
DIABLO BOWMEN

Oakhill Ln, Clayton, California

President's Message

Hello Members of Diablo Bowmen,

Thank you all for the tremendous amount of help with our Winter Hunt work party and Shoot. I would like to thank Dan Wright and crew, for all the time they spent laying out and setting up. Dan pretty much had all the targets set, because he spent his week vacation working on the range to prepare for the shoot.

Thank you to all the help that showed on Saturday, we were able to make progress on 2 burn piles. I know I had fun!!!

If you came to Saturday's work party you were treated to an excellent lunch by Mario.

Sunday weather conditions were scheduled for rain. By 8:00 am the rain had stopped and weather conditions were decent and the shooting began. We received many compliments from archers that attended the shoot, stating how much fun they had and how well the course was set up.

Bill Potts volunteered to make a Mountain Man breakfast that started around 4:00 am Thanks Bill.

To all of you that helped run and clean up the cook shack, thank you. That's a load off my mind.

To the select few members that helped pick up the targets after the shoot in the pouring rain, thank you.

Whoo-hoo! Come one, come all to the March work party. We are looking for young strong members to help start work on the Jones Round. Yes, I said Jones Round...It has been over 3 year

900 Shoot

We will be looking at the 900 rounds coming up on Feb 25th. If it is raining, we might have to cancel.

We don't get enough attendance to serve lunches, so if you are coming out to shoot, check with me first.

See you on the range.

- FEBRUARY-25th
- MARCH-25th
- APRIL-29th
- MAY-27th
- JUNE-24th
- JULY-29th
- AUGUST-26th
- SEPTEMBER-30th
- OCTOBER-NO SHOOT
- NOVEMBER-25th
- DECEMBER-NO SHOOT

Cleon Winter,

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since the fire destroyed our range. The first step will be to cut a trail so we can walk the round and compile a detailed list. If you can run a chain saw and have a strong back, we really need your help and you'll be treated to a delicious lunch. After we have created the trail and listed the work, we will be accepting bids from selected licensed contractors to help rebuild. This is going to take time, but good things come to people who wait.

Once again, for all of you hunters, Scott Alder is holding a Turkey Hunting seminar on Mar 4th after our club meeting. So come on out to learn a little on Turkey Hunting.

Pat Miller
Diablo Bowmen President

Range Report

We have obviously had a lot of rain this winter and have had a few erosion problems. The "Gap fire road" which runs through our property will be getting some attention to ensure it stays in good usable condition for the communications vendors that use it to access their infrastructure on the North peak of Mt. Diablo. We also had a slide at the 100 yard target and will be bringing in equipment to make repairs when the ground dries out a little.

At last month's work party we got a whole bunch of targets glued up, which were really needed. Of course we had to cut some more trees that fell on a trail. We also installed the fence posts for a fence at targets 11 and 12. We will complete the fence asap. We were asked by our range inspector to build this fence to protect people pulling arrows at these two targets. Theoretically someone could shoot over the 80 yard target (T 10) and hit someone. Thank You to those that came out and worked.

Next work party is on March 4th, see you there!

Bill Potts
Range Manager

Shooters' Corner

Vegas Shoot Report

I attended the Vegas Shoot for the third year in a row and it keeps getting bigger and better. This year 3487 shooters attended, from novices to the best in the world. The NFAA really does an incredible job running this huge event. Our club had 10 members shooting this year, some for their first time. Shooting takes place over three days



and there are six different shooting halls including the main arena. I think anyone that has shot here will tell you that it is the toughest shoot they have ever been to from a mental standpoint. You are only shooting twenty yards, but the standard you are trying for is perfection and the target is difficult to aim at due to the coloration of it.



The Vegas shoot is unique because you meet people from all over the world (45 countries this year) and you can talk to and practice next to the best recurve and compound archers in the world. I shot with people from six different states and Canada, and everyone was really pleasant to shoot with. The World Cup indoor final was held on Saturday night and was free to watch. Sunday afternoon was the shoot off finals for all of the classes that were tied, with the "open championship class" being the highlight with 16 shooters competing for about 70,000 dollars for first place. This year the open class was created because so many women have been shooting so well and they were invited to compete against the men. If you have any interest in this shoot at all you owe it to yourself to go at least once, you won't regret it. You can watch the shoot off on youtube.

