

CONEJO QUIVER

March 2024 Issue



**The next club shoot and General Meeting (11:30am) is scheduled for
April 28, 2024.**

FROM THE EDITOR

John Downey

Welcome to the March issue of the Conejo Valley Archers Quiver Newsletter.

We have another nice issue for you to peruse this month.



All our regulars are back with their usual columns, hope you enjoy them. Kurt, Cathy, and Richard have information for you, as well as the latest article(s) from Curtis. Finally, JOAD has been busy gallivanting around to various tournaments – see JOAD On Point inside.

We had our Spring Classic two weeks ago, and the 2024 Bombardier Traditional Tournament is Saturday and Sunday. Our club members have really been burning the midnight oil to put these events on. Hopefully you shot the Spring Classic or will shoot the Bombardier Traditional.

The next issue of the newsletter will have photos from each of the two tournaments, and an updated Club Tournament Score listing with handicaps.

Remember if you shoot the monthly club tournament it is important for you to list your appropriate age and shooting style category on the club score card when you turn them in to yours truly.

Keep stick'n them pointy ends in the target. Hope to see you around the range.

Regards

John Downey, Editor

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Kurt Hoberg

CVA Range News

Overall Range News: The range is looking great, all the prep for the Spring Classic paid off. The range is green and the most beautiful that I can remember.



Field Range: The rains are going to make the mustard grow quickly. Those who have Field lanes adopted (some are still available), please continue to assess anything that needs to be done to your lanes. I highly suggest a bi-weekly visit to your lane to knock weeds down before they become unmanageable. With the rainy season upon us it's important to keep abreast of the weed situation before it becomes a large problem.

Some quick tips for those who have adopted lanes on what to look for:

- Stand by each of the shooting stakes and clear any vegetation that is hanging into the lane and may be blocking the target from where shooters are taking their shots.
- Take a look at the shooting stakes themselves and assess if they need to be painted.
- Your lane responsibility also includes the walkup to the next target.
- Assess the bales and stands and let a Board member or Range Captain know if there are repairs needed.

Lane adoption is a great way to book your working member hours.

33rd Annual Bombardier Traditional Challenge March 23 -24, 2024: Make note of the date, the Traditional is fast approaching. This is

one of my favorite shoots of the year as I can dust off my trad recurve and shoot some 3D and hit the target now and again! Richard Carpenter has been planning this shoot for several months now and it looks to be a great time. If you have never shot a trad tournament, I highly recommend this one, it is a lot of fun. Please volunteer if you can spare some time.

CA State Outdoor: I've completed building out the tournament in the USA Archery Sport80 tool, and the tournament is open on US Archery's WEB site for registration. As of the writing of this article we have 283 archers signed up already, and we host the shoot in June! This is by far the largest money maker for our club, and a great way to get your tournament hours...as we need many volunteers to host a CA State level and USA Archery sanctioned tournament. I'll be going through the volunteer list for jobs and positions to help, please sign up to assist, even if you can only spare a couple of hours. The tournament is scheduled for June 21-23, with range setup scheduled for Thursday, June 19th. If you help with range setup and teardown and are planning on shooting the event, please reach out to me as I will comp you the tournament entry fees.

Target Concerns on the Practice Range

Recently we've had some issues on the new Practice Range with both the Carpet Bales and the round American Whitetail targets.

Below are a couple of pictures of the issues. The round American Whitetail target was re-cored utilizing the method recommended after a discussion with the manufacturer. The target was on the range for a very brief period before the core was pulled from the target, and shoved back in resulting in the picture below.

When shooting the American Whitetail targets please lubricate your arrows. WD-40 or Armor-All are inexpensive options. If your bow is over 50lbs (compound shooters I'm looking at you), please refrain from shooting on the round targets, especially in the center. The Carpet Bales are a better choice for high power, high FPS, small diameter arrows hitting the same square inch again and again. FYI - the American Whitetail targets retail at \$800 each plus shipping.



This \$800 Whitetail target has had the center core pulled out.



The above picture of a new Carpet Bale is concerning. If you miss, please do not dig, chop, or otherwise damage the target. FYI - these targets retail at \$900 each plus shipping - and were newly placed on the Tournament Range.

I do want to be sure the club understands that the Tournament Range was not built exclusively for CVA use. The grant negotiated with the Easton Foundation specified that the range was to be used for Archery events that support the entire Archery community. As such, the Practice Range will be removed for larger shoots that require the entire Tournament Range. If CVA Member shooting incurs significant damage costs, the club will need to re-evaluate the offering of a Practice Range. Just something to think about as you are shooting there. Please be respectful and tread lightly on CVA equipment.

And as a reminder – work parties have priority over your shooting. Please be courteous to those volunteering their personal time to make the range shootable for you and relocate your shooting until the work is completed.

Range Security

We continue to have issues with members not locking the tournament range gate. There has been some improvement, but the issue continues.

If you are leaving the range, lock the gate. If you are coming onto the range, lock the gate behind you. If you are unsure if you should lock the gate – lock the gate. Be careful with the locks, don't drop them, or use them as pry-bars, hammers, etc.

All Club members must do their part to secure our range.

See you on the range!

Your President,

Kurt

Remember, archery is easy. Shoot a 10, do it again!

FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Cathy Linson, Vice President

Highlights of the 3/17/24 General Meeting

The membership approved ratification of the Carpet Bale project vote to increase spending by \$700 to cover the cost of the stands on the Field and Middle Ridge warm up area.

Open Range Days

Next one is scheduled for May 18 & 19. Will advertise in the acorn (free to non-profit), send flyers to other clubs as well as Bullocks and Turners. Please consider downloading a flyer from our website and posting at your church or other locations to get the word out to other archers.

BOD

Board will begin to work on the budgeting process.

Members Only Swap Meet

Those present at the general meeting liked the idea of a swap meet, for archery related items only, to be held before and after the general meeting each month. If you have archery-related items to sell let John Downey and I know so we can get the word out, then be there by 11:00am at the latest to set up. Selling stops during the meeting and can resume immediately afterward.

Bombardier Traditional Tournament

Richard Carpenter brought trophies to show us: First place are hand made with 3D printing; 2nd and 3rd place are etched glasses. He also brought the T-shirt which all participants will receive. Please sign up to help for set up on Friday if you can, it is always harder to get helpers during the week. We also need folks to help both days of the tournament, You can find the link in Richard Silverio's emails or the Members Only section of the website.

State Outdoor

There will be a work party scheduled soon for building the remaining target stands.

