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- ✍ June 24th, 2017. Family Weekend at The Hedgepeth
- ✍ June 26th, 2017. Phone-in reservations begin for A-Zone Archery Deer season at the Hedgepeth & Cholame ranches.
- ✍ July 8th, 2017. Archery deer season begins in the A-Zone
- ✍ July 17th, 2017. Deer season ballots due in GRam office by 5:00 p.m. for draw.
- ✍ July 31st, 2017. Opening weekend deer season ballot results can be checked by phone at 10:00 a.m.
- ✍ August 1st, 2017. Phone-in reservations begin for both rifle deer seasons.
- ✍ August 12th, 2017. Rifle deer season begins in the A-Zone.
- ✍ August 19th, 2017. Archery deer & Bear season begins in the B & D-Zones.
- ✍ September 16th, 2017. Rifle deer season begins in the B-Zone.
- ✍ September 16th, 2017. Rifle bear season begins on ranches where we hunt bear.
- ✍ September 23rd, 2017. Rifle deer season begins in the D3-Zone.



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The Golden Ram Ultimate Sports Challenge



On May 20 – 21 we held the first ever Golden Ram Ultimate Sports Challenge (GRUSC) event at the Hedgepeth Ranch. We had great weather, great competition and most importantly great food.

The Golden Ram Ultimate Sport's Challenge was a day long competition testing skills in archery, knife throwing, axe throwing, rifle, handgun and shotgun shooting. The 2017 GRUSC was a resounding success. Everyone who competed this year received a prize.

Top points went to Josh Mazzoni who ended up in first place, and was the winner of a donated gun. Every participant was able to win a prize thanks to the generous donations from our sponsors *Aaction Rentals, Anvil Ranch and Vineyard, Bettencourt Family, Comet Construction, Inc., Deller Family, General Engineering Contractors, Golden Ram Sportsman's Club, Legacy Sports International, Marcussen Family, Pacifica Archery, RCX, Inc., West Coast Archery and 101 Equipment Rentals Inc.*

There were no losers during the day and everyone came together for an awesome Tri-Tip dinner cooked by chef and Anvil Ranch manager, Keith Muncy. It was great to see old and new faces, share stories and cheer each other on during the competition.

Thanks to all the participants and their families. Golden Ram wants to particularly acknowledge Thad Mazzoni and the Mazzoni Big Buck Club members who organized and led the event. Look for the event next year and join us for a weekend of fun in the outdoors. Bragging rights will be back up for grabs again next year.

Forked Horn Draw for First Time Youth Hunters

This year we'll be having a draw for first time youth hunters to harvest a forked horn deer at the Bar-Z or Tyson-O'Ferrall. Six youth hunters who have never taken a deer will hunt over five weekends with a sponsor accompanying the hunter and parent. See details on the youth ballot.



Big Game Hunting:

Where we'll hunt big game in 2017



The Hedgepeth Ranch

Where: Sonoma County
Deer Zone: A
Usage: 7 days a week
Archery Deer: July 8th - July 30th
Rifle Deer: August 12th - September 24th
Archery Pig: October 9th - November 12th
Rifle Pig: November 23 - 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 Scaggs 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 McIsaac Ranch

Where: Mendocino County
Deer Zone: B3
Usage: Thursday - Sunday
Archery Deer: No
Rifle Deer: September 16th - October 22nd
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 19th-September 10
Rifle Deer: September 16th - October 22nd
Pig: None
Fishing: None
Bear: September 16th - December 31st
Camping: Yes
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed
Special Rules: 3-points or better

The Bar Z Ranch

Where: Mendocino County
Deer Zone: B1 Usage: 7 days a week
Archery Deer: August 19th-September 10
Rifle Deer: September 16th - October 22nd
Pig: None
Camping: Yes
Turkey: Yes, spring season only
Bear: September 16th - December 31st
Fishing: Blue Gill & Catfish
Special Rules: NEW: 3-points or better
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 8th - July 30th
Rifle Deer: August 12th - September 24th
Pig: None Fishing: None
Bear: September 16th - December 31st
Camping: Yes
Special Use: Quail & Turkey allowed.

