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The Golden Ram Sportsman's Club*



**June 29, 2023:** Phone-in reservations begin for our A-Zone Archery Deer season at The Timberland & Ten Mile Creek Ranches.

**July 8, 2023:** Archery deer season begins in the A-Zone.

**July 14, 2023:** Deer season ballots due in GR office by 5:00PM for draw.

**July 28, 2023:** Opening weekend deer season ballot results can be checked by phone at 10:00AM.

**August 3, 2023:** Phone-in reservations begin for all rifle deer seasons.

**August 12, 2023:** Rifle deer season begins in A-Zone.

**August 19, 2023:** Archery Deer and Bear season begins in B & D Zones.

**Sept. 16, 2023:** Rifle deer season begins in the B-Zone.

**Sept. 16, 2023:** Rifle bear season begins on ranches where we hunt bear.

**Sept. 23, 2023:** Rifle deer season begins in the D-3 Zone.



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## Would you like to be entered into a raffle for a guided hunt?

Calling all members of Golden Ram! Know hunters looking for a place to hunt in California? Know anybody who is thinking about joining Golden Ram? Your commitment to the club is valuable to us, and we are excited to introduce an exclusive raffle just for you. If you refer a fellow hunter to join our club, and they become a new member, you will automatically be entered into our raffle for a chance to win a guided pig hunt.



Simultaneously, for ALL newly joined members, each one receives entrance into a separate raffle for another pig guided hunt. It's our way of recognizing your contribution in growing and shaping our community. Whether you're a current member referring to a friend or a new member joining our ranks, these raffles offer a chance to win big and enhance your hunting adventures. So, gear up, spread the word, and help us spread the joys of hunting!



## Where we'll hunt big game in 2023

### Rancho Pacifico

Where: Lompoc  
Deer Zone: A  
Usage: Thursday - Sunday  
Archery Deer: July 8-July 30  
Rifle Deer: Aug 12-Sept 24  
Pig: Yes  
Bear: None Fishing: None  
Camping: No  
Usage: Thursday noon - Sunday noon  
Special Use: For south men only

### The Cholame Ranch

Where: San Luis Obispo County  
Usage: Thursday - Sunday  
Deer: No.  
Rifle Deer: No. **Closed**  
Pig: We'll hunt every other month based on harvest against quota  
Bear: None Fishing: None  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: Dove/Quail/Chukar/Varmint

### The McIsaac Ranch

Where: Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: B3  
Usage: Thursday - Sunday  
Archery Deer: No  
Rifle Deer: September 16 - October 22  
Pig: No  
Bear: Yes  
Fishing: None  
Camping: Yes. during deer season only.  
Special Rules:  
No vehicle traffic on roads.  
Foot hunting only. 3 points or better all year

### Dominion Ranch

Where: San Luis Obispo County  
Deer Zone: No Closed  
Usage: Friday-Sunday  
Pig: Archery Only  
Dove: Yes Quail: Yes  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: New ranch near Santa Maria CA. Archery only for hogs. No Deer hunting. Arrivals are Thursday. after 12pm, and departures are Sunday. No Thursday Scouting. Early arrival is to make camp

### Rancho Los Palos Colorados

Where: Lompoc  
Access: Thursday Noon- Sunday Noon  
Deer Zone: A  
Archery Deer: July 8-July 30  
Rifle Deer: August 12 - September 24  
Pig: Yes. Fishing: None  
Camping: No  
Special Use: For South Men only

### Tyson/O'Ferrall Ranch

Where: Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: B1  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
Rifle Deer: September 16 - October 22  
Pig: None  
Fishing: None  
Bear: September 16 - December 31  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed  
Special Rules: 3-points or better, Forked horns last 9 days of season only, October 14 - 22. Forks must be to the ears, no spike fork This is subject to change depending on how many deer are taken to date

### The Bar Z Ranch

Where: Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: B1 Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
Rifle Deer: September 16 - October 22  
Pig: None  
Camping: Yes  
Turkey: Yes. spring season only  
Bear: September 17 - December 31  
Fishing: Blue Gill & Catfish  
Special Rules: NEW: 3-points or better, Forked horns last 9 days of season only, October 14 - 22. Forks must be to the ears, no spike fork This is subject to change depending on how many deer are taken to date.  
Ranch closed from January - July except spring turkey season.  
Special Use. Quail & Spring Turkey hunting allowed during CA F&G seasons.