Spring Classic

Looking at March 15 & 16, 2025 for next year. Will decrease the money CVA puts up to \$2000 for money class with the rest of the prize money coming from an increase in registration fees for money class participants. We discussed ways to increase participation including how to get more FITA shooters.

3D Ranges

Ken Exum is working with Bullocks on their offer to let us buy 3D animals at dealer cost. Both Wild Crete (no minimum for free shipping) and Rinehart (\$2500 min for free shipping) targets are possible; both have replaceable cores.

Club Shoot

New score cards have been printed but you can still use older ones if you have them. Please make sure to note your age on the card so you can be placed in the correct age category.

Work Hours

Need folks to help at public session - counts toward hours requirement, we reimburse for credentials, to work bin or gate just need to sign a pledge if not a USArchery member

Need folks to adopt lanes - great way to get hours on your own schedule and help keep the range shootable and allows range captains to focus on the things.

The board will look at requiring working members to work half their hours by the end of March each year. We need lots of help with weed abatement in the spring.

Tournament Range

Practice Area: Whitetail targets are being re-cored and set at 20-70 and 90 meters and carpet bales are set at 20-80 yards.

The membership approved up to \$9000 for 10 new whitetails plus up to 10 new cores; we are down to 4 cores in the bin after the re-coring that is in progress. Individual members are able to piggy back on this purchase. Please refer to the email sent yesterday for more information.

Public Session

Starting April 1, 2024 the public session will temporarily be operating on reduced hours. 9am-11:15am for the public to shoot. This is due to ongoing staffing issues.

The last wind event devastated the 5 and 10 meter lines. A work party is scheduled for Saturday, 3/23/24, at 7am to repair the 2 lines. You can sign up to help by going to the members only section of the website or using the link in Richard Silverio's emails.

We are researching alternatives to hay for the Public Session Range in order to find something the ground squirrels won't destroy and decrease the frequency of replacement.

Highlights of the 3/14/24 Board Meeting

Overspent Carpet Bale project by \$700

1. Over expenditure was for the stands for the bales that are located on the Field and Middle Ridge warm up area.
2. Stands are in the completed so return is not an option.
3. Membership voted to have the carpet bales placed on the field and Middle Ridge warm up area

All requests for new spending other major changes will be presented at the board meeting first and announced to the membership in advance of the General Meeting. This keeps the board from being surprised and allows members time to adjust personal schedules and attend meetings where decisions that are important to them are made.

David Jockisch has added photos from tournaments to the website so far Spring Classic, Open range Days and 2023 Bombardier Trad.

Last month we saw an increase in the number of new members joining the club. Interested to see if this is a trend or a onetime occurrence.

Public Session changes are in the works. We have been short staffed for some time now due to personal situation changes for our DOS' and instructors. Beginning April 1, 2024 the public session hours will decrease. We hope this is temporary, anyone interested in helping at the public session would be much appreciated.

A work party is scheduled for this Saturday on the public session range to repair the 5- & 10-meter lines. Another will be scheduled soon for weed abatement and other clean up.

We continue to make improvements on the Members Only, password protected section on the website. Contact me for the password. General Meeting minutes from February are now on there. Also, David Jockisch added a button, on the Working Hours page, that takes you to the sign-up system. If you lose Richard Silverio's emails you can go to this section and see anything that you can sign up for. Right now, the work party tomorrow and the Bombardier Traditional are there.

Philip Mastinick, our major Equipment chair has been busy repairing the Tractor tire was flat and making sure the moving targets are all ready for the for Traditional Shoot next weekend.

Signs are up on roadway through the field range. Please make sure to yield, honk and proceed with caution on the hill by target 1. And proceed with caution on the blind curve as you leave or approach the entrance to the 3D Back Canyon Range.

Ken Downey has begun re-coring the American Whitetails on the Tournament Range practice area. Make sure to use arrow lube; removing arrows from newly re-cored target will be difficult without it.

Need to start the cycle of purchasing new American Whitetail Targets for the Tournament Range every 2 years. this will insure we have enough good targets for the State Outdoor and help us keep decent targets for JOAD and the Tournament Range practice area.

We are able to get dealer price on animals from Bullocks. The 3D range Co-Captains, Ken and Tom, Range Captain will put together a list of what we would like. Once we get pricing information we will present for approval by membership.

Spring Classic went well. The range looked amazing, Scott said thanks to everyone who was involved in making that happen. The food truck Sunday was great and everyone was happy with the food.

300 archers are signed up so far. A work party will be needed soon to build target stands.

Please consider adopting a lane. Your range captains have other projects that need to be accomplished; if all the lanes were adopted they could focus on those instead of weed abatement. The range

does not look this good all by itself. Thank you to those who have adopted lanes.

Work Party this Saturday is preparation for the Bombardier Traditional and will count toward tournament hours. Keep an eye out for Richard Silverio's email for the link to sign up for the work party and to help at the tournament next weekend. Or go to the members Only section of the website and sign up there.

The next Open Range Days will be May 18 and 19.

Cathy

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FROM THE PEN OF MORGAN THOMAS

March 2024

Member Anniversaries!!!!



11 years	Jeff Blackwell
8 years	Phillip Bruno
2 years	Stephan Buba
2 years	Kyle Chandler
10 years	Kory Collins
12 years	Ruth Haskins
4 years	Keith Huebner
14 years	Robert Luttrell
2 years	Johann Min
17 years	Clark Pentico
7 years	Angela Rogers
7 years	Gunjana Sharma
3 years	Anette Vladescu
2 years	Carl Ward
2 years	Pat Weston

Thank you all for your continued support of our club!

Morgan

Recent Tournament Range Work Party



FROM THE DESK OF OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (COMMUNICATIONS)

Richard C. Silverio

Hello fellow members!

I hope your week is going great. We have several volunteer opportunities for you to retire some of your working membership hours for the club year 2023-2024.

There is a work party this Saturday (March 23), for our upcoming tournament this weekend (is still in need of volunteers to fill lots). Once again this is a good way to retire some of your required working membership hours. We still have several lanes up for adoption.

