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President's Message by Chriss Bowles

Good afternoon and I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. By now it should be no great secret that there has been a changing of the guard at CBH/SAA. For those of you that I have not met, my name is Chriss Bowles and I am your new CBH/SAA President. ...And yes, my name is actually spelled with 2 S's. I want to start by saying what an honor it is to step into the Presidents role and more importantly to step in and represent the archery community in the state of California. I thank all of you for your confidence and hope not to let you down. I am a member of the Oranco Bowmen Archery Club in Southern California and have been actively involved in Archery for about 14 years. I have had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of you through our club and hosting many of the State Championship Tournaments. I live in Ontario, California with my wife of almost 30 years and 2 teenage daughters. I am a full time Director of Operations for the Ross Stores Corporation as well as Range Captain at Oranco and Secretary Treasurer of Region 59 Orange Belt Field Archers. For anyone looking for me I promise not to hide. My contact

info is on the website as well as in the monthly newsletter. I guarantee that anyone of you have probably shot more archery and hunted more animals than I have so I can assure you that I will listen to any and all help, advice and concerns that any of you have concerning CBH and archery here in California. I like to spend more time listening and solving problems than talking so hopefully my newsletter articles do not come across as too short or boring. More on me some other time.

I would like to take a moment to thank a few people as they ride off into the sunset. My predecessor Wayne Raupe steps down as President and begins a well-deserved retirement. I would like to thank Wayne for all he has done for CBH and archery here in California. As many of you know, hunting and enjoying archery is getting harder here in California.



Wayne has been regular at the Fish and game commission meetings and has worked tirelessly to extend the rights of all hunters here in California. I would also like to thank Craig Fritz as he steps down as 2nd VP of Hunting. Craig has spent over 25 years actively involved in CBH/SAA and more specifically the Big Game Club. He has hosted the State Broadhead tournament for all those years and has done a great job. Many thanks to both guys.

By the time you read this news letter we will have finished the CBH/SAA State meetings and the State Indoor Archery Championship. The meetings this year were spirited to say the least. I find it rather interesting that each successive generation of people on this planet seem to figure out new and innovative ways to communicate. I also find it inevitable

that the older all of us get, the better we become at tuning out the younger generations. You have only to ask my wife and kids to validate this fact in the Bowles household. That was a joke. I want to thank some of the visitors to the meeting for bringing up some pretty good points about our lack of communication. Sometimes we must get passed some of the words to understand the message. One of our basic expectations at the Ross Corporation is that everyone be able to accept feedback. Some people are better at that than others. It would appear that even after some exhaustive work that the details of CBH/SAA are not getting out to the general membership. "Who are you guys", "What do you do" and "Why should I join and give you \$40.00 of my hard-earned

money" seem to be some basic and frequent questions. These are some of the things that I hope to get out and start explaining pretty darn quick. CBH/SAA will begin a much better electronic media campaign. Many of you have already seen some cool stuff on Facebook and alternate webpages. It is the goal of CBH/SAA to start using a lot more social media to make sure we are communicating with everyone....most importantly the younger generation of archers that are the future of our sport.

As you will see later in this letter, the State Broadhead is being held at Tejon Ranch this year. This tournament is absolutely one of the coolest things to do all year in archery. We have held the tournament at this venue before and it has been a great success. The new 2nd VP of Hunting Jason Duysings has some great ideas for the future of this shoot

President's Message continued

and the Big Game Club in general. Please lend him your support as he tackles this event. With such a great venue, we should get 250 shooters with no problem. The camping is primitive, but a lot of fun. More from Jason later in the magazine.

The crew from Redding has graciously agreed to host the California State Field Championship this year. The flier should be in the back somewhere. This is a great test of archery and should be a lot of fun at a great venue like Redding. Thanks to Pam Severtson for raising her hand and volunteering her group for this important event. I have always been a firm believer in a one site tournament with a 2-day shoot. For those of you new to Field please be ready as it is a lot of arrows. It can be a real grind if you are not ready. Get out and start practicing now! More to follow.

Please also start making plans early this year for the North American Field Archery Championship at Oranco in November. This is an international tournament for North American countries and is held at one site every year. Florida took it away from California in 2017, but it is coming back in 2018. This is a field archery tournament very similar to NFAA. It is run by the IFAA (International Field Archery Association) which is based in Switzerland...yes, the one over there! This is a great tournament and is well attended by shooters from all over the US, Canada and Mexico. It's a great way to meet some shooters from other areas of the country.

Enough about the big tournaments, please just get out and support your local clubs. The local archery clubs/ranges and the local archery shops both north and south are the lifeline of our sport. I know some people think that clubs make a ton of money from the 20 bucks or so that they collect for registration. It just isn't true. The upkeep on an archery range is a tremendous expense and in our litigious society, it only takes one small accident to doom a club. CBH/SAA puts out a calendar which is available on the webpage and gives you all the shoots both north and south. Look and see what you're doing this weekend. Shoots are fun even you are not interested in the awards! Get out and shoot and support the sport. Hey that rhymes.

I would like to close by thanking all the great CBH/SAA board members and executive team that have agreed to stay on and help me as we transition a little bit. Gary McCain, Pam Severtson, Terry Mikesell, Dave Bacon, Lori Raupe, John Waddles and Robert Moore. Please Reach out to any of them if you have questions and concerns. Please also take time to check your Fish and Game Commission schedule and join Robert Moore and others to listen in on what's going on with F&G laws in California. Robert has a real job too and isn't always able to get to all the F&G Commission meetings. Our lobbyist Bill Gaines helps us at every turn, but an extra set of eyes and ears from CBH is always welcome. I think any of you would find it an eye-opening experience. Involvement is the only way to keep the traditions that we hold dear. I know I am not as eloquent as Wayne, but I'm going to close this thing out and wish everyone the best until next month. Shoot 'em straight and be safe!!

CORRECTION

**BOWHUNTERS UNLIMITED
AL Hartford/Fred Bear SHOOT
is March 3rd
an error was made in the February
Magazine listing it as March 13th
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Legislative Information

By Robert Moore

A California Fish and Game Commission meeting (CFGC) was held February 7th and 8th in Sacramento. Agenda Items of interest
 2. Election of Commission president and vice president
 3. Committee assignments

(A) Marine Resources Committee (B) Wildlife Resources Committee (C) Tribal Committee

Commissioners Eric Sklar, President Saint Helena Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, Vice President McKinleyville

Anthony C. Williams, Member Huntington Beach Russell E. Burns, Member Napa Peter S. Silva, Member

Jamul DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 8:30 AM 18. Public forum for items not on agenda 24. Wildlife Resources Committee (A)

January 11, 2018 meeting summary I. Receive and adopt recommendations

(B) Work plan development I. Update on work plan and draft timeline II. Discuss and approve new topics

28. Discuss proposed changes to waterfowl hunting regulations (Section 502, Title 14, CCR)

29. Authorize publication of notice of intent to amend resident upland game bird hunting Regulations (Subsection 300(a)(1) (D)4., Title 14, CCR) 30. Non-marine items of interest from previous meetings

(A) Receive and discuss Department's update on trapping license fees analysis 31. Non-marine petitions for regulation change from previous meetings 32. Non-marine, non-regulatory requests from previous meetings

(A) Action on non-regulatory requests (B) Action on pending non-regulatory requests referred to staff and the Department for review 33. Department informational items (non-marine) (A)

Director's report (B) Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and Ecosystem Conservation Division (C) Other I. Receive Department's annual report regarding necropsies on mountain lions taken under depredation permits 34. Other informational items

(A) Staff report B) Legislative update and possible action (C) New business Adjourn

Wildlife Resources Committed meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 11th in Santa Rosa. Agenda items 4. Identify and discuss initial recommendations for 2019-20 sport fishing regulations 5. Discuss and approve recommendations for 2018-19 upland game bird regulations 6. Discuss potential changes to coastal streams low-flow regulations (A) FGC Petition #2015-14: Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties' coastal streams

(A) FGC Petition #2015-15: Russian River 7. Predator Policy Workgroup (A) Predator Policy Workgroup member presentations on draft terrestrial predator policy and regulatory proposals (B) Discuss and possible recommendation for terrestrial predator policy and regulatory proposals 8. Discuss ideas for outreach and education regarding implementation of the ban on lead ammunition for take of wildlife (Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5; Section 250.1, T14, CCR) 9. Future agenda items (A) Review work plan agenda topics and timeline (B) Potential new agenda topics for FGC consideration

The departments long awaited updated Elk Management Plan has been released for public comment. To view the document use this link for access, <https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2017/11/21/california-elk-plan-draft-now-available-for-public-comment> Comment period ends January 29th.

