

DIABLO BOWMEN

Oakhill Ln, Clayton, California



Diehards at December club shoot

President's Message

Hello Members of Diablo Bowmen,

I would like to thank all of you for supporting Diablo Bowmen this last year; with your hard work, ideas and participating in our club activities, including the three tournaments we hosted. Without your support, Diablo Bowmen would not be getting the high praise about the range and club we receive from visiting shooters.

Once again, our installation dinner was held at the CMTRA. It was a perfect turn out... it was great to see some faces that we haven't seen in a few years. Fun to relive some old stories!!

Thank you Bill & Carol Jorgensen for not only purchasing the table decorations, but there were so many compliments on your handmade decorations as well. I appreciate all who helped to decorate and clean up.

It's official! We have a new board. VP: Dan Wright,

900 Shoot

The first 900 round for 2017 will be on February 25th.

Hope to see a lot more of you coming out to shoot.

All have a happy new Year, See you on the Range.

Cleon Winter



Bill and Carol Jorgensen Life Members!

Secretary: Anton Pirtz, Treasurer: Dave McHuron, 2 yr. board member: Cleon Winter, 1 yr. board member: Brian Slattengren & Craig Ulrich, Range manager: Bill Potts.

Congratulations to our newest life members Bill & Carol Jorgensen, for the 20 yrs. as a member and numerous positions they have held. I'm sure we all agree that they are most deserving of this award.

We will host the 3D unmarked Winter Hunt Shoot January 22nd. The work day is on the 21st. Please mark your calendar for this event. For the working membership, if you plan to shoot we would really like you to work Saturday or help Sunday on picking up the targets.

Pat Miller
Diablo Bowmen President

Range Report

First of all, I want to thank Bill Jorgensen for serving as range manager for the last two years (and Carol), they have done a tremendous amount of work to improve our club. Next time you are at the range, take a look up the hill at the practice area and view the beautiful sculpture Bill and Carol created!

We have a new set of stairs on target 16 that were installed by some of our dedicated members, thank you! We also will have a new flag pole that will be installed on the left side of the practice bowl. Member Brian Slattengren has built a truly HEAVY DUTY form for the concrete base our flag pole will be anchored to. The flag pole will also serve as an anchor point for the flying target cable we set up during the winter hunt shoot. We also have a new shade/rain canopy over the practice area. The canopy will be raised up about two feet as soon as possible, so don't fret if you think it is too low now. We cut more trees down at the last work party and got the gutters on the club house cleaned out. We also glued up a bunch of targets for the club shoots. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped!

Next Work Party is Saturday, January 7th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch is provided at noon. Stay for the club meeting at 1 p.m. Bring gloves if you have them.

Bill Potts
Diablo Bowmen Range Manager



A true professional Flag Pole base



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T 16 Stairs

Shooters' Corner

Try a Club Shoot

Our club has a field archery "club shoot" every month of the year, it is always on the second Saturday of the month. We are a National Field Archery Association affiliated field archery club. The attendance at our club shoots is not what it could be and I would like to explain a little bit about how the shoot works and why you should come out and shoot.

We shoot 28 targets, four arrows at each target. 14 of the targets are "field faces" and 14 are "hunter faces". The shooting takes place at distances from 80 yards through 20 feet. There is also an optional "animal" round that is shooting at paper animal targets and is scored a little different. Usually the animal round includes shooting fewer arrows.

The club shoot is a competition over the year, but it is mainly a great social event between shooters, much like going out and playing a round of golf. The cost including lunch is ten to twelve dollars, a little cheaper than golf. You do have to be willing to commit four to six hours of your day to participate in the shoot (I included driving time).

If you do commit that time I can guarantee you will have a good time shooting. It does not matter what level of shooter you are, if you think you are not good enough, you are wrong! You are good enough and should come out and shoot. All of our members that shoot on a regular basis are more than happy to shoot with you and help you out with shooting tips if you desire them. It does not matter if you shoot long bow or freestyle, you are invited to come out. We have members that shoot all styles of bows.

