad I got back in time to see you she said, the turkey’s are not cooperating today and I was ready to give it up till tomorrow. She gave us a tour of the cabin, pointing out the gravity water system from the pond behind the cabin, a new bedroom was being added and the kitchen where her beloved Dick spent so much time as camp cook and host as well as chief hunter.

This was truly “Hallowed Ground” as she pointed to a ridge where Fred like to place his tree stand, in the old days, when they were much younger and gave little thought to the steepness of the climb.

I had no idea my friend Joel Klammer (Nebraska bowhunter of the year) had made arrangements for myself and my partner Stephen George to visit this cabin and to meet Carol Mauch, while we were turkey hunting in the Sand Hills on Joel's farm seven miles up Plum Creek from the famed hunting camp. It was a thrill, I have to say, never visualizing that I would actually be in the same camp where Fred Bear loved to hunt.

History has meaning, fill yourself with it, it adds a real richness to life.



Hi All CVA members,

Since we have changed up the target order/locations on the roving range I have decided to start fresh with the “Adopt A Target” list.

“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.

Thanks,

Keith Murphy (CVA Range Captain)

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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	
3	20 yrd. field 19walk-up hunter	Robert & Dawn
4	35 ft. walk-up field 11 yrd hunter	
5	80 yrd. walk-up field 70 yrd. walk-up hunter	Norman Rice
6	25 yrd field 28 yrd. fan hunter	
7	55 yrd field 53 yrd walk-up hunter	
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	
12	60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up	
13	45 yrd field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter	
14	50 yrd. field 48 yrd walk-up hunter	
15	45 yrd.walk-up field 44 yrd. hunter	
16	50 yrd. field 48 yrd. hunter	
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	
24	45 yrd. field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter	
25	65 yrd. field 64 yrd. walk-up hunter	
26	60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up	
27	15 yrd. field 15 yrd. walk-up hunter	
28	40 yrd. field 40 yrd. hunter	
	20-40 yrd practice butts	
	20 yrd. practice butts by running pig	Kris Ogle

Would you like to make your very own custom bow?

Villars Custom Bows is offering a bow making class at the Conejo Valley Archers' range the weekend of June 28th and 29th.

Cost of the workshop is \$350 per person, and includes the price of the bamboo backed ipe longbow blank.

Students will learn to take their bow from floor tillering through braced tillering, with the goal being to make a shootable bow during the workshop. Emphasis is on fun and hands on learning, with plenty of theory and introduction to many bowyer basics, starting with glueing up a backed bow and including making a bowstring, cutting in nock grooves, and understanding how to make a bow bend properly.

Class runs about eight hours on Saturday, and until about 1 pm on Sunday. We're asking for a minimum of three students, and we'll accommodate as many as are interested. Another workshop will be scheduled in the fall.

Contact Ken Villars at (760)242-2086 to join the class and arrange to have your bow blank glued up to match your draw length and draw weight desired (a 50% deposit is required to prepare your bow blank), and with any questions. You can also send email enquiries to ken@villarscustombows.com.

VillarsCustomBows.com

Calendar of Events

May 25th CVA CLUB SHOOT

June 1st Mojave Archers Pirate Shoot 30 2 arrows

June 15th Riverside Archers Muley Crazy Shoot 42 1 arrow 3-D

June 21st Santa Ynez Valley Bow club 2014 Point Series 25 marked 2
arrow

June 22nd Mojave Archers Mojave Traditional 25 unmarked 2 3-D

June 22nd CVA Club Shoot

June 29th Oranco Bowman Firecracker 42 Unmarked 1 arrow

July 13th Mojave Archers No-See-UM 30 unmarked 2 arrow 3-D

July 13th Conejo Valley Archers Dry and Dusty 30 targets 2 arrows

July 13th Pedillton Sportsmans Club. Bowhunter 3-D 42 Unmarked 1
arrow

July 19th Riverside Archers 20 unmarked 1 arrow 3-D

July 27th Lodi Bowen Bowhunter Challenge 28 unmarked 2 3-D

July 27th CVA Club Shoot



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CONEJO VALLEY ARCHERS ANNUAL DRY & DUSTY 3-D SHOOT

**SUNDAY July 13, 2014
30 TARGET MARKED YARDAGE 3-D**

ADULT STYLES
FS, FSL, BHFS, HFSL, BH, BB
FITA Recurve - LB Longbow)
RB (Recurve) -SB
(Selfbow)

REGISTRATION
7:00 am TO 8:00 am
SHOOT STARTS AT 8:AM

YOUNG ADULT
YOUTH/CUB
STYLES

2 ARROWS
Marked Yardage
10 – 8 – 5 SCORING

No Dogs Allowed on
Range or left unat-
tended in County
Park

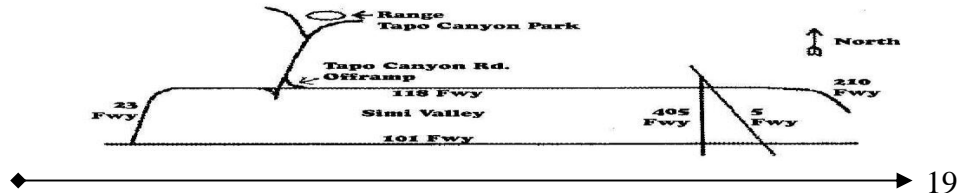


Adults	\$20	**\$25
Family*	\$40	**\$45
Couples	\$30	**\$35
Seniors (60+)	\$15	**\$20
Young Adults (15 - 17)	\$15	**\$20
Youths (12 – 14)	\$10	**\$15
Cubs (under 12)	\$10	**\$15

**** \$5 more for Non-CBH/
NFAA/NAA**
*** Includes Husband, Wife,
and Dependent children <
18**
**Two mulligans & doe tag
available for \$1 each**

DIRECTIONS TO RANGE

**TAKE THE 118 FREEWAY INTO SIMI VALLEY. EXIT AT TAPO CANYON.
GO NORTH ON TAPO CANYON ROAD 3 MILES TO TAPO CANYON
PARK, TURN LEFT INTO THE PARK. THE RANGE IS INSIDE THE PARK
TO THE LEFT AS YOU ENTER.**



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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

