

Level 1 Archery Coach Training offered free of charge

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Archery Fundraising Event

July 4th 2006 (John Sutton)

Black Diamond Foundation LLC, a recently formed 501(C)(3) nonprofit archery organization, is seeking certified archery instructors for a fundraising event to promote the sport of archery. This event is located within the City of Scotts Valley, County of Santa Cruz, California. We would also appreciate anyone else within the archery community to come and assist us with this event. Our fundraiser, "Black Diamond Classics", is a car show event consisting of; Hot Rods, Street Rods, Vintage, Muscle Cars, Customs and Classics. This event will tie into the City's 40th anniversary and the Parks & Rec. Department's huge fireworks display. We expect over 8,000 people to pass by and through our show. The car show schedule consists of the following activities;

Poker Run – limited to registered participants

Car show event 2-8 pm

Archery instruction from 2-8 pm (free to the public)

Slot Car Racing 2-8 pm (one time racing fee \$2.00 with cash prizes)

Video Racing Games 2-8 pm (free to the public)

Archery Poker shoot & Balloon shoots 3-8 pm (fundraising activities)

Huge Fireworks Display 9 pm

As you can see, this is a car show event for all ages!

As Event Staff personnel you will be provided with an event staff shirt, meal ticket and drinks, We are experienced in running car show events and realize the importance of properly staffing and rotating personnel in and out of assignments so they to can take time to enjoy the show. It is important that we ALL have a good time! We are seeking a minimum of 15 certified instructors. We can easily rotate these individuals in and out of instruction so they can enjoy the 4th of July with their family and friends. We can not stress this point enough!

For anyone interested in helping us with this show please contact John Sutton at (831) 440-9229 (jbsutton@gmail.com). We are looking forward to having a great time and truly need your help and support to properly run and staff the archery instruction along with the Poker and Balloon shoots.

Event Staff

"Black Diamond Classics"™ Car Show

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Level 1 Archery Coach Training and Certification (ed.)

In order to support their archery fund raising on July 4th, Black Diamond Foundation LLC™ has offered to train anyone who can devote the required 10 hours in exchange for a commitment to work 2 hours at their event on July 4th. This is an exceptional offer and I, for one, will be an eager participant. If you are interested in learning more about archery and in getting your level 1 certificate without having to spend a bunch of money, now's your time.

Please contact Henry Bertram, Ralph Reader, Patrick Mathews or John Sutton to be included. We expect to do the training Thursday and Tuesday evenings in early June.

Newsletter Deadlines

Henry Bertram (ed.)

I am moving the deadline to midnight third Friday of the month. Since I am waiting until after the second indoor shoot each month to knit this subtle masterpiece together, you might as well take another week to polish your prose. The best ways to submit articles remain: by email or by bringing them to the club meeting on a CD-ROM or a 3.5 inch floppy disk. If you want to send email, please provide your email address so it will make it through my spam filter.

Indoor Shoot 5-5-06 (ed.)

Chris and Maggie Tittle, Ralph and Linda Adams, Randy Redmond, Wayne Reader and Henry Bertram reported official scores Friday night. Ralph Reader also shot but did not record a score. Ralph Adams jumped on the indoor board with an 8X 223 Bowhunter score. Wayne was hitting his normal pace when we all noticed that he shot two 25 point ends with no Xs, not a common occurrence for he lad. He then found that his scope was flopping about, barely attached. Most of us would have been putting them in the floor under those conditions.

Indoor Shoot 5-19-06 (ed.)

Things are definitely heating up at the indoor shoots. There were 6 archers even though 4 of our regular attendees were at tournaments in other cities. Benja Burlingame returned for the first time since his return from New Zealand bringing his friend Felix Todd. Benja shot Freestyle and Felix shot his long bow. Felix's bow is a slight and sleek beauty tickling the scales at 50 pounds. Felix was kind enough to allow me to give it a whorl, I don't think

I even got the string to bend, I am sure the string material is steel. Frank Coryell shot Freestyle and Monika Wolf shot here longbow. I was trying to find the spot with my recurve. I had a good time and there were smiles from the others also, we will be meeting each other for the next indoor shoot at 7:30 PM on June 2nd, you should plan on joining us. First official practice arrow is at 7:45.

Outdoor Shoot 5-14-06 (ed.)

