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Newsletter Deadlines

Henry Bertram (ed.)

Having given up last month and eliminating the newsletter deadline, I opened the flood gates. Now I have to sort through the huge pile of articles to glean the quintessential few, those stellar gems that define our month at the range. All right, twist my arm and I will admit that the pickings are still slim. Let's agree to have no deadline, you get your information to when you can and I will get it into the next edition of the newsletter on a space available basis.

Indoor Shoot 9-15 (Linda Adams)

Although several of the regular Indoor Shooters were lured away to other archery competitions, four of us were there, eager to better our scores. .but only some succeeded. 1) Ralph Adams tied fourth place in Freestyle Limited with a 275 (12X) on his first attempt at this shooting style. Good shooting, Ralph. 2) Mark Woodhead, already on the Score Board with a 229, tied for 7th place, shot a 217 (5X), his second best shooting attempt in Traditional, which would have gotten him on the Score Board had he not already been there! Good shooting, again, Mark. 3) Henry Bertram, our dear editor, got out of his sick bed (well, almost. . .) to participate and turned in a respectable 229 (5X) in Traditional that narrowly missed his current 6th place score of 231. Good shooting and recovery, Henry. 4) Linda Adams shot a 217 (4X) in

Traditional, on her second attempt, but could not beat her 229 (9X) two weeks earlier. [Why is everyone shooting 229s? That's spooky!] We all had fun, although Ralph must have felt uncomfortable, surrounded by the sounds made by three Traditional shooters. There were three lanes open that evening, Where were you???

Stump Shoot 9-30 (Linda Adams)

Sometimes, attendance at Stump Shoots can be unpredictable. With three of the usual organizers out-of-town or unavailable, it looked like Ralph and I were going to wander around by ourselves, trying to remember where all the stakes were located that flashed by us during our "first" Stump Shoot. We were so happy to see four regulars getting ready to shoot when we arrived. The six of us, including Tim, Greg, Andy, Dale, Ralph and myself (Linda), started off together to rid the range of any stake that dared to stand up to us.

There is much more to the Stump Shoot than merely shooting stakes. You can leave the Shoot with an unbelievable amount of new information, even if you are already a pretty good traditional archer. Many of these archers are craftsmen, making their own quivers and bow cases. Others build their own bows and/or arrows. Everyone has a unique story about his bow, the manufacturer and how the bow shoots. I was surprised that suddenly we were test shooting each other's bows and exchanging ideas about shooting specific bows.

A person who is primarily a target shooter would be amazed at how fluid and efficient a traditional archer's shot can be. These people don't mess around when it comes to shooting stakes or live game. They

stop, assume stance, draw, aim and release almost in a single movement. I consider expediency to be a good strategy when you are holding the full weight of 40 - 55 pounds. No rolling over the cams to 10 pounds and glaring at the target for twenty seconds for these folks.

After we had briefed each other on the latest revelations and improvements in our Traditional endeavors, we settled down to attacking stakes. Those little tiny stakes didn't stand a chance with all the stealth and varying techniques that were executed by our group. Some people smashed more than others, but everyone assaulted at least a couple, and the majority of our shots that didn't hit were very close.

Everyone was enthusiastic and voiced eagerness to shoot stakes again soon. I am already preparing for the next Stump Shoot to be held on November 25 at 9 a.m. If you don't already have a Traditional bow (recurve or longbow) to use at the Stump Shoot, Gary Cramton assured me that he can find one for you to use. With an offer like this, I'd jump on it before he changes hobbies or his mind. Meet us at the SCA Clubhouse, then we'll head out in pursuit of stakes.

Senior Olympics (Linda Adams)

There will be a Senior Olympics shoot in the Long Beach area. Although some of you are not "seniors," you still interface with senior archers on a regular basis and could be of great help in letting seniors know about the event.

I'm really hoping that more seniors get involved in archery, as the exercise has been a real boost to Ralph and me, and hope that Long

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Beach gets some good participation.

Register for either or both events, the due date is OCT 11, 2006, sooner would really help the organizers.

Southland Senior Olympic Archery Tournaments:

Oct 14th at noon
Double 300 Round from 20 yards

Oct 15th 8:00am
Am 900 Round from 60,50&40 yds
Lunch after 50yds

Contact Jan Branch for a registration form by calling 714-765-4511
Mail the completed form to:
Downtown Community Center
Senior Olympics
250 E Center St
Anaheim Ca. 92805

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

November

Club Meeting	7:30 PM	November 7, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	November 3, 2006
Outdoor Shoot	9:00 AM	November 12, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	November 17, 2006
Stump Shoot	9:00 AM	November 25, 2006

December

Club Meeting	7:30 PM	December 5, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	December 1, 2006
Outdoor Shoot	9:00 AM	December 10, 2006
Indoor Shoot	7:45 PM	December 15, 2006
Stump Shoot	9:00 AM	December 30, 2006

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