### Timberland Ranch

Where: Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: A  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: July 8-July 30  
Rifle Deer: August 12 - September 24  
Pig: If seen, yes. Fishing: None  
Bear: September 16 - December 31  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed.

### Timberland West

Where: Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: A  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: July 8-July 30  
Rifle Deer: August 12 - September 24  
Pig: If seen, yes. Fishing: None  
Bear: September 16 - December 31  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed.

### Ten Mile Creek Ranch -

Where: 18,000 Acres- Mendocino County  
Deer Zone: A  
Usage: 4 days a week  
Archery Deer: July 8-July 30  
Rifle Deer: Aug 12-Sept 24  
Pig: None  
Fishing: Yes on the river.  
Bear: September 16 - December 31  
Camping: Yes  
Special Use: Quail and Turkey

### The Challenge Ranch

Where: Sierra County  
Deer Zone: D3  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
Rifle Deer: September 23 - Oct 29  
Pig: None Camping: Yes  
Bear: September 17 - December 31  
Special Use: Dove, Quail & Turkey allowed during the applicable California DFG Seasons  
Special: **No spike forks. Antlers must be 18" min**

### The New York Flat Ranch

Where: Sierra County  
Deer Zone: D3  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
Rifle Deer: September 25 - Oct 29  
Pig: None Camping: Yes  
Bear: September 23 - December 31  
Special Use: Dove, Quail & Turkey allowed during the applicable California DFG Seasons  
Special: **No spike forks. Antlers must be 18" min.**

### Sloat Ranch

Where: Sierra County  
Deer Zone: D3  
Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
Rifle Deer: September 23 - Oct 29  
Pig: None  
Bear: September 23 - December 31  
Turkey: Yes  
Quail: Yes  
Camping: Call office for instructions  
Fishing: Stream fishing for Rainbows and Browns  
Special: **No spike forks. Antlers must be 18" min**

### Summit Valley Ranch

Usage: 7 days a week  
Archery Deer: August 19-September 10  
**Rifle Deer: ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY**  
September 16 - October 22  
Pig: None  
Fishing: None  
Bear: September 16 - December 31  
Camping: No  
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed  
Special Rules: 3-points or better

***The following club rules apply each and every year, are not flexible, and breaking any of them will result in expulsion from the club with no warning and no refund***

- 1) **No trespassing on neighboring ranches.**
- 2) **Driving off established roads for any reason, Extreme fire danger this year!**
- 3) **Failure to report any deer or hog kill, taking more game than your membership limit, or killing a pig out of Golden Ram season.**
- 4) **Bringing an unauthorized guest on Golden Ram property.**
- 5) Careless gun handling.
- 6) Littering of any kind. Be sure your camp is spotless when you exit a ranch!
- 7) Leaving campers or trailers in a camp after you leave. Our ranches are not RV storage units. and you must take your rigs with you each time you end a hunt. Exception: Storage at Bar Z with a trailer registration permit. Check with the Office, Patrol, or Camp Hosts.
- 8) Alcohol and gun powder do not mix. Do not let us catch you intoxicated on the field or driving on a ranch because it will only happen once.
- 9) If a ranch road is too wet to drive on, then walk. Anyone caught using tire chains on a ranch road will have their membership pulled on the spot.
- 10) Reservations are required during big game seasons. No drop-ins.
- 11) Do not use the sign in booths as a sounding board for petty whining. If you have a complaint, call the office or e-mail us.
- 12) All Members must sign in before hunting and sign out upon exiting the ranch.