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BIG GAME CLUB REPORT

By Jason Duysings
2nd VP of Hunting



When I was 12, my uncle opened my eyes to the world of hunting. It started with taking rabbits with a gun and grown to my passion for archery and big game hunting. I bought my first bow from Riverside Archery when I was 13, with the help from Wally and Donna Schwartz. During summer breaks my family and I would take a month long vacation to Washington every year, where my uncle gave me a lot of helpful tips on hunting. For a short time I took a break from archery to focus on fishing.

In my early 20's I met Joe Dotterer, along with a few other gentlemen at Riverside Archery, at what Donna Schwartz called "Liars Club", and from there we became friends. He took me to Northern California on my first pig hunt; where I met a great group of guys that helped me succeed in taking my first pig. Shortly after meeting other archers, I was introduced to the Professionals Bow Hunters Social Club, where we would meet once a month and talk about hunting. I also participated in numerous 3D shoots around California, one of them being the State Broadhead Shoot that I attended multiple times. From there I focused on researching other hunting opportunities such as Colorado Elk hunting.

I became a member of Oranco Bowmen 10 plus years ago; and for the last 5 years I have been the Flint Captain, hosting Scalps and Skins shoots and other special shoots. In October, I inquired about stepping up as Second VP of Hunting. I am excited to make some changes for the better of Big Game Club. Some of those changes would be to promote CBH and Big Game Club throughout California by attending shoots with my committee members. We plan on handing out informational fliers to make people more aware of what CBH and Big Game Club is all about. I would like to start using social media as a platform to reach out to the younger generation. I feel they are the future of CBH and Big Game Club and without them animal records would be forgotten. I would like to continue with hosting more measuring clinics and refresher courses throughout Cali-

fornia. I look forward to filling the shoes of Craig Fritz who has done an amazing job the last 23 years. I will keep in touch with Craig for any further assistance I may need as Second VP of Hunting. I would also like to thank and recognize the committee members that helped Craig along his 23 year journey.

I would like to thank Matt Burns for stepping up to be the new Small Game Chairman, his love for hunting and willingness to show his son Tommie Burns the way of a hunters life is pretty neat to witness. I look forward to seeing some new ideas and great things coming from the Small Game Committee in the near future.

The State Broadhead shoot will be at Tejon Ranch this year and hosted by The Big Game Club. Please take a look at the flyer and/or on the website for all the information you may need. Pre register for a \$10 discount. If you haven't purchased a raffle ticket for your chance to win the \$10K, please get ahold of me and I'll get you one or direct you to someone close to your area who is selling them. Come on out to one of the best unmarked Broadhead ranges around.



Bruce Marshall, of the Bow N Arrow Shop, in San Diego County connected on this big ol bad Arizona bull! Bruce said...

5 miles deep in the nastiest country I have ever hunted. Got to the truck at midnight last night. Just got through hauling the last load of meat out....love this stuff!!! Congratulations Bruce!!!

Small Game Club Report By Matt Burns



2018 is off to a great start. After the CBH annual meeting and banquet we have Chriss Bowles stepping up as CBH president. Also we have Jason Duysings as our 2nd VP of Hunting. Both of them two great guys and I'm proud to be working with them. I believe as a team we can keep CBH traditions alive while bringing in new ideas to help promote the sport of Archery and Bowhunting.

The date for the Palo Verde Tilapia shoot is set for April 28th and 29th. The Lake Isabella Carp Shoot will be held June 2nd and 3rd. Check the CBH website for more info.

Don't forget to check out the Updated CBH Facebook, CBH Big Game Club Facebook, and the California Bowmen Hunters Small Game Club Facebook for updates on shoots, current up to date news about what's happening with CBH, the Big Game Club, and the Small Game Club. If you have any pictures of small game species feel free to send them over and I'll post them to the Facebook page.

Aside from the bowfishing season which is quickly coming upon us there are still plenty of small game species in season to hunt. Check the current regulations at / www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations . As always, don't forget to turn in your small game harvest reports. See you in the field or at the range...



California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association 75 years!!!

The 75 year CBH/SAA History Book is now AVAILABLE! The book was revealed at the annual meeting in Ontario.....your choice of either a numbered, hard bound book or a non numbered soft bound book.

There are only a limited number of hardbound books available and some have already been purchased. There were only 100 printed. The cost for this book is \$40. If you want a particular number, we may be able to accommodate and you can request when you put your order in....we will do the best we can.

The softbound book has the same information, however these are not numbered. The cost for this book is \$30.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these books, the link should be available on the website soon. If you want to send in a check, you may do so by making the check payable to CBH/SAA and forwarding to: CBH/SAA, 7710 Camino Vista, Shingletown, Ca. 96088.

If you want to pay over the phone, please call Pam at 530-474-3324.....she can take a credit card over the phone (Visa and MC).

Also, belt buckles are available. There is an option for just the buckle at \$20 or you may purchase the buckle in the numbered tin for \$25. Same way to purchase, just let us know !

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President Wayne Raupe presenting a plaque of Appreciation to Craig Fritz



Grand Slam Awards to Madison Wilkens (above) and Lilith Pierce (Below)



Wayne Raupe inducting Earl "E.W." Williams into the Archery Hall of Fame



California Archery Hall of Fame Banquet

The California Archery Hall of Fame Banquet was held Saturday evening of the Annual Meeting. A great turnout of family and friends turned out to watch the induction into the Hall of Fame for Gary McCain, Jim Cox, Wayne Raupe & Earl Williams. However, Jim Cox was unable to attend and he was missed.

Almost 120 persons listened intently about the stories of archery and the archery family and how dedicated these individuals are to the sport. A few tears were shed, laughter rolled and praises were said. It was a beautiful evening, even with the music blaring next door from the other event.

The evening continued with the auction of the 75 Year History Book. It went for a hefty bid and then presented to Earl Williams, as he is 75 years old. Other history books were sold, the 75th year commemorative buckle and tin and regular buckles were flying off the counter.

There were two Grand Slams presented, one to Madison Wilkens and the other was Lilith Pierce. Congratulations ladies on a job well done!

Appreciation plaques were presented to Craig Fritz for his many, many years of continued dedication to the sport of archery and to President Wayne Raupe for his years, a few times over, as President of CBH/SAA.

The briefcase raffle was held, the general raffle was held and many prizes were given away. Thank you to Tammy Moore for her handmade jewelry, Robert Moore and the Legislative Defense Fund for the apparel donations, Mike Woltering for his wine donations and thank you to all who supported us by purchasing tickets.

The evening closed up for the night only to start up again at 8am Sunday.

Another THANK YOU to OBFA Region and the Big Game Club for their generous donations of \$250 each to the Hall of Fame.



Pete Budding inducting Wayne Raupe into the Archery Hall of Fame

2018 CBH/SAA Annual Meeting

By CBH Secretary Pam Severtson

The meeting was held in Ontario, Ca. January 12 through 14th. The meetings started with the Legislative Meeting on Friday afternoon, followed by the hospitality room hosted by Orange Belt Field Archers Region that evening. The evening was a chance to visit with other members and officers before the work began Saturday morning, but every chance to discuss business was taken.

Saturday morning started early with members meeting at breakfast before the day started at 8am. The general meeting started at 8am with the CBH/SAA President welcoming all of us. All regions were represented, for the first time in a few years. Reports from officers were on the agenda to review what happened over the 2017 year. Wayne's key report was on "communication" with others. What happens at this meeting needs to be brought back by the region representatives to the clubs and in turn from the clubs to the individual membership. The VP, George Papac, is working on obtaining a bulk rate for awards and it is a work in progress. The Secretary, Pam Severtson, mentioned that NFAA has a new computer setup and it has been challenging at times and to bear with it until they work out the bugs. The 2nd VP Hunting and Big Game Chairman, Craig Fritz, mentioned that the drawing last year was a huge success and sold out on Friday. The 2nd VP Field, Carlos Funes, apologized for not completely following through on the 2017 Field. The 2nd VP Target, Karen Keating, mentioned that the State Target shoot was up in numbers and results were sent out in a timely manner. 2nd VP Indoor, Rusty Mills, said that we were up 100 shooters.

Legislative Coordinator, Robert Moore stated he had a lot going on this year. People retiring at the DFW after relationships are built, has been a struggle. DFW looking into the possibility of having a minimum draw weight on their bows, that CBH/SAA sits on the Big Game Advisory Committee and the Hunting Conservation Coalition. Merchandise is available for sale to support the Legislative Defense Fund.

