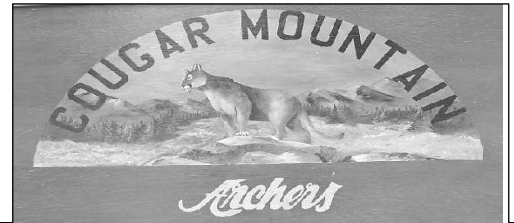


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CLUB MEETING:

February 2nd 7:00PM at Mountain Mike Pizza in Oroville Shopping Center 1901 Oro Dam Blvd will be our next meeting. Come early and enjoy some dinner with other members, catch up on latest archery activity news stories.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

I am looking forwards to another archery season coming up. I almost cannot believe we will be planning for our 2016 club shoot already. I will try putting a tentative calendar together and hope to see you at the next meeting to help contribute to upcoming work party dates. Matt Quentmeyer

2016 ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

February 13 & 14 Yuba Sutter Bowhunters, Spenceville Range. (13th 14 target money shoot, 14th 42 -3D's)

Feb. 28th Nor Cal Indoor 20 yard Flint Round flyer page 3.

Do not have Date for Eldorado Hills, but believe it will be March 6 this year.

Have not seen the CBHSAA 2016 calendar yet. For other shoots.

Second Sunday of month is generally club shoot days.

Note from Treasurer Janelle:

A few of our members have not paid and brought their Cougar Mountain Archers club dues up today yet. Just a reminder that dues are past due and in the near future our newsletter mailings will be reviewed to update paid member list to save postage costs. (Renewal notice & waiver have been included in last two Newsletters, or may be printed from our Website.) Not desiring to eliminate any member who may be having problems or financial difficulties, please contact Janelle or President Matt, for any membership assistance club may be able to help with.

Also when discussing club money, I as editor do email nearly 30 newsletters each month saving our club 49 cents presently for every newsletter emailed plus printing costs. Which over the course of the year, may save on raising club dues. If you are receiving your newsletter by snail mail (US Postal Service) and would like to receive it email. Please send me your editor an email (bjoe2@att.net) with your current email address and will be glad to place you in my Cougar Mt. Archers Newsletter list. Joe

MINUTES:

Cougar Mountain Archers, Inc.
Paul Harder Residence, Oroville
January 9, 2016

Present: Jim & Marilyn Perry; John Sheldon; Darryl McElmurry; Jerry Johnson; Kim Lowrance; Matt/Janelle Quentmeyer; Joe/Joan Becker; Joe Little; Jesse Little; David/Kristen Clayton; Jheri Potts; Vena Sutton; Paul Harder; Jim/Julie Clawson.

Open: President Matt Quentmeyer opened the meeting at 1:54 p.m. He extended our thanks and appreciation to Paul and LaVonne Harder for opening their home for our potluck and meeting. He also announced that long-time member Randy Pope passed away recently and thanked him for everything he has contributed to Cougar Mountain. The club sent flowers and a card to the family.

Minutes: M/S Marilyn Perry/Joan Becker to approve minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: M/S Julie Clawson/Jim Clawson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Range Report:

1. Paul, Darryl and John drove the range. All appeared to be in good order. Joe Little shot the range and indicated that some of the target butts have leaks in the bags and are holding water.
2. Jim Perry will check with Ray's to see if he can get more bags to cover the bales.

Old Business:

1. Jim Clawson will pick up old pin-up targets next week and make the wall to go behind F17.
2. There was a short discussion about the list of items to be done before the June shoot. Paul will oversee electrical to be done in the "clubhouse"; Jim will prepare wall for F17; table maintenance; remove roots and stumps by the outhouse.
3. Matt indicated he talked to Bob Wing a couple days ago. After discussion about animal repair options, there was a M/S Darryl McElmurry/Paul Harder to take five animals in various sizes to Bob for repair this year. Motion passed
4. Matt indicated that the mounted Search and Rescue (SAREX) wants to use the range June 23-26, 2016. All approved. Paul Harder/Darryl McElmurry will be there for the weekend.
5. Cub Scouts may use the range in March or April. All approved.

New Business:

1. B True Designs sent \$85 from last June's T-shirt sales. Contact Matt if you know of other vendors who might be interested.
2. We have new members Johnny and JoEllen Snow.
3. The ISE show is Jan. 22-24. They need volunteers, especially on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Matt if you are interested and he will get you the contact information.
4. Yuba-Sutter Bowhunters have again asked for a raffle prize swap of one adult registration. All were in agreement. Matt will send the certificate.
5. CBH Petition – Jim Clawson described the petition, the current structure of the Big Game Committee, and the proposed structure. After discussion, Cougar Mountain Archers members recommends a "NO" vote on the petition.
6. Joe Becker gave an update on the Fish & Game.
 - a. The current Executive Director and two other members of the Commission resigned.
 - b. Bowhunter Education will be a topic at the CBH meeting next weekend.
7. Matt will contact Mountain Mike's for the 2016 meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm

Submitted by Julie Clawson

Nor-Cal Indoor



Shoot

Modified Flint Round – 20ft to 20yds

Sunday, February 28th

**Hosted by:
Wilderness Archery
4870 Pacific Street
Rocklin, CA 95677**

Registration 8am – 8:45 Shoot 9am

\$10 Adult Member

\$7 Youth Member

Awards will be given after the shoot is completed. A Potluck lunch to follow.

