Santa Cruz Archers September 1, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Opening Items

1.1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

1.2. Adults, please add your names to the attendance list (if non-member, check the non-member column box).

2. Officer Reports – briefly state successes and challenges.

2.1. President – Erick Sturm

Big thanks to everyone who made the Beat the Heat Shoot happen.

Congratulations to all SCA members who went to other shoots and did well.

2.2. 1st VP – Gabrielle Garrett

2.2.1. MTBA news: We are in strong 3rd place for Club of the Year. Indoor 450 Tournament at SCA November 7 & 8. Waiting for online registration.

2.2.2. Summer league wrap up report: 14 finished of 18 members. Awards party on 9/6.

2.2.3. Outdoor Field/Hunter on Sun. 9/13 needs volunteers to hang targets. Gary has glued targets for Field on 1-14 and Hunter on 15-28.

2.2.4. Congratulations to our members who placed in Field Championships at KMA in June: NFAA SW Sectional AND National Series winners - Andrew Cousins, Tyson Sheppard, Shelley Smatana and Gabrielle Garrett. CBH/SAA State Field Champions - Andrew and Shelley. Dustin Janes was a place winner.

2.3. 2nd VP – Larry Yien (absent)

2.3.1. No report.

2.4. Secretary – Stephanie Vasconcellos

2.5. No report. Compliments to Mike Fassio and our Outdoor Range Captain Andy. We shot Beat the Heat with Jim and his wife Cathy from SFA, along with their grandson and a friend. All of them kept on saying how much they “loved the SCA” range and this shoot. We all had a blast.

2.6. Treasurer – Robyn McCool

2.6.1. Income was $ 2766.16. Expenses were $1055.38. The balance was reported at the meeting but has been omitted from the public posting of the minutes for security purposes.

2.6.2. 1 reported member lessons and 30 non-member lessons.

2.7. Membership Chair – Mark Hersey (absent)

2.7.1. 108 paid members: 71 Non-working, 37 Working. 165 memberships when including family members.

2.8. Key Master –Henry Bertram

2.8.1. He has not been able to get the new card keys to work. So he will have to return them and start over.

2.9. Outdoor Range Captain – Andy Sterbenz

2.9.1. Notes: Thanks to the weed whacking crew. The field range looks great.

2.9.2. Work Party Report

2.9.2.1. The August work party put out Mo Foam bales on 25 and 13. We may want to go with 2 MoFoam on 13. Currently set up with straw-MoFoam-straw. We may want to change this to MoFoam, MoFoam Straw on 12 and 13.

2.9.2.2. The September work party will be clearing lane 22, and maybe putting a superbale on 10.

2.9.3. Outdoor Bale Replacement

2.9.3.1. Target 17 needs a new face (Bulldog) or superbales.

2.9.3.2. Target 10 needs a fresh bale.

2.9.4. Trail/Target Maintenance

2.9.4.1. Multiple trees to trim on 22.

2.9.4.2. Various trails need new steps (6x6).

2.9.4.3. Metal bow racks will be installed as time allows. (Connor Tracy is the latest to offer installing these). Current status: Completely down on 7 & 8

2.9.4.4. Need to look at repaving the driveway.

2.9.4.5. Various trails need bridges over washouts.

2.10. Indoor Range Captain – Liz Cousins

2.10.1. Scoreboard updated as of August 30th. Congrats to Art Najera,, Dustin Janes, and Charles Janes new scores.

2.11. Publicity Chair – Bonnie Terribilini

2.11.1. Sent Bad Boys Flyer to all clubs in our region+ & 2 bow shops, also on social media. Flyers in Bulletin Board Case for other shoots are up to date through October.

2.12. Newsletter Editor – Marina Sturm

2.12.1. September newsletter emailed out today.

2.13. Webmaster – Don Moonshine (absent)

2.13.1. All updates were made before leaving the country on 8/26.

2.13.2. Joe Pierce handling website in Don's absence.

2.14. Novelty Chairs - Monica Cesarello/ Matt Allen - Backwoods Beatdown

2.14.1. 22 shooters on 8/29. Next one 9/26. Everything is going well. Everyone is enjoying the shoot and the burgers.

Old Business

2.15. BEAT THE HEAT TRAD held August 23 (Mike Fassio, Director)

2.15.1. Beat the Heat 3D had 82 shooters and cleared $2,174 profit for the club (after expenses).

2.15.2. Volunteer thanks! Mike, Andy, Connor, Berry & rest of the set up crew. Stephanie, Henry & Gabrielle registration. Mike Vasconcellos, parking. Theresa Mulder & Debbie Golzen (BHU President) for scorecards/ awards at the end. Also all the many who stayed for takedown and cleanup. Special thanks to the many weedwhackers and trail rakers (Demian, Sarah, etc) who made the course so much nicer!

2.15.3. Food and beverages - Pantojas tacos sold out. Collected $101 for club beverages and snacks sold. Water ran out in the coolers.

