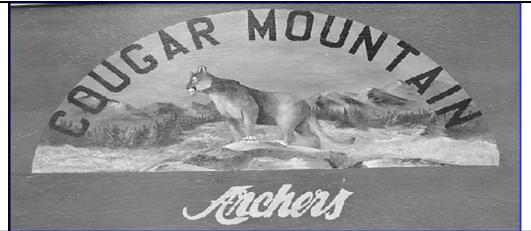


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CLUB MEETING:

Next club meeting will be June 6th at 7PM at Mountain Mike Pizza in Oroville Shopping Center 1901 Oro Dam Blvd. Come early and enjoy some dinner with other members. Find out what jobs still need completing in preparation for our open tournament.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Yes our President is back from Los Banos, His thank you words for our members are on page 3. Editor JoeB.

The following dates will be our upcoming work partys. Generally starting around 9:00AM. June 3rd & 10th and prior to the shoot if you are available 6/15, 16, 17.
Jim Clawson for Joe Little

Please join in on work days, it would be a great spot to spend your free time with our club families. Sharing CMA fellowship. Bring your archery equipment after work is done, there is always time to release the string at a target or two.

2017 ARCHERY ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND:.

6/10-11 CBH/SAA State Field Championship, Oranco Bowmen

6/18 Cougar Mountain Archers, Father's Day Invitational 42 targets 2 arrows.

6/24 Online IBEP Field Experience Class, Becker's Paradise. Must register on Event Manager for DFW Hunter Ed Web Site.

6/24-25 Feather River Archery. Bear Valley Shoot 40 targets 2 arrows Sat.-1 arrow Sun.

7/16 Paradise Bowhunters Summer Safari 42 paper animal targets 2 arrows

7/23 Santa Cruz Archers Aloha 3DNovelty Shoot, 14 targets

July 8th -A Zone Deer Season if you have a tag.

August 19th - Many of the Inland Archery Zones open for Deer & Bear hunting.

For Tournament Flyers & Registration Forms, check Club Websites.

For all our Hunting members, Pray each of you were drawn for hunting tags of your first choices. Good Luck in the field, be a great bowhunter representative and safe. Take Photos and email to the Editor, with a short story about the hunt for a future Newsletter.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: by Joe Little

Hello CMA MEMBERS:

I have returned from my business hiatus in Los Banos, California and would like to thank everyone for the continued support during my absence. The weather is quickly changing and the grasses on the valley hills have turned, marking another years summer commencing. Additionally, scholastic graduation ceremonies are in full swing and I for one can congratulate my lovely daughter as a 2017 Chico State graduate. I'm very proud of her accomplishment.

There have been many great annual tournaments completed this spring and I hope many of you have had great results if you've participated in them.

Our annual Fathers Day tournament will be amongst us soon and the range is shaping up nicely. It was great to see many of you out at the range during the Memorial Day weekend and I was impressed with all the work completed. We will continue to work down the "to-do" list in the coming weeks in preparation.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's event.



SPANISH GOAT:

Early April I took a weekend out to go hunting in central California at an exotics ranch. The rain had subsided Saturday allowing us to get out Sunday morning for a days hunt. The hills were steep, thick and overgrown with brush. The animals were very wary and tough to get up on due the steep slick hills and brush. My hunting partner and I were able to work together allowing him to take a goat by mid-morning.

It was my turn to accomplish the take with the animals all but disappeared in the brush and midday naps basking in the sun. It took several hours to find my quarry on top a hillside napping nearly a mile away. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in pursuit of the animal on a steep ground stalk.

Nearly an hour and a half later, I had moved within sixty yards of the goat without any good path or lane for advancement. I moved very slow, precise, and cautiously utilizing the brush as cover until I got with eighteen yards of the unsuspecting Spanish Goat. I drew and released with a devastating hit to the animal. He didn't move as he wasn't aware of what was happening. I quickly knocked another arrow, drew and released it at which time the animal traveled fifteen yards to his demise.

Legislative Information: Joe Becker

Not sure how many of our members read Wayne Raupe's Presidents report in the June CBH/SAA Newsletter, but Wayne mentions the fiasco the April 26th Fish & Game Commission meeting was in Van Nuys. Which brings my thought way back in years to when the Mountain Lion Coalition stopped for the second time management of California's lion population. At that time several of there members were dressed in Mountain Lion costumes and disrupted the entire meeting until wardens were requested to escort them out of the meeting. It seems now days those disrupting meetings have no opposition from government authority and do what they wish.

But all is not lost yet, hunting does have a few positives in the legislature this year, again research the Leg Report on activities by Gaines & Associates and contact your representatives for positive support and votes. We in the north state, do have mostly supportive elected representatives who most times vote for hunting and wildlife management on a positive. Thus any of you who have friends or family in this states urban area of the bay or southern California try to educate them about natural resource management needs.