The club outdoor shoot was held under beautiful blue skies on a glorious day. If you missed the chance to wander through our redwood grove on Sunday, you missed a great day! The day before the shoot, Randy, Ralph and Wayne replaced all the targets so we were ready to go at 9AM.

Last year's outdoor shoots attendance was mainly limited to Ralph, Wayne, Henry and occasionally Randy. Eight archers were ready to abuse the spots on the outdoor range. Frank Coryall, Cliff Lindsey, Henry Bertram, Randy Redmond and Ralph Reader shot Freestyle. Monika Wolff shot Traditional Longbow and Ashley Ott and Wayne Reader shot Youth Freestyle. We split into two groups. Ashley, Randy, Frank and Cliff comprised the first group while Monika, Ralph, Wayne and Henry took up the rear.

Ashley shot 233 Hunter and 227 field for an impressive 460 putting her at the top of the Female Youth board! That's the way to do it Ashley, congratulations!

We divided the work in our group, I was keeping score while Ralph called and pulled arrows. Somewhere on the Field course I realized that I was beating Wayne. This was unexpected because he usually shoots better than I do (being a youth and all). I looked a bit further and realized that I was ahead of him by about 75 points on the second half. That is very impressive shooting indeed. At that point I was on pace for a 600 point day which is reasonably

good considering that the perfect outdoor score is only 560 points. Clearly something had to be done so, did I ask Wayne to step up the pace a bit? No, as you may have guessed, it's all in the math, what's an extra hundred points among friends anyway. It's nice to beat Wayne occasionally even if it's only for a few minutes and is not based on reality.

Range Work (ed.)

There was no formal work day during this reporting period but, something simply had to be done about that fallen tree blocking the trail down from target 28. Ben Bertram, former club member, brought his Jeep with a 4.5 ton winch to the range on a Thursday afternoon. Between Ben, Ralph and Wayne Reader and Henry we were able to slice the thing into manageable pieces and drag it across the sacred stream to safety on the other side where you can visit it if you like. We started with the idea that we could simply drag the thing across so we tied the winch cable around the tree, hooked up the controls and bingo, the Jeep slid slowly towards the precipitous without budging the tree at all. Desperate measures were needed so we bound the Jeep to a nearby tree with a nylon band made for such things. Since I selected a point on the front bumper next to the winch out of laziness, the Jeep simply twisted when power was applied. There was still no movement from that stubborn tree. I then attached the band to the rear hitch using a rather large clevis made for such purposes, now we would have our way with the firewood. No! Again, plenty of strain and odd squawks from the Jeep while it moved into a position in line between the anchor tree and the object of our growing angst but no movement on the far side. OK, I guess 9,000 pounds of manly winch isn't that much in this game! Who cares if the thing can drag the Jeep right off the ground, that's because the Jeep doesn't weigh anything! Time to get serious; Ralph simply cut the thing into nearly manageable pieces with his Samurai

sword and Ben then dragged them across the stream. Easy livin'. I only got a little poison oak on my forearms. Of course, that's only because I had Wayne go down into the ravine to hook the winch cable up to the fallen pieces. One has to know his limitations.

In addition, in his spare time, Randy Redmond has been out on the course cutting weeds. Nice going Randy. If someone can hack down the weeds in the practice area we will be golden for a few months.

New Archers (ed.)

We had 14 new archers in 3 groups at the range Saturday afternoon May 20th for an introduction to archery. The ladies were from the Mormon's Women's Conference taking place at a nearby church. The new archers were from an area bounded by Watsonville, Davenport and the Summit.

Arrangements for the activity had been made by Diana Reader with a friend at her work who is affiliated with the conference.

We took each group through basic safety instruction and the basics of putting an arrow in the spot with fingers and a recurve. We then had each group shoot two ends at 20 feet, into a blank bale fine tuning their form and offering coaching as needed. We then added a 122 CM FITA target with a rather large hole in the center and continued.

As a wrap up, we advertised various archery related activities available to local archers and gave an introduction to our club including a brief description of the outdoor range and the schedules for indoor and outdoor shoots and the club meeting. Most left with a copy of one of our news letters. The last group was doing so well that they wanted to move back so we set up at 40 feet and they continued to pound the X (well, close anyway).

Everyone had fun and several seemed to be interested in coming again. Not only that but there were no involuntary piercings and that makes the event an unqualified success.

