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El Dorado Hills Bowmen

Club Newsletter

President's Report

By Tom Grube

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Hello everyone and I hope your fall activities have fallen into place and the kids are back in school.

With hunting season upon us the range was busy and particularly with the practice range. We may be making some changes on the range in the near future to accommodate the hunters. We need to remind anyone possibly interested to participate in our Broadhead league. Shane Smith did a great job running the program and has agreed to do so again in 2017.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member taking over the printing of our newsletter and handling our other publication needs. Kristofer (Kris) Selberg has agreed to take over the production of the newsletter. If you have anything you'd like included or photos to share send them to Kris at KrisSelberg@eldoradohillsbowmen.com. We also want to congratulate Kris and his wife Kayleena on the birth of their son. Mom and baby are doing fine and we expect to see the child on the range in a year or two.

Thanks to Sonia Powaser for taking on the job of web representative. She will be taking on the job of keeping our web page up to date and also our face book page. Kris will put directions in the newsletter as to how to access these sites.

Things are happening on the range with several work projects underway. We have two pads to pour on the upper 14 and probably 5 or 6 on the lower 14. After the work party on the 24th we only have the lower 14 to contend with.

Peg Sweeney has been putting the newsletter together the past couple of years and we sincerely thank her for her efforts. Peg and Jim have been members since the 1960's and deserve a rest. Thanks again Peg.

See you at the range

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EDHB has grown to 243 members. I receive at least one new member application every week or so. It's that time of year again when I start preparing the renewal notices for 2017. I will try to have them in the mail between November 1st and November 15, 2016. Our club year starts January 1st until December 31st each year. Your club renewal dues are due by December 31st but the club gives you a one-month extension until January 31st of the following year to submit your dues. The time period I use in calculating workdays for a member goes from October 31st the previous year (which would be 2015) until October 31st of 2016. I need to have October 31st as the cutoff date so that I have time to give members credit for their workdays before I mail out the renewal notices. If any of you have any questions, please either email me or give me a call. We have a workday scheduled for September 24th which can be added to your other workday time if you need more hours.

JUST A REMINDER: Any time you change your address, phone number (land line or cell phone) and email address PLEASE let me know. It helps me keep our records up-to-date.

Range Manager

By Tony Dunn Sr.

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The club has a new trailer, thanks to Leonard and Eric, who did all the work. (I supervised). On Sept. 22 we will set up targets #21 and 22 to pour on Sept. 24. Then the upper 14 will be done. Yay! On the lower 14 there are 3 targets (6 pads) to pour and then we will be done! Yay, yay!!!

I ordered a set of 28 Spot Hogg paper targets for the club. Each target is 36"x 40" weather resistant material. These are for a club shoot or to put on a 2nd open shoot in May or both. We will discuss this at our Oct. meeting.

Website/ Facebook

Sonia Powaser has recently taken responsibility of the website and our Facebook Page. One of the new updates to the website is a "bragging board" where members can post their trophy photos for all to see. If you have a photo you would like posted, please email the details of your hunt and the photo to Sonia at SoniaPowaser@eldoradohillsbowmen.com. You will also see more frequent updates to the Facebook page with event details and club information. Please visit and "Like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/eldoradohillsbowmen if you haven't done so already.

Training Coordinator

By James Myers

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Hi all! I hope you had a chance to watch some of the Olympic Archery to see Brady Ellison win the individual silver medal, as well as Brady and team taking a bronze medal in the team event. I also expect many of you had a successful hunt this fall. I sure did! As I write this, I am returning from a Montana Elk hunt, where I took a decent 5x6 bull. My freezer is full!

Our El Dorado Hills CSD Beginning Archery classes continue to fill up fast, and bring many smiles to the students. We had another full class in September, with several families shooting together, and even captured a few pictures. We have only one remaining class this year on October 15th. If you know anyone age 8 and up who want to take the course, they can register at:

<http://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/recreation/youth-sports.html>

If the class is already full, have people send me an email, and we can set something up.

Thank you very much to Rich, Greg, and Troy who all stopped by our recent classes to help out. Thanks to Serge for the great pictures. Of course, also a huge thank you to Glenda, as she keeps our classes running smooth. The students and I all really appreciate it! If you see them on the range, please tell them thanks!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I am still seeking youth who are interested in being a part of a JOAD group at our club. JOAD stands for Junior Olympic Archery Development, which is a USA Archery program designed for youth archers from ages 8 to 20 who are interested in building friendships and improving their archery skills. As per the USA Archery website, a JOAD program is a place where, "Recreational and competitive archers are taught archery range safety, the basic steps of shooting and proper technique, tournament preparation, and other skills required to have success in archery." You can learn more about JOAD programs here: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-archery/archers/junior-olympic-archery-development>

If you know a youth between the ages of 8 and 20 who would be interested in meeting weekly for a 10 week JOAD program this winter, please send me an email so we can get started! Also, if you are looking for a bit of help with your form or shooting skills, please reach out.

Upcoming Events

All Upcoming Club Events will be delivered via email as they are scheduled. If you have not received an email from the club in the last 30 days please email KrisSelberg@eldoradohillsbowmen.com to confirm your current email address. Also, please visit our Facebook page and "Like" for event details at www.facebook.com/eldoradohillsbowmen

Local shoots and events throughout California can be found on the California Bowmen Hunters / State Archery Association website at <http://cbhsaa.azurewebsites.net/EventCalendar> and Olympic Style Events can be found on the State Archers of California website at <http://calarchery.net>

Assistant Range Manager

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A productive energetic band of club members accomplished a lot of “heavy lifting” and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the September 24 work party.

Members at the work party were: David Ornelas, Mike McCormick, Jeff Rogers, Jon Foad, Rob Rackwitz, Joe Petus, Dale Kolodziej, Kris Selberg, Dave Stroncak, Terry Wilson, Bill Peterson, Bob Scheidegger, Tom Grube, Eric Land, Tony Dunn Sr, and Glenda Chastain.

On the prior Thursday, preparation for this work day forms were installed on targets #21 and #22 by Paul Skaggs, Joe Petus, Tony Dunn Sr, Dave Stroncak, Eric Land, and Tom Grube

On Saturday, half of the members mixed and poured concrete for the bases of targets #21 and #22. Target #22 was moved up the hill a bit to further shift the backdrop away from the adjacent housing. Once bales are returned to these targets, all of the 2nd half (targets #15 to #28) will have received new concrete target supports.

Half of the members prepared targets #6, #7, #8 for new concrete target bases. Two forms were set on Target # 8 making them “ready to pour” and the ground prepared for four more forms on targets #6 and #7.

When the work was done, all sat down to share stories and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Glenda Chastain, Tom Grube, and Bob Scheidegger.

Another reminder that this range is what it is due to the labors of club members.

Upcoming Project

As one project completes... what is the next step?

We are nearing completion of the project to pour 45 concrete pads to support and protect our targets. All of our efforts to properly position these pads has revealed that our yardage markers lack internal consistency and in some case reasonable accuracy. This is understandable when during demolition; you see all of the different approaches and locations that have in the past been used to secure the bales.

With the new pads installed, bales should be secured each time to the same location (bales even with the front edge of the pad) with fairly good consistency.

After the rains soften the ground a bit, we need to systematically check the actual distances from the yard markers to the new target location and then precisely relocate the markers.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Bill Peterson and a group of us will make a plan for a systematic approach/solution.

Through the efforts of many... the range just keeps getting better.