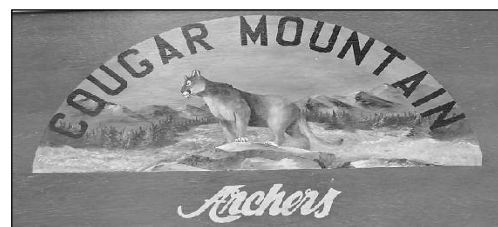


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CLUB MEETING:

Meeting will be on March 4th, 2014 at Mountain Mikes Pizza in the shopping center 1901 Oro Dam Blvd. Oroville at 7:00 PM. Come early and enjoy some pizza while fellowshiping with other members and eating prior to meeting time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Good day to all. At the February meeting it was our pleasure to have 3 families join the club. Welcome to the Perkins, Curry and Flores families. As you all know, the shoot season is well under way starting with the Yuba-Sutter shoot this past February 16th. Beautiful day and lots of shooters. March opens the doors for at least four shoots in the local area and clubs. Check out the calendar of events. Speaking of calendars, we have our first work party scheduled for March 15th (9:00+/-) . Trail maintenance, playground equipment repair, restroom placement, etc on the schedule for the next couple of work parties. If anyone has ideas for club shoot day activities, please call me. See you at the range or at one of the shoots. Keep them straight and down range.

Thanks as always.

Jim

CBHSAA Big Game Club information through Editor Joe to anyone interested in possibly becoming \$10,000.00 richer.

This year at Annual CBHSAA Meeting in January, I ask VP Craig Fritz for some 10K reverse raffle tickets, For many years I have purchased at least one ticket to assist in the fund raiser for our CBHSAA archery programs. Knowing that every penny raised goes to help fund our archery hunting programs in California, and also possibly winning my \$100's back to spend on some other archery want, which I will state my luck has not returned any of my money.

Though it has been good to others we know, President Jim won his money back last year. First year the raffle was held a few years back our Region Nor Cal Bowhunters were the big winner of 10K, providing money to operate our region for several years. I state all this because I have tickets which cost \$100 each for sale, you do not have to purchase the entire ticket. Many will divide ticket up 5 ways cutting your investment down to \$20 which most of us spend without blinking an eye. All money raised other than the lucky winners goes for promotion of hunting, no telemarketers or CBH people take a cut. Only 250 tickets are sold, and winners are as follows, every 10th drawn ticket is returned their \$100 purchase cost, 3 tickets drawn win \$250, the 249th ticket drawn wins \$500 then the last 250th ticket is the big \$10K winner. Also some donated hunts are given to some of the ticket sellers, plus all other purchasers have a chance at them. Best over and above money is fact that like all our club Raffles at tournaments every penny helps your chosen form of recreation. The drawing is at CBHSAA State Broadhead Tournament Memorial Day weekend, you do not have to attend to claim prize. Ask me to purchase a ticket at our meeting in March, Joe Becker.

FUTURE ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

3/1&2/14 – Eldorado Hills, 3D.

3/9/14 – Straight Arrow Warm Up 3D

3/15- Cougar Mt. Archers Range work day. 9:00AM +/-

3/16 –Ishi Archery Club, Spring Fling

3/15&16 – Yahí Bowmen, Spring Fling 3 arrows 28 unmarked targets.

3/22&23 - Lodi Bowmen, Cartoon Classic

3/30 – Horseshoe Bend 3D Buffalo Hunt 28 -3 arrows

3/30 – Madera Field Archers Bounty Hunt

6/15—Our CMA open tournament.

6/21 & 22—Bowhunter Education Class at our Range. Info Joe Becker bjoe@ccxn.com

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Newsletter cost saving Information

If you wish to save club funds and get your newsletter email, please send your email address to bjoe@ccxn.com so I am able to place you on my newsletter email list.

To assist with this if you a member email me, to let me know your newsletter did not arrive by meeting day I can always resent.

bjoe@ccxn.com This email address is the best method of contacting me, as I check, read and reply if needed every day we are home and it does not cost either of us any money for postage or long distance phone calls, I do not have a cell phone glued to my ear.

I have 14 people on my list for Emailed Newsletters now, so each month we gain one or two more. Thank you for helping cut costs.

It is your club and monthly news, so don't just read what President Jim writes, monthly Minutes by Julie or my thoughts as our Newsletter Editor and Legislative thoughts. We need members input, photos, outing reports with our members, your friends and families. Am sure all our officers and most members desire to have Cougar Mountain Archers be a friendly, family's archery club who enjoy every camping, shooting or working archery activity together.

In going over our membership list, I notice a few members have not paid 2014 dues yet. Plus some NFAA dues are shown as needing renewal, which needs to be done to maintain our current club charter.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS: from Editor.

MICHAEL SUTTON, FGC PRESIDENT, CALLS HUNTING NOT SUSTAINABLE

Michael Sutton, the president of the state Fish and Game Commission, in an online web conference organized by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) about poaching, said this week that California's wildlife face other threats in addition to poaching, saying he believed that legal hunting or harvesting of wildlife may cause greater overall problems.

"I actually believe legal hunting that's not sustainable may be a more pervasive problem in California," said Sutton during the web conference, according to a [story on KCET's web site](#).

Sutton is president of the Commission that sets hunting and fishing seasons annually, and it would be the Commission's responsibility NOT to set any seasons that were NOT sustainable. So is Sutton saying the Department of Fish and Game is providing the Commission with scientific data that is flawed to maintain hunting? Is he saying no hunting seasons are sustainable? Does he believe that legal hunting is causing problems for populations of wildlife? What proof does he have? Or is he pandering to the Humane Society?

Sutton who is again facing serious [conflict of interest charges \(link of story\)](#) over his paid involvement in writing the statewide lead ammunition ban that passed the California legislature this past year [dodged a similar complaint \(link to story\)](#) over the Marine Life Protection Act in 2009, when an investigation suddenly and unexplainably was dropped.



Sportsmen need to call their state representative and demand that Sutton be removed from the Fish and Game Commission because of his clear anti-hunting bias and his ongoing conflict of interest that should have sent him packing years ago. The state Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, pointedly the director Chuck Bonham, needs to confront Sutton on his comments about which DFW recommended hunting program is detrimental to wildlife and ask him for the scientific data to back up those charges. I'm not holding my breath on Bonham doing anything but cowering, but sportsmen can and will [start](#) howling to their state legislators over this insanity.

Following this article being published he, through the F&G Commission office, apologized and stated he is a fisherman and hunter and believes in hunting. You can pull up The California F&G Commission to read his apology. This is just one more reason our Legislative Teams work is so important for the continuation of our outdoor recreation programs. Chairman Sutton is not a friend of sportspeople. Joe



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