The 5 meters and 10 meters lines in our public session range was damaged recently and are in need of repair. Kevin Cleopfil will be running a work party consisting of 12 volunteers to repair the 5 meters and 10 meters line on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 7AM. This work party could go on for about 5 hours. Meet up at the Public Session Range to participate. If you sign up or are planning to do so, please see Kevin upon arriving, and he will assign you work. We appreciate all the help we can get. If you are able to help out on this, there is an online signup sheet where you can sign up as well:

<https://signup.com/go/vWvMVHS>

Also, the **33rd Bob Bambardier Traditional Challenge** is this weekend. We will need volunteers starting on Friday, March 22 thru Sunday, March 24 for that event. There are still plenty of open

volunteer slots for this tournament. If you would like to help, you may use the online sign up link below:

<https://signup.com/go/eYGnTEW>

We still have a number of lanes that are up for adoption. All middle range lanes are currently adopted. There are a few target lanes on the field range (Lanes 8, 14, 19, 24 and 26) that still need to be adopted.

Lanes 6-9 & lanes 12-24 are open for adoption on our 3D Range. If you would like to adopt one of the lanes, please contact Cathy Linson, our club VP, via email at vicepresident@cvarchers.com and let her know which lanes you are interested in.

Please continue to look for emails from me, for upcoming volunteer or work parties opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our club Vice President, Cathy Linson at vicepresident@cvarchers.com or via her cell at 805-791-5102 or myself at richardsilverio@cvarchers.com.

Thank you and see you at the range.



CVA MONTHLY CLUB TOURNAMENTS

John Downey, Tournament Chairman

Reminder:

We are now using the same NFAA handicapping rules in the new club year. Handicaps typically start showing up for those with three club shoots under their belt. I will start showing them in the April Newsletter. Stay tuned.

The club has also decided to follow the NFAA age groups as well. The only difference is that we are now adding the Silver Senior Age Group (60-69).

NFAA competition divisions include the following:

- Cub Under 12 years of age
- Youth Ages 12 through 14
- Young adult Ages 15 through 17
- Adult 18 years of age and older (to 49)
- Senior 50 years of age and older
- Silver senior 60 years of age and older
- Master senior 70 years of age and older

It is imperative that I have correct information on new score cards so I can update the score card results from earlier in the year. I hope to have all the prior score results updated and double checked to include in the April issue.

Please double-check all score cards that you turn in with the appropriate age group and shooting style (I'm still seeing some mistakes).



Conejo Valley Archers
presents
THE
**BOMBARDIER
TRADITIONAL
CHALLENGE**

Early Registration
Ends
on
March 1, 2024

Saturday March 23, 2024 - 30 Targets
Sunday March 24, 2024 - 20 Targets

2-Day 50 Targets 3-D Tournament
*Separate Longbow, Recurve, Selfbow &
Senior (60+) Divisions (no clickers)*
** Traditional hunting rules (Quivers OK!) **
**No Compounds, No Sights **
Hunting Distances
** Unmarked Yardage **

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION BEGINS
DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Tournament Fees

Master Senior (70+) - \$50	Youth (13 - 17) - \$10
Senior (60+) - \$50	Cub (12 & Under) - \$10
Adult (18 - 59) - \$55	

Located in Simi Valley, California

For more
information and
to Register for
this Event check-
out our Web-site
at:
www.CVArchers.com/bombardier-trad



JOAD – Always On Point

Greetings CVA and JOAD families!
Spring is in the air (and so is the pollen)
and we hope everyone is out enjoying the
beautiful weather and the green range.



February and March have been busy for our archers, with a
tournaments, travel commitments and lots of archery lessons.
Spring also indicates the transition from Indoor Season to Outdoor
Season. Our archers are getting equipment prepared and site
settings for distance!

Archers Logan, Declan, Nic and Jack along with coaches Ken and
Geoff ventured out to Utah for the National Indoor Championships.
Some of you may recall Harley K. a previous CVA member, she flew
up from Texas and enjoyed the Utah shoot. The kids shot really
well, Logan and Declan were even coming off a stomach bug and a
weeklong ski vacation and still shot competitively. The event was
great fun and provided a new venue for the archers. Everyone
agreed that National Indoors in Utah was enjoyable and would likely
come back next year. One surprising item, Jack H was on a 3 person
target consisting of Jack (U15), a recurve archer from CO (U21) and
some world renown archer that goes by the name Brady Ellison.
Yes, that's right Jack and Brady shared a target! It was fun to watch.

Below are some images from the event as well as some activities
our archers did after the tournament. We should mention, that one
of the families stayed in an AirBnB; the home was built in 1895, and
some interesting paranormal activities occurred, but that's a story
for another Quiver. The scores of these archers will be calibrated
with other National Indoor Championships and will establish
rankings. Isabelle B. competed in the Chula Vista Indoor Nationals
prior to the others going to Utah.

Speaking of Isabelle, she and her brothers Matthew and
Johnathan competed in the CVA Spring Classic. All three achieved a
podium finish, what a great family achievement! CVA JOAD Dad,
Jason L, also competed in the compound class and came away with
a podium too! It truly has been an honor watching these JOAD kids
excel and achieve their archery dreams. Ken, Andrew and I are very
proud of the JOAD program.