IBEP Chairman, Johnnie Waddles wanted to thank all of the instructors, pro shops and clubs for their support. They had an outstanding ISE show in 2017. Looking forward to

teaching more game wardens about bow hunting as there are many that have never been before. There were 250-275 IBEP students this year.

Newsletter Editor, Lori Raupe reported that she enjoys the stories and pics received, but if sending in pics, the ones on Facebook deteriorate and are not good quality.

Webmaster David Bacon has rebuilt the advertising notification system, digital archive is getting better and will remain holding off on putting the newsletter on the website until 3 months after publication.

NFAA Director, Gary McCain said that he has completed quite a few range inspections this year. All Region Presidents are authorized to do the inspections. He made clear that NFAA has eliminated some styles; Bowhunter, Bowhunter Freestyle Limited and combined the Longbow and Recurve in the adult and over divisions. He stated that eliminating the Longbow division misses the boat and will be addressed.

The CBH/SAA logo is in the midst of being trademarked. No petitions for NFAA this year. There were a few CBH/SAA petitions. One that passed is the 2 categories for Longbow- Longbow wood and Longbow Aluminum/Carbon.

Sunday started off bright and early again at 8am. Pete Budding was able to read the Invocation written by Maryann Twohey. Wayne reported on the President's Committee Meeting from Saturday afternoon and Pam Severtson reported on the Secretaries Committee Meeting.

Donations were presented;

Lodi Bowmen donated \$100 to the Legislative Defense Fund and CIBA Region donated \$1,000. Butch Kughn, the Legislative Coordinator from the 1990's donated \$500, OBFA Region donated \$1,000 and OBFA also donated \$250 to the Cal Tip Program.

Craig Fritz announced it was his last year sitting up at the front table as 2nd VP Hunting and Big Game Chairman after 23 years. IBEP Chairman, Johnnie Waddles, reiterated that all Bowhunter Ed instructors must be Hunter Ed instructors. California Archery Foundation Chair, Kathy Budding, said it was a slow year and yet she will be giving the chairmanship to Rusty Mills next year. OBFA donated \$250 to CAF.



2018 CBH/SAA Annual Meeting continued:

NFAA Director, Gary McCain, stated that we need to bring the NFAA membership up so we can get more votes within NFAA. We used to be at 5 votes, but NFAA membership declined so we are down to 4 votes. Range Fund Chairman, Kathy Budding, stated that applications are on the web for applying for funds. Since Tom Daley was ill, Pam Severtson spoke on behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee thanking all the individuals who helped with the banquet and donations. OBFA donated \$250 to HOF.

Big Game Club Chairman, Craig Fritz, donated on behalf of BGC, \$2,000 to the Legislative Defense Fund, \$250 to Hall of Fame and \$250 to California Archery Foundation. President Wayne Raupe presented his officers and staff with CBH/SAA coffee mugs for the work done by all as a gift from him.

President Wayne Raupe appointed Craig Fritz as the new Procedures Book Chairman. On his committee will also be Pam Severtson and Gary McCain. Part of this will be building FAQ's for the website. Pam Severtson took a quick survey of who would be interested in a State Marked 3D Championship next year. A resounding "yes". This would be piggybacked with another tournament.

Wayne brought us all up to speed on the recent podcast that was not favorable to CBH/SAA. He, Craig Fritz, David Bacon and Jason Duysings met up with Eric Welsh and Jon Weaver to discuss the issues at hand. What came out of the meeting is that communication will be much better going forward.

A State Traditional Shoot was brought up for discussion. It was determined that a formal petition will be brought in next year. Joe Dotterer has a proof of the 50 year buckle, the 75 year buckle and a "Bowmen" buckle that will have a drawing for at next year's meeting. Tickets will be sold.

The petition regarding traditional distances was resolved with Longbow shooters will shoot at the maximum distance from the youth stakes, which is 50 yards. This will be a test period for 2 years.

State Target is set for September 2018. The Indoor will be January 2019. The Broadhead will be at the Tejon Ranch on Memorial Day weekend and the State Field will be hosted in Redding at Straight Arrow, the weekend of June 9-10, 2018. Flyers will be done and in the newsletter and social media.

The CBH/SAA Annual Meeting for 2019 will be at Cal Expo in Sacramento, January 11, 12 & 13, 2019. Mid Year meeting may be at Visalia Sportsmen's on June 23, 2018 after confirmation with them.

Introduction of the 2018-19 officers; President Chriss Bowles, VP George Papac, NFAA Director Gary McCain, 2nd VP Target Karen Keating, 2nd VP Indoor Rusty Mills,

2nd VP Field Carlos Funes, 2nd VP Hunting and Big Game Chairman Jason Duysings, Small Game Chairman Matt Burns, Secretary Pam Severtson, Treasurer Terry Mikesell, Newsletter Editor Lori Raupe, Webmaster David Bacon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.



Gary McCain - Archery Hall of Fame - with Pam Severtson



Wayne Raupe - Archery Hall of Fame - with Pete Budding



Earl "EW" Williams - Archery Hall of Fame - with grandchildren

We're Chasing Ghosts (front page)

I was really lucky a couple of years ago to stumble across a story Ryan Alsup wrote and posted on "[Elk Addicts](#)" and you saw it in our magazine. Ryan and his brother are avid bowhunters and not CBH/SAA members as they live in Idaho. Just recently Ryan wrote another story and posted it on Elk Addicts. I saw his name and dove into his writings. This story is not a Bow hunting story but rather a rifle hunt with his brother, a couple of friends but MOST importantly with his father. He tells his story of his attempt to reach a final goal of successfully getting his Dad's tag filled. He was very disappointed in himself for not providing that goal while well into their hunt. His father, on the other hand, put everything into perspective and made Ryan realize what the real importance of this hunt was. Enjoy the read as I did.

Thank you Ryan, again for sharing your Dad's and your insights and writing an award winning story!

Wayne Raupe
Immediate Past President CBH/SAA

We're Chasing Ghosts **By Ryan Alsup**

We're chasing ghosts, the words, spoken out loud for the first of many times that trip, voiced what we'd all been thinking. Huddled around the table in the cozy cabin we'd rented for the 1.5 week elk hunting trip in Wyoming, there was a communal sense of resignation. These were the most wary, skittish elk we'd ever hunted, and after a solid week of catching only a glimpse of tan or a flash of antler in the thick timber of the north-facing western Wyoming slopes, I began to regret our decision to cash our points in on a general area hunt.

Five years ago, our party began accumulating points for the Wyoming elk draw, and for those five years we'd dreamed about, talked about full meat poles and sweeping ivory tines. It was the same year that my Dad, at age 60, put time and life into perspective in matter-of-fact terms. "Son, I'm 60. I figure I've got ten good hunting seasons left in me, so you'd better get to planning."

Since his career change from a logger to a commercial fisherman, Dad's hunting pursuits had taken a back seat to building his new business. While he shared in our excitement over each of our successful hunts, he only could enjoy them through texts, pictures and phone calls. He'd never say it, but he had to feel like he was missing out. And we sure missed having him on those hunts.

So plan we did. Research on Wyoming elk hunting yielded plenty of promise – premium hunts abound, albeit after a bit of wait - many of the best hunts take seven or more points/years to draw in the tag lottery system. This past winter,

we came to a consensus - the two more years of waiting seemed too much, so when a family acquaintance returned from a successful archery hunt in a General Area elk unit we'd been researching, the decisions was made. The email from Wyoming Game and Fish notifying us of our successful draw was a mere formality – we had more than enough points to draw but now it was official. We were going to Wyoming! Eric Duncan, Jered Alsup, and my buddy Colin (Shawnda Colin Burnett) would join my Dad and I.

Lists were made weeks in advance. Reservations secured months prior to that. We were brimming with excitement and anticipation as we set out on the 15-hour drive to elk camp; a trip that would take us through the rugged beauty of Idaho, Montana, and finally, Wyoming. After wrapping up the prawn fishing season, Dad was set to fly in from Alaska four days after us. That would give us plenty of time to locate elk before he arrived, if not punch a couple of tags.

The first morning did not disappoint. Within an hour of daylight, we'd located a herd on an open hillside. Fifteen head, with at least two branch bulls, one a very respectable six-point. Safely out of our range, we watched them feed into the timber, confident that similar scenes would play out many times in the coming days. When I drove to Jackson Hole to pick Dad up from the airport, optimism was still high. We'd seen elk. My cousin Jered has passed on a spike. It was tough hunting, but we were sure success was imminent.