Each bow and age class is awarded a monetary prize at the end of the year banquet held in December. You are also eligible to win 250 dollars in a raffle drawing at the banquet. Each time you come out to a club shoot, a raffle ticket with your name is put in a can. At the end of the year a ticket is drawn from that can for a 250 dollar cash prize. You must attend at least THREE club shoots to be eligible to win. Potentially you can win up to 350 dollars. If you win your shooting class, and pull the winning ticket, you win a lot of money. In 2015 I won 334 dollars. This year Mark Fowler won 250 dollars. Congrats Mark!

Please come out and try a club shoot! You belong to one of the nicest archery clubs in the state. I say this because I go all over the state to shoot tournaments and have seen many ranges.

December Club Shoot

Five brave souls shot in the pouring rain and had a great time! We were talking about how the day will be memorable because of the elements. Nobody shot their highest score but we all had fun! We all also got a ticket in the can for the 250 dollar drawing. Next club shoot is on January 14th, come on out and shoot.

The 2016 club champions list for each style will be posted in the January Newsletter.

Happy Shooting! See you at the range.

Bill Potts
Diablo Bowmen Range Manager

Outreach Program

As 2016 comes to a close, I feel the need to reflect on my journey into the sport of archery and the influence it has had on my life. It all began 4 ½ years ago, when my son picked up a recurve bow and took a class in Lafayette. His enjoyment caused me to want to continue to gather information and experiences to allow him to continue to shoot. JOAD classes, archery events and club memberships followed, as well and a personal interest in the sport.

Along the way, I was struck by the quality of the people who we met who associate with archery, people who began their love for the sport in a multitude of ways. All of them were willing to share a tip or a piece of information regarding form, equipment, events, etc. that allowed us to continue to grow as archers.

At times, we received access to arrows and bow equipment that allowed us to determine what worked best for our shooting style from people who wanted nothing more than to share their passion for archery. As I attend events, I often

hear good natured banter and challenges, and always congratulations to those who shoot well.

I love archery, not only because I enjoy the challenge shooting targets with accuracy, or because it is a sport that my family can enjoy together, or even because of the calming influence it has on my life. I love archery because of the quality of people I get to meet every time I pick up my bow and go out to shoot; archers such as yourselves.

I want to thank the members of Diablo Bowmen for your passion, dedication, and desire to share this sport with others and thank you for allowing me to be a part of it. As this year comes to an end, I wish each of you a healthy and prosperous 2017 and hope that you continue to shoot straight in the upcoming year.

I hope to see you all on the range this year.

Melissa Pool
Outreach Manager

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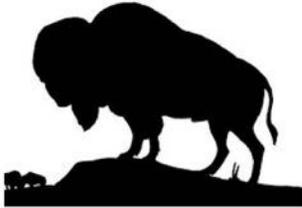
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Red club hoodies, vests and hats are special order thru the club secretary by emailing diablobowmensecretary@gmail.com.

Diablo Bowmen 26th Annual Winter Hunt

Sunday, January 22, 2017 {Rain or Shine}

32 Unmarked Reinhart Targets



Featuring: 8 target string walk (8 arrows) –
Steel Pig - Rocking Horse – Flying Goose

Categories: Release; Fingers;
Range Finder, Trad; & Long Bow

2 arrow [10-8-5 scoring]

Mountain Man breakfast and lunch will be available
Registration 7:00 am to 8:30 – Shotgun start at 9 am

Adults: \$20

Master Seniors: \$15

Couples: \$35

Family: \$40

YA/Youth: \$11

Cubs & Pee Wees: Free



Shoot Instructions Furnished at Registration

Directions: DiabloBowmen.org

Contact: Pat Miller at email: DiabloBowmenPresident@gmail.com

Or Dan Wright at cell: (707) 290-2700

