

Notes From The Field

Hello Foster City Rod and Gun Club members. This month we are proud to introduce "Notes From the Field". These are short blurbs of what happened in March.

- 1) Gary and Chad head out for an opening day Spring Wild Turkey Hunt that they were drawn for at Daugherty Hills. They got skunked on the opener - it rained off and on and just couldn't find the birds. Despite seeming like great habitat as evidenced by the deer and coyote they saw, they didn't hear a gobble. Gary did manage to spot a tom with 2 hens running up a hill across a creek which was too far for them to get to in time.

Chad connected Sunday on a Jake at the Topsy Turkey Ranch. The reason why it's called the Topsy Turkey Ranch is because one day the wine library doors at this winery were found compromised and wide open. On the floor were splade out two Jakes and a Hen. The Boss Tom was spotted flying the coop sort of sideways. Later it was found that the Jakes and Hen had at it with the wine. They had sort of a "Coq Au Vin". Gary and Chad got there around 5:30am and opened the doors to 4 different gobbles. Gary Writes "Amazing! We hiked up the hill above the upper drive into the property, set up and he came running into our calls through the fog. We were competing with a very loud hen up the large electric

lines toward the BLM land and managed to outdo her with my trusty Lynch model 102 box call and a slate in walnut pot. The birds did not have hens come to them while still on the roost, so we were able to get them to come to us as they searched to assemble a harem after they hit the ground. He was on the ground by 6:30. We stayed and hunted until about 10, but never heard another gobble. They must be getting with hens early and then not talking again, at least through mid morning.” The weather the day Chad shot the bird was sunny while the day before had been rainy and cold. We didn't hear any gobbles at all the day before, and the fact that the birds were clammed up for a day due to the inclement weather may have been a reason why they were so talkative on the day Chad shot his Jake

- 2) At the Red Bluff ranch Ken Bertelson, Mitch Hoppe and Harry Hoppe Got their opening day Spring Wild Turkey. Roger Hatton is still looking to get his Spring Wild Turkey, Good luck to you Roger.
- 3) At a private ranch in Ukiah Bob Kruger's, Michael got a nice Tom with a 9 and ½ inch beard. Congratulations Michael!