

Hay is for Horses – Thoughts on Range Modernization

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Newsletter Deadlines

Henry Bertram (ed.)

The deadline is midnight the third Friday of the month. 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.

SCA's Archery Coaches (ed.)

Ralph and Linda Adams

Ralph and Diana Reader

Patrick and Casey Mathews

Gary Cramton and Henry Bertram

The JOAD has 3 additional coaches:

Lenore Bailey

Kery Boxer-Sosbee

Aimee Renee-Mills

Indoor Shoot 7-7-06 (ed.)

Ashley Ott shot her way to 2nd place on the FS young adult board with 7X 263 while Linda (FSL 20X 286) and Ralph (BH5X 247) Adams stayed on top of their boards. Wayne and Ralph Reader, Henry Bertram and Randy Redmond also shot the indoor.

Indoor Shoot 7-21-06 (ed.)

Ralph and Wayne Reader, Henry Bertram, Ralph and Linda Adams, Mark Woodhead and two new archers, Susan Wallace and her daughter Elis Baker.

Mark arrived just after the official practice ends so he was starting at a bit of disadvantage with his recurve but still managed to shoot a 229 with 4Xs

that moves him up to 7th place on the Traditional-Recurve board, congratulations Mark.

Ralph Adams shot Bare-Bow to a personal best of 259 with 12Xs moving to second on the board.

Linda shot 6X 269 Bare-Bow maintaining her number 1 slot on the board.

Wayne was having a bad night and could only muster a 49X 300. Come on Wayne, just aim and pull!

Since Susan and Elise practiced extensively before the shoot, they decided to leave after the first 4 ends of the official shoot.

Outdoor Shoot 7-9-06 (Linda Adams)

Ralph and Linda Adams, Randy Redmond and Ashley Ott shot the outdoor shoot this month.

Randy Redmond shot Freestyle and was nailing them into the center for a 481.

Ashley Ott shot Young Adult Freestyle for her first time up from the Youth division with a 416, taking second place on the board.

Ralph Adams shot Barebow for his first outdoor run with a 343 and Linda Adams shot Barebow for her first time at the outdoor shoot with a 335, taking second place on the board.

Linda shot a bull's-eye in Barebow at the 80 yard target. She still doesn't believe it herself. She did it again at the Mt. Madonna practice butts! She only wishes she could stay reliably on the target at 11 yards.

Black Diamond Classics Event (ed.)

The Independence Day celebration at the Scotts Valley Community Center included archery coaching with balloon and poker shoots. The newly trained level 1 archery coaches from Santa Cruz Archers and the JOAD trained a steady stream of new and returning archers from noon to about 8PM. Archers ranged in age from about 4, needing help to pull the 12 pound Genesis bows, to a fellow in his

mid 70s who was not a stranger to a bow. His aim was those 25 dollar poker chips sequestered in the balloons at the balloon shoot. The poker shoot was not popular and will probably not be repeated next year. My guess is that we trained around 100 new archers; many were interested in the club. I am happy to report that there was neither an incident of accidental piercing nor an injury.

Hay is for Horses (ed.)

Have you helped replace the Super Bales in the indoor range recently? Those things must weigh 150 pounds and are a bit awkward. Not to mention the thick cloud of dust that hangs in the air while the work is going on.

I have tried to get my family interested in Archery and the common denominator if there aversion to the range is the hay and dust. What if we just solved the whole problem with an easily maintained, hypoallergenic backstop? "No problem!", I hear you exclaim.

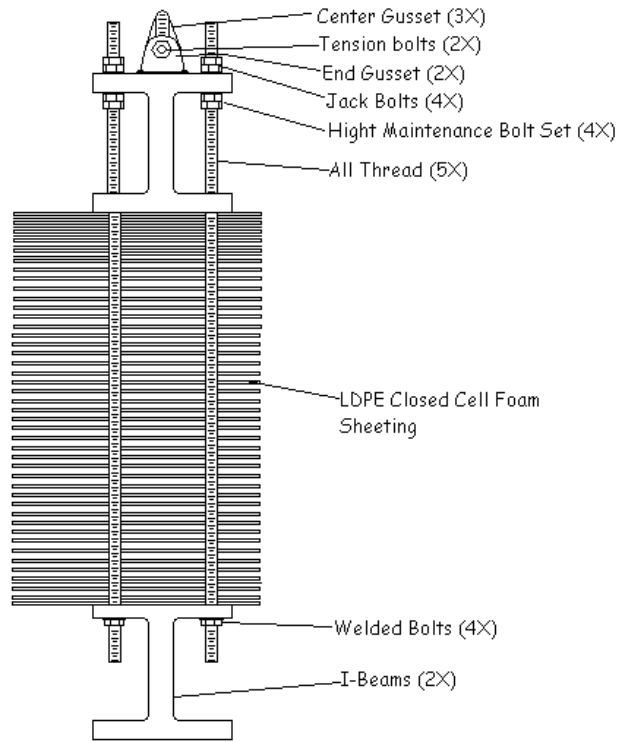
Modern technology has brought us low density closed cell polyethylene foam sheeting. This stuff is used in the layered targets like the Block and the Black Hole. I think we could use 2 hefty "I-Beams" the length of the current indoor targets and compress the foam sheets between them with all-thread and bolts. That would allow a continuous target surface with only the all-thread on the ends and the I-Beams above and below to endanger wayward arrows. Those arrow shredders would be covered with rolled foam sheets. We would, of course, have to attach the I-beams to the building to keep the target system from toppling over.

In use, when areas of foam wear out, jack the top I-beam up, cut out the damaged foam, replace the damaged area and crank down again. I have included a rough sketch; it's next to the event calendar.

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July		
Club Meeting	7:30 PM	July 11, 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		
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
September		
Club Meeting	7:30 PM	September 5, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	September 1, 2006
Outdoor Shoot	9:00 AM	September 10, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	September 15, 2006
Stump Shoot	9:00 AM	September 30, 2006
October		
Club Meeting	7:30 PM	October 3, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	October 6, 2006
Outdoor Shoot	9:00 AM	October 8, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	October 20, 2006
Stump Shoot	9:00 AM	October 28, 2006



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