I want to extend my thanks Monika Wolff who was there from start to finish, helping with the logistics and with the coaching. In addition, she kept me on track when I forgot a few subtle details in the safety talk.

Ed Terribilini came in after shooting the outdoor range and provided some of his expertise, which is always greatly appreciated.

Club Meeting 5-4-06 Diana Reader President's Report: Dave bought in flyers for several upcoming area shoots.

1st VP Report: A tree is down on the trail coming off the range from target #28. Shooters can walk around the tree to get off the range. Ralph will put up new targets on the outdoor range before the outdoor club shoot on Sunday, May 14th.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the regular account is \$2,961.92.

Newsletter Editor: Henry brought in the new newsletter for May.

Indoor Range Report: New bales are needed for the indoor range before the next indoor season. Super bales are \$46.00 each and 10 bales are needed to replace the center rows of lanes 1 through 5. Ralph is looking into delivery options.

New Members Voted In: Craig Moore

Raffle: \$17.00 – Chris Tittle won.

New Business:

1. The Santa Cruz Archers reunion is scheduled for Sunday, August 20th from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

2. Dave gave the list of delinquent key holders to Maggie and Ralph. They will begin calling and trying to collect keys from former members.

3. John Sutton came to the meeting and is looking for volunteers to help run an archery booth at the Scotts Valley firework event on July 4th. John is also starting an Archery in the Schools program in the Santa Cruz area.

Don't Miss the Outdoor Shoots!

Linda Adams

With the long awaited change in the weather pattern, the June "Outdoor Shoot" will be a great opportunity for archers to test their skills while preparing for upcoming outdoor events. Whether you are an outdoor competition shooter, a hunter or are shooting just for fun, there are many benefits to participating in the monthly Outdoor Shoots held at De Laveaga Archery Range. Also remember, if you are a Field/Hunter competitive shooter, the Outdoor Shoot is your vehicle to establishing your handicap. To introduce first time outdoor archers to the Field/Hunter Course, and what to expect during an Outdoor Shoot, the following summary is provided.

To participate in the coming Outdoor Shoot, archers meet at the Santa Cruz Archer's Clubhouse on the second Sunday of each month. The next outdoor shoot is on 11 June 2006. The cost is \$3.00 for Club members and \$5:00 for non-members. The Shoot starts at 9 a.m. Allow yourself enough time to check in, organize your equipment and take a few practice shots in the practice area. If you will be purchasing snacks/water or plan additional warm-up prior to the Shoot, factor in this additional time as well. Be sure to bring enough extra arrows to allow for loss and breakage. And don't forget to carry enough WATER to keep hydrated during the Shoot. Also, before you start shooting the Course, remember that the Portable

Toilet is available near the Clubhouse for your convenience. The event will last about four hours with one break.

All the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) shooting styles are offered: Freestyle, Freestyle Limited, Bowhunter Freestyle, Bowhunter Freestyle Limited, Barebow, Bowhunter, Traditional, Longbow and FITA. Age divisions offered include Adult, Young Adult, Youth and Cub. The Pee Wee is available for very young archers who negotiate with their parents for appropriate shooting distances. If you have any questions regarding your shooting style or division, feel free to discuss this with the event organizer prior to the Shoot.

A general idea of what to expect while shooting the Range can be helpful to a first time participant. The Shoot is referred to as a "Marked" Shoot, meaning that the shot distances are clearly marked by a label on each shooting stake. The shooting stakes are concrete stakes in the ground, most are circular, and a few are cinder blocks. The shooting stakes used for the club outdoor shoots are red on targets 1 through 14 (on the right side of the road) known as the "Hunter Round." The stakes are white for the "Field Round" starting at target 15 on the left side of the road. There are 28 Targets at which four arrows are shot at each target, totaling 112 arrows. The maximum adult distance is 80 yards and the minimum distance is 20 feet. Pre-Adult archers shoot from a shorter maximum distance. If any of this seems "too much" for a first time archer, you are welcome to shoot what you can on an informal basis. For official scoring you must shoot from the correct distances.

So that archers can adequately fuel their bodies during the activity, archers may bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages to the Shoot, or they may purchase them before the Shoot at the Clubhouse or during the Break. Snacks, soft drinks and water are

available, ranging from \$0.50 to \$1.00 each.