2.15.4. Feedback received - many loved new bunnies, flying pig, tacos. No one got lost. Better signage this year, especially for cubs.

2.15.5. Plans for next year - August 22, 2027. We held our first planning meeting on 8/27. Will still be 32 targets, 10-8-5 scoring. New awards and pins, new target ideas. Theme will be "Trash Pandas".

2.16. Reclaiming of lower parking lot area discussion.

2.16.1. Discussion tabled last month.

2.17. New Board Candidates Needed - Submissions needed by October

2.17.1. New Board candidates are needed for positions that will be vacated at the end of this year. If you have been thinking about running for a position, PLEASE come and talk to Erick. We need new candidates by October 30, 2026. Let either Erick or Stephanie know.

2.17.2. Erick will NOT be running for Club President in October. He will need a replacement.

2.18. Save the Date: Me-One Camp Weiser

2.18.1. Saturday, September 12. You don't have to stay all day, you can come for a few hours.

2.18.2. Instructors needed, you must register with ME ONE if you want to teach. Go to me-onefoundation.org Under comments put you are with SCA (or Archery Staff) or you may be doing other jobs all day.

2.18.3. These are cancer patients that are treated to a weekend where one of the activities they can sign up for is archery. It is very rewarding. If you want to help out, see Erick to find out how to sign up.

2.19. Tree Trimming

2.19.1. Hire/obtain an estimate from Huerta's Tree Service or a Club Member to clear all targets. Trees, brush blocking faces, lanes, trails so it's possible to shoot from all stakes, and accommodate 2 or 3 shooters at a time.

2.19.2. Trees to address are on lanes 2, 22, and blocking the upper stake at 9.

2.19.3. Gabrielle has the list of trees and trails. LIST

2.19.4. #2 @80 yds (upper pad)

2.19.5. #3 @ 30 & 2 stakes at 32

2.19.6. #5 @ 25 ferns block right side if wind blows

2.19.7. #9 @ 55 branch up above

2.19.8. #12 Field 1st stake hard to see target

2.19.9. #13 can't see well from left stake off deck brush blocking your view

2.19.10. #16 Can't see from 60 yds

2.19.11. #22 deck for 80 yds & at 50 yds - completely blocked

2.19.12. Gabrielle wants to address safety issue trees at the same time. Not yet identified. She wants to meet with Andy and then we'll discuss further.

2.20. Donation Lock box (outside door)

2.20.1. Erick, Mark and Henry are to meet to discuss ideas to modify the box area to make it harder to tamper with.

2.21. Money Collection for Outdoor Shoots

2.21.1. A discussion related to costs for the Backwoods Beatdown (at August meeting) concluded that the $5 fee covers the cost of lunch (burgers) and small foam animal repairs.

2.21.1.1. Matthew has spent over $300 of his own money to get the shoot going. He did that as a donation. Now the shoot is totally solvent, so he could pay himself back if needed. He received leather donations (for the hit badges), and he doesn't have receipts for everything. He would advocate for NOT raising the price. He is even okay sponsoring a few people each shoot because he does not want anyone to feel like they can't join in due to the price.

2.21.1.2. Erick said that they just want the shoot to cover itself and be able to repair the targets at the end of the year if needed. Matthew just wants Andy to let him know how much money is needed to fix the animals. Andy said maybe $60 at the end of the year for target inserts for the frogs. Matthew seemed to think that the shoot costs should be able to cover these costs.

2.21.1.3. It was proposed to keep the cost at $5 per person. No vote needed.

2.22. Board Meetings via Zoom or in Person

2.22.1. A proposal was submitted (by Liz Cousins) that all BOD meetings be in person due to technology issues related to Google Meet online meetings. Erick said the Board members can decide on a meeting by meeting basis, and meet at the club, a pizza place, or somewhere else if we decide to meet in person. DISCUSSION TABLED.

3. New Business

3.1. Club history section, reported by Larry Yien (absent)

3.2. Bad Boys of Branciforte Shoot, Sunday, October 4 (online registration is live) - we do NOT have another meeting between now and this shoot. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteering up at the front table.

3.2.1. 2 arrows, marked distance, 11-10-8 scoring.

3.2.2. Field range closed Saturday, October 3 for set-up

3.2.3. Need volunteers for set-up, registration, scoring, clean-up (sign-up sheet at meeting).

3.2.4. Lunch will be provided by Pantojas Catering - confirmed.

3.2.5. Mike Fassio and Gabrielle would like to hold a day for painting the scoring spots and rings before this shoot.

3.2.6. Mike Fassio is offering to set up the Flying Pig and 5 other special targets for this shoot to add to Andy's list. 3 on each side. Gabrielle showed this target list to Andy.

3.2.7. Mike Fassio will also help place the distance markers with a suggestion of an 80 yd limit for long distance shooters and 40 yard limit for short distance shooters. Gabrielle suggested adding "short" and "long" for trad shooters to this shoot. However, our score cards do not have this pre-written on them. We would have to write it on there if we want to do this. It would also create more awards, but we have lots on hand for this shoot.