Diablo Bowmen Officers 2016	
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Diablo Bowmen Merchandise

Get the latest Diablo Bowmen apparel at <http://diablobowmenapparel.spreadshirt.com/shop/authenticate>

Use the following username and password to order shirts:

user: diablomember

pass: Arrows1966

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

Winter Hunt 2017

Thank You to Dan Wright and helpers who set up an amazing 3D course for our 26th annual Winter Hunt! The shooters that came out had a great time and no rain from 9:00 til 2:00, amazing. Unfortunately there was an apocalyptic weather forecast and a rumor that the roads to our range were closed (false!). The rain started up at 2:00, right when it was time to go pick up all the 3D targets. Thanks to those that came out and worked and thank you to Galen Z. and Diana D. for taking some excellent pictures! Also: Cleon Winter was sick and could not attend the shoot, he said it was the first time he has missed it. Cleon is feeling better now:)

Bill Potts Range Manager



Cookshack is always fun!



CBHSAA State Meeting

I attended the state meeting in Ontario, Ca. the weekend of January 13,14 and 15. This was my first state meeting and I attended it based on the fact that I was the new president elect for our region. Also attending from our region was Kathy Budding (past president of region), Angel Yarnell (secretary treasurer of region) and Pete Budding (acting legislative rep. for region). It is just a coincidence that all of us are Diablo members, our new VP is from redwood Bowmen. Friday I attended the legislative meeting, which is primarily attended by the legislative reps from each region. This meeting was run by a gentleman by the name of Robert Moore who is the lead person for the CBHSAA legislative program. Robert is an extremely dedicated and effective volunteer who has a group of volunteers he works with to advocate for bow hunters and archers in general and they do a fantastic job for us. The legislative group always has quite a few things on their plate. Right now a few items they are working on are trying to increase bow fishing opportunities, trying to increase the number of tags available to bow hunters, working with the dept. of fish and wildlife to constantly monitor new equipment designs and rules, and working on bow hunter education. The encouraging thing I learned at this meeting is that we have a very good relationship with the board of directors at fish and wildlife, which I am sure is due to the hard work of Robert Moore and friends. We also employ a lobbyist on a part time basis to protect our rights as bow hunters and target shooters.

At the state meeting on Saturday and Sunday we took care of the usual business of any organization. We also talked about the NFAA changing the annual meeting date from February to July. This is a big deal for California because we bring all petitions for proposed changes in shooting rules back to our club members to be discussed and voted on so our representatives know how to vote at the NFAA annual meeting. Apparently

we are the only or one of only a couple of states that lets the club members have a say in the petitions, the other state's directors just vote how they want for the entire state. The petitions are not going to come out from the NFAA until some time in May. There will be a meeting of all the region presidents in June to decide how to vote on the petitions at the national meeting, so there won't be a lot of time to discuss the petitions. We all talked about sending the petitions out electronically to our club members so you can read them and have your input. Before the NFAA annual meeting was changed to July there was a lot more time to study the petitions. We will make sure that everyone gets a chance for input.

Another item of good news is that Tom Daley who was the NFAA director for California is now the Southwest section councilman and is eligible to serve on the governing board of directors of the foundation that the NFAA has recently created. Tom has been around archery for many years and is beloved by everyone that knows him, if we can get him on the foundation board we will have a guarantee of our interests being well represented.

The region is here to foster communication and provide support between the clubs in our region. We are also responsible to keep the club members up to date on any legislation or rule changes that affect bow hunting and target archery. We also put on an annual regional championship tournament that consists of four shoots, I encourage you to participate, there is still time to sign up. If you want to sign up, go to "Northwoodsbowmensclub.org" and you can register online.

Bill Potts

President , Northern Ca. Field Archery Assn., Region 58

Outreach Program

Hello Diablo Members! Welcome to February!

This month, things were quiet on the range due to the Vegas Shoot and USA Archery Nationals in Sacramento. With that being said, we have been filling up for classes in March. Currently, we have several events scheduled; including two girl scout lessons, one birthday party and a two day class for Saint Mary's College High School students. We will also have visitors from the Fat Shafts JOAD team joining us on the range to sight in their bows for the outdoor season. Fat Shaft's has been very helpful inspecting and helping me to repair our equipment. I am glad we are able to return the favor.

Last month, I included some information for Scholastic 3-D Archery (<http://www.s3da.org/about-us/>.)

This organization offers archery experiences for students 9 years to 18 years. In an effort to support a need in the East bay, I am wondering how many of our members are interested in being a part of a team and taking classes at the range. We would provide coaching and begin attending local shooting events. If members from 7 years to 9 years are interested, I thought we could have them join us as well, for practice and experience until they can join the Scholastic 3-D. Please email me with your interest at diablobowmenoutreach@gmail.com. If

this interest exists, I will begin planning a class schedule and sharing events that we can attend. I am excited with the prospect of having our own Diablo Bowmen Youth Team and offering this great experience to the East Bay.

For our older members who are interested in coaching, please contact me so that I can send you information regarding class and materials cost and opportunities.

For those members who have offered to help with our scheduled upcoming events, I will be contacting you with more specific information directly. Thank you for your help and support!

Melissa Pool
Outreach Manager