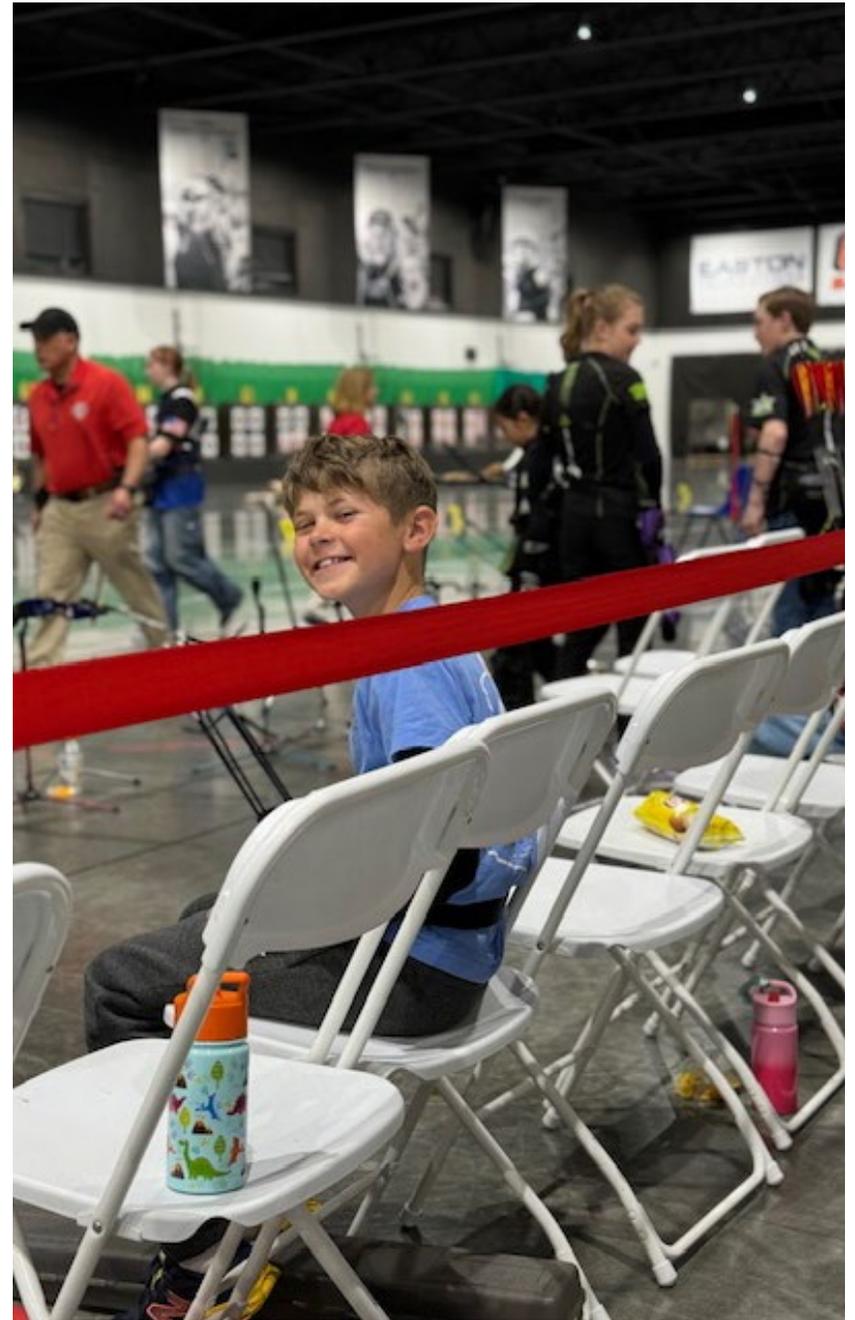
A big thank you to Ken and Jason for their help with coring the
target butts in the sight-in range as well as Frankenstein-ing broken
archery stands into usable stands. Thank you both!

Stay tuned for next month's Quiver as we will have updates from
the California Olympic Round Robin and the Fresno Safari!

Ken, Andrew and Geoff



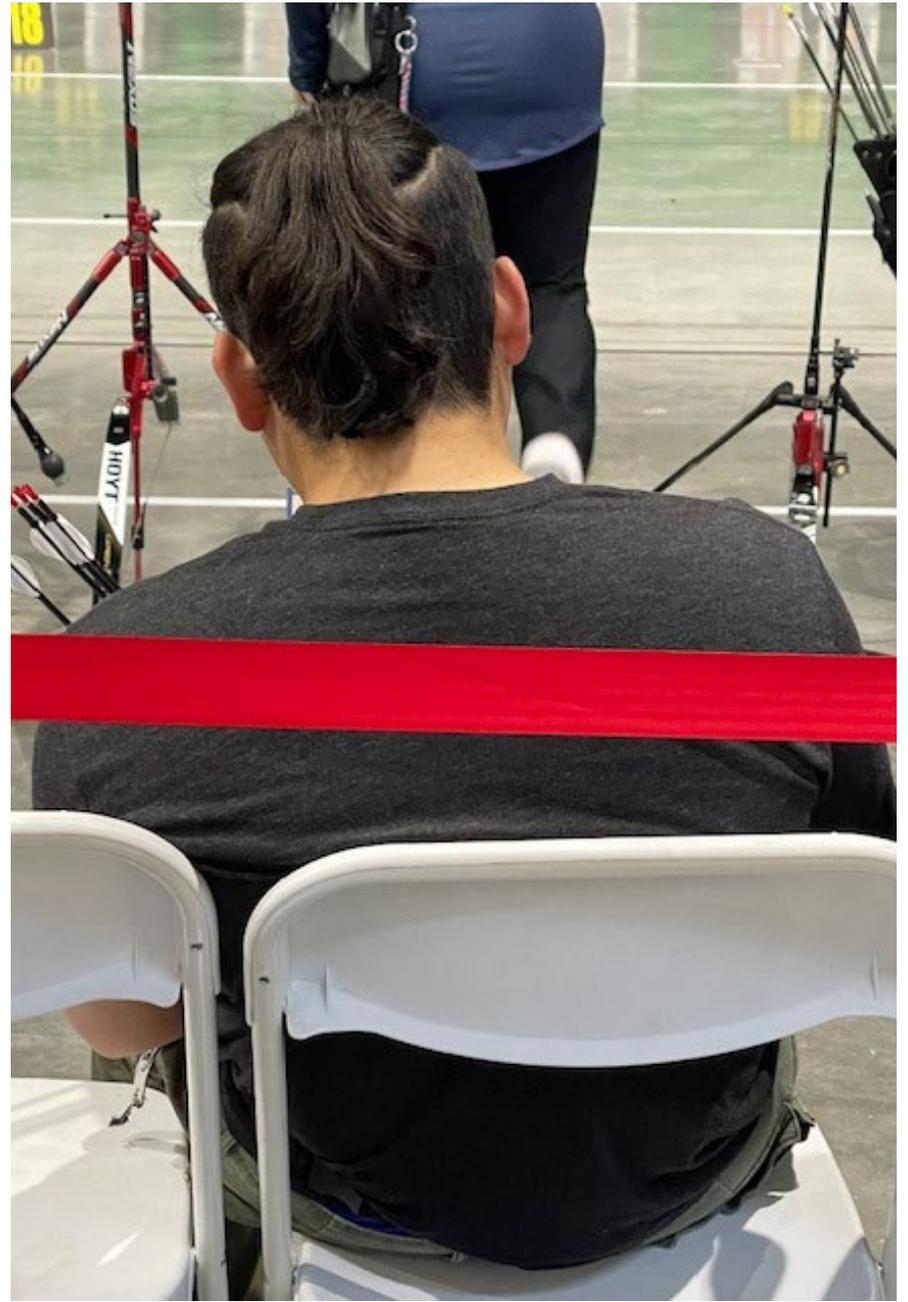
Logan instructing Ken on proper form and technique!



After Logan instructed Ken on proper technique he went and shot an amazing round. His expression says it all.



Logan shot the Friday JOAD session prior to the Indoor Nationals in Utah



My only picture of Nic. Sorry, I didn't get a better pic Nic (get it picnic).



