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**May 4, 2020:** Archery turkey season begins at the Hedgpeth

**June 19, 2020:** Family Weekend at The Hedgpeth.

**June 25, 2020:** Phone-in reservations begin for our A-Zone Archery Deer season at The Hedgpeth & Cholame Ranches.

**July 11, 2020:** Archery deer season begins in the A-Zone.

**July 17 2020:** Deer season ballots due in GR office by 5:00PM for draw.

**July 31, 2019:** Opening weekend deer season ballot results can be checked by phone at 10:00AM.

**August 3, 2019:** Phone-in reservations begin for both rifle deer seasons.

**August 9, 2020:** Rifle deer season begins in A-Zone.

**August 15, 2020:** Archery Deer and Bear season begins in B & D Zones.

**Sept. 19, 2020:** Rifle deer season begins in the B-Zone.

**Sept. 19, 2020:** Rifle bear season begins on ranches where we hunt bear.

**Sept. 26, 2020:** Rifle deer season begins in the D-3 Zone.

# FULL CURL

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## Profile of a Bar-Z Lead Patrolman: Mike Simonini

If you hunt the Bar-Z ranch, you may have met Mike Simonini. He joined the club as part of his father's family membership 36 years ago at the age of 12. Every Friday night of hunting season, he and his dad would make the drive up to the old Baxter Ranch. He learned how to drive a stick in their '49 Willys jeep on the Baxter Ranch. In his time as a member, he's frequented the Baxter, the Diamond H, the Tyson-O'Ferrall and the Hedgpeth.



Mike has been an active patrolman for many years but you may know him from his time as a patrolman at the Bar-Z for the last 15 years. Recently, Mike has been designated as Lead Patrolman at the Bar-Z where he organizes projects & most importantly organizes the other patrolman during the season.

Spending dozens of weekends a year hunting and camping at the Bar-Z, Mike is a regular at the ranch. He's spent hundreds of hours on projects to improve the camp, including building and repairing outhouses, sign in booths, water tanks, and trenching to the shower and skinning shack. He also gathered a crew together that included himself, Tom Alden, Kenn & Tyler Lipke, and other members to partnered with Redwood Empire to tear down and replace the bridge at the ranch. Why? Mike simply enjoys taking care of the ranches and making the best experience for other members of the club.

Recently he has been enjoying seeing his kids getting involved in the outdoors. He often takes the whole family camping to the Bar-Z or Hedgpeth. In 2017 Mike received the late season archery tag and for the first time ever his kids were present for a successful harvest. He enjoyed showing his kids in real time the steps it took to track the deer by following the blood trail, take part in field dressing of an animal, hauling it out and properly filling out the tag. His son Austin and daughter Juliana completed their hunter safety course in 2019 and are excited to join him on future hunting adventures.

From everyone here at Golden Ram, we'd like to say thank you to Mike for all his hard work in supporting the club.

# Big Game Hunting:

## Where we'll hunt big game in 2020

### The Hedgpath Ranch

Where: Sonoma County

Deer Zone: A

Usage: 7 days a week

Archery Deer: July 11 – Aug 2

Rifle Deer: August 9 - September 20

Archery Pig: October 3 - November 8

Rifle Pig: November 26 - Quota Fill or 2/28

Bear: None      Camping: Yes

Turkey: Spring Only

Fishing: Black Bass & Catfish

Special Use: 2 Lodges for rent. Call (707)

847-3100 for Ranch Retreat rentals

**Special Rules:** Ranch closed during March.

We now have a large dumpster located just off the main road. This is for garbage only!

No hides are to be disposed of here.

Due to ongoing ranching operations, we will no longer be able to camp and/or leave trailers and RVs at the White Barn area located on Skaggs Springs Road at the ranch's main entrance.

### The Cholame Ranch

Where: San Luis Obispo County

Deer Zone: A

Usage: Thursday - Sunday

Archery Deer: No. **Closed**

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 Mclsaac Ranch

Where: Mendocino County

Deer Zone: B3

Usage: Thursday - Sunday

Archery Deer: No

Rifle Deer: September 19 - October 25

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

### Tyson/O'Ferrall Ranch

Where: Mendocino County

Deer Zone: B1

Usage: 7 days a week

Archery Deer: August 15-September 6

Rifle Deer: September 19 - October 25

Pig: None

Fishing: None

Bear: September 19 - December 31

Camping: Yes

Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed

Special Rules: 3-points or better, Forked horns last 9 days of season only, October 17 - 25. 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: B | Usage: 7 days a week

Archery Deer: August 15-September 6

Rifle Deer: September 19 - October 25

Pig: None

Camping: Yes

Turkey: Yes. spring season only

Bear: September 19 - December 31

Fishing: Blue Gill & Catfish

Special Rules: NEW: 3-points or better, Forked horns last 9 days of season only, October 17 - 25. 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 11 -Aug 2

Rifle Deer: August 9 - September 20

Pig: If seen, yes.      Fishing: None

Bear: September 19 - 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 11 – Aug 2

Rifle Deer: August 9 - September 20

Pig: If seen, yes.      Fishing: None

Bear: September 19- December 31

Camping: Yes

Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed.



