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Presidents Report

Hello Yahi Members,

It has been a wild two months! I am trying to wind down but there is still lots of archery activities on the horizon. I am sure the you saw my post on our Facebook page about my experience at the State Broadhead and our post about our Bill Sullivan Traditional shoot. Those two shoots have me exhausted. The good news is with all the work and being outdoors and active I have lost some weight and down to pre COVID weight. I need to thank my wife first putting up with me being out on the range working to ensure we provide the best archery experience that we can. Then to all of our club members that make our events and range are the best ever.

We have lots to do in the coming month. This Saturday, June 3, we are going to run an archery station for Hospice at their Camp Erin. This camp is to assist kids with the process of grieving and healing after the loss of someone in their lives. They have a chance to interact with others in their situation and share experiences. Part of the process is to provide them a chance to get away and be among persons of their own age and experience a Summer Camp with new activities. Our club has participated for the past 5 years providing an archery experience. This year they are holding it at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest. Our 3 D Tuesday evening shoots starting on June 6, we have our Modesto City Parks and Recreation youth shoots June 24, and July 15, There are also a ton of shoots host by clubs and a couple of State Championships this summer. We will be scheduling some work parties as well.

I need to repeat part of my facebook post here because it is why I enjoy our sport. Comradely and sportsmanship in our sport that goes on without trepidation. This last Sunday one of our group broke his bow string on the second target. He was discouraged and was going to quit our group encouraged him to stay with us and then Wendall offered to share his bow with him until we got back to the camping area since it was about ten targets to the parking lot. He reluctantly agreed and proceeded to shoot those targets pretty darn good with an unfamiliar bow. We waited on him to get his back up and proceeded on. I have competed in many of these shoots and always walk away with new friends and great experiences. I do not hunt any longer but really enjoy getting out with people with a like for the outdoors.

Bill Sullivan Traditional Shoot

This shoot is for traditional archers only and this years event was a success with an environment increase in attendance over last year. We showcased our new pad and covering as the central point for registration, merchandise sales, scoring and raffle. We shared the event with Horseshoe Bend this year as they ran the shooting gallery and raffle. This was a huge help to free us up to ensure the operation of the event ran smoothly. We set 36 targets for the shoot on Sunday. We also had a shooting gallery and 9 holes of archery golf.

Bill Sullivan Traditional Shoot cont.

It is unfortunate that we cannot hold golf and shooting gallery activities for compound shooters. Compound archery equipment due to the extreme energy that has it is not safe in a confined environment. We thank the folks from the County to allowing us the opportunity to hold this event. We are going to make some changes next year to improve the archers experience from our learnings this year. It makes us feel good when we get great feed back and see big smiles and lots of laughter during and after the event. Perhaps the biggest thank you goes to the crew that picked up after the event and got everything put away safely. The event was over around 2:30 and we pulled out of the range around 6 pm by the time we got it all stored away and did some quick re-capping.

New shade structure

At our April meeting we made the decision to construct a shade structure and extend the pad on the practice range. This has been on our list of improvements for long time. We all agreed if possible we should try to get done by the Bill Sullivan. It was project warp speed our vice president Paul was in charge of lining up the project. He found the steel company that installed the custom shade, he hired the concrete crew, negotiated the price and delivery of the concrete, borrowed a bobcat and roughed out the pad space. We used the expertise of Bob to layout the pad. Paul also used the borrowed equipment to improve a couple trails by widening them so the mower and quad can access them. Bob, Barry and Paul also straighten out the running target poles and got our running target ready for use for the Bill Sullivan. It was 5 weeks of coordinated effort to get the job done. Big thanks to Paul, Barry and Bob also during this time we were mowing like mad and breaking and repairing mowers and quads Barry and Bob also were instrumental in keeping us running.