## Fire Season Cautions

**A picture of every big game animal harvested must be sent to: [info@goldenramhunting.com](mailto:info@goldenramhunting.com)**

- a. Open camp fires are no longer allowed on Golden Ram Ranches.
- b. When using your B.B.Q. pits. always pour water on the ashes and the area directly under the B.B.Q. and keep at least 5 feet of clearance around it (i.e., no leaves or twigs). Beware of trees and branches in proximity.
- c. When parking your vehicle 10 begin a hunt, use extreme care in deciding where you will pull off the road. Parking in tall weeds can start a fire. You don't want to be the person burns a ranch by being stupid.
- d. Always carry a shovel and at least five gallons of water (and/or a fire extinguisher) in your vehicle. You Do want to be the person who saves a ranch by being alert and prepared.
- e. Smoking allowed in vehicles only.

## Hunter courtesy and care of our ranches

- 13) **No vehicle traffic on ranch roads the day before the opener on any ranch!**
- 14) Carry biodegradable toilet paper with you in-the field. If you must use a canyon trail as a restroom, use some common sense and move well off the trail where you can take steps to bury your paper etc. with leaves and dirt.
- 15) Leave outhouses as you would like to find them. Remember to use the Lime in the outhouse buckets. Alert Patrol if the bucket is empty.
- 16) Always use the outhouses when in Camp. Do not use the camp area as your restroom.
- 17) Do not sight your rifles in on the ranches. Remember, there is no varmint hunting allowed on any ranches during any big game season. *Exceptions: Predators are/air game during our hunting seasons*. If you want to plink. Please do it at a range at home.
- 18) Dogs are not allowed in the field during any" big game season unless hunting Quail. Be sure your dog has a scarf, jacket, or other visual ID to allow hunters to distinguish them from Coyotes. Otherwise, keep your dogs in camp under control, and on a leash at all times. Dogs are not to be left alone in vehicles in the field.
- 19) If you wound any big game, come back to camp and notify Patrol personally or leave a note. Only then may you take your dog into the field to track the animal. **Nick will personally verify and monitor use of dogs in the field.**
- 20) Most of the ranchers want us to close all gates; others want us to leave them as we find them. Refer to individual ranch maps to be sure.
- 21) We allow ATVs on all of our big game ranches except Cholame. Side-by-Sides are OK on all ranches.

### More common sense ...

- 1) Do not let teenagers drive any vehicle or ATV unless they are 18 or older and have a valid Driver's License. Ranch roads can be dangerous and insurance does not cover drivers under age 18.
- 2) No loaded firearms in camp. **Absolutely NEVER!**
- 3) Do not drive or park in tall, dry grass. It is a huge fire hazard. Park your vehicle on the side of the road leaving enough room for others to drive by.
- 4) Be courteous to your fellow campers. No late night parties. Quiet time on all ranches starts at 10:00 p.m. If you arrive in camp after 10:00 p.m., please be as quiet as possible setting up your camp. If you come back late with game, same courtesy applies: Please be as quiet as possible in the skinning shack and in camp.



News from the Office



Members and new members: Please get your paperwork in promptly. All paperwork including new member contracts and releases need to be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. During the summer-fall period you need to plan for at least 7 days between your payment and the time you will receive your membership card. You cannot visit a ranch to hunt without your membership fees being paid in full and you must also be in possession of your membership card.



Holiday office closure dates:

- July 4 (Tuesday)
- September 4 - Labor Day
- October 9- Columbus Day
- November 23 & 24-Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
- December 25 (Monday)
- January 1 (Monday)
- January 16-Martin Luther King Day (Tuesday)

**REMEMBER:** Membership cards must be in possession at all times. Call the office if you have not received yours!



**A picture of every big game animal harvested must be sent to:**  
**Info@goldenramhunting.com**

Extreme Fire Danger

Since the fire danger will be extremely high this season due to all of the rain, we will have vehicle restrictions due to high grass on some roads. We will post them and expect everyone to follow the rules.