Little did we know these were the last elk we'd see in an opening, and the timber to which they fed would be the stage for our cat-and-mouse game for the remainder of our hunt. The days began to blur together. Wake up. Eat breakfast. Hit the timber. More times than not, most of our party would catch a brief glimpse of an elk. Or part of one. No one was presented a shot opportunity. Each following day would be bring similar results.

We talked to locals. Hunters and hunting guides alike, and the reports were all the same. "Worst elk season I can remember." "The wolves have them run ragged." "You'll never get them out of that timber." Ghosts. This was not what we had in mind when we planned this hunt.

One afternoon, I found myself sitting on ridge with Dad overlooking a promising valley below. The Grand Tetons towered above the foothills in the distance. In spite of all the natural beauty, the weight of the hunt was heavy on my shoulders. The pressure to fill freezers, yes, but mostly for Dad to punch his first elk tag in 21 years.

"Dad, I feel like I let you dow-" He didn't let me finish the sentence. "Ryan," he started. "I'm on an elk hunt in Wyoming. This is perfect. Killing an elk would just be a bonus...this is just what I wanted."

Continued from page 13- And it hit me. We were Hunting elk, but I'd been seeking the wrong thing. It had been two decades since I'd last sat on a ridge in Elk Country with my Dad. Two decades spent dreaming of making a hunt together. And I'd spent the majority of our time worrying about the outcome, not enjoying the pursuit.

The hike back to camp was done so mostly in silence, and as I'd done so many times in my childhood, marveled at this man I'm so lucky to call "Dad." If he was so at peace just being immersed in God's great Creation, why was I hung up on catching ghosts? I committed myself in that moment to follow his lead and make the most of our last three days in that amazing country.

That night we discussed our strategy. With five tags in camp, we'd been spreading out in five different directions every day; each hunter exploring canyons, still hunting through the blow-downs and aspen groves. And it wasn't working. It was time to combine our efforts. The next morning, we decided, Dad would stand lookout on a south-facing slope, keeping a watchful eye on the timbered ridge opposite him. We'd hunt the timber as before, but would move through in unison with hopes that any elk avoiding our advances would show themselves to him.

The first canyon yielded zero encounters. A quick call to Dad and he began the hike to the next canyon. I met Eric at the top of the ridge. "It's been a great hunt," one of us said. "But I don't think we're taking home any elk meat." We'd both come to the same reconciliation.

The text from dad came: "On post." It was our cue to crest the ridge into the next tangled web of dark Wyoming timber.

A few minutes into the hunt, as had happened so many times before, a branch breaks and I catch a millisecond view of tan fur before it disappeared into the thick understory. A bull, and a second animal I did not see. I continued my hunt and soon a cow appeared briefly, and just as quickly vanished letting out a few quiet mews on her way up the canyon. I set my rifle against the trunk of fir tree and looked around me. What could be better than this? The sights, sounds and smells of Elk Country haunt my thoughts all year, and I was now, finally, drinking it all in.

The unmistakable report of Dad's rifle broke the still autumn air. A second shot followed, then a third. I felt my phone vibrate in my pocket. Any fear that he'd missed disappeared with his first two words.

"Bull down." I raced down the hill, across the canyon and up to his location where he, Jered and Eric were waiting. "You did it Dad!" I exclaimed as I stepped in for a celebratory hug.

"We all did it," came his reply, "We all did it."

We took several minutes to reflect on the hunt and took turns snapping pictures before we set about the process of quartering and boning his elk. By dark we were back at the cabin reveling in our turn of fortunes. The next day we employed the same tactic. A single shot from Eric brought the same result. A second bull in as many days and Eric's first ever. Our knives, again, made quick work of the bull, reducing its body into manageable portions for the hike out. As with his bull, Dad shouldered his share of the meat, walking step for step with his hunting partners some 25-30 years his junior.

They were both small bulls, certainly not the heavy, sweeping ivory-tipped crowns we'd dreamed about. But they were ours. And they were perfect.

With work duties calling, Eric and Jered left for Oregon that night, their truck full of camping gear, and elk meat, and smiles.

The next morning I left the cabin before daylight for one last hunt. As I worked quietly up a ridge, I felt the cool wind against my neck as the wind shifted. Downwind from me, branches broke as an elk caught my scent and ran towards safety. I chuckled to myself and changed course back to the cabin. It was time to go home.

We broke camp that morning. Always a bittersweet moment, but we were leaving fulfilled. There would be meat to share, stories to tell, and memories made. Dad closed the green gate behind us on our way out, and secured the lock. There will be many more hunts, but this one felt significant. The beginning of a new chapter.

Somewhere west of Coeur D'Alene and well after midnight I glanced over at Dad in the passenger seat. His even, steady breathing let me know he'd finally succumbed to sleep. I smiled and remembered all those hunting and fishing trips Dad took his young sons on, when it was he doing the driving, and the planning, and the coordinating, and it was I fast asleep in the comfort of his guidance. It felt good to return the favor in some small measure.

I scrolled through my music playlist and soon Chris Stapleton was crooning through the speakers. I barely heard the words as my mind raced to capture every fleeting, ethereal detail of the hunt and etch them into my memory before they slipped away, not unlike those deep timber Wyoming bulls.

I was still chasing ghosts, only now they were the right ones.

Dad shifted in the seat and raised his head. "You doing ok?"

"Doing great, Dad." In fact, never better!

From Our Historian Scott Walker

by Cliff Huntington

Ben Pearson was born in Saline County, Arkansas on November 16, 1898. Events are hazy and accounts conflicting, but it's safe to say that Ben made his first bow sometime prior to 1926, a six foot hickory patterned after the English longbow obtained from instructions on bow building in Boy Scout articles written by Uncle Dan Beard. Later, in the Boy Scouts' Merit Badge Series for Archery, he would author his own instructions with "How To Make A Flat Bow." Ben performed numerous exhibitions across America for youth and scout groups and according to a recent article by Arline Chandler, "Pearson never charged a fee for his demonstrations, nor asked for expenses."



Gene Suchma/illustration

In 1926, Ben entered the Arkansas State Championships held in Little Rock and placed next to last. It was a humbling experience for the budding archer. Determined to improve his skills, Ben worked at upgrading his equipment and learning to shoot. The next year, he once again entered the Arkansas State Championships, but this time he walked away as the Arkansas State Champion. During the next 10 years or so, Ben would become a regular fixture at target events, develop into a highly respected competitor and place seventh behind Pat Chambers during the 1938 NAA National Tournament and 24 places ahead of a young Fred Bear. Pat would later go to work for Ben in 1940 as a field man and author "Archery," the first publication issued by Pearson Archery.

After completing grammar school, Ben worked on the family farm in Lonoke county until he was drafted toward the end of WWI. The Armistice was soon signed and Ben's short lived service came to an end. Ben returned home, but the farm couldn't hold him and he moved to Little Rock. In Little Rock, Ben would land a job with the Little Rock Railway and Electric Company, move on to the Arkansas Power & Light Company and as the Depression deepened in 1931 he would take off on his own. He tried the floral business in Pine Bluff, but with little money and even less experience his venture soon collapsed and he resorted to selling caterpillar tractors for John Riggs, doing some work for Lee Woods, Inc., of Pine Bluff and producing archery equipment in his garage.

It was during this period that a chance meeting would forever change his life. It seems that Carl Haun, a retired oil man from Blackwell, Oklahoma, had purchased a bow and arrow set for his grandson. It didn't take the grandson long to lose or break all his arrows. Grandpa set about to replace the youngster's arrows but found the task more difficult than anticipated. Upon learning of Ben Pearson, Mr. Haun cranked his airplane up and flew to Pine Bluff. Soon Mr. Haun was knocking on Ben's door and Mr. Haun's arrow problems were solved. According to Roy Hoff, "That was the beginning of a great partnership little known to the user of Ben Pearson equipment. Carl listened intently as Ben explained his dream of mass producing archery tackle and became intrigued. This was still during the depression years, but evidently not in the oil business."

Ben later commented on the meeting. "He was tickled to death to find some arrows for his grandson. So, Mr. Haun invited me to 'go for a walk'. He said he wanted to look for some For Sale signs. He took a dim view of mass production in a backyard garage. We came upon an old sorghum mill with a For Sale sign on it." At that moment Carl Haun's financial support and Ben Pearson's mechanical knowledge were joined, forming Ben Pearson Company. Ben Pearson Company would later lay claim to being "the world's greatest mass-producing archery tackle manufacturer."

