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The Golden Ram Sportsman's Club*



October 3rd, 2017: Archery Hog
reservations available by phone

October 7th, 2017: Archery Hog
hunting at Hedgepeth begins and
extends through November 13th

November 14th, 2017: Phone-in
reservations for our rifle Hog
seasons begin at 10:00 a.m.

November 11th, 2017: Fall Turkey
season begins on the Tyson-
O'Ferrall, Bar Z, Challenge &
Timberland Ranches

November 20th, 2017: Check w/the
office! We hope to begin taking
phone-in reservations for flooded
blinds beginning at 10:00 a.m.

WE HAVE WATER

Duck hunting is back !!
Our duck units are as follows:

- Riego Road Unit
- CSY Unit
- Riego Road West
- Sankey Road East

Member maps and rules will be
distributed electronically
after the rice harvest - details coming.



Annual Member Family Weekend:

Don't miss out on this special Golden Ram weekend !

Our member's family weekend was held at the Hedgepeth June 24 - 25, 2017. This was our sixth annual event. It was an activity packed weekend filled with rifle instruction, skeet shooting, archery shooting, survival training, swimming, raffles and more.

Friday night saw everyone gathering at the ranch and getting set up to enjoy the weekend. The first thing we do every year is to recognize and acknowledge the service of our veterans who have served our country.

On Saturday after some brief introductions, all kids got a firearms safety instructions from our own GR member, Buck Buchanan. After the initial orientation, the kids benefited from having Buck spend most of his day at the shooting range providing hours of instruction to the kids on rifles and skeet for as long as the kids wanted to shoot. Buck never says no and this year he introduced a pistol station that was very popular with the kids.

At another station, Sterling Finn provided instruction in various wilderness survival techniques. Sterling had just recently achieved his Boy Scout Eagle Scout rank and was put to the test with by his pupils

"Dan-Dan, the Archery Man" (Dan VerLinden) organized an archery station where he gave introductory archery lessons and kids could win a money prize based on their shooting skill. He trained a new collection of boys and girls to add to his band of merry men. Let's see what story Dan has to tell us next year about his late season hunt after drawing a late season tag for the B-zone.



Group photo of the 2017 family weekend event. We know it's small and hard to see everyone's faces but that just means you need to come to next year's event to see everyone in person and to see what you are missing out on.



Above: Caroline King was the winner of a 22 caliber rifle.

Below: How cool is this picture? It's a great example of the weekend fun. Abby Sparks, Caroline King and Lydia Finn show up for the weekend, hang out together, camp out and here they give us great smiles.



Below: "Dan-dan, the archery man" (aka Dan Verlinden) and some of his band of merry archers.





We encourage our Golden Ram membership to support the Fregoso Outdoor Foundation.

If you know of a veteran who has an interest in the outdoors please visit the veteran center link below to apply.

www.fregosofoundation.org

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



**Send
us your
photos!**

info@goldenramhunting.com

Hog Hunting:

Phone in for Archery reservations starting October 3rd, 2017

Phone in for Rifle reservations starting October 14th, 2017

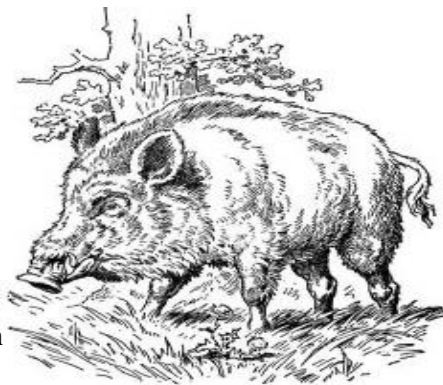
Hedgepeth:

Archery: October 7th-November 12th

Rifle: November 23rd - February 28th
(or until we take 60 hogs)

**the harvest limit at Hedgepeth remains one (1) hog per member, per year, for all membership types*
NO EXCEPTIONS

Cholame: November 2nd - November 26th



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 out of the ravine to your ATV? If you're interested in being a mentor call the office or email us for more information.





Above: Kids crowd around Buck Buchanan for an initial safety instruction before heading to the range.



Above: In this picture, Gracie Harleman learns to shoot pistol under the careful eye of Buck Buchanan

Below: We're not really sure where he's heading to in this picture but Austin Simonini looks ready!!!



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Special thanks to Jerry Shimmel, Pat Christen, Tom Lewis and Mike Simonini who donated prizes and helped on the shooting range. You'll see Jerry, Pat and Mike on the ranch as they are patrolman.

The pot luck dinner that was anything but potluck. It included bear burgers, elk sausage, wild boar sausage, venison and elk steak. A wild game feast fit for the best restaurant in all of California.

On Saturday night, the ever popular raffle event was held. All kids as well as many of the adults managed to score a few prizes. Caroline King was the winner of the 22 Marlin rifle. We have to say that the kids raffle event was outstanding. Every child was a big winner and they all came away with several of prizes.

All in all, a fun time was had by all. Already folks are providing suggestions on what they want to see for next year. Since it's getting bigger and more popular, we continue to look for help with anyone who wants to make a donation or organize an activity.



2017 Pheasant Hunting

Available November 1 – December 31

\$12 per bird

Golden Ram members will again hunt Pheasant in 2017 using the facilities of Raahauge's Pheasant and Sporting Clays Club located at 25835 County Road 8, Dunnigan, California 95937

Members simply call into the Golden Ram Office to schedule their hunt any time from November 1st through December 30th and pay \$12/bird (maximum of 3 birds per member). Once the office has confirmed your reservation you will be provided with the details needed for your hunt at the Pheasant Club.

On The Wall-Top Right: Andy McCormick has a great tom turkey on display. **Below-Left:** Jordan Clark displays the art of a selfie. He got the hog, his bow and his face into this selfie. **Below-Right:** Tom Lewis took this 275 pound hog in the thick barley at Cholame Ranch.



Left: Dawson Mazzoni displays his A-Zone buck. It's a great 3 x 2 buck and it's 20 ½ inches wide. Dawson made an incredible 500 yard shot with the gun he's been tuning all year. After tracking blood they for a while they lost all sign. But true to his hunting spirit, Dawson never gave up. He search for hours until he found this buck in a spot that they had walked past many times during the search.

Right: Juan Rojas and Mateo proudly display Juan's first big game harvest. Juan decided to take up the sport of hunting and after a few outing on his own he connected with Golden Ram guide Tom Lewis to put the first notch on his hunting belt.

