



PRACTICE RANGE

Kern River Archers

December, 2015

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VOLUNTEERING-the True Meaning

by Nancy Tidwell

The elections over and the ballots have been counted. We have a new set of Officers (well kind of) and new Board Members. These members are all volunteers, although we nominated them and they were voted by secret ballot, they are still volunteers.

What is a volunteer? It's a person who voluntarily offers his or herself to perform a service, willingly, and without pay.

There have been many volunteers for the club over the years. Much has been written about what makes people volunteer, what inspires them to take time out of their, obviously busy lives to volunteer?

Many volunteers take up volunteering to add meaning to their lives. Most people intrinsically believe that the meaning of life has something to do with helping people, and volunteering can feel like you are in harmony with that.

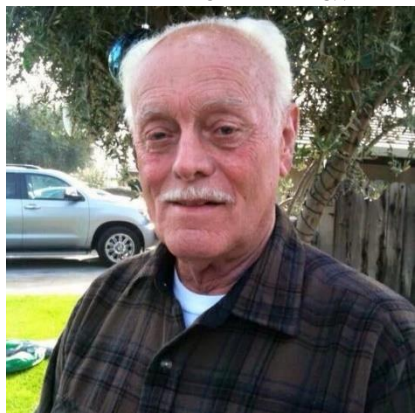
After all, when asked why they volunteer, many people say simply, "To make a difference" or "It's something I believe is important."

The Kern River Archers lost a member this past November who dedicated many years to the improvement of the Kern River Archers. Ray Kelly passed away on November 27 at age

80. He will truly be missed. He was instrumental in getting the range that we currently have and getting the lease that is still in place.

When I became President (the first time) in 2007, he took me under his wing and helped me understand what I needed to do to be successful. He stepped away from the club a few years ago, knowing it was in good hands and it had the volunteers it needed to continue to grow and be a thriving Archery Club.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY AS THEY HEAL FROM THEIR LOSS.



Mini Pow Wow 2007

Ray helping out at the mini Pow Wow in 2007



Sportsman Show 2007

Ray volunteering at the Sportsman Show at the KC Fair grounds in 2007

KRA Monthly Meeting

by Nancy Tidwell

The December 8, 2015 meeting of the Kern River Archers was called to order by President Jed Kern at 6:30 p.m. The minutes were read by Nancy Tidwell and were approved as read.

PRESIDENT REPORT – Had a good time at the 21 or Bust shoot at the range. Hopefully, we will have the Triangle shoot soon. We also had a great lunch. It was a great pulled pork sandwich. I would also like to thank everyone for putting up with me the last few years as President. I've enjoyed it and I hope I'm as successful as Vice President. I also promise to get a picture to Nancy, for the Presidents wall, before she puts up some crazy picture that makes me look like some sorta hillbilly.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Position Open

SECRETARY REPORT – Not Present

CLASS CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report

TREASURER REPORT – Terry was unable to give a report because of technical difficulties but will email out the numbers to those who need it once her computer is no longer being difficult.

RANGE COORDINATOR REPORT – Everything at the range still looks good. Put animal on the bottom half, there is Field and Hunter on the top. It's been raining a lot up on the mountain so there is some green and it looks gorgeous. Turned off the water to the trees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOW HUNTER LEG REP – none (has anyone seen Steve?) There is a meeting in January.

AWARDS – Starting to think about starting to think about making the trophies for the Pow Wow

EDITOR – Since I'm doing the minutes I guess there is no excuse. Coming to a computer near you!

REFRESHMENTS – Not present

WEBMASTER – Not present

ODC – Not Present

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a lot of charity shoots coming up so be sure to check out the calendar on www.cbhsaa.net

OLD BUSINESS

The Bull of the Woods will be February 21, 2016. It's a Sunday and will start at 9 a.m.

Nancy will put a flyer in the CBH Newsletter if it's not too late otherwise invitations will have to go out by email only.

Ballots came in and were counted at the meeting. Thank you everyone who voted and returned your ballots. The results are as follows:

2016 KERN RIVER OFFICERS:

President – Nancy Tidwell
Vice President – Jed Kern
Secretary – Stefanie Kern
Treasurer – Terry Stone
Class Chairman – Nick Wiruth
Range Coordinator – Corene Rigby

2016 KERN RIVER BOARD:

Marty Barefield
Paul Cooper
Rocky Harris
Gary McCain

OLD BUSINESS

When will the Installation Dinner be? There was some discussion but no decision, yet. A post card invitation will be sent out once we have a place and a date.