Ben Pearson retired from the archery manufacturing business in 1967 and passed away four years later on March 2, 1971 at age 72, after revolutionizing the manufacturing of archery tackle, providing quality, functional equipment well within the means of the average person. He left a legacy in the "Bushmaster" and the unsurpassed "Deadhead." He left another in Longbow, a 400 acre retreat near Prim, Arkansas, now restored by his son Ben, Jr. in tribute to his father and those who stalked the hills before him. His presence is still felt there in his get-away cabin. The cabin provides an awesome view of a waterfall cascading off a rock bluff into the blue-green pool below.

REMINDER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE
MAY 2018 MAGAZINE
IS MARCH 26TH

THANK YOU FOR SENDING YOUR ARTICLES, PICTURES,
AND FLYERS FOR SUBMISSION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Hazardous Conditions Lead to Migrating Mule Deer Deaths

November 20, 2017

Ice and snow that remained from last winter's heavy snowfall have led to the confirmed deaths of a total of 120 mule deer in recent weeks, according to state wildlife officials. Traditional fall deer migration over Bishop and Shepard passes combined with hazardous icy conditions on steep mountain slopes, resulted in deer deaths at both high-elevation passes in the John Muir Wilderness of Inyo National Forest.

"The deer died while attempting to travel down snowfields that persisted from last winter" California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) senior environmental scientist Tom Stephenson said. Recent freezing temperatures turned the soft snow to slick ice, according to Stephenson. "Deer were unable to maintain their footing and slid rapidly down the steep snowfields and slammed into boulder fields below." Stephenson, who investigated mortalities at Bishop Pass, said most deer appeared to die either immediately or after traveling a short distance from the base of the snow.

Snow falling in the higher elevations has diminished the dangerous conditions according to the CDFW. "New snow of sufficient depth prevents the deer from sliding down the icy snowfield," Stephenson explained.

Mortalities were first reported on October 30, 2017 to the Bishop office of the CDFW by a distraught hiker crossing the 11,972-ft. Bishop Pass, according to CDFW spokesperson, David German. One day later, a mountaineer crossing the 12,047-ft. Shepherd Pass also reported seeing deer that had apparently died near the pass, and then, a few days later, the climber reported additional mortalities. Numerous calls and separate field investigations by CDFW followed, confirming that 76 deer perished in the vicinity of Bishop Pass and 44 others died near Shepherd Pass, west of Independence, CA.



"This is a horrible thing to witness, but hard things happen in the natural world," said Debra Schweizer, a spokesperson for the Inyo National Forest. "While it is heartbreaking, this combination of circumstances occurs after a big winter--about once every 25 years," Schweizer added.

Similar incidents were investigated by the CDFW in 1954 and 1995, in the same approximate Bishop Pass location. In 1954, Fred Jones, a wildlife biologist doing field research in the Eastern Sierra, reported approximately 26 deer slid on the ice and fell to their deaths on rocky terrain below Bishop Pass. Forty-one years later, in 1995, a similar accident in the Bishop Pass location was described by CDFW biologists Vernon Bleich and Becky Pierce. According to German, the deer were

following traditional migration routes of the Round Valley and Goodale herds, descending from the higher elevation summer range on the west side to the east side of the Sierra Nevada crest where they range in winter.

The Round Valley herd, which ranges from the Buttermilk area to Round Valley in winter, has an estimated population of 2,800 animals. The Goodale herd, which winters from the Poverty Hills south of Big Pine to just north of Lone Pine, is estimated to contain 5,500 animals. "While these deaths are tragic, they represent a small fraction of the deer populations and are not expected to have a significant effect on the overall population of either herd," German said.

Mule deer are considered abundant in the eastern Sierra, according to Stephenson. Schweizer commented "while it is hard, we manage for the health of the overall population instead of individual animals. Nature is unforgiving and unpleasant things happen in the natural world."

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Oasis Shoot

Shoot Info:	Pre-Registration Due March 10th*:	Onsite Registration :
<p>Date: March 18th Registration open: 7-8:30 am Start Time: 9am Parking: Free Location: Yolo Bowmen Range 30475 County Rd. 104 Dixon, Ca. 95620</p> <p>28 3D animal targets 3 arrows per target 11-10-8 Scoring All NFAA classes will be shot Awards to third place in all classes NFAA/CBH card required to shoot in class</p>	<p>Adult/Senior- \$20.00 Young Adult \$15.00 Youth - \$12.00 Cubs - Free Couple - \$26.00 Family - \$30.00</p> <p>Non-Members add 3.00</p> <p><i>*Pre-registration available by mail only, must be received by March 10th</i></p>	<p>Adult/Senior- \$25.00 Young Adult \$18.00 Youth - \$15.00 Cubs - Free Couple - \$30.00 Family - \$34.00</p> <p>Non-Members add 3.00 Mulligans add 1.00</p>

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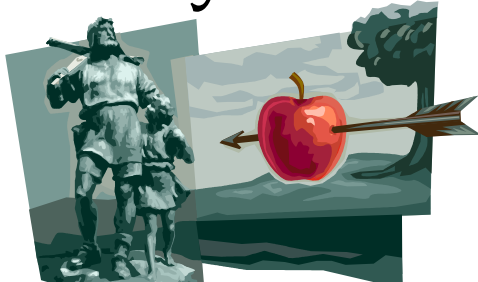
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BBQ lunch – Refreshments – Clout Shoot – Raffle Prizes

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March 25, 2018

Registration - 7:30 – 9:00am

Tournament - 9:00am

42 Marked 3D Targets

1 Arrow Per Target 10-8-5 Scoring



<i><u>Fee</u></i>	<i><u>CBH Member</u></i>	<i><u>Non-CBH member</u></i>
Adult	\$20	\$25
Husband/Wife	\$25	\$30
Family	\$30	\$35
Young Adult	\$17	\$22
Youth/Cub	FREE	FREE
Seniors	\$15	\$20



50/50 Shoot off. Can you hit the apple?

Refreshments & Lunch available

For directions and more information go to:

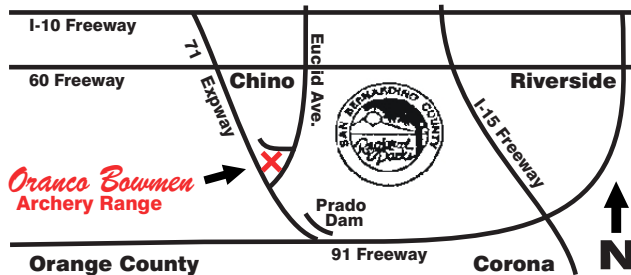
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www.cbhsaa.net



BIG GAME 3-D & Raffle

Sunday Apr. 8 th. 2018 @ 9:00 AM



INFO

Registration opens at 7:30
 42 unmarked targets
 One arrow per target
 Mulligans and Doe tags
 Awards to 3rd. - All Styles
 and age groups
 Refreshments on the Range
 Dry Camping Welcomed

STYLES

Freestyle (FS)
 Freestyle Limited (FSL)
 Bowhunter FS (BHFS)
 Bowhunter FSL (BHFSL)
 Bowhunter (BH)
 Barebow (BB)
 Recurve
 Longbow

FEES

Adults	\$25.00
Man & Wife	\$35.00
Family	\$40.00

\$5.00 Discount On Above Fees with CBH Card.

Young Adult	\$15.00
Youth	\$10.00
Cub & PeeWee	\$ 5.00

Pete - 909-223-5822
www.orancobowmen.org

Bows may be chronographed for 300 fps compliance

Call for camping access - 951-897-5685

RAIN DATE - Following Weekend

2018 POW WOW

April 7 and 8 - starts at **9:00 a.m.** Saturday and **8 a.m.** on Sunday

Targets Saturday, 20 Targets Sunday
Marked Yardage
2 Arrow Shoot / Score 11, 10, 8
Awards for all clases, 1st 2nd 3rd
NFAA Rules Apply...
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 Jed Kern 661-978-6228
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From Bakersfield take Hwy 178 to Lake Isabella to the Bodfish exit
 turn left on Lake Isabella BLVD to Erskine Creek Rd turn right cross the canal & turn left between the two churches.