City Of Modesto Parks Rec. Youth Shoots

We have 25 participants for each session registered and ready to attend. The dates are June 24, July 15, We provide an introduction to archery session for the participants. We start with about 20 minutes of archery history, equipment and safety information. Then we go into a hands on session where they learn how to shoot. We provide our genesis bows or recurve bows and arrows. We have a club member at each shooting station to assist and make sure the archers are safe and learn how to nock an arrow draw and aim. We usually shoot 10-15 yards back from the target butts. We start them out on a big field face and then transition to balloons to add an element of excitement and competition. At the end the session we award them with a certificate of completion and a Yahi pin. We need some volunteers to help out. It takes 5-8 persons to provide a quality safe experience for these sessions. You need to show them how to hold the bow, nock an arrow and draw the bow in safe manner. We are required to have all members working with the kids fingerprinted. If you are already fingerprinted it still needs to be done under the City of Modesto. The Club will pick up the tab and the City will provide the paper work. If you would like to help out we need your name asap as the finger printing process takes a while to complete. We would like to submit the names to the City by June 9,

3D Tuesday Evenings

We are trying something different this year we are moving our 3D Saturday shoots to Tuesday evenings. We have not had very good attendance on Saturday mornings. Saturdays are more family days for young families with kids that have sports other than archery. So starting June 6, through August 15, we are going to have 14 - 3 D targets set up by 4 pm and will let the last group out at 7 pm. 2 arrows per target \$5 per member and \$10 per non member to shoot. Second round is \$5. The running deer target will also be set up for extra fun. The purpose of this shoot is to get practice in for big game seasons. We hope to see you out to get some shooting in. Our range gives you some up and down hill shots that you might encounter out in the wild. There are no shooting stakes set so you can shoot from any where on the trail that is a safe shot. We encourage ethical shooting and encourage you to not take shots 60 yards and under.

June Club Meeting

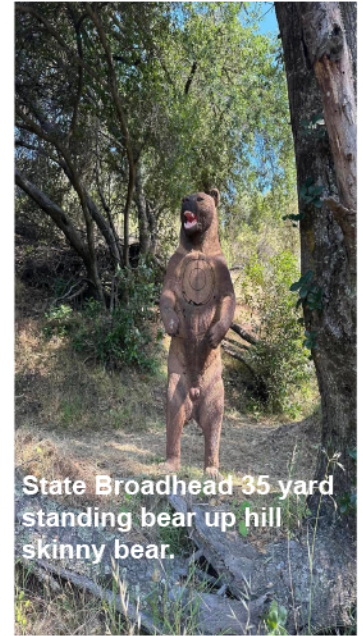
Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 10 am out the range. We will hold a business meeting and then have a club shoot. We will shoot the first 14 field targets and introduce you to field archery. If you have every wondered what those markers are different colors for they represent NFAA field archery games. There are markers for the field round, hunter round and animal round. There are stakes for each one that are shot in a specific order. The stakes also are for different shooting styles and age groups. We encourage you to try it out. See you at our June meeting and or our Tuesday evening shoot.



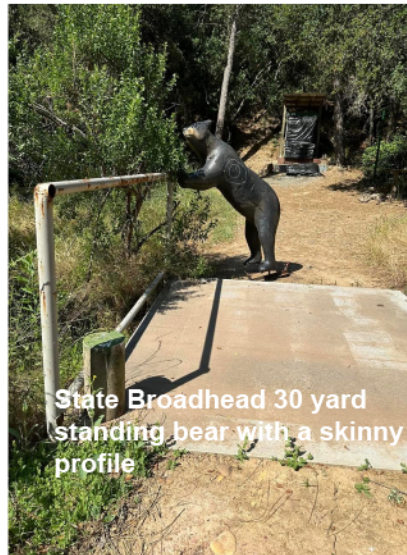
State Broadhead peers Senior Longbow Class. Left to right. John Pasadena Archers, Wendall Verdugo Hills, Curt Yahi, Ross Madera Field Archers



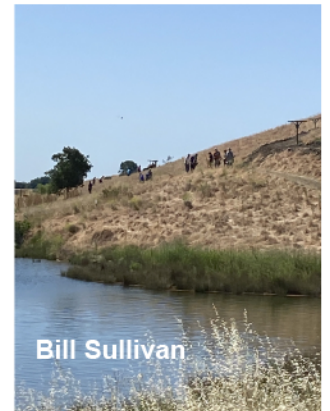
State Broadhead 35 yard Turkey in creekbed .



State Broadhead 35 yard standing bear up hill skinny bear.



State Broadhead 30 yard standing bear with a skinny profile



Bill Sullivan



Bill Sullivan Archery Golf #6 tee. Look close and you can see the arrow in flight!



Bill Sullivan Madera Field Archers