### The Challenge Ranch

Where: Sierra County

Deer Zone: D3

Usage: 7 days a week

Archery Deer: August 15-September 6

Rifle Deer: September 26 – Nov 1

Pig: None      Camping: Yes

Bear: September 19 - 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 15-September 6

Rifle Deer: September 26 – Nov 1

Pig: None      Camping: Yes

Bear: September 19 - 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 15-September 6

Rifle Deer: September 26 – Nov 1

Pig: None

Bear: September 19 - 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**

### The White Oak Ranch

Where: Monterey County

Deer Zone: A (Archery Only)

Usage: Thursday - Sunday

Archery Deer: Yes

Rifle Deer: Yes

Pig: We'll hunt every other month based on harvest against quota

Bear: None

Fishing: None

Camping: Yes

Special Use: Dove/Quail

**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.

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

## Fire Season Cautions

- 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, the range at Hedgpeth is closed during all big game seasons, and 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.

**Domi** We allow ATVs on all of our big game ranches except Cholame. Side-by-Sides are OK on all ranches.

**Deer Usage:** **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 courtesies 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.

**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**



**Holiday office closure dates:**

- May 25 – Memorial Day
- July 4 & 5 (Thursday & Friday)
- September 7 - Labor Day
- October 12 - Columbus Day
- November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
- December 24 - December 26 Christmas (Thursday through Saturday)
- December 31 through January 2 New Year's Day (Thursday through Saturday)
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day (Monday)

**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 or Muzzle Loader)

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**Mentoring Program:**

Are you a Golden Ram member who wants to share some of your hunting experience?? We want to start 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:** Hans Olufs' August archery buck taken at the Bar Z **Below-Right:** Kenn Lipke and his son Tyler both scored hogs at the Chalome **Bottom Left:** Allen Brunetta and his son with a bear at the Bar Z **Bottom Right:** Austin and Julianna Simonini show off their new hunting licenses



# Wall of

# FAMIE







**On the Wall: Top Left:** Austin Fitzjarrald and his daughter with their buck from the Bar Z **Below-Right:** Adrian Simi and his monster Mclsaac bear **Bottom Left:** Andrew Gardiner took this mean-looking boar at the Chalome **Bottom Right:** Adam Dolinko scored this turkey on a guided hunt



# Wall of FAMES



## 2020 Rifle Deer Season Opening Weekend Ballot

This ballot card is for OPENING WEEKEND HUNTS ONLY. YOU MAY CHECK WITH THE OFFICE ON OR AFTER July 31<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 25. 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 17 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.



### Norm & Lynne Cote Retire as Patrolman:

Norm & Lynne have been Golden Ram members for 35 years & have been patrolmen at the Bar-Z for many seasons. They have been a great & supportive resource on the ranch to many members. Norm had a long and productive career in the Bay Area with Peterbilt for 36 years & with BP for 6 years.

Norm & Lynne will continue as members in the club but will be busy enjoying a more relaxed time at the ranches.

### Trailer Policy at Bar-Z or Hedgpeth:

If a member wants to leave a trailer at for hunting the season, they must call the office and register the trailer and pay for a seasonal pass in the amount of \$150. No trailers can be left unattended in the main campground. The trailer must be moved from the main campground when the member leaves. It can be returned to the main campground when the member returns. The \$150 registration fee is a requirement imposed by the landowner to cover clean up, cut grass, weeds and other fire resistance preparation around camp. **You must call the office and register to have a seasonal trailer at the Bar-Z or Hedgpeth.**

### 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.

# *All Ranch Buildings are OFFLIMITS:*

**Hedgpeth is a working ranch owned by the Soper Company. Golden Ram leases hunting privileges, we are Soper's guests. Members are expected to comply with the following rules.**

- **The Main Anvil Ranch House complex is off limits to Golden Ram members.**
- **The ranch house ("Fred's house") and corrals are off limits.**
- **All barns are off limits.**
- **There is no "I was just checking it out" excuse**
- **No hunting within 500 yards of ranch building. Check your map for exclusion area.**

**Support our member operated businesses:**

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



# *Trosper's Lodge*

## *OFFLIMITS:*

**Trosper's Lodge is owned by a neighbor and is located within the Hedgpeth ranch boundary.**

- **No hunting / trespassing on Trosper's Lodge**
- **Check your map for exclusion area.**
- **Boundary signs are posted around perimeter of Trosper's Lodge property.**
- **You must know location of boundary at all times. Please comply.**
- **As a safety measure no shooting within 150 yards of Trosper's boundary**
- **Safety is #1 priority. No shooting toward Trosper's property.**
- **Avoid confrontation when possible but call Anvil ranch manager (707-847-3100) if needed.**