Pre- Registration

Family (3+)	\$37
Couples (2)	\$32
Single/Senior	\$37
Youth/Cub	\$11
Late Registration	\$5



2018 Bay Area Senior Games

DATES: APRIL 21 – 2 x 300 ROUND (20 YDS)

APRIL 22 – 900 ROUND (60, 50, 40 YDS)

Register at: <http://www.bayareaseniorgames.org/registration>

LOCATION: BLACK MOUNTAIN BOWMAN RANGE - AVE. ESPANA, SAN JOSE

CHECK IN AT 8 AM. SHOOT TIME IS 9:00 AM

Bow Divisions:
 Recurve (sights)
 Recurve Barebow (no sights)
 Compound Release
 Compound Fingers

Contact:
 Karen Keating kkeating2000@yahoo.com
 Dawnel Scott dawnel@sbcglobal.net

Pacific Coast Archery Festival

April 14-15, 2018



- 3 Tournaments in 2 days
 - 3-D 25 Targets (2x arrows)
 - NFAA 28 Targets Field Round
 - 900 Round

Schedule	Saturday	Sunday
Registration Opens	7:00	7:00
Ranges Open: 3D and 28 Field Targets	7:30-4:30	7:30-12:30
900 Round-Practice Round	8:30	8:30
900 Round-Start	8:45	8:45
Score cards due	4:30	2:00
Awards		2:30

- Shoot 1, 2 or 3 tournaments
 - Awards for Divisions for each tournament (M/F) (S, A, YA, Y & C)
 - Shooting Styles (Compound, traditional, FITA recurve)
 - Division Champion for the total for all three tournaments

FITA 900	3D	NFAA Field	Entry Fees	Amount
5 Ends of 6 Arrows/dist	25 Targets	28 Targets	First Tournament	
4 minutes/end	Unmarked yardage	Marked Yardage	Adult/Senior	\$25
122cm Olympic Face	No Range Finders!	Range Finders OK	Young Adult (15-17)	\$20
3 Distances	2 Arrows per Target	4 Arrows per Target	Youth (12-14)	\$15
-Senior 40-50-60m	Trad- 33y max	5-4-3 scoring	11 & under	\$10
-Adult 40-50-60m	Compound- 50y max		Second Tournament	\$10
-Young Adult 40-50-60m			Third Tournament	\$5
-Youth 30-40-50m			Family Max*	\$125
-Cub 10-20-30m			3D Mulligan (2 max)	\$1 each
			3D Doe tag (1 max)	\$1 each
			Mail in Registration by April 1	-\$5
			*Family: Parents and minor children Mulligan & doe tag extra	

Division Champions
Total score for all 3 tournaments

- Food and beverages available on the range
- RV park and camping available next to range at Tapo Canyon Park (camping reservations recommended) <http://www.ventura.org/inland-parks/tapo-canyon-simi-valley>
- **NO CAMPING ON THE RANGE!**
- Vendors welcome: Call ((805) 630 1749) to reserve your space.

Visit: www.cvarchers.com for more information and pre-registration instructions.

Questions: Clark Pentico (805) 630- 1749

Bounty Hunt



Saturday, April 21, 2018

Registration- 7:00 am

Shooting Starts- 9:00 am

Come early- Gate opens at 6:45am and closes with lock at 9:00am

Rain or Shine



Registration Fees

***Pre-registration must be postmarked by 4/11/18**

***Pre-Registration Day of Shoot**

REGISTRATION INCLUDES LUNCH

Family	\$50	\$55
Couples	\$45	\$50
Singles	\$35	\$40
Youth (under 18)	\$15	\$20

Featuring 3-D Targets
42 Targets- marked yardage
2 Arrows- Field Tips Only

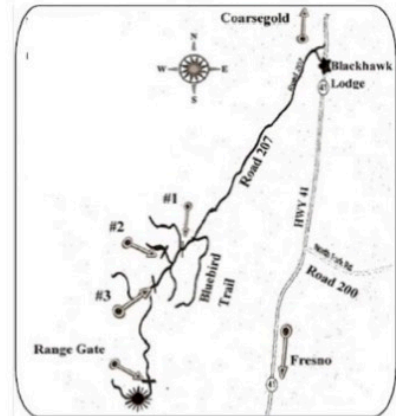


Coffee and donuts available in the morning. Snacks and beverages are available on the range.

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Email: imrie_s@yahoo.com

Directions to range:

North on HWY 41- turn left at Blackhawk Lodge (Road 207), follow road until you reach locked gate where attendant will direct you to the range.



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Name of Sender	NFAA or CBH Member **	GUEST (non NFAA member)	Male	Female	Master Senior (ages 70+)	Silver Senior (ages 60-69)	Senior (ages 50-59)	Adult (ages 18-49)	Young Adult (ages 15-17)	Youth (ages 12-14)	Cub (ages 1-11)	FS (Freestyle)	FSL (Freestyle Limited)	BHFS (Bowhunter Freestyle)	BHFSL (Bowhunter Freestyle Limited)	BH (Bowhunter)	BB (Barebow)	FSL-Recurve (Freestyle Limited)	Traditional Longbow	Traditional Recurve
Phone number																				
**You must have a valid NFAA or CBH Card to qualify for awards. ** Handicap card required to shoot B or C class Shooters Names																				
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Total registration fee \$ _____ **Make check payable to: Madera Field Archers & Bow Hunters**
Send completed registration and check or money order to:

LODGING INFORMATION

Yosemite RV Resort 20% off for Bounty Hunt Shoot participants 34094 CA 41, Coarsegold, CA 93614 559-683-7855	Chukchansi Gold Resort Hotel Casino 711 Lucky Ln, Coarsegold, CA 93614 866-794-6946 (two weeks prior to shoot) Check with Chukchansi for free RV parking
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PACIFIC TRADITIONAL RENEZVOUS

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Sunday, April 22, 2018

REGISTRATION @ 7:00 am

SHOOT STARTS @ 9:00 am!!

40 unmarked 3D target & novelties

NO Rangefinders, **NO** Binoculars, **NO** Funny Stuff

CLASSES

- Longbow*
- Primitive*
- Recurve
- Non-Scoring / Non-Compete

* Must shoot wood arrows or compete as "recurve"

Pre-Reg Prices*

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|----------------|------|
| • Single | \$25 |
| • Couple | \$35 |
| • Family | \$45 |
| • Senior/Youth | \$20 |
| • Cubs | \$10 |

*Day of Shoot, Add \$5.00

AGE GROUPS

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Master Senior (70+) | Young Adult (15-17) |
| Silver Senior (60-69) | Youth (12-14) |
| Senior (50-59) | Cub (5-11) |
| Adult (18+) | PeeWee (4 & under) |

CLUB TROPHY

5 Archers per team (at least 2 longbows)

- Longbows must shoot wooden arrows
- Must register before the shoot!

- **Breakfast & Lunch** available on the range.
- We shoot rain or shine!
- Vendors welcome.
- Limited dry camping available.

Register Online!

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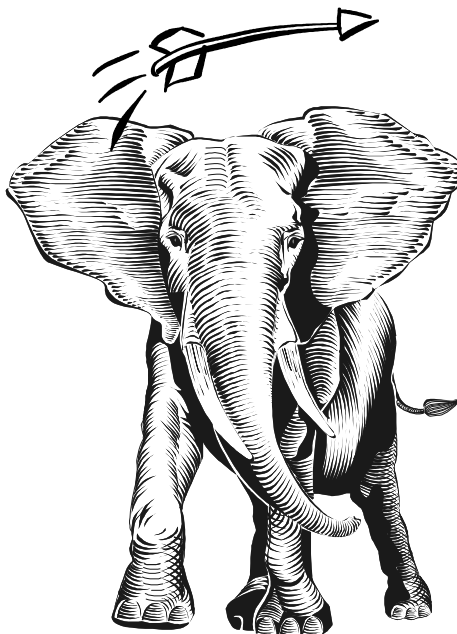
Shoot Fees

After 4/13/2018

Family	\$60	\$70
Couple	\$55	\$65
Adults/Seniors	\$35	\$45
Young Adult	\$25	\$35
Youth	\$20	\$25
Cub	\$15	\$15
Sunday Only		\$25

Awards in all adult and children classes. Guests shoot as one class. No awards for guest class. Must have NFAA/CBH/USA Archery cards.

- Marked Yardage
- 3D African Animals
- Hand painted and paper targets.
- 40 on Saturday
- 20 on Sunday
- Scoring 11-10-8



Start Times

Saturday 9:00

Sunday 8:30

Scorecards in by 1:30

Sunday

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 Address: _____
 Email address _____ Club Affiliate _____

Mulligans \$1 ea. (maximum of 2 per shooter) _____
 Total registration _____

23rd Annual Tilapia Shoot!