There were a LOT of eyes during the competition on this target, any guesses why?



Brady watching Jack's form or his phone?!



Obligatory after tournament pic of the two target mates.



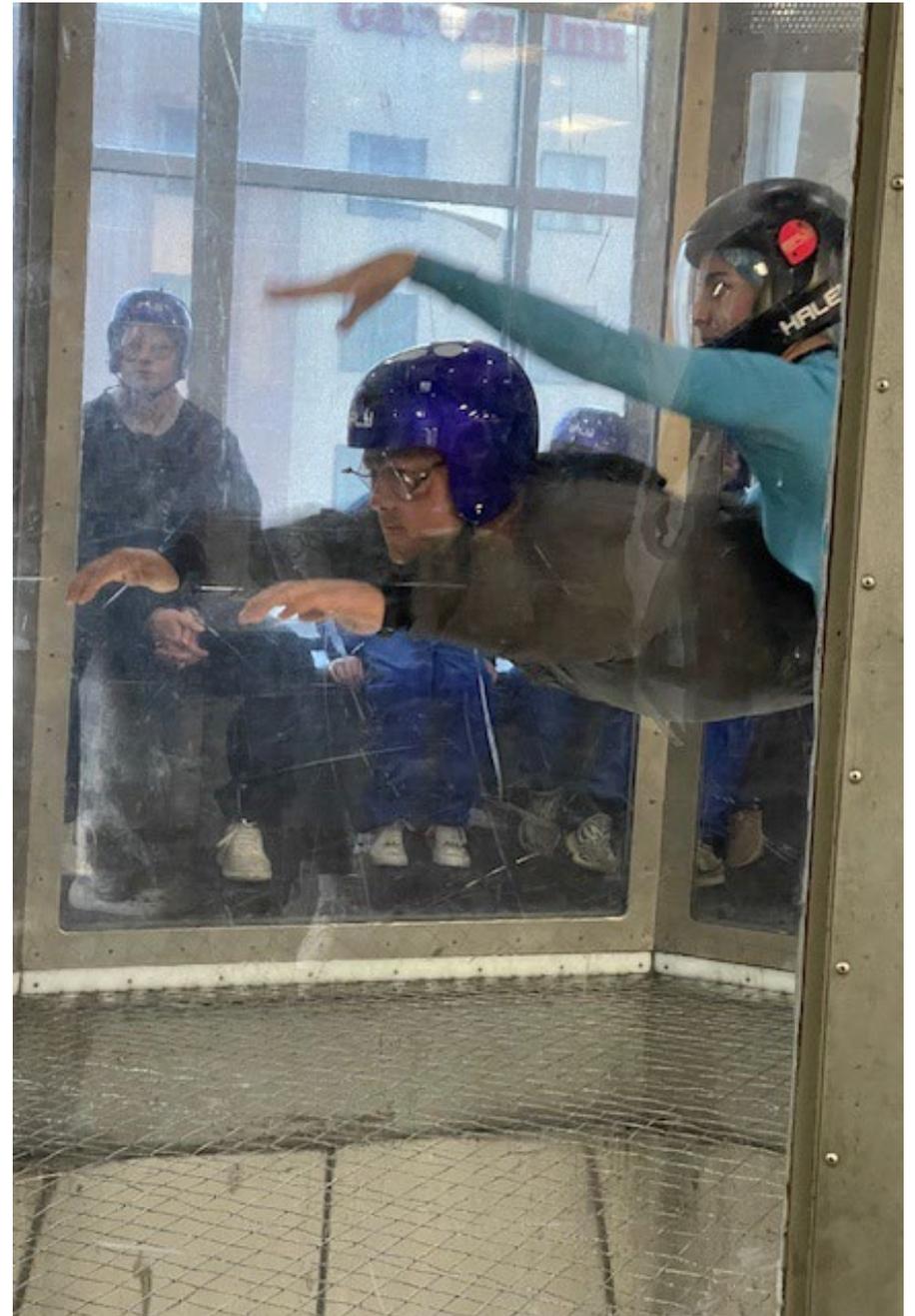
Group photo of Ken and his archers. Missing are Logan and Declan who were heading home at this point.



The parents challenged Nic and Jack to "ride" back to the tournament



After the tournament activity in Utah, the Union Station. This locomotive weighed 980,000 pounds!



Nic even flew indoors!!



And what else would you do in Utah but throw axes!



Matthew, Isabelle and Jonathan all smiling with their first place medals from the CVA Spring Classic! Way to go you three!



A lovely view...



The first arrows of outdoor season, 60m!



The first targets of outdoor season!



The scopes are out and the range looks great.



An attempt at standing in one spot and taking a pic of both sides of the tournament range

From the JOAD Vault – Arizona Cup 2003



Ken taking aim ...

SNAKE BITE – FIRST RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

THIS ARTICLE IS REPOSTED AGAIN THIS MONTH DUE TO ALL OF THE RECENT SNAKE ACTIVITY ON THE RANGE

You may be unsure whether you've gotten a snake bite or an unrelated injury. Some signs of a bite include puncture marks at the site of the wound, pain and swelling as well as neurological symptoms such as blurred vision or numbness and tingling of your face and limbs.

If you or another person, are bitten, try to remember the color and shape of the snake, because that may help medical professionals treat the injury.

1. Sit down and stay CALM
2. Do NOT apply a tourniquet
3. Do NOT suck on the wound
4. Stay calm, and alert any immediate local assistance to coordinate transportation to hospital, or call 911 – arrange to meet emergency vehicles at gates

Site addresses:

- **Main Gate:** Tapo Canyon Park – 4651 Tapo Canyon Road
 - **Tournament Range side:** 5000 Bennet Road
5. Wash the wound with warm, soapy water if possible
 6. Circle the site of the bite with a Sharpie and write the time next to it. You should keep a list of your symptoms and

periodically update it, as that could help the medical team that treats you.

7. Cover the wound with a clean, dry dressing. **First-Aid kits** are posted all around the range areas at Main Kitchen, Stage area, between Targets #12 and #13 at the portable restroom, 3D Shade structure, Tournament Range, and the Public Session Range.
8. **Remove jewelry and watches, which will be much harder to get off if your limbs start to swell.**
9. If you begin to experience anaphylaxis, including swelling of the face and throat, hives or difficulty breathing, use an EpiPen if you have one.
10. **VERY IMPORTANT** – Call ahead to the local hospital to alert them that you are bringing in a rattlesnake bite victim and verify they have anti-venom immediately available at the site.