Dominion Ranch

Where: San Luis Obispo County
Deer Zone: N/A
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

The Challenge Ranch

Where: Sierra County
Deer Zone: D3
Usage: 7 days a week
Archery Deer: August 19th-September 10th
Rifle Deer: September 23rd - October 29th
Pig: None Camping: Yes
Bear: September 23rd - December 31st
Special Use: Dove, Quail & Turkey allowed during the applicable California DFG Seasons

Sloat Ranch

Where: Sierra County
Deer Zone: D3
Usage: 7 days a week
Archery Deer: August 19th-September 10th
Rifle Deer: September 23rd - October 29th
Pig: None
Bear: September 23rd - December 31st
Turkey: Yes
Quail: Yes
Camping: Call office for instructions
Fishing: Stream fishing for Rainbows and Browns

The White Oak Ranch

Where: Monterey County
Deer Zone: A (Archery Only)
Usage: Thursday - Sunday
Archery Deer: Yes
Rifle Deer: No
Pig: We'll hunt every other month based on harvest against quota
Bear: None
Fishing: None
Camping: Yes
Special Use: Dove/Quail

The Los Alamos Ranch

Where: Santa Barbara County
Deer Zone: A
Usage: Thursday - Sunday
Archery Deer: July 8th - July 30th
Rifle Deer: August 12th - September 24th (until quota taken)
Pig: Currently year round
Bear: None
Fishing: None
Special Use: Dove, Quail, Chukar, Band-tailed Pidgeon and Varmint

More Big Game ranches on Page 6

Review of Deer Season Rules

The following 12 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) **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 prior permission only. Check with the Office, Patrol, or Camp Hosts.
- 8) **Alcohol and gun powder do not mix. Do not let us catch you intoxicated in 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) **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 to begin a hunt, use extreme care in deciding where you pull off the road. Parking in tall weeds can start a fire. You don't want to be the person who 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

- I) **No vehicle traffic on ranch roads the day before the opener on any ranch!**
- II) 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 dirt and leaves.
- III) 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.
- IV) Always use the outhouses when in Camp. Do not use the camp area as your restroom.
- V) Do not sight your rifles in on the ranches. Remember, the range at Hedgepeth is closed during all big game seasons, and there is no varmint hunting allowed on any ranches during any big game seasons (*Exceptions: Predators are fair game during our hunting seasons*). If you want to plink, do it at a range at home please.
- VI) **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.
- VII) 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***
- VIII) 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.
- IX) 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 10:00p.m. If you arrive in camp after 10:00p.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.

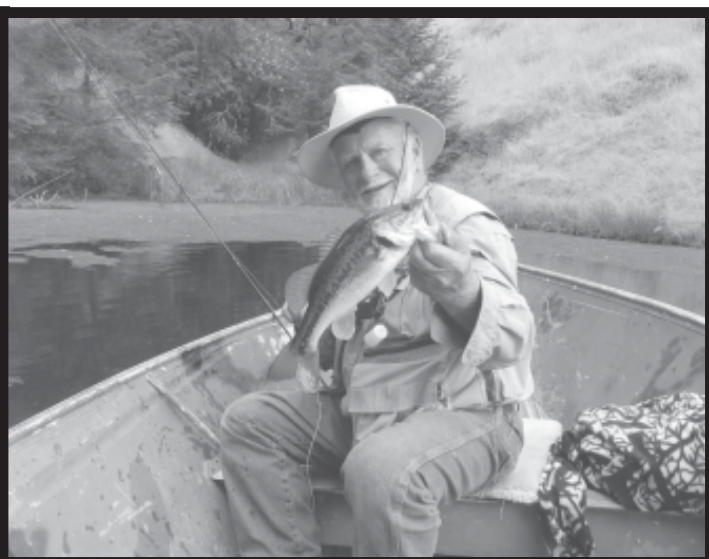
On The Wall - Right: Geza Paulovits had success on his outing and a great experience for his sons. **Below-Right:** Newly minted member Chris Arns displays his 200 pound hog taken during spring archery season at the Hedgpeth. **Below-Left:** Adrian Simi shows off his "never give up looking" buck from the McIsaac Ranch.