April 28th & 29th



Palo Verde, Ca



Sponsored by: CBH/SAA Small Game Club

Tilapia entry fee \$21.00

(\$1.00 goes to the CBH legislative fund)

Classes: Men, Women, Boys and Girls

(Children under 15 shoot 4 **FREE**)

Trophies awarded to ALL classes!

Enter the Carp Jackpot for your chance to win MONEY for only \$10.00 (ADULTS ONLY).

Trophy for largest Carp, winners split 80% Payout for 1st 2nd & 3rd place.

(\$11.00 if you have not paid your Tilapia Shoot entry fee)



Please Join Us For Our

23rd Annual Tilapia Shoot!

Sponsored by: CBH/SAA Small Game Club

Registration begins:

Friday April 27th or Saturday morning **before 6:45 am.**

ALL participants must be at Palo Verde Campground

no later than 6:45am on Saturday and **MUST** check in.

Final instructions will be given with an official start at 7:00am.

You may have your fish weighed in
on Saturday evening if you choose too.
On Sunday, Final Check-in is at 1:00pm,
when weigh-in begins.

Failing to check in by 1:00pm on Sunday will disqualify you from
receiving any awards or Jackpot, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Awards will be presented thereafter.

Register your biggest fish with the Small Game Club
and if it meets the minimum weight requirement
you may see your name and photo in the next publication of the
CBH/SAA Big Game Club Record Book.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN FISH!
NONE LEFT BEHIND !**



SHOOT FEES
 CBH/SAA Members
 Adult-\$45.00
 Husband/Wife - \$80
 Young Adult - \$30
 Youth - \$30
 Non CBH/SAA Members
 \$50.00 each

CBH/SAA State Broadhead Championship

May 26 – 27, 2018

Will Take Place At



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

\$10.00 Discount for Pre-Registration per family

NO PETS AND NO FIREPITS 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**

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

SHOOTING STYLES

◆ **S** - Sight ◆ **NS** – Non-sight ◆ **R** - Release ◆ **Rc** - Recurve ◆ **L** - Longbow

NO CUB CLASSES

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

PRE-REGISTRATION OPTIONAL

Postmarked by May 11, 2018

CBH/SAA CARDS WILL BE CHECKED!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CBH/SAA

Send copy of CBH or NFAA Card with Registration
 Send to **Samantha Ewertz; Po Box 51848 Riverside, Ca 92517**

Name	Sex	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		
												\$
												\$
												\$

**For General Tournament Information,
 Rules/Regulations, or Hotel inquires:**

Jason Duysings
 (951)906-4021
 JD23bgc@gmail.com

Pre-Registration Contact:

Samantha Ewertz
 sammbcg@gmail.com

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

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2018 CBH/SAA State Broadhead Championship Tournament General Working Mechanics

1. This tournament is designed to appeal to the bowhunter as opposed to the tournament archer. It is designed to offer the hunter some benefits without his/her becoming entangled in the aspects of a Field tournament. NFAA rules do not apply to this event
2. The State Broadhead Tournament shall be either a one or two day event held on Memorial Day weekend.
3. The 2nd Vice President of Hunting or his delegate shall govern this tournament.
4. The range for this event shall be laid out in such a manner as to simulate hunting conditions when possible.
5. Archers shall use hunting tackle for this event which is in keeping with California State Fish & Game Laws on Big Game Hunting.

A. Scoring:

- 1) Vital - 10 Kill - 8 Wound - 5
- 2) An arrow must be in the target to score, except a "Pass-through" which must be witnessed and scored as witnessed by other shooters in the group.
- 3) "Bounce-ins" and "Glance-offs" shall not score.
- 4) "Antlers" do not score.
- 5) Shaft of arrow must touch the line for higher score.
- 6) Double scoring is required.
- 7) This shall be a one-arrow tournament at unmarked yardages.

B. Divisions and Styles of Shooting:

- 1) Divisions
 - a) Seniors (65+)
 - b) Adult (18-64): Male and Female
 - c) Young Adult (ages 15-17): Male and Female
 - d) Youth (ages 12-14): Male and Female
- 2) Styles
 - a) Sight (S)
 - b) Non-Sight (NS)
 - c) Release (R)
 - d) Recurve (Rc)
 - e) Traditional (T)

C. Awards:

- 1) CBH/SAA Membership (Regular or Associate) is required to compete for awards.
- 2) Guest Class is one class (Male and Female combined) and there will be no awards.
- 3) No awards will be mailed.

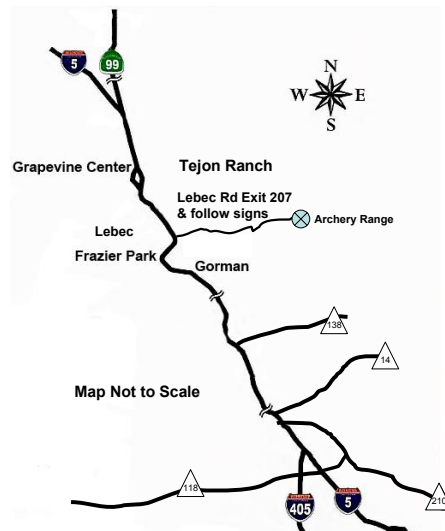
D. Tackle:

- 1) One stabilizer not over 12 inches, allowed
- 2) Bow quivers are allowed in all styles.
- 3) No magnifying scopes are allowed.
- 4) No compound bows over 80 pounds peak draw weight. Recurves and longbows have no limit
- 5) Binoculars are allowed. **NO RANGE FINDERS!**
- 6) No range finding devices allowed at any time on the range.
- 7) Broadheads must be dulled and meet Fish & Game Codes at all times during the shoot – expandable broadheads are allowed if they meet Ca. Fish & Game Codes.

- 8) Practice blades are allowed if they meet Fish & Game Codes (7/8" minimum diameter)
- 9) Broadheads may be subject to size testing at any time during the tournament.
- 10) All bows shall be limited to 300 fps with a 3% tolerance for differences in chronographs.
- 11) Arrow speed may be checked anytime during the tournament.
- 12) Longbows: Any type of arrow shaft is allowed.
- 13) Longbows: Must be shot off the shelf
- 14) Clickers allowed in all styles.

E. Miscellaneous:

- 1) Cubs: Due to safety considerations a Cub division will not be included at this event.
- 2) Parents will be responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- 3) All protests to the Protest Committee must be in writing within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the tournament and include a \$25.00 fee which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- 4) There must be a minimum of three shooters per target at all times.
- 5) Top shooters from each style will be grouped on the 2nd day of the tournament.
- 6) No target or sight notes allowed (sight tapes ok)
- 7) No discussion of yardage prior to shooting. Discussions afterwards must be done in a manner to ensure that other archers who haven't shot will not be assisted.
- 8) No one is allowed on the tournament course before or after the tournament shooting hours – except for tournament officials.
- 9) Spectators will only be allowed with unanimous approval of the group.
- 10) Rule violations can result in disqualification.
- 11) NO cell phones, computers or any other electronic devices allowed on the range or bow.
- 12) Tournament officials will have communication devices for emergencies and range duties.
- 13) Unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification.





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CBH-SAA STATE FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP



June 9th & 10th, 2018

straightarrowbowhunters.com

Limited breakfast both days-
Muffins, donuts, coffee
Lunch Available at clubhouse

Hosted by
Straight Arrow Bow Hunters
9317 Swasey Drive
Redding, Ca. 96001

Dry Camping On Range
Sat. Shoot Starts 9:00 am
Sun. Shoot Starts 8:00 am

2 Days of Shooting, All NFAA Age Groups, Shooting Styles, and Rules

1st day 9:00 am, 28 Field and 28 Animal Targets

2nd day 8:00 am, 28 Hunter Targets

Pre-registration Deadline May 30th

MAIL Registration to: Straight Arrow, P.O. Box 493371, Redding, Ca. 96049-3371

Make Checks To SAB

REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Ph: _____

NFAA Member # _____ USA Archery # _____ Expiration Date _____

	Adult & Senior Classes	Man & Wife	Young Adult & Youth	Cub	Family
Pre-Registration:	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$70.00

Up to 4 people Per Form	Male	Female	Pro	Adult - 18-49	Senior - 50-59-	Silver Senior - 60-69	Master Senior - 70 & Older	Young Adult - 15-17	Youth - 12-14	Cub - 11 & under	Barebow	Bowhunter FS	Freestyle	Freestyle Limited	Freestyle Ltd Recurve	Traditional	Longbow - wood arrows	Longbow - aluminum/carbon	NFAA Expiration	Registration Fee	Total Fee	