Local Hospitals that generally have or have access to anti-venom onsite:

- Los Robles Hospital – Thousand Oaks – 805-497-2727
- Adventist Health – Simi Valley – 805-955-6000

Report the incident to the club as soon as possible.



2024 NEW GEAR REVIEW

A column for the "Conejo Quiver" by Curtis Hermann, March 2024

It's that time of year again when the very latest creations in archery gear is presented to the public. This year there were 200 great new products from compounds, crossbows, arrows and of course the broad world of hunting equipment. Like all archers, I like to browse what is available and find what I think is a good idea or at least has some potential to improve the life of the archer. I picked out a few that I think you should probably know about and a thought or comment or two on some of them will be added. Let's start with bows!



BOWS:

Eighteen bows were reviewed, all compounds, no FITA, ILF or Traditional bows.

The bow, I was most impressed with is not in the above group, because it is a custom compound "finger bow" made by Pat Norris of Bonnie Bowman / Norris Archery in Grass Valley, CA. It is called the PNA-X. The PNA-X (Pat Norris Archery) is 44 ¼" in length and will utilize **Barnsdale** limbs, below (and to the left) is a picture of some of the first risers getting ready for anodizing.

There has been a resurgence lately of people competing and shooting compound bows with a finger release and no sights, just as it was in the 1970's. Finger bows require a long riser and an axel to axel length of 43-44 inches is needed to get cleanly off the string with a finger release. This is long for a compound, but in comparison, it is still much shorter than a traditional recurve hunting bow.

I hope to have more information for you in the near future on this bow.

Pat has been in archery forever and is in the California Archery Hall of Fame. His biography is far too long to go into here, but it is certainly worth a Google search to become knowledgeable of one of our most important supporters of archery in the state of California.

Of the eighteen compounds reviewed this year the most expensive was the Hoyt REDWRX Carbon RX-8 at \$1,949.00, the least expensive was the BEAR ARCHERY Alaskan XT at \$559.99. I found both to be exceptional bows, of course for different reasons.

REDWRX Carbon RX-8: The advantage of a hand laid up carbon riser is the strength to weight ratio of a carbon riser and therefore the major difference in the cost differential. Carbon tends to be quieter than metal when shooting or banging around in a tree stand, that is another advantage. Here are the important basics. Draw length range of 25-30 inches

and more peak draw weights than other bows, a choice of 40, 50, 60, 65, 70 and 80 pounds. You can choose between 75, 80, and 85 % let off with two back-wall settings (hard & hardest). A choice of 10 “camo and solid color” options. The RX-8 Ultra is 34.6875 inches between the axles, has a forgiving 7.125-inch brace, 4.4pound mass weight, 27-32 inch draw and an IBO speed rating of 332fps.

BEAR ARCHERY Alaskan XT: Built “extra tough” to handle a deep back country experience many miles from civilization. Meticulously designed and feature-packed, Bear says the Alaskan XT gives shooters performance unrivaled for the price. Measuring 33 inches between axels, a 6.25 inches brace height, powered by the DHC-XR Cam system, the Alaskan XT generates an IBO speed of 335 fps and a comfortable 80% let-off. Draw lengths of 25-30 inches and peak draw weights of 60 or 70 pounds, (each with 15 pounds of downward adjustability).

It is hard to discuss beauty when we are talking compound bows, but in my eye, metal is always prettier than carbon, carbon appears to look bulky to me and the metal risers are just small slick versions of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, complicated and hard to call pretty.

Arrows:

Easton X10 4mm Parallel Pro-Arrows:

It is no secret that Easton’s X10 arrows are favored by the target crowd for their laser-like precision. Since its debut in 1996, every Olympic medal has been won using this arrow. Now for 2024 we have the new X10 4mm Parallel Pro-Arrows. Easy to tune, lightweight shaft perfect for both compounds and recurves. Made with advanced A/C (aluminum core-carbon exterior) construction each weight-coded shaft pairs flawlessly with Easton’s top-end 4mm points, nocks, pins and collar systems. Offered in 15 precise spine sizes. \$249.99 per 12 shafts.

This year Easton is offering half-out components for 4mm arrows based on intel gathered from top archers and industry pro-shops. They feature a machined post fitted with an impact collar for strength and durability. Patent-pending design insures self-centering alignment to the shaft and are available in 55 grain aluminum, 75 grain half steel, 100 grain titanium and 150 grain full steel.

Prices unavailable at this time.

ALTRA Centrum Premier 166:

A newcomer to the arrow world and made with a proprietary blend of high-modulus carbon gives you what Altra calls “No-Spine” technology for improved tunability and increased consistency with a straightness of (+/-0.001-inch) and spine sizes of 250, 300,, 350, and 400. Comes with inserts/outsert components and nocks. \$109.99 per 6 fletched, \$189.99 per 12 (bare) @ altraarrows.com

Tools:

Phoenix Fletching Jig/Clamps by October Mountain.

Constructed from die-cast and machined aluminum this units durability is second to none with an oversized baseplate and four padded rubber feet for maximum stability. Features up to 5 degrees of right or left off-set adjustment in 1 degree increments. A channeled clamp tower with centerline adjustment screws; fletch spacing adjustment knob; and three-fletch configuration option at 120 degrees and four-fletch option at 75 and 105 degrees, comes with a stamped right clamp, right and left helical clamps sold separately. **\$124.99**
octobermountainproducts.com

Bowdacious Bowrest:

Stealing a trick from the firearm/crossbow community the

people at **Bowdacious Bowrest** have created a telescoping, carbon fiber monopod that will mount to virtually any compound to give you a stable shooting rest to improve your accuracy. The bow-rest can be adjusted from 42-76 inches in length, so that it can be used in nearly any hunting situation such as a ground blind or a standing long distance shot. It also features a quick disconnect to easily remove the rest when not needed. Better yet, the rest features a hydraulically actuated braking system that allow you to lower the monopod when needed simply by squeezing an activation button mounted on your bow's grip.

Bowdacious says using the rest not only makes shooting more fun and consistent but can as much as *double maximum effective range*. It's also a great tool for sighting in your bow, since the rest offers a ton of stability and reduces the impact of unsteady shooting form when setting up your pins. The **Bowdacious Bowrest** weighs just 14 ounces and comes with a lifetime warranty. Bodaciousbowrest.com \$360.00

When I first saw this item I thought to myself, *well this will disappear from the market within two years*, just like so many inventions that I have seen in archery come and go over the last seventy years. After giving it some recliner thought time, I have decided that its ability to be used as a tool for setting your sight pins has some real value. Setting sight pins is often an ongoing process that comes close in the initial set up but then the tinkering often goes on for a couple of weeks until you are satisfied that the pins are actually set perfectly. If this tool can reduce that time that would be a real benefit, it certainly could be useful to the shop owner who is helping customers with their initial bow set up.

