



**CALIFORNIA DEER  
ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**May 2026**

# OUR DEER. OUR HABITAT. OUR HERITAGE. IT'S UP TO US.



## LESS HUNTERS THAN EVER.

A weaker voice for conservation.



## SHRINKING & DAMAGED HABITAT.

Less space. Less cover.  
Fewer opportunities.



## INCREASED PREDATORS WITH LITTLE TO NO CONTROL.

More pressure on our deer herds.



## CONSERVATION ISN'T A SPECTATOR SPORT.

It takes all of us.



## YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

Conservation isn't a spectator sport. By joining the California Deer Association, you're stepping up to protect habitat, support responsible management, and ensure future generations can experience the traditions we all cherish.

**JOIN. SUPPORT. PROTECT. JOIN CDA TODAY.**

# What can you do?

 **JOIN NOW**

## Get Involved

Iron Mountain BLM Shooting  
Range Spring Clean Up Day!

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Call Elke Crawford:  
(530)722-5202

Chance To Win Raffle Tickets!

## Spread the Word



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Forward this newsletter to friends  
that are interested in CDA.

## Advocate for Conservation

- Amplify CDA's voice on predator management and habitat protection
- Contact state representatives and senators
- Stay informed on key wildlife issues
- Support and participate in advocacy efforts

**CDA is doing the work—but lasting impact requires a strong, engaged community standing behind it. Every membership, every voice, and every action contributes to the future of deer and hunting in California.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE  
INFO



## Gold Country Rodeo

Gold Country Fairgrounds and Event center

May 15-17<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Red Bluff Banquet & Auction

Red Bluff Community Center

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Iron Mountain Clean Up Day- Volunteer

Iron Mountain, Redding CA

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Paso Robles Banquet & Auction

Rava Winery

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Redwood Coast Banquet & Auction

Loleta Fireman's Pavilion

June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Mt. Shasta Banquet & Auction

Iron Horse Unlimited

June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Santa Rosa BBQ

Galvin Community Park

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Central Valley Banquet & Auction

Regency Event Center

July 17<sup>th</sup> 2026



# California Deer Association Habitat Team

On a snowy morning this April, CDA broke ground on the Bald Mountain Ecosystem Project in the Warner Mountains of Modoc County—a major, multi-year effort to restore critical deer and pronghorn habitat. Using state and federal funding, the project will address degradation such as conifer encroachment into aspen stands, meadows, and sagebrush woodlands, **restoring over 1,800 acres in one of northeast California's crown jewels.**



CDA's Habitat Program also advanced project implementation and future funding opportunities statewide, submitting multiple grant applications to support habitat enhancement, wildlife connectivity, and forest health improvements.



To further strengthen capacity, the Habitat Program **onboarded three full-time project managers** and added seasonal crew members in preparation for the 2026 field season. Early-season fieldwork is underway, including resource surveys, fencing, reforestation, and bitterbrush planting.





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# Venison Backstrap Steak Recipe with Mushroom Cream Sauce



By: Larry White

### Key Ingredients

This venison backstrap steak with mushroom cream sauce is a good one for nights when a plain seared steak just doesn't cut it. The backstrap gets a nice sear first, then we make a mushroom cream sauce in the same pan. This method adds a savory richness and pairs well with the venison. This may sound like a complicated, fancy steak dinner, but the method couldn't be easier.



[FULL RECIPE](#)

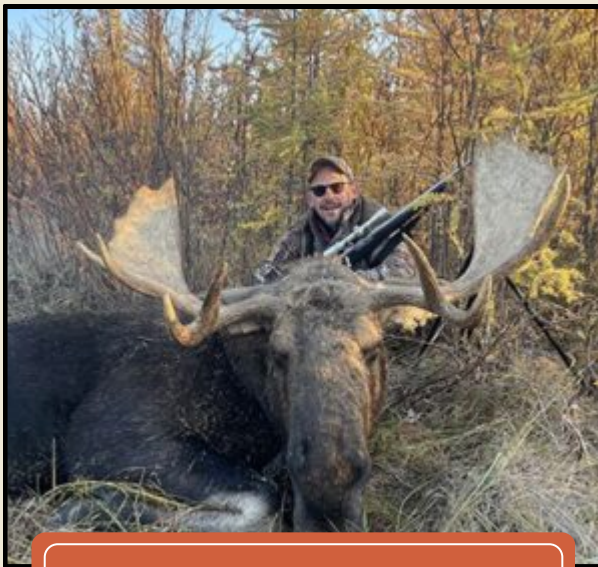
- Venison backstrap
- Mushrooms
- Heavy cream
- Bourbon or brandy
- Stock
- Dijon mustard
- Canned artichoke hearts
- Fresh thyme



# ONE OF A KIND HUNTS



Nevada Antelope



Alberta Moose



California Tule Elk

# LUCKY WINNERS OF THE MONTH

Enter to Win  
TODAY!



April Calendar Winner  
**Konstantin Golub**



**Maven RF.1 Rangefinder**

April Membership Drive  
Golden Egg Giveaway  
**Aaron Willis**



**Crossfire 4-12X50**

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