Pro Style for Adult, Senior, Silver Senior, Master Senior: Freestyle
 Young Adult, Youth & Cub Styles: Barebow, Bowhunter Freestyle, Freestyle, Freestyle Limited Recurve ONLY
 New for 2018 - Longbow shooters shoot the maximum of 50 yards - 2 year test period

Guest Class \$40.00 No awards

1-26-18

For more info, contact: Carlos Funes 818-209-4029 or Pam Severtson - mpsevertson@frontiernet.net

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California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association MEMBERSHIP Application

Date: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE : Assoc. Bowhunter Assoc. Target Membership

Club: _____

Please make your check payable To: **CBH/SAA**

Mail to: CBH/SSA Secretary, 7710 Camino Vista; Shingletown; CA 96088

Region _____

Head of Household

Name: _____

For more information contact Pam Severtson, 530-474-3324
mpsevertson@frontiernet.net

Address: _____

For credit/debit card payment: Call 530-474-3324 or complete below:

City/ST/Zip: _____

Card# _____ EXP: ____/____/____

Phone: _____

CV Code (on the back of the card): _____

Print Clearly

E-Mail: _____

Check here if you want the black and white magazine mailed to you via US Postal Service.

Amount

 \$40 Adult Membership/Head of Household OR...

In order to complete the State Field, State Target and State Indoor for awards, you must belong to NFAA. NFAA membership includes CBH/SAA and Regional dues. Contact NFAA at www.nfaausa.com or call 1-605-260-9279.

 \$50 Name _____ Spouse/Family

(Additional Youth Names can be attached) Under 18

Birthdate

Name _____

Adult and Youth NFAA members: In order to compete for awards in the State Field, State Target, State Indoor and State Broadhead, you must pay the CBH/SAA membership fees as noted above.

Name _____

Youth without parent or

 \$20 Name _____

A CBH/SSA membership allows you to compete in the State Broadhead, 3D Unmarked Championship and Small Game Events and allows you to submit pictures of you and your big and small game animals to the BIG Game Club Record Book.

Additional Contributions

CA Legislative Fund CA Hall of Fame

CA Archery Foundation (501-3-c Tax deductible)

CBH/SSA Range Fund Other

TOTAL: _____

You can also complete the membership form and pay online:

Website: www.cbhsaa.net

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California Bowmen Hunters & State Archery Association (CBH/SAA) Region National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Membership Application



Date: _____

Name (Head of Household): _____

Club/Unattached: _____

Region _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____ / ____ / ____

Phone: _____

Print Clearly: E-Mail: _____

Amount **Name**

 \$80 _____ Head of Household

 \$17 _____ 1st add on(Spouse)

***Youth (Under 18)** Birthdate

 \$5 _____

 \$5 _____

 \$5 _____

 \$47 _____ ** Adult Child in Household

 \$35 _____ Single Youth Member

TOTAL: _____

	CBH/SAA	Region	NFAA	Total
Head of Household or Single member Adult	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$40+	\$80.00
1st add-on (Spouse or child)	\$7.00	\$-	\$10+	\$17.00
2 or more add ons		0	\$5+ each child	\$5.00
Additional Adults in same household	\$7.00	\$-	\$40+	\$47.00
Youth without Parent or guardian	\$20.00	\$-	\$15.00	\$35.00

Make check payable to : NFAA 800 Archery Lane, Yankton, SD 57078

For credit card payment: Call 1-605-260-9279 or complete information below:

Card Type _____ Card# _____

EXP: ____/____/____ CV Code (on the back of the card): _____

NFAA membership includes the "Archery" magazine. CBH/SAA publishes a monthly magazine also. It can be read online about the 15th of the month, or will be mailed to you if requested. You will receive the link through the email you provide.

For information contact: Pam Severtson, 530-474-3324 or email:

mpsevertson@frontiernet.net .

**Being a member of NFAA/CBH/SAA allows you to compete
in all State & National Championship Tournaments**

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*List additional members on the back of form.**College students and unmarried armed service members count as adults living in household for CBH/SSA.

+NFAA Dues increase effective 11/1/2017

CBH Dues increase effective 3/1/15

Upcoming Shoot Schedule

Date	Club	Event	Marked	Targets	Arrows
03/03 - 03/04/18	Woodlake Antelope Archers	Broken Arrow	Yes	60	2
03/03 - 03/04/18	Yahi Bowmen	Spring Fling	No	28	3
3/3/18	Bowhunters Unlimited	Al Harford/Fred Bear Memorial Shoot - 3-D	No	28	2
3/4/18	San Diego Archers	Un-Marked 3-D	No	28	
3/4/18	El Dorado Hills Bowmen	North American 3D Shoot	Yes	28	3
3/4/18	Verdugo Hills Archers	Wildwoods 3D invitational	No	42	1
3/11/18	Mojave Archers	Traditional Shoot	No	25	2
3/11/18	Straight Arrow Bow Hunters	Cabin Fever/Spring Warm Up		28	3
3/18/18	Horseshoe Bend Field Archers	3-D Buffalo Shoot	Yes	28	3
3/18/18	San Diego Archers	Field Round	Yes	28	4
3/18/18	Yolo Bowmen	Oasis Shoot 3-D	Yes	28	3
03/24 - 03/25/18	Lodi Bowmen	Cartoon Classic	Yes	42	2
3/25/18	Riverside Archers Club	William Tell 3-D	Yes	42	1
3/25/18	Bear State Bowhunters	Bear Ass	No	42	1
3/31/18	San Diego Archers	Un-Marked 3-D	No	28	
04/07 - 04/08/18	Lodi Bowmen	Gold Country Classic	No	28	2
04/07 - 04/08/2018	Kern River Archers	Pow Wow	Yes	60	2
4/8/18	Oranco Bowmen	Big Game 3-D	No	42	1
04/14 - 04/15/18	Break the Barriers	R100 -3D	Yes	120	1
04/14 - 04/15/18	Conejo Valley Archers	Pacific Coast Archery Festival	Yes/No	54	1,2,4
4/14/18	Bowhunters Unlimited	Traditional Shoot 3-D	No	28	2
4/15/18	Mojave Archers	Shivering Indian	No	42	1
4/15/18	Ishi Archery Club	Rockfest	Yes	42	2
4/15/18	San Diego Archers	Animal Round	Yes	28	3
4/15/18	Maya Archers	Around The World	Yes	42	2
04/21 - 04/22/18	Black Mountain Bowmen	Bay Area Senior Games	Yes	2	30/90
4/21/18	Madera Field Archers	Bounty Hunt	Yes	42	2
4/22/18	Bear State Bowhunters	Fun Shoot	No	28	1
04/28 - 04/29/18	Fresno Field Archers	Fresno Safari	Yes	60	
4/29/18	Paradise Bowhunters	Spring Invitational 3-D	Yes	42	2
05/04 - 05/06/18	Straight Arrow Bow Hunters	Western Classic Trail Shoot 3-D	Yes	70	2
5/5/18	Bowhunters Unlimited	Presidents Shoot 3-D	No	28	2
5/6/18	Mojave Archers	Snake Shoot Invitational	Yes	42	1
5/6/18	San Diego Archers	Un-Marked 3-D	No	28	1
05/15, 05/22, 05/29/18	Straight Arrow Bow Hunters	Summer League - 3-D	Yes	14	2
5/19/18	Paradise Bowhunters	Hooked on Hunting			
5/20/18	Pasadena Roving Archers	21st Annual oak Tree 3-D Tournament	Yes	40	1
5/20/18	Ishi Archery Club	Youth Archery Shoot	Yes	28	2
5/20/18	Bear State Bowhunters	Oak Valley Challenge	No	42	1
5/20/18	San Diego Archers	900 Round at Morley Field	Yes		
5/20/18	Yahi Bowmen	Bill Sullian Traditional Shoot	Yes	28	2
5/20/18	Diablo Bowmen	Red Devil	Yes	42	2



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By Robert Moore Legislative Coordinator

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This Month's Donations include:

Archery Clubs, Regions, Organizations and Businesses:

CIBA region, \$1000, Lodi Bowmen, \$100, CBHSAA Big Game Club, \$2000

OBFA region, \$1000, MTBA region, \$500

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Don Reiter, \$20, Butch and Jean Kughn, \$500,

Ross Costa, \$100, E.W. \$60

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Verdugo Hills Archers, \$40

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