As far as hunting goes, well, we will just have to see if it finds its niche. Adding another 14 ounces to a compound to carry through the woods does not seem attractive to me. On the other hand, some aging archers just may find it the perfect tool to allow them two or three more hunting seasons at the end of their late

in life days in the woods.

As far as increasing your maximum effective range, that idea is going to raise some hackles in organizations like the Pope & Young Club or the Professional Bowhunters Society. After all, it is just another gadget that makes our "primitive sport" a whole bunch less primitive. My guess is that many discussions will be had on "*whether or not*" to accept animals taken with the help of this device for listing in the record books.

Until next month, keep those arrows in the air, Curtis



Below is a letter written by the famous archer and bowhunter Fred Bear, it is written to Dick and Carol Mauch as a "thank you note" for his 80th birthday present.

Dick Mauch was Fred Bear's Field Rep for the mid-west area and had been close with Fred for many years. Dick and Carol had a hunting cabin on Plum Creek in northern Nebraska near where they lived. The "cabin on Plum Creek" became famous for all the notable bowhunters that shared hunting there with Dick, Carol

and Fred. Because Fred was so famous, he had a hard time going hunting without the press and other attention being paid to him. The cabin on Plum Creek became his get-a-way place to hide out and hunt with Dick and Carol and guests and without the press.

Inside the cabin there were three sets of double bunks along one wall, each set of bunks had a simple cotton sheet as a curtain for privacy. All those that hunted there left their signature on the sheet next to the bunk bed.

Several of us on the board of the NBEF were able to share a day at the cabin with Carol as our host. I was able to get a few pictures of the cabin but, for the life of me I cannot find them (found them) and therefore cannot share what I can't find. I can tell you it was a simple and small barn red two room house, the main room carried a couch and chairs, a dinning table, a kitchen of sorts in the corner and the 3 sets of double bunks along one wall.



Dick and his famous sourdough waffles

The second room was a bedroom for Dick & Carol. It had running water but I don't remember a bathroom, but I think there was one.

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April 14, 1982

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mauch
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Dear Dick and Carol:

Fourscore years and fifty days have gone by since the event of my recent birthday and this letter has purposely been delayed so that I might have this short experience of being eighty to report as to what it is like. It couldn't be said better than the following which was sent to me by a friend.

"Between 65 and 75 are rough times. During this period you are expected to retire and become a discontented, grumbling has-been. People are mad at you for everything but turn 80 and the world changes. Everybody is surprised that you are alive, surprised that you can walk and amazed that the brain still functions.

If I forget my name or anybody's name, forget an appointment or promised to be several places at the same time I need only explain that I'm 80. If I fail to shave on one side of my face or if my shoes don't match or I take another man's hat by mistake or carry a letter around for a week before mailing it, its all right because I'm 80.

People want to carry my baggage and to help me up the stairs and I have learned, in this short time, that a list to starboard along with a slight limp produces amazing results.

After 80 you can relax with no misgivings. You have a perfect alibi for everything. Nobody expects much of you. Life begins at 80....."

Thought that you and Carol would like to have this report. And want to add my thank you for the smoked turkey which was delicious. Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Regards,

Behind the house was a ¼ acre pond and the property was wooded, western softwoods and pines. Plum Creek was a slow

moving creek, perhaps two feet deep, with water so clear you could see every grain of sand or pebble on the bottom. It wandered through the property and as I remember at about sixty yards away from the cabin. I don't remember the total acreage of the property but it was not large, maybe 150 acres and the whitetail deer population was good but not dense. On the day we were there Carol broke away from her morning turkey hunt to be with us.



Dick and Carol

Carol was an avid hunter, more so than Dick I suspect, as Dick's real joy was as host and camp cook. Dick and Carol (and Fred of course) are in the Archery Hall of Fame.

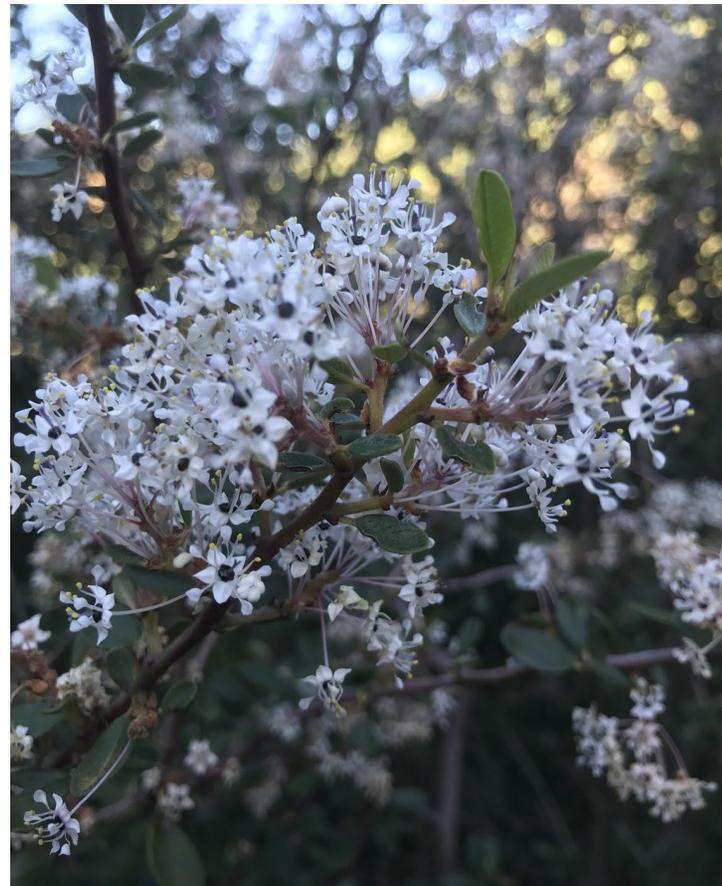
Curtis

Bigpod Ceanothus

Buckthorn Family

Below is a picture of a flowering Bigpod Ceanothus. There is a nice sized group of these trees/shrubs that the trail to target #12 in the back canyon passes through. You should make the effort to not only shoot the back canyon range but take the time to examine these shrubs as you pass by.