Wall of FAMILIES



Below: Larry Lewis shows off his massive 400 pound southern ranch hog.

Below: Bill Adelman shows one of his catch from his day on Hedgpeth Lake.



2017 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 31st 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 26th. Any remaining opening weekend slots for the rifle season can be secured by phone starting on August 1st.

****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):

1st Choice Ranch _____ Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
2nd Choice Ranch _____ Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
3rd Choice Ranch _____ Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
4th Choice Ranch _____ Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

OTHER BALLOTTED HUNT —> Ranch Choice: _____

Start Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

*This option is for those who wish to submit a ballot for a set of dates not including the opening weekend.
Note to those submitting a ballot for a hunt in the B zone: Remember that you may not make your second reservation until your first hunt (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
to be on ranch:**

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

Signature of membership owner

X _____

**Names of Hunting Members:
(please print!)**

**Names of Non-Hunting Members:
(please print!)**

<< MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON JULY 17th TO BE INCLUDED IN DRAW >>

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 3rd & 4th (Monday & Tuesday)
- September 4th Labor Day (Monday)
- October 9th Columbus Day (Monday)
- November 23th & 24th Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
- December 22nd - December 25th Christmas (Monday through Friday)
- December 29th through January 1st New Year's Day (Friday through Monday)
- Jan 16th Martin Luther King Day (Monday)



Tom Lewis smiles for the camera with his limit of ducks



Big Game Hunting:

Where we'll hunt in 2017

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Little Valley Ranch

Where: Mendocino County
 Deer Zone: A
 Usage: 7 days a week
 Archery Deer: July 8th - July 30th
 Rifle Deer: August 12th - September 24
 Pig: None Fishing: None
 Turkey: Yes. Shotgun
 Bear: Archery Only September 16th - December 31st
 Camping: Yes
 Special Use: No on-site camping.
 Walk-in only. No ATVs

Timberland West

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

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 lake. If you have questions please ask a patrolman.
- You can leave your trailer at Bar-Z during deer season in the back by the corral but it MUST be off the ranch when the season is over. (General Deer, Bear, Turkey and Late Season Archery or Muzzle Loader)

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, call the office or email us for more information.

Forked Horn Drawing for First Time Youth Hunters

This year we'll be having a draw for first time youth hunters to harvest a forked horn deer at the Bar-Z or Tyson O'Ferrall. Six youth hunters who have never taken a deer will hunt over five weekends with a sponsor accompanying the hunter and parent.



1. Forked horn drawing is open to first time youth hunters who have never harvested a deer.
2. Five hunters over five weekends will have the chance to hunt for a fork horn deer with a Golden Ram provided sponsor accompanying the hunter and their parent. The Golden Ram sponsor is NOT a guide.
3. One hunter per weekend.
4. Membership dues must be fully current to enter the draw.

Preferred Weekend to Hunt at Bar Z:

_____ Sept 16 _____ Sept 23 _____ Sept 30 _____ Oct 7 _____ Oct 14

At Tyson-O'Ferrall: _____ Sept 16

Youth Hunter Name

Parent / Member Name

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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 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"> • He's just a buddy of mine • He's my brother in-law • He's my nephew | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and non-family memberships do not include guest privileges |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I just wanted a little company • He's my son but he's 28 years old | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorized guests are trespassers and poachers • Family memberships include spouses and children under age 21 living at home who are students. • An adult child cannot hunt under a family membership |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I forgot to make a reservation and to sign-in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failing to make a reservation or sign in is trespassing. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He used to be a member... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So what! He isn't a member now!! • <u>Any member who 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. |

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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 of a legitimate membership from you. Ask each other to see a membership ID card.

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