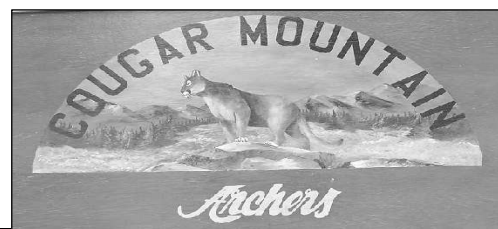


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CLUB MEETING:

January 9th, 2016 Will be our clubs Annual January Pot Luck mid day Dinner & Meeting.

Hope to see all members at Paul & Lavonne Harder's home 62 Blakeslee Dr. **1PM dinner** in Oroville. (Map on last page of this newsletter). Come enjoy **the Great Side Dishes our members made and bring**. Our club is furnishing the drinks & barbequed meat.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

I hope everyone was able to have as great a Christmas as I was this year!! I am looking forwards to seeing everyone at the club potluck. **"Please don't forget the easiest time to renew your membership is at the potluck and get it out of the way."** Club dues are due January 1st, 2016. Renewal Membership Form and Insurance Waiver included in this newsletter for your use. Make another copy for a friend you enjoy shooting archery with, that is not a member.

Matt Quentmeyer

2016 ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:

CBH Indoor 450 Round Tournament, Down Range in Chico either, Thursday Jan. 14th 7PM or Sunday the 17th 10AM. Phone 896-1992 Randy Raglin.

Also Bow Rack (243-5181) in Redding or Wilderness Archery ((916-630-8700) in Rocklin will host both the CBH Indoor and NFAA Southwest Sectional Indoor Tournaments.

January 15 -17, 2016 CBH/SAA Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet, Visalia This years new inductees to California's Hall of Fame (Bob Nation (sorry to say, but he died in October) , Joe Wylie, Rodger Cady & Mike Woltering) All Northern California Archers **Reservation must be made by December 15th. Check CBHSAA's web site for reservation information. www.cbhsaa.net**

January 21 – 24, 2016 Sacramento's International Sportsman's Expo at Cal Expo. Presently do not have any knowledge of the annual Youth Archery Range our local Bowhunter Ed Program and Area Archery Clubs have operated for many years, nor the money archery tournament of 3D Animal Targets which has been held last few years. But keep these dates open for your participation **President Matt asks that any of you who wish to volunteer to assist with the youth range, please contact him and he will follow up on getting a time and day spot for you to help.**

MINUTES: To be approved at January Meeting.

Minutes

Cougar Mountain Archers, Inc.

Mountain Mike's, Oroville

November 3, 2015

Present: Jim & Marilyn Perry; John Sheldon; Darryl McElmurry; Jerry Johnson; Matt Quentmeyer; Joe/Joan Becker; Joe Little; David/Kristen Clayton; Zach Kitch; Paul Harder; Jim/Julie Clawson. Guests Lynn & Dody French.

Open: President Matt Quentmeyer opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: M/S Darryl McElmurry/Zach Kitch to approve minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting as distributed. Motion passed.

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

Range Report:

1. Nobody has been there.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer sent \$100 donation to Evan Artherton in memory of Kim Artherton. Received a thank you note which Matt read.
2. Matt called Bob Wing – uses Rinehart self-healing materials and would like to repair our 3-D targets. Estimated costs for small animals (raccoons/fox/javelina) approximately \$50-60; medium (coyote, wolves, cougar) approximately \$70-80; large (sheep, wild boar, mountain goat) approximately \$90-100. After discussion and a suggestion to send a variety of animals, a final decision was tabled until after the Toys for Tots shoot December 5.
3. Short discussion about the list of items to be done before the June shoot. Electrical; wall on F17; table maintenance; remove roots by the outhouse. Jim volunteered to build the wall this winter.

New Business:

1. Club potluck – January 9 at Paul Harder's house. Eat at 1:00 with a short meeting afterward.
2. Nomination of officers: President - Matt Quentmeyer; Vice-President - Jerry Johnson; Secretary - Julie Clawson; Treasurer - Janelle Quentmeyer. Range Captains: Joe Little, Darryl McElmurry, Russ Flores. Motion Passed
3. Joe gave an update on newsletter information. Randy is in Rideout Hospital in Marysville (at the time of the meeting)
 - a. Phone 743-7841, Home address is 3388 Butte House Road, Yuba City, CA 95993. Matt will send a card.
 - b. Newsletters addressed to Sam Smith, a life member, have been returned with no forwarding address. Let Joe know if you have an updated address.
4. Zach Kitch would like to take Lucas' Cub Scout troop to the range. M/S Darryl McElmurry/Julie Clawson to allow Troop 7 to utilize the range for an overnight safety campout, date to be determined. Motion passed.
5. Nevada County Turkey Shoot is Nov 22. In order to speed things up, they will have three ranges open and you shoot any two of the three ranges.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted Julie Clawson

Next 2 pages are our 2016 Dues Renewal Form and the Insurance Waiver all using our range must resign each year. Please fill out and mail with your check, to our Treasure Janelle. Dues are due January 1st 2016.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016

(Year)

Member Name _____ Birthdate: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Year Optional)

Mailing Address _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Email _____ Telephone (____) _____

Family Membership: (family members 18 and over are adults and require separate applications)

Spouse _____ Birthdate: _____
(Year Optional)

Child _____ Birthdate: _____

Child _____ Birthdate: _____

Child _____ Birthdate: _____

Please indicate type of membership:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Year	30.00	40.00	15.00	50.00		

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a one-time, pro-rated rate for new members joining after January. Please contact Janelle Quentmeyer, Treasurer for the rate amount.

