



Huddart County Park

Rabbit Tracks

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RENEWALS END APRIL 30th, STILL TIME TO RENEW.

Work Party 4/27

Club Meeting, May 2nd 7:30PM

3D Shoot, May 4th, 8AM/9AM First Arrow

Work Party, May 5th

Club Field Shoot, May 12th

Board Members 2024

President	Dagmar Becker
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Range Captain	Josh Poletti
Scorekeeper	Chuck Gilbert
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President's Report

Greetings!

The rainstorms have dried up and the outdoor season is in full swing! Hopefully you have been to the range lately and enjoyed a few hours away from the hustle and bustle of the Valley.

First of all, let's give our intrepid Wednesday crew a big hand - read the range captain's report on the completion of a multi-year upgrade project! Thank you for all the hard work and dedication!

Secondly, I also want to thank every single one of you for renewing your KMA membership, allowing the club to maintain and improve our beautiful archery range. The membership drive is our main source of income.

Range upkeep requires a lot of resources, either in the form of volunteer hours or in the form of money. Like all volunteer organizations we are drawing from a very limited volunteer pool, and at our current income level we are not able to contract work out.

Therefore, as spring brings new growth and new ideas, the board is considering new ways to grow the club's income and ability to take care of the range. The board has decided to keep the annual membership fee flat and not to add a compulsory range maintenance fee in 2024. Instead, we are considering creating a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which allows us to tap into other income streams.

Other archery clubs have the legal framework in place to reap the benefits of multiple income streams. San Francisco Archers just up the highway from us generates income through hosting four large shoots per year. El Dorado Hills Bowmen has a non-profit arm that collects donations to support their range. The income potential of a 501(c)(3) non-profit status will enable a much larger asset pool (power tools, vehicles and manpower) for range upkeep, and range captain Josh and his crew could tackle new and larger improvement projects.

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Presidents Report (con't)

Our range is the most beautiful one around, and it is very popular with archers in the Bay Area. A significant number of walk-ins add to the wear and tear but do not contribute a single penny nor a single work hour. This burdens our range budget, and we currently cannot charge a day-use fee. The 501(c)(3) status could help us solicit donations for regular usage. It would also allow us to organize fundraisers since the donations would be tax-deductible.

Our current proposal is to create a 501(c)(3) – working title “Friends of Kings Mountain Archers” – that can raise additional funds and that can disburse funds to the existing club for range upkeep and improvements.

If you would like to learn more about the proposal, share your ideas and perspective, or otherwise stay informed about the plans moving forward, please attend our monthly club meetings! The next one is on May 2, 2024 at 7:30pm at the Veteran’s Memorial Senior Center in Redwood City.

If you are a business lawyer or a tax professional and would like to offer pro bono advice on this proposal, please contact me at president@kingsmountainarchers.org or join us on May 2nd.

Wishing you a Happy Mother’s Day, and many happy hours at the range this spring!

Dagmar Becker



VP Report

What it Means to be a Hunter

As a hunter who follows the laws and is all about the conservation of our animals and the planet, it's hard to see when other "hunters" give us a bad reputation. There was a recent story in the news about a man in Wyoming that chased down a wolf on his snowmobile and grossly mistreated it, before ultimately killing it. Unfortunately, there are people like this out there who lack respect for nature and wildlife and they give all hunters a bad reputation. One article I read by Wendy Keefover of The Denver Post, said that the only thing the Wyoming Game and Fish Department did about the situation was fining the man a mere \$250 for possession of a live wild animal. That was it. This article also mentioned that in the state of Wyoming they have a "predator zone" where wolves, coyotes, red foxes, raccoons, porcupines, jack rabbits and stray cats can be killed using any method. That includes hounding, baiting, neck snares, leg-hold traps, shooting from aircraft, M-44 "cyanide bombs," and the method which this man used, running them down with snowmobiles. Most of these methods I wouldn't even consider hunting. In fact, I wouldn't consider this man a hunter. There were many things wrong with what happened and now the laws in Wyoming will be looked at and hopefully updated to help prevent something like this in the future. This one man's actions do not represent who we are. Being a hunter is about conservation of not only the animals that live on this planet, but also the land that they live on. It's about mutual respect for mother earth and her resources. Hunting is a way to connect with the land and master the craft of our ancestors while providing food for our families. We must think about making sure these animal and plant species that exist today, will exist hundreds of years from now for all our future generations to enjoy.