For full information on how to shoot and score the Field/Hunter Rounds, instructions and scoring information can be obtained from the "Flyer Box" on the building closest to the Clubhouse, known as the "Animal Shed". The box is located on the corner of that building just to the left of the Field Archery Sign.

Developing your archery skills and exercising judgment on varied terrain are great reasons to participate in the Outdoor Shoots. If you are a competition archer who plans to participate in Local, State or National Field/Hunter tournaments, you will also be able to establish your handicap while participating in these Outdoor Shoots. Hunters take this opportunity, as well, to improve their judgment and benefit greatly from simulated hunting conditions. These competitions were actually started to help hone hunting skills during the off-season. These are just a few of the reasons why archers flock to Outdoor Shoots.

Now that you know what the Outdoor Shoot is all about, please mark your calendar and join in the fun. Event organizers can answer your questions prior to the Shoot or at the Clubhouse on 11 June.

Redding

Larry Yien

It's 6:00pm and we just got to our last target at the Redding trail shoot. As we make our way uphill to the benches to wait our turn, we are a bit ragged and dog eared. You see, we started the day off at 6am with a hearty breakfast and warm-up, tournament shooting started at 8am sharp. Now we are dead tired and we have to shoot 2 more arrows at "Bigfoot" 101 yards downhill. Bigfoot is the Redding Trail Shoot "Moniker." He is a 20 foot 3-D critter that exemplifies some of the passion that we as archers allow to smolder within our souls. A passion to shoot

arrows! After 30 minutes of waiting the target captain calls our group up and we toe the line. I pick a tree limb in the skyline and take aim, drawing back into my frame, using my back because nothing else will or should respond, and then the arrow is gone. There is a hush over the crowd of 50 people as the arrow soars through the air and my follow through tells me that my release was clean.

I catch a glint of the arrow as it peaks in flight and it is right in line with Bigfoot, I again catch it right in line with Bigfoot's head and I know it looks good as it drops in. An overweight balding man with binoculars spots the arrow and says it is in Bigfoot's chest, I look with surprise! One of my competitors is quick to contest, "No Larry, I think you went right between Bigfoot's legs, you shot low, but perfect line man! One more branch up buddy."

So who do I trust? The bald headed dude with the binoculars or the guy I am shooting against? Do I go with Baldy and shoot the same shot, or do I go with Scott who is in first place currently, and shoot the same windage but more elevation, geez about 6 feet more. Well, the answer is I trust myself. The shot felt good, but I didn't hear anything when it should have impacted. I also trust Scott and know he wouldn't mislead me to improve his advantage; he is an archer and a man of honor. I take aim on the branch in the tree which is about 10 feet higher. I draw back and steady myself, longbow and wood arrows have been shooting this distance for centuries throughout history. I could certainly muster another shot. OOPS! Bad shot, darn. The arrow wobbles through the air with little a prayer that it will hit, and it hits! Whew, I hit Bigfoot!

There was a time when the Fresno Safari was the biggest shoot in the Nation, but those days are long gone. If you want to get to the biggest shoot

in the Nation you should consider the NFAA National Marked 3-D / Western Classic Trail Shoot at Redding. After all it's in our own backyard. Well, sort of. Redding is about a 4 hour drive north of Santa Cruz. I took off Friday morning in hopes of getting up there and setting up camp on the acre of property they have set up just for dry camping. As luck would have it my truck had tranny problems and I turned around at Scotts Valley and headed back home to transfer all my gear into my other car to head up to Redding CA.

I was one of the late arrivals, since many folks arrive 1-2 weeks in advance to set up their campsite and practice shooting during the week. Redding is not only the home of the trail shoot and the NFAA marked 3-D championships; it is also the home of the team money shoot where two man teams vie for cash prizes. Folks come from all over the World to shoot Redding. There are also first time archers that choose Redding as their first tournament, wow what a treat to go to the Super Bowl their first time around. You definitely get a chance to see the best of the best, the folks you read about in magazines and on the internet.