3.3. Winter Holiday Party, Sunday, December 6th in the evening. Erick is happy to cook (brisket and pulled pork).

3.4. We need photos from club members for an end of the year collage. Photos of you shooting at our range, other ranges, working at the club, or doing whatever archery at the club. The collage will be put up in the clubhouse. Send Erick electronic photos for this.

3.5. Berry Allen wants to do a night shoot. Erick said we have everything to do this, so Berry should pick a date so we can post it and put it out there. Berry can run it. Andy suggests that if we schedule it, we schedule it at the October meeting (because we don't have another meeting until then).

3.6. Erick showed an old SCA club red shirt with the skunk logo (from the 1950s). There should be a black circle around the skunk logo, and black lettering down the front. Erick wants to see if we can order them if we want. It is a polyester blend. Shirt may be $110 each or maybe less if you don't get your name embroidered on it. Erick paid for the initial screening layout himself.

4. **New Member Introductions and Voting**

4.1. Those completing the process and being voted into membership. Working members sign up for a target to maintain.

4.1.1. Don Hartley shoots recurve. Kerry McKee, beginner recurve, Sage Fox shoots recurve, and Sarah Greene also shoots recurve.

4.1.2. Erick asked for a vote to make the above people members. All four people voted in as new members! Welcome!

4.2. Those introducing themselves and starting the process. See the membership chair after the meeting.

4.2.1. Daniel Nemire shoots compound (he has been shooting for 4 years). Keegan Mayo also shoots compound (he has only shot the bow four times)! Natalie Pedicino shoots recurve and compound. Nik Stevens shoots recurve and he was a former member 10-15 years ago.

5. Information Items

5.1. Event Calendar

Event	Date(s)	Frequency & Time
Work Party	9/5, 10/10	Saturday after Club Mtg, 9:00 AM
Indoor 300 Shoot	9/4, 9/18	1st & 3rd Friday, 7:00 PM
Indoor 450 Shoot	9/11, 9/25	2nd and 4th Friday, 7:00 PM
Outdoor Field Shoot	9/13 We need hanging volunteers!	2nd Sunday, 9:00 AM
Shared Adventures	9/19	3rd Saturday, 10:00 AM
Beginning Archery Class	9/19	3rd Saturday, 1:00 PM
Foam Hunt 3-D (Mike Fassio)	9/19	3rd Sat for now, 9:00 AM
Outdoor Target (900 Rnd), please have 6 good matching arrows. All bow styles shoot 60 yards except for "off the shelf" or long bow.	9/27	Last Sunday, 9:00 AM Go to TeamUP to sign up
For Outdoor Target Shoot: Go to Team Up Calendar to sign up and/or contact Gabrielle. For all SCA club members: Login to Teamup with this link: https://teamup.com/ksnty1gycyckcpairw Password: Email Gabrielle: go2garrett2@gmail.com		
Backwoods Beat Down	9/26	Last Saturday, 9:00 AM
Boys of Branciforte Shoot	10/4	Sunday Online Registration is LIVE Volunteers needed for set-up, registration, scoring, and clean-up (email go2garrett2@gmail.com if you can HELP).
Club Meeting	10/6	1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM

5.2. Other Clubs' Shoots (go to cbhsaa.org or nfaausa.com for details)

9/12 & 13 California Bowhunters State Target Championships at BMB. Register online at CBH.

9/20 Leroy Garner Charity Shoot at Salinas Bowmen

9/26 and 9/27, 2-day Trad Shoot Rancho Neblina in Petaluma.

9/27 CBH State Target Championships at Salinas Bowmen. Register online at CBH.

9/27 CBH State Target Championships at SFA. Register online at CBH.

9/27 NFAA SW Sectional Target Championship at SFA. Concurrent with State, but register separately at NFAA website.

10/3 Primitive Shoot at Bowhunters Unlimited

5.3. Notes to visitors and new members.

5.3.1. New members please go to the website and subscribe to the club mailer. That's the best way to receive updates and information about club events.

5.3.2. We need help changing the trash bags and removing the trash from the range. If you can, please transport a trash bag for disposal.

5.3.3. New members please note: make sure to exit right from the parking lot, the road is one way on weekends but we only open the front gate at night.

6. Adjournment

6.1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Meeting Attendees Sign-In Sheet			
First and Last Name	**Non-Member**	**First and Last Name**	**Non-Member**
Stephanie Vasconcellos		Mike Fassio	
Mike Vasconcellos		Nik Stevens	X
Andy Sterbenz		Sage Fox	X
Erick Sturm		Monica Cesarello	
Jack Mills		Bonnie Terribilini	
Gabrielle Garrett			
Andrew Cousins			
Liz Cousins			
Theresa Mulder			
Wil Klassey			
Kerry McKee	X		
Sarah Greene	X		
Don Hartley	X		
Natalie Pedicino	X		
Henry Bertram			
Robyn McCool			
Keegan Mayo	X		
Daniel Nemire	X		
Matthew Allen			