If you are an archery hunter, or know of one in the club, don't forget to join the club's hunter group on Facebook. It is a private group called [KMA Hunters](#). This is a space for the hunters of our club to share stories, photos and connect and find a mentor or mentee. I encourage hunters of all skill levels to join the group. I'm trying to grow this community and get more activity flowing through it.

See you at the Range,
Kyle Introcaso
Second Vice President



Range Captains Report

Hey everyone!

It has been a busy month up at the range we flipped and repaired targets 4, 5, 6, and the 20 yard target on the practice range. We also finished the last 2 hay targets on 27 and 27 cub, a project 4 years in the making. Taking down all the hay targets rebuild new houses and replace with Morrels/Bulldog targets, was a challenge but well worth it! Big shout out to the Wednesday crew, for getting all this done . . . and we are still not done. There is a 2 page list of things that need to be fixed or changed on the range. The half dead tree in between 8 and 9 is gone now! Pretty sure the leaner tree on 14 is gone as well.

Josh Poletti



Scorekeeper's Report

Hiyas

Weather is getting nicer and we're seeing a lot more activity at the range. Y'all keep practicing and dropping your scorecards in the box in the club house. If you forget to drop your scorecard in the box, feel free to take a photo of it and email it to scorekeeper@kingmountainarchers.org

I'll see that it gets in the club database and the newsletter.

Chuck.

14April Club Field Shoot (14 field targets, 14 Animal targets)

Animal round (14 targets)

Age	Style	Sex	Name	Score
Adult	FS	M	Erik Huynh	280
Adult	FS	M	Henry Chen	276
Silver Sr.	BHFS	M	Mike Anderson	274
Adult	TRAD RC	F	Tessa Anderson	86
Adult	BHFS	M	Tyler Davis	280

Field round (14 targets)

Age	Style	Sex	Name	Score	Xs
Adult	FS	M	Erik Huynh	263	23
Adult	FS	M	Henry Chen	243	12
Silver Sr.	BHFS	M	Mike Anderson	235	6
Adult	TRAD RC	F	Tessa Anderson	36	0
Adult	BHFS	M	Tyler Davis	256	14



Scorekeeper's Report

06April 3D shoot

Age	Style	Sex	Name	Score	Spots
Young Adult	BHFS	F	Abbi Anderson	196	0
Adult	FSLR	F	Ashley Duong	419	5
Unknown	BHFS	M	Corey D	472	26
Senior	LB C/AL	F	Dagmar Becker	128	0
Silver Sr.	FS	M	Dave Finch	454	24
Adult	FSLR	M	Dong Xiao	441	13
Adult	FS	M	George Kujivaoka	493	43
Senior	FS	M	Gus Ulrich	489	41
Adult	LB W	M	Jack Thompson	134	2
Adult	Unknown	M	Jeff Anderson	344	4
Cub	FS	M	Jingran Xiao	474	30
Adult	FS	M	Johan Selor	488	40
Adult	BHFS	M	Jon Hofius	464	20
Adult	BHFS	M	Josh Poletti	439	21
Adult	FS	M	Justin Shem	481	31
Silver Sr.	BHFS	F	Karen Boyer	304	6
Adult	BHFS	F	Katie Novotny	470	27
Adult	BHFS	M	Kevin Truong	469	25
Adult	TRAD RC	M	Marco Perez	217	3
Senior	LB W	M	Mike Furukawa	133	1
Adult	FS	M	Milo Lingard	484	36
Adult	BB R	M	Nolan E	454	18
Adult	BB Cmpnd	F	Olinda Killpack	443	17
Adult	PRO	M	Randall Killpack	493	43
Adult	FS	M	Reaer Giovannotto	462	20
Young Adult	FS	F	Sierra Ulrich	413	15
Adult	TRAD RC	M	Stephane Gourguechon	279	1
Adult	BHFS	M	Steve Patton	421	19
Adult	BHFS	M	Tim Blauwkamp	473	37
Adult	FS	M	Trey Kujivaoka	498	40
Adult	FSLR	M	Winston Wu	439	15