When I got to the Straight Arrow Bowhunters archery range, I bumped into one of my USA team mates, Rob Gentry. Rob is the top BHFSL archer in the world, he is also one of the nicest folks you will ever meet. Friendly and generous, he is always giving friendly, expert advice to any archer that asks. Well, Rob found out I was camping in a pup tent and insisted that I take the open bunk in his camp trailer. It was neat to spend time with Rob and meet his friends; I got to meet folks that I wouldn't have otherwise met, mainly because I don't shoot the same style of bow. We shared meals and joked and laughed and even got serious about a few topics like my favorite, elk hunting.

The next day, Saturday was the first day of shooting, 45 3-D targets scored 11-10-8. Not only is the range challenging technically but it is a true test of endurance since shooting starts at 8:00am and we were off the range at 6:30 that night. I was having a bad case of the lefties on Saturday; most everything I was shooting was going left. It puzzled me because I was getting some real nasty left arrows. Funny thing was even though I was getting left arrows I was still scoring and staying right up there with my competition. But it was frustrating because I was having a hard time working out my problems. I was trying to shoot good shots but I was still getting that left arrow! Luckily the targets are plenty wide and I would usually line up on the target to allow for a left arrow error. By the end of the day I was sitting in third place but I was well within contact with 2 guys in front of me. I spent some time shooting after the first day to work out my problems. At the practice range I was still getting left arrows and I finally decided it was the bow. I changed the shelf material on my longbow and my nocking point location. It seemed to help things but I was also getting a different impact point for my gaps. Everything was shooting about 5 yards further than usual. I made the adjustments and got a good nights rest, ready for Sunday.

Sunday was and is “make your move” day. Sunday consists of 25 targets, a shorter day; you can gather yourself up and make a move, right? Wrong! Well, there have been some years that I have been able to make a move on Sunday; it isn’t as easy as you would think. Although the mind says, make a move, there is a certain amount of fatigue that sets in that is a tough mountain to climb as you orchestrate a “move.” As much as I wanted to make a move, and as much as I tried, the three of us stayed about where we started the day, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. About half way through the shoot the guy in 2nd turned to me and said probably the best thing that could happen to me is getting beat at Redding. This guy is a friend of mine and he had a point. He knew I was here to train for the World Championships, and me getting whooped on would or could be just the motivation I need for stepping up my game as I ready myself for the Worlds. He was right too, since I’ve come home from Redding I have been working on addressing my weak points and bolstering my strong points in preparation for taking on the world! And, it’s working.

As I packed up my gear to head home from Redding, I was most impressed with how relaxed I was during the whole shoot. We had awesome weather, fair and mostly sunny, but not

blazing heat like Redding can be. It wasn’t soupy, muddy, wet, rain like it was in 2005 either. I thank my friend Rob Gentry for allowing me to stay in his camp trailer. I got to spend some time visiting fellow Santa Cruz Archers Chris and Maggie Tittle. It was fun to walk through the displays and talk to the different manufacturers and companies at the adjoining trade show. I liked the swag they were giving out, from t-shirts to arrow wraps. I picked up a few decals, patches and a rule book. I also got some string material from BCY, they always offer better pricing on their products at shows and shoots.

I finally on the road, and was feeling weary and ragged. I stopped off I-5 to get some unleaded and reflected on the weekend. I wasn’t terribly impressed with the scores I turned in, but I had a great time visiting with friends and meeting some new folks. Archery is about shooting your best, or at least the best you can do that day, but it is also about the friends you make on the way, the journey. Oh, and I did hit Bigfoot.

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May

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| Club Meeting | 7:30 PM | May 3, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | May 5, 2006 |
| Outdoor Shoot | 9:00 AM | May 14, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | May 19, 2006 |
| Stump Shoot | 9:00 AM | May 27, 2006 |

June

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| Club Meeting | 7:30 PM | June 6, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | June 2, 2006 |
| Outdoor Shoot | 9:00 AM | June 11, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | June 16, 2006 |
| Stump Shoot | 9:00 AM | June 24, 2006 |

July

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| Club Meeting | 7:30 PM | July 4, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | July 7, 2006 |
| Outdoor Shoot | 9:00 AM | July 9, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | July 21, 2006 |
| Stump Shoot | 9:00 AM | July 29, 2006 |

August

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| Club Meeting | 7:30 PM | August 1, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | August 4, 2006 |
| Outdoor Shoot | 9:00 AM | August 13, 2006 |
| Indoor Shoot | 7:45 PM | August 18, 2006 |
| Stump Shoot | 9:00 AM | August 26, 2006 |

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