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Presidents Report



I have been busy this year attending shoots with lots of ups and downs. I am now shooting in the Master Senior class and wanted to raise the bar in the State Indoor for Long Bow Wooden class and Recurve Off The Shelf class. I practiced for almost 2 months messed around with arrows to get the right combo. I also worked real hard on form. I was almost to my goal on my backyard range averaging in both classes scores 320-340 on the 450 round. My target was to break 450. I came up short in both classes I had a melt down with the longbow wood scoring 277 I just could not find my sight picture. For the Recurve class at least I was able to hit close to my average and scored 332. Both scores took first place in the class

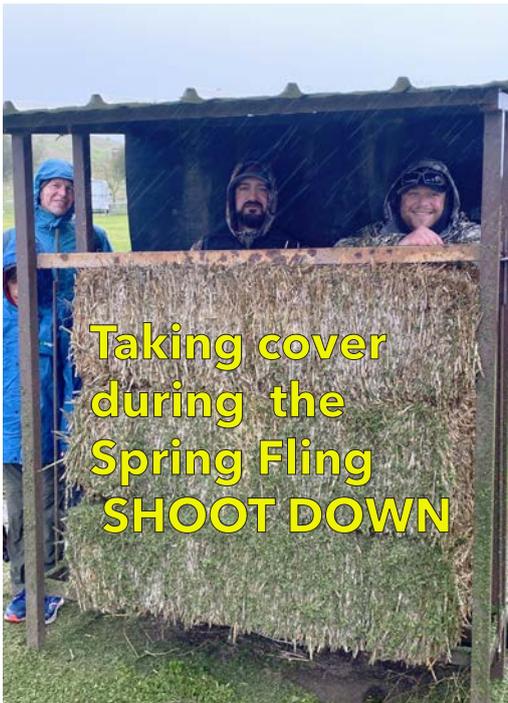
this year but short of records. I am going to get there next year. The most fun shoot so far was the State Traditional Championship hosted by Fresno Field Archers. Their range is in Dunlap just off Hwy 180 East of Fresno. It's a two day shoot, the first day is 40 targets 2 arrows un-marked 3D's. Day two the top five scores from day one are paired up for the Championship. I was in second by 6 points going in on day two. Being the new guy to the class and had the honor of shooting the first arrow and I choked shot over the target. I recovered made up the difference and overtook the leader then dropped back, then got even but in the end wound up in second place after the back and fourth on the 20 targets and finished even with him for the day. It was a blast with 4 guys I had never met before let alone shot with. It was a great weekend camping with friends and making new friends. Thankfully the weather was beautiful all weekend and we are all thankful that it held off until the following weekend otherwise we would have been in the snow. Oh, it also was record attendance this year over 200 shooters registered. Enough about me I would encourage each and every one of you club members to at least attend and participate in the local clubs shoots. They come and support us and we should support them. All of our clubs and the CHBH count on the entry fees to fund our clubs. It does not matter what your skill level is if you enjoy shooting your bow you should explore shooting on different ranges. There are three shoots on the next three weekends all within 100 miles for Modesto. Horseshoe Bend just up Hwy 132 from us at Lake McClure is holding their Buffalo Shoot Sunday March 12, Madera Field Archers is holding their Bounty Hunt Sunday March 19, and Lodi Bowmen is holding the Cartoon Classic March 26,. Each of these clubs had shooters at our Spring Fling. I am going to attend all three and I hope we will have representation at these shoots as well.

Range Report

It's that time of year on our range when it's refreshed by winter storms and it is green and just beautiful with little flowers appearing, the song birds singing. We spotted 4 Golden Eagles soaring over the range, several Ospreys, several species of ducks and geese and there was a couple Horned Owls talking at night. We also had a reptile sighting he was too cold to move it was one that has rattles on his tail. As always when on the range be alert to your surroundings and use caution on the trails especially right now the trails are wet and slippery and as it warms up reptiles and other critters will make their way out to the warmth of the Spring sunshine.

Club Meeting

Our March meeting will be on Saturday, March 18, at 10 am. We will hold a business meeting and then have a club shoot we will have fourteen 3 D targets out to shoot. It will be a great warm up for the Bounty Hunt on Sunday, March 19, hosted by Horseshoe Bend Field Archers just up the road from us at Lake McClure. We do have a \$5 fee to shoot the 3D's to cover the wear on the targets. Invite friends and family to come out we will be happy to help them get started and have equipment they can try. See you next Saturday

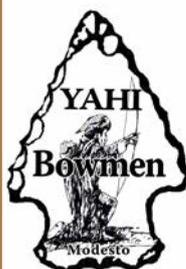
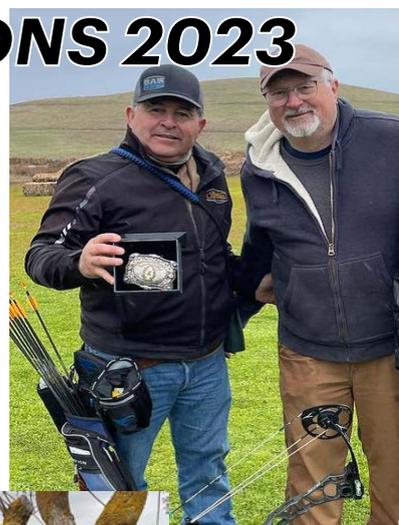


Wow we kicked it off March with a Fantastic Spring Fling March 4,. We had the biggest attendance yet at 118 register archers. Honestly I was praying we would get at least 50 so we could break even and as it turned out with the possibility of rain we were pleased with at the turn out. We did make one change to the advertised rules in that we cut the compound classes to just two arrows from three in hopes to speed up the shoot. NOAA was predicting rain shower at 2 pm for about half hour and we wanted to be done with awards and the shoot down for the Spring Fling Buckles. Well we almost pulled it off but NOAA was spot on the prediction and on the second round of the Compound class it hit us with a light rain and 12 mph wind. The Traditional class had a slightly heavier rain and it diminished to no rain as we finished up. Everyone stuck it out and shot their five targets and the top scoring shooters went home with big grins and the others with pride they fought it out and will be back next year. Big shout out to all the archers from near and far that attended. We had shooters from Kerman, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Martinez, Lodi, and that just the ones I recognized. I

also cannot thank enough Barry, Oliver, Gary, Paul, Andy, Ross, Buddy, Larry, Ken their hard work and dedication to our club. I know it may seem effortless to the attendees but there is a great deal of mental and physical effort that goes into putting on a shoot. We learn from each one that we put on and make changes to make it easier for the next one. Our biggest challenge at this point is registration and scoring. We are going to tackle that topic at our upcoming meeting and surely will come up with some points of improvement.



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Membership

We are running behind a little on renewals this year. We e-mailed out a reminder in January and at our February meeting agreed to mail out a reminder. Your dues are a substantial part of our annual budget. One project we would like to accomplish this year is to extend the shooting line on the practice range as well as pour a pad on the youth practice range with a cover. We also want to complete the running target and replace all the bales on the field range. We have expense for fuel and maintenance of the mowers and trimmers, paper targets, 3D targets, insurance, NFAA and CBH memberships, social media and web services. We value your membership and participation.