I'm saving the ethnobotany of this plant until next month, I think you will find its uses quite interesting. See you then,
Curtis



NEW MIDDLE RANGE TRAIL

ALL LANES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED

Target #	Adopter	Type
1	John Gusan	Rabbit
2	John Gusan	Bear
3	Ben Shirley	Raccoon
4	Ben Shirley	Coyote
5	Ben Shirley	Coyote
6	Rogelio Segundo	Deer
7	Brian Carter	Caribou
8	Brian Carter	Standard Brown Bear
9	Trad group	Deer
10	Trad group	Deer
11	Brian Rohrer	Turkey Flock
12	Trad group	Raccoons & Ground Hogs
13	Trad group	Black Crow & Raccoon
14	Wendell Wright	Deer in Meadow
15	Tom Swindell	Antelope, Turkey & Pig
16	Jeff Owens	Deer & Dogs
17	Sarah Villalobos	Black Boar, Pig & Standing Bear

ADOPT-A-TARGET (CVA Roving Range)

Target lanes 8, 13, 14, 19, 24 & 26 are in need of adoption.

If interested in helping to care for one of them you can contact our Club Vice President, **Cathy Linson** at cmlinson@yahoo.com or by calling her at 805-791-5102

Jbd

Current Field Range Lane Adoptions

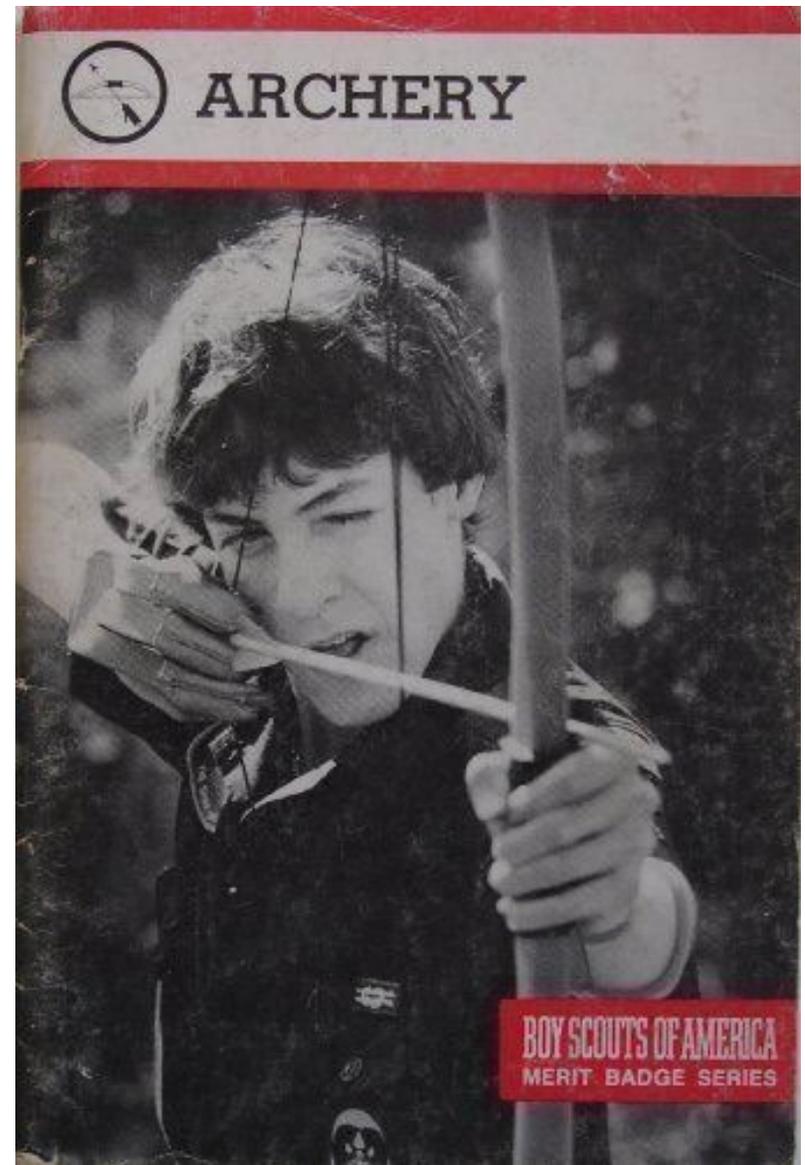
Target	Adopter	Description
1	Torrey Johnson	35 yrd. fan field 36 yrd fan hunter
2	Torrey Johnson	30 yrd. field 32 yrd hunter
3	Tom Swindell	20 yrd. field 19 yd walk-up hunter
4	Paul Long	35 ft. walk-up field 11 yrd hunter
5	Doug White	80 yrd. walk-up field 70 yrd. walk-up hunter
6	Felipe Gamboa	25 yrd field 28 yrd. fan hunter
7	Doug White	55 yrd field 53 yrd walk-up hunter
8		45 yrd walk-up field 44 yrd hunter
9	Brian Carter	15 yrd. field 15 yrd. walk-up hunter
10	Kory Collins	65 yrd. field 64 yrd. walk-up hunter
11	Randy Jenkin	40 yrd field 40 yrd. Hunter
12	The Siemer Family	60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up
13		45 yrd field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter
14		50 yrd. field 48 yrd walk-up hunter
15	Chris Skor	45 yrd. walk-up field 44 yrd. hunter
16	James Traher	50 yrd. field 48 yrd. hunter

17	Carl Ward	20 yrd field 19 yrd. walk-up hunter
18	Brent Richter	80 yrd. walk-up field 70 yrd walk-up hunter
19		55 yrd. field 53 yrd. walk-up hunter
20	The Siemer Family	25 yrd. field 28 yrd. fan hunter
21	Mike Brien (temporary)	35 yrd. fan field 36 yrd fan hunter
22	Erik Hammerquist	30 yard field 32 yard hunter
23	Conner Blackwell	35 ft. walk-up field 11 yrd hunter
24		45 yrd. field 23 yrd. walk-up hunter
25	Ben Spielman	65 yrd. field 64 yrd. walk-up hunter
26		60 yrd field 58 yrd. walk-up
27	Brent Richter	15 yrd. field 15 yrd. walk-up hunter
28	Thomas Cayia	40 yrd. field 40 yrd. hunter
Practice Butts	Thomas Cayia	20 yd practice butts running pig



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CVA 3D Ranges MAP