Scorekeeper's Report

Age	Style	Sex	Name	Score	Xs 1-14	Xs 15-28	Xs Total	Notes
Adult	BHFS	M	Dave Stauffer	248	18		18	14 targets
Adult	FS	M	Ben Avery	522	27	23	50	28 targets
Adult	FS	M	Bruce Hu	267	16		16	14 targets
Adult	FS	F	Chian Chuu	263	19		19	14 targets
Adult	BHFS	M	Doane	488	8	10	18	28 targets
Adult	FS	M	Erik Huynh	528	19	22	41	28 targets
Senior	FS	M	Gus Ulrich	523	18	21	39	28 targets
Adult	BHFS	M	Josh Poletti	430	6	2	8	28 targets
Silver Sr.	BHFS	M	Mike Anderson	461	10	0	10	28 targets
Adult	BB Cmpnd	F	Olinda Kilpack	405	3	2	5	28 targets
Adult	FS	M	Pietro Fabiani	272	27		27	14 targets
Adult	FS	M	Randall Killpack	542	30	32	62	28 targets
Young Adult	FS	F	Sierra Ulrich	424	3	3	6	28 targets
Adult	FS	M	Thomas Niederdayr	251	11		11	14 targets
Adult	BHFS	M	Tim Blauwkamp	519	18	17	35	28 targets
Adult	BHFS	M	Tyler Davis	505	16	16	32	28 targets



Member Spotlight

Today's member spotlight introduces a recent addition to the KMA family, Randall Killpack. Randall and his wife Olinda joined KMA about two years ago when they were looking for a technical outdoor course in the Bay Area.

Randall is one of the Bay Area great archery talents, and an in-depth conversation can be found on Wendell Souza's podcast "Archery Unfiltered", listen to it [here](#). Enjoy Randall's take on the sport!

Where do you live, and what is your life outside of archery?

Olinda and I live in Pacifica, just up the coast from Kings Mountain Archers. Personally, I first came to California for some contracted work in early 2011. I work in the Radiological Safety field, currently as a Project Radiation Safety Officer at an environmental remediation site here in the Bay Area. When not working, I can usually be found in one of two places, either an archery range or tinkering in the garage. In the last few years, I have been interested in automated manufacturing methods and have been working on integrating that into my professional career and archery. I recently began working on a lingering project, a benchtop CNC machine, as well as operating a small 3D Printing Farm.

Who introduced you to the sport?

I first recall shooting a bow at around the age of 10 years old as part of a cub scout day camp in Salt Lake City, UT. I grew up in a home where shooting sports were rather common. My father had a few pistols and rifles and would take me along with him to the gun range. I feel that being included and taught about shooting safety, instilled a respect and understanding of how it works and what I can do to be better (more accurate).

When I came to California in 2011, I was investing my efforts into long range precision rifle shooting. I quickly realized that wasn't going to be possible while I was here. Instead, I asked my dad to send me my bow, as there was an indoor archery range located a few miles from where I was living. That was early 2012, and the first time I visited Pacifica Archery. It was through Pacifica Archery that I quickly realized my outdated equipment was not going to cut it, and that there was an extremely active archery community in the SF Bay Area.

Do you have a role model?

There have been quite a few people in this sport that I look up to, admire, or even use as a case study on what not to do. I cannot begin to name them all because I'd feel bad if I left someone out. I will say that you need to seek out what you need. If you are having difficulty with your release, find someone who you think has a good mastery of their release.

If you are open to suggestions, somewhat open to speaking about what you may be struggling with, and willing to put in the effort to work on it, then often that archer will see that and share their advice. Always remember though, it is their advice (opinion). The archer themselves still must do all the work of figuring out if the suggested fix will work for them. If it doesn't, look for something else, but you don't have to bring negativity into it. Too often when something doesn't work out, we want to blame something, and blaming the archer just isn't fair since so much of how we participate in archery is unique to the individual. Maybe that helps give an idea on why trying to "master" archery takes so long.



Member Spotlight

What would you tell the beginner archer?

My number one suggestion to any archer trying to get better is “go and shoot”. If you find yourself with nothing to do, go and shoot. If you’re struggling to work through an archery related issue (elevation, windage, release, stance, etc.), go and shoot. If you’re not convinced you are good enough to compete, go and shoot. Besides the obvious physical limitations and other required demands on our time (work), there aren’t any reasons you can’t be out practicing. There is NO substitution for time behind the string.