2016 Insurance Co. Waiver MUST be completed and returned with the Membership Renewal/Application.

Total Remitted \$ _____ Received By _____ Date _____

Return this form with payment to:
COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS, INC.
c/o Janelle Quentmeyer
PO Box 1032
Grass Valley, Ca 95945

For further information contact: Matt Quentmeyer, President 530-306-7624 or Janelle Quentmeyer, Treasurer 530-228-0476

In order to remain a member in good-standing, you must attend a total of, or any combination of, four club meetings, work parties, or club hosted invitational shoots each calendar year.

Waiver/Release 2016
ARCHERY CLUB WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS INC.

Legal Name of Your Archery Club

events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- 1) The risk of injury from archery and other known and unknown events and activities and/or the use of the related buildings, structures, equipment, automobiles, firearms, weapons, ATV's, boats, tree stands, roads, bodies of water, land and all other real and personal property whether owned by archery club or others is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that the use of archery equipment, firearms and other weapons by myself or others on club premises or otherwise are inherently dangerous and high risk activities whether such archery equipment, firearms or weapons are discharged by myself or others; and
- 3) I KNOWINGLY AND **FREELY** ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- 4) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
- 5) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS** COUGAR MOUNTAIN ARCHERS INC. (Legal Name of your archery club) its officers, directors, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of real property and personal property used to conduct the events and activities ("RELEASEES"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PARTICIPATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these events and activities and/or the use of related real and personal property as provided above,
EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Emergency Phone Number: (____) _____

Completed Waiver/Release forms should be kept on file by the club for at least 7 years and indefinitely in the event of a significant injury to a particular participant.

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Are Participants Required to Sign a Waiver/Release Form?

Yes it is a mandatory requirement under the NFAA endorsed insurance program.

The signing of waiver/release agreements is quickly becoming a universal requirement for organized sports and recreation participation. Waiver/release forms are now required by virtually all of the following organizations: municipal recreation departments, YMCA's, health clubs, private sports organizations, etc.

Waiver/release agreements give protection to the insured archery club and its covered persons against a litigation

system that is out of control as evidenced by numerous frivolous lawsuits being filed. A well-written waiver/release

(such as the one that has been provided as a sample) can often result in the summary judgment dismissal of a lawsuit

filed by an adult if the injury is not characterized by gross negligence. However, even if the lawsuit is dismissed on

summary judgment, the legal defense costs can still be in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range.

In the case of a lawsuit filed by a minor participant (under age 18), waiver/release agreements will not usually result

in a quick win on summary judgment, but will ultimately result in an up to 35% reduction in the settlement or adverse

jury verdict costs.

What if a Participant Balks at Signing a Waiver/Release Form?

You should hold firm on your requirement and not make exceptions for a complaining participant. Typically, very

few participants complain and a waiver/release requirement will not drive them away.

Should a participant complain or ask questions, you should cover the following "talking points":

1) Why do you object?

2) The archery club is merely following the lead of municipal recreation departments, YMCA's, health clubs and private sports organizations in making this a mandatory requirement.

3) The litigation system in the US is out of control and the scales are tilted in favor of those filing lawsuits—many of which are totally frivolous and without merit. However, even these groundless lawsuits can easily result in legal defense costs of \$50,000.

4) The cost of legal defense and runaway settlements and jury verdicts drives up the cost of insurance and threatens the future survival of archery clubs and the availability of volunteers upon which they depend.

5) Requiring participants to sign waiver/release forms helps to equalize the fairness in the legal system since participants must acknowledge that participation in archery does have some element of risk that can't be totally controlled and that they assume this risk. In other words, the archery club will do its best to provide a safe environment, but freak accidents do happen where no one is really to blame.

6) If you are worried about your medical bills being paid, a \$25,000 Excess Accident policy is provided for your protection.

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2016 Archery Tournaments not listed on page 1.

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

Do not have Date for Eldorado Hills, but believe it will be March 5 & 6 this year.

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

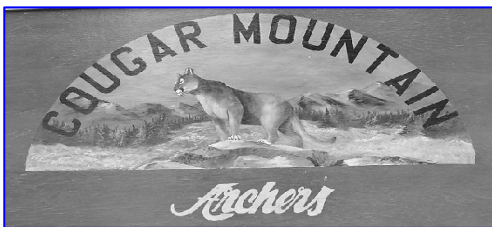
Second Sunday of months are generally club shoot days.

Map for Dinner/Meeting at Harder's home in Oroville. See you there on 1/9/16.



Important issues to members in 2016 are: (Comments by Joe your Editor)

1. Not one candidate offered to throw their hat in for office of CBHSAA President last fall. Who will lead our organization in 2016?
2. Where is Wildlife Conservation headed, as of December 31st, 2015 the Executive Secretary of California's Fish & Game Commission resigned. This is one of the most important jobs in California for Conservation of Fish & Wildlife, and may have gotten tired of being in the middle between sportspeople and non users of our natural resources.
3. Our Annual CBHSAA & NFAA meetings are soon, and decisions will be made as to new rules of archery, club members need to instruct those voting for any changes, which will be made at club meetings.
4. And beginning in January again, will be Legislative Bill Proposals for changes in new laws that we must live with. Not to mention by November of 2016 we will all be tired of politics once again. But like it or not politics controls our life, **so be involved.**



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