Corene had someone from the Kern River valley approach her about utilizing the range to teach kids archery (for free). This will be the first order of business for the new board and officers in the new year. A board meeting will be held after the first of the year to discuss.

Nancy and Gary arranged to get a couple of large tires to bury in the play area for the kids to climb on at no cost to the club. The club approved to bring two tires to the range.

Nancy will get scrap cardboard donated by Oil-Dri for the Pow Wow targets. Corene will let her know the date later. Gary and

Corene asked her to look at the sizes as well to see if we can use other sizes.

Pow Wow will be on April 2 and 3 this year. Easter is March 27th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The December Open Shoot will be Triangles if enough people show up on December 27

Achievement Shoot for January will be Hunter on January 10

The attendance drawing would have been won by Paul and Karen Owens but they were not here. The pot was at \$114!

Rocky Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and Nancy Tidwell seconded the motion.

HAVE a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Nancy Tidwell

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**2015 COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

Bowhunter Leg Rep – Steve Moss

Awards Chairman – Gary Tidwell

Editor – Nancy Tidwell

Telesocial – None

Refreshment Chairman – Mike Stone

Historian – Ray Kelly

Opportunity Drawing Coordinator – Stef Kern

Web Master - Henry Barker

KERN RIVER ARCHERS
RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are given to new members when they apply and are voted into the club. It is good for all members to read and understand the membership and club activities periodically. The newsletter is an excellent way to communicate without extra expense. Take the time each month to refresh your knowledge.

Membership/Club Activities

Memberships are renewable in July. Memberships are available anytime during the year and cover Husband, Wife, and all children under 18. At 18 years of age you are expected to become an individual member unless the child is a full time student living at home or a child with a disability living at home. The combination for the gate lock will be issued to the member and will be changed each year around October. Each adult listed on your membership will be issued a membership card. Please keep your membership cards with you on the range in the event you are asked for proof of membership. All members of the club are eligible to vote in club elections, and members are encouraged to vote and have a say in the business of the club.

All members and visitors MUST sign the registration book at the archery range.

Each club member should try to participate in as many work parties per year, as possible. Work party tasks consist of mowing the grass, pasting the targets, posting the targets, clearing the shooting lanes as needed for upcoming events, painting the yardage markers, and target butt and bale maintenance. Some of our member's work at home, pasting the targets that we shoot each week, so there is something for everyone to do. If you can't come out to the work parties, please contact one of the club officers or board members. There is always something to do on other days or afternoons. Even the children can help at work parties.

Camping on the range is a privilege for our members but BLM rules apply. You may camp or leave you RV on the range for a maximum time of 2 weeks. The only exception is if your party is working on the range to clean, repair targets or do upgrades. In that case, members can leave their rigs until the work is complete. There are several locations that have electricity available for rigs. These are available to the officers during the invitational shoots. However, during the rest of the year these sites are open to members. If you hook up to electrical you are required to pay \$5 a night for the use. You are on the **honor** system for this; this helps the range pay for the electricity. Those using electricity can send the money to the PO Box by check or money order. *Send payments to PO Box 464 Bakersfield, CA. 93302.*

The second and fourth Sunday of each month the range is open for everyone to shoot an achievement shoot or an open shoot, during this time the range is open to the public. Everyone must sign in at the clubhouse and pay the fee. \$5 for members, the maximum fee is \$20 for families. Non-Members pay a fee of \$10 for each shooter. The remainder of the time during the month members shoot the range free.

These fees apply, to all shooters, from dawn to dusk on those days, even if you are not there for the regular scheduled shoots. The fees will be collected by the caretaker if the Class Chairman is not at the range.

Kern River Archers

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Calendar of Events at other Ranges

Date	Club	Event	Shoot Type
12/12/15	Mojave Archers	Christmas Charity Novelty	Marked/28 targets (2 arrows)
12/13/15	Fresno Field Archers	Toys for Local Tots (paper)	Marked/28 (2 arrows)
12/13/15	Oranco Bowmen	Charity 3D	Unmarked/42
12/20/15	Straight Arrow Bowhunters	Christmas Critter Shoot	
2/21/16	Kern River Archers	Bull of the Woods	3D-Unmarked 1 arrow

Kern River Archer Member Information

Kern River Monthly Meeting
January 12, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Rusty's Pizza Olive Drive

December Open Shoot
12/27/2015 – 9:00 a.m. Start
\$5 Member - \$10 Non-Member

January Achievement Shoot
01/10/2016 – 9:00 a.m. Start
\$5 Member - \$10 Non-Member