**Contact: Jim Clawson
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Joe Little's January 2016 Arizona Outing.

This was a New Years Mule Deer rut and Javelina hunt in Arizona. Saw plenty of respectable bucks with many does by their side. It was very cold, beginning in the mid teens during the morning hours with the temperatures rising to between the mid thirties to forties during the afternoon. The bucks were very active in their courtship most of the day and really didn't pay any attention to the world around them except the younger males trying to sneak into the herd for which they aggressively made sure they were left at bay. That being said, my quest for these bucks were hampered by all those wary does that were bothered by the bucks or spotting me several hundred yards out across the canyons. This was my first visit to the Arizona desert and it wasn't hot and flat, as I had imagined, it was to the contrary really cold and steep. Spotting these beautiful specimens was a true delight but managing to get across the canyons for a stalk wasn't favorable and the does made sure of it.

Day two presented an opportunity with a small herd of six Javelina that were spotted about ten in the morning. There were three adult and three juveniles in the pack. They were spotted meandering the adjacent canyon near the top feeding. I began the canyon crossing in pursuit of one of these specimens. Nearly an hour to the other side of the canyon, we began the stalk about four hundred yards from where they were last observed. after a slow and steady still hunt I arrived at the last known location without any sign of where they had traveled towards. Further glassing revealed they had moved down into the canyon draw across a dry creek bed in the brush. I moved across the dry creek bed as the wind appeared to be constant, blowing up the creek bed as the temperature thermals raised as day grew. I still hunted these animals for another three hundred yards until something made them start traveling up the drainage to come within twenty eight yards. I was within my comfort range and I chose to draw, however; I couldn't execute a clean shot due to the brush. I had to take an additional four steps when the animal turned and presented an unobstructed, slightly quartering away shot. I released the Shwacker tipped arrow and the animal fell immediately without traveling. No blood trail to follow and the animal tagged and packed out by four in the afternoon. Joe L.



News Requests Again: Editor Joe

On page 4 you read about hunting Arizona in January, personally I have in past years ventured to the desert state, which offers many different areas, weather, wildlife, and seasons. Like Joe mentions it can be cold, steep, windy, snowy or warm once the sun hits the hillside with lots of wonderful open country to roam in. That being stated, am once again asking for more outdoor adventures and photos of our members, for future newsletters.

It would be nice to include a photo of our members who attend the many different open tournaments, showing that our members do attend and participate in archery events of other clubs in California or where ever. Also photos and short information story of a camping or hunting weekend or longer. Will be looking for news from some 2016 Tournaments or Spring Turkey hunt, of enjoying the outdoors with bow in hand.

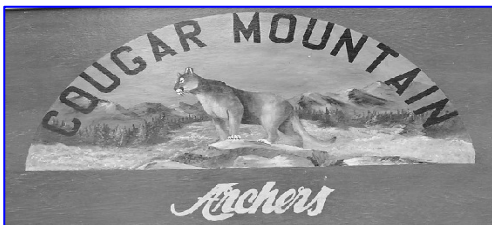
California Changes for Hunting in 2016:

This past year, a change was made for our Big Game Tags, starting following 2015 seasons, all hunters with big game tags must return or fill out a hunt report with the CF&W for each of your Tags purchased. With F&W going to more computer operations with hunting licenses and tags, hunt return information is now required, and in future years fines will be assessed on hunters when you attempt to purchase next years hunt tags. So be sure to report your hunt information and tags to CA.DFW.

Next Computer generated new methods for California Hunting is: All future hunters in our state, must pre-register for their Hunter Education Class, which will provide future students a list of area Hunter Education Classes for them to take and become Certified and able to become one of our states hunters. This information is for both traditional 10 plus hours of a hunter ed class or to take one of the online computer classes. Online classes are shorter, but cost more money, and not necessarily designed for new inexperienced outdoors people. Many times youth or inexperienced people do not pass the exam at the end. Personally I recommend a traditional class with an instructor who provides class discussions, where question and answer discussion is a big part of class.

For anyone needing a new Hunter Ed Certificate Class, type in web address: www.wildlife.ca.gov/hunter-education/pre-registration. Once on this web site you will be able to complete class student pre registration, then look up classes within so many miles of your postal zipcode and follow the directions for class you choose to take.

We as instructors have been told, will be the only way Hunter Ed. Certification in California will be available from 2016 on. For those interested in Bowhunter Education this program has not been added to computer proccess yet in California so Classes will continue as they have been. But on the website will be listed for location & Instructor presently so students will be able to find a class to take.



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