- We cannot afford to have any accidental fires.
- No campfires of any type will be allowed unless there has been at least a full day of rain. Please check with a patrolman.
- Absolutely NO SMOKING OUTSIDE OF CAMP!!!
- It is extremely important that we are very careful when on the ranch and obey the club rules. WATCH YOUR SPEED!
- NO TRAILERS are to be left for the season in the center camping area
- and around the Bar-Z lake. If you have questions please ask a patrolman.
- You can leave your trailer at Bar-Z during deer season if you pay a trailer registration fee but it MUST be off the ranch when the season is over. (General Deer, Bear, Turkey and Late Season Archery)

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Mentoring Program:

Are you a Golden Ram member who wants to share some of your hunting experience??

We have a mentoring program that connects new hunters and new members with members who are willing to give a little advice.

Don't worry, we're not expecting anyone to give away any hard-earned secret locations. It may just end up being a conversation or email exchange that takes place. That's fine. But it could be more!



For all you experienced members think of the upside if your current hunting partner can't hunt. Perhaps your telephone call goes well and you decide to take an inexperienced hunter under your wing in the field.

Wouldn't it be nice to have an enthusiastic, young hunter to send down to the bottom of a ravine to drag that buck or pig up to your ATV?

If you're interested in being a mentor or finding a mentor, call the office or email us for more information.

## HELP STOP TRESPASSING & UNAUTHORIZED GUESTS:

Recently we have had significant problems with trespassing and unauthorized guests on Golden Ram properties. Trespassers very quickly lead to our second problem which is poaching. Trespassers are stealing from our members. Our members have invested their hard-earned money so that they have the privilege of hunting, fishing and camping on Golden Ram properties. Anyone who hasn't paid a membership is stealing from you, the member.

Common lies from trespassers & unauthorized guests	Here's the truth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He's just a buddy of mine</li> <li>• He's my brother in-law</li> <li>• He's my nephew</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family and non-family memberships do not include guest privileges</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I just wanted a little company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unauthorized guests are trespassers and poachers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He's my son but he's 28 years old</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family memberships include spouses and children under age 21 living at home who are students.</li> <li>• An adult child cannot hunt under a family membership</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I forgot to make a reservation and to sign-in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failing to make a reservation or sign in is trespassing.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He used to be a member...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So what? He isn't a member now!!</li> <li>• <u>Any member that has been cancelled due to nonpayment cannot be taken as guest by another member.</u> Once you have been cancelled you are no longer allowed on Golden Ram properties and will be treated as a trespasser.</li> </ul>

Always show your membership card to Patrolman and other members. If another member asks to see your membership card don't be offended. Be glad he cares enough to make sure your membership is protected from others who may try to steal the benefits for a legitimate membership from you. Ask each other to see a membership ID card.

YOU CAN BUY A GOLDEN RAM HAT OR T-SHIRT BY VISITING THE WEBSITE





**On the Wall: Top Left: Jeff Conner and his turkey at the Bar Z, Top-Right: Adam Millburn smiles with his bear, Bottom Left: Allen Silva with his 4x4 at the Bar Z, Bottom Right: Aaron Branson with his boar at the Cholame**



