

# WHAT HAS CBH/SAA DONE FOR ARCHERY AND BOWHUNTING

## A LEGISLATIVE TEAM PERSPECTIVE

CBH/SAA was formed in 1943 after a Fish and Game Commission meeting. The North and South Archery organizations realized they needed to form one organization to work with DFG and FGC to benefit bowhunting within California.

Many times fellow archers or bowhunters will ask, "Why should I join CBH/SAA?" Whether it's just shooting archery or bowhunting CBH/SAA is leading the way to promote and/or protect those activities. Additionally, it's a numbers perspective, the more members an organization has the more progress you make.

All of the current archery hunting opportunities that are here today are because of the ground work CBH/SAA has done over many years. We are just one part of the total program within the organization. There are a myriad of other functions for the promotion, education and advancement of archery and bowhunting in California performed by CBH/SAA.

A question for every archer and bowhunter in California is not "what has CBH/SAA done for me?", but "how can I best support the organization that supports and represents me and is my voice in the promotion and protection of my sport?"

It's important to be aware that nothing is immediate when working with government and other conservation groups. It would be nice to just ask for a change and snap our fingers and it's done, that's not reality. We have to work with the hunting community and public agencies for change. Think of partnerships for a common goal.

Projects could take 18 months to many years. One such project took 16 years in the pursuit of elk seasons and tags. That process included working with DFW and conservation group that directly impacts specie (elk, RMEF).

We continually monitor government, conservation groups, environmental groups etc. in how to best promote and protect archery, bowhunting and overall hunting and conservation. This includes submitting letters to FGC, DFW, County/City agencies, State Assembly and Senate members including many sub committees to specific legislation working its way through the system, attending meetings with those same public agencies and conservation groups.

CBH/SAA continually seeks to expand bowhunting and archery opportunities. The following lists are what CBH/SAA has completed and/or has been involved in:

### ***Bowhunting:***

1. Petition FGC and secure the first archery only season for Deer (1962).
2. Petition FGC and secure Archery Antelope seasons and tags.
3. Petition FGC and secure Archery Elk seasons and tags.
4. Petition FGC and secure Archery Season for Quail.
5. Petition FGC and secure Archery Season for Pheasant.
6. Petition FGC and secure Archery Season for Grouse.
7. Petition FGC along with other conservation groups to establish youth hunting tags and extended youth hunting days.
8. Petition FGC and secure language clarifying the use of expandable broadheads in California.
9. Worked with partner organizations to maintain hunting opportunity in the Clear Creek Watershed in Redding from closure.

10. Making available the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) to archers in California.
11. Retaining the bowhunting opportunity within the city limits of Duarte.
12. Filed suit against the City of Burbank for prohibiting hunting inside the city limits.
13. Petitioned FGC and secured an archery turkey hunting season.
14. Donating game tracking equipment to the Department of Fish and Game.
15. Provided Wildlife Officers information related to purchased deer antlers from out of state, tagging and CBHSAA record book entries.
16. Discussion with DFW and IBEP to bring the IBEP program instructors under the DFW Hunter Education Program for cohesion of the two programs and liability.
17. Provided information to Wildlife Officers on Yosemite deer poaching case
18. Worked with DFW and FGC on allowing lighted nocks.
19. Provided information to Wildlife Officers on State Parks deer poaching case.
20. Submitted application and accepted position to sit on the Big Game Management Account Advisory Committee with DFW.
21. Submitted application and accepted position to sit on the Upland Bird Stamp Advisory Committee with DFW.
22. Petition FGC to add archery pheasant season pre general season.
23. Member of the California Hunting Conservation Coalition (CHCC).

***Bowfishing:***

1. Petition FGC and secure bowfishing in ocean and inland waters (restrictions).
2. The opening of the O'Neil Forebay at San Luis Reservoir to bowfishing.
3. Opening of Elkhorn Slough to bowfishing.
4. Opening of Bullard's Bar Lake to bowfishing.
5. Opening the Yolo Wildlife Area to bowfishing.
6. Defeated the threat of no bowfishing for shark year 2000.
7. Petition FGC to change wording in DFW lands management regulations to allow bowfishing on DFW lands that allow fishing.
8. Defeated a petition with FGC on eliminating bowfishing for Sharks and Rays 2017.
9. Petition FGC and secure language to allow the take of catfish by bowfishing in certain waters.

***Archery:***

1. Defeated the "no bow shooting" ordinance in the City of Vallejo.
2. Retained the shooting of archery equipment in Contra Costa County.
3. Worked with DFW to bring the National Archery in the Schools Program to Calif.
4. Assisted Pasadena Roving Archers in securing their continued lease on City property.
5. Assisted Maya Archers in talks with City of Roseville to retain the archery range and include a new bike trail through leased property.
6. Consulted and participated with Orestimba Bowhunters on keeping their archery range on parks land.
7. Consulted with Yolo Bowmen for their talks with County Staff and Supervisors on keeping their range on county park property.
8. Set up and run an archery range yearly during the State Legislative Sportsmen Caucus Shoot with our Conservation Partners.

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