What is your biggest achievement so far?

I look at achievements as the reward for the effort. The first hint of success that I remember was at a Mt. Madonna Zombie Shoot. That shoot was always so fun, and the targets would score with positive and negative points, so you could shoot for either a high score or a low score. That shoot was the first time I “won” an event. Since then, I have been rewarded many times with success at an archery event, and it would be lying to say it isn’t fun to win, but since taking the steps to qualify to register as a professional archer, I have been looking more inward at what is driving my own performance. I ask myself questions, like “What could/should I done different to gain another point?”, “What should I have done when faced with that particular issue?”, “What could I have done to not have that issue in the first place?”. By internalizing my success and always trying to beat my previous bests, eventually I will run out of ways to beat myself, and by extension allow ways for others to beat me as well. It’s always good to have goals, right?!?!

Please describe your current rig.

My current setup is a Stratos 40 with the HBT Cams set at 29.75” of draw. I am pulling 63 pounds, set at 70% left off, so the holding weight is approximately 19 pounds. I make my own strings. My arrows are the Easton X-10 Pro-Tour cut to approximately 28” (carbon-carbon) with a Shore Shot Archery tungsten tip, Easton X-10 Pro-Tour pin bushing, Easton #4 nock collar and a Beiter Hunter nock. I run a self-made vinyl wrap, fletched with three Flex-Fletch FFP-187 vanes.

For my sight I run the Axcel Achieve XP and for a scope I run a Shrewd 29mm Optum with fore and aft sunshades. My lens is an 8x Feather Vision Verde+ center drilled lens with 0.125” dot and 0.040” yellow fiber. If I need additional light for the reticle I have a Z-Bros light mounted to my sight.

My peep is a specialty archery PXS with the red clarifier lens and 3/64” aperture.

My stabilizers are Carbon Craft X-Rated stabilizers with a custom vinyl wrap to match my bow. My front and side stabilizer mounts are the O-Block system made by ARC Système in France.

My release is a large Ultraview Button. I personally made the custom thumb barrel. I use a Kifaru International quiver and a Leica Disto e7500i engineering grade range finder.



Membership in Review

As of 4/22/24 our membership count is 247 for the 2024-2025 membership year. We have added 10 new households. Members of the board have been very busy-making phone calls to memberships about to expire on Tuesday, April 30th. Please get the word out.

THANK YOU ALL for renewing your membership with Kings Mountain Archers!

Please visit the KMA website and download your membership card.

<https://www.kingsmountainarchers.org/member-login/>

The combination to the gate lock is printed on your card. a

Welcome to the KMA family.

Henry Chen of Sunnyvale
Peter Giovannotto family of Palo Alto
William Ikejiri of Palo Alto
Ryan Privett family of San Francisco
Colin Rich of San Mateo
Ian Snow of Los Altos
Johnson Taing of Union City
Jeffrey Whitman family of San Francisco
Thomas Wu of San Jose
Tyler Wyman of Sunnyvale.

See you at the range.

Karen Boyer



Target Schedule

TARGETS 1-14

TARGETS 15-28

JAN	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES
FEB	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
MAR	"ANIMAL" - YELLOW STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
APR	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES
MAY	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES
JUN	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
JUL	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
AUG	"ANIMAL" - YELLOW STAKES	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES
SEP	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES
OCT	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
NOV	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES
DEC	"FIELD" - WHITE STAKES	"HUNTER" - RED STAKES



Bulletin Board

Invitational and monthly shoots at archery clubs in our region.

Almost every weekend you can find a shoot to attend throughout the state. If you check the [CBH/SAA website](#) there is a calendar where all the shoots are listed. You can find a list of all the local archery ranges, local archery shops and State/National websites on the KMA website under the “Resources” tab.

Emailing other KMA members

If you ever want to contact another KMA club member and all you have is a name you can sign into the KMA website “Members Area” and then click on the members list. From that list you can send an email to that member. On that same list you will also find that some of our members have listed professions that you might be looking for such as contractors, realtors and many others. It’s a great way to make an archery friend and get some work done.

TARGET RUNNERS NEEDED

If you are looking for a way to help on your own time then helping to run the targets each month is a great way to help the club. [Email our Range Captain](#), Josh, to volunteer.





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