# Wall of FAME

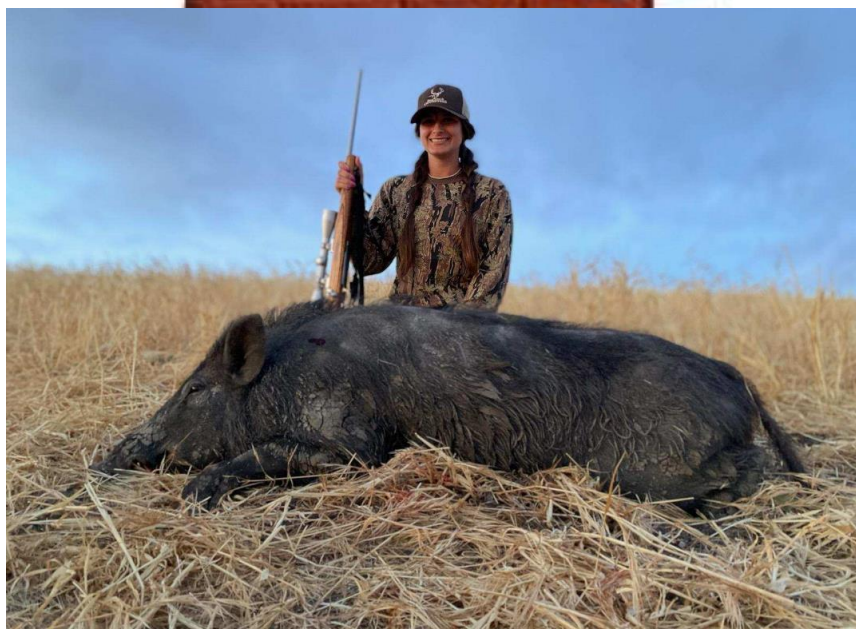




**On the Wall: Top Left: Mary Anderson with her deer at the Bar Z, Top-Right: Danny Sanchez and his turkey, Bottom Left: Carson Comaich and his 2x2 deer, Bottom Right: Preslie VanDyke and her boar at the Cholame**



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## 2023 Rifle Deer Season Opening Weekend Ballot

**email to: [info@goldenramhunting.com](mailto:info@goldenramhunting.com)**

This ballot card is for OPENING WEEKEND HUNTS ONLY. YOU MAY CHECK WITH THE OFFICE ON OR AFTER July 28<sup>st</sup> for the status of your ballot. If you plan on hunting during the archery season, or if you want to hunt more than one of the A, B & D Zones, DO NOT SUBMIT A BALLOT. Phone reservations for Archery Season begin on June 29. Any remaining opening weekend slots for the rifle season can be secured by phone starting on August 3<sup>st</sup>.

### \*\*\*Important Reminders

- Ballot participants drawn for the openers in any zone MAY HUNT ONLY IN THE ZONE THEY DREW FOR THE OPENER.
- Ballots can be submitted for groups of Gram members hunting together, just be sure that only one ballot is submitted for the entire group, as a double entry will void the ballot for everyone listed on those ballots.
- BALLOTS OR RESERVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED FOR MEMBERSHIPS WITH DELINQUENT DUES!

Fill in your choice of ranches below (can be A, B or D Zone).

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Ranch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

2nd Choice Ranch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

3rd Choice Ranch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

4th Choice Ranch \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

### Other Balloted Hunt

Ranch Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

This option is for those who wish to submit a ballot for a set of dates not including the opening weekend.

**\*\*Note for those submitting a ballot for a hunt in the B zone. Remember that you may not make your second reservation until your first (this ballot) has been completed. This would preclude you from hunting A-zone if you submit a ballot for any B or D-zone ranch.**

### License numbers of ALL VEHICLES

The above vehicle information must be included or ballot will be rejected

Signature of membership owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Hunting Members:  
(please print)

Names of Non-Hunting Members:  
(please print)

**Must be received by 5:00 pm no later than July 14 to be included in the draw**



## New Youth Forked Horn Policy

Youth hunters will be able to harvest a forked horn during B-zone deer season. No spike forks.

- Any youth who has not harvested a deer is eligible to register.
- Youth must call the office in advance & register for youth hunt.
- Youth will be able to hunt & harvest a forked horn deer throughout the season. (They can't take 2 forked deer.)
- Forks must be to the ears, no spike forks. No 1-year old bucks.
- This is subject to change depending on how many deer are taken in the season.

### Report Vandalism:

There have been reports of members shooting and/or removing posted Golden Ram signs. Other reported incidents include other intentional acts of vandalism. PLEASE REPORT WRONGS ANONOMOUSLY TO THE OFFICE SO WE CAN REMOVE VIOLATORS.

#### Support our member operated businesses:

Ask for Hans & Adrienne Olufs  
West Coast Archery Shop, Inc.  
2040 Petaluma Blvd North Ste 10  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
(707) 766-9971  
info@westcoastarcheryshop.com  
www.westcoastarcheryshop.com



#### Support our member operated businesses:

Ask for Jerry Giovannoni  
Browns Valley Meat  
3263 Browns Valley Road  
Napa, CA 94558  
Meat Department 707-253-2480  
Custom Wild Game Processing

