

POWER SURGE BLOWS LAMP BALLASTS TEMPORARALY CLOSING THE INDOOR RANGE

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Newsletter Deadlines

Please write us about your archery experiences during and we will include them in the newsletter. If you are attending shoots at other clubs or are involved in tournaments or other archery related activities it will certainly be of interest to other club members.

Work Party Notification

(Ralph Adams)

Here is the first major opportunity for Working Club Members to begin to fulfill their membership requirements for 2007. The earliest possible date of April 14 was selected for the Work Party to be sure that the Range is fully functional for the year. The Work Party will take place from 9 am until 1 pm. For those who are able to remain after 1 pm, in the event that not all tasks are completed, the extra effort will be greatly appreciated. Work Party volunteers who have applied for Club membership but who have not yet been approved should contact Club Officers to determine whether they are eligible to participate in the Work Party. All Club members who will be participating at the Work Party are requested to fill in the Work Party Volunteer List on the far wall inside the Clubhouse. This will help the or-

ganizers anticipate who will be there and what tasks they are able to perform.

The specific tasks to be completed during the day will be discussed at 9 am. The majority of the effort will consist of hay bale replacement. This will include shuttling hay bales (super bales) down the maintenance roads as far as possible towards Target 16 (1 ea), Target 18 (2 ea), Target 19 (1 ea), Target 22 (2 ea), Target 23 (2 ea), Target 24 (2 ea), and Target 26 (2 ea). These super bales are intended to be placed directly behind each target. Some regular, previously used bales, reclaimed from the Clubhouse, may also be delivered to the above targets to replace deteriorated bales either above or below each target. Depending on accessibility, some of the bales may need to be carried a short distance.

Ideally, four Club members will start working around the first target. They will rearrange the bales that will be retained and clean up around the target as they await the arrival of the new bales. Four other members will carry the bales the final distance and set them in place. Two members will follow behind, and band the bales after the other two Crews have moved on to the next target.

If all 10 hay bale positions have already been filled, those additional volunteers with Construction skills could perform the following tasks: 1) New hut shingles for Target 19; 2) Hut and shingle repair for Target 20; 3) Hut roof leak and shingle repair for Target 21; 4) Tree limb removal from top of hut and new shingles for Target 22; and Hut repair for Target 27. If time remains, Target 28 (Cub Hut) could be repaired/replaced and shingled.

Target 12 hut could also be shingled.

If any of the above tasks are beyond your capability, please consider trimming vegetation and clearing debris to: 1) open maintenance paths for the Work Party, 2) reestablish shooting visibility, 3) open up walking paths between targets; and 4) unearth shooting markers. Any of these tasks will benefit the Range.

Please bring your tools, gloves, safety glasses, etc. with you. Marking your belongings with your name will increase the odds that lost items will be returned to you. As always, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and bottled water can be purchased at the Clubhouse, or you can choose to bring your own. Once the more difficult, time consuming tasks on the Range have been completed, the Club can start planning Work Parties combined with social events in the future. Please mark your Calendar for the first Work Party of the year, sign-up at the Clubhouse and meet in the Clubhouse at 9 am on April 14. Thanks again for your continued commitment to the Range. See you there.

Power Surge (Gary Cramton)

The story you are about to read is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

"Tuesday, March 27. It was cold and windy in Santa Cruz. I was working the night watch out of archery division. My partner's MIA. The boss is Dave Ray, chief of Archers. My name's Saturday." (A day late and a dollar short)

I rolled into the range parking lot at 1914 hours to the tune of the rumbling engine of Engine 13. Santa

Cruz Fire Department. I smelled trouble, I smelled smoke, but mostly I smelled.

The regular Tuesday session of the Junior Olympic Archers had literally “shot out the lights”. Well, not this time, but that’s another story. This time it just seemed to be a “brown out”, followed by a bright instant of light. Followed by smoke from the storage room. Each attempt by the SCFD and the SCA members to isolate the smoking gun ended in no lights at all. Strange, mysterious, but mostly dark.

Wednesday, March 28. I was working out of the back of my truck and trying to add up all of the clues. I called Dianna trying to get a handle on the brownout and the bright instant of light. I was already pretty clear about the smoke.

Just the facts ma’am.

I knew the answer had to be out there somewhere. That is exactly where it turned out to be. Out there. In the woods.

A quick call to PG&E. Here comes trouble. In the name of Bill Kelly, “troubleman”. He trimmed back the offending branches, spliced in a new ground wire, and brought the power back on. Steve Seidel of Seidel Electric, replaced the blown ballasts from four of the lights, and I was looking at sunshine in the city, or was it the bright lights in the storage area. Or maybe the bright lights in the range area. All on. All blazing. All good.

In light of it all, I had found the culprit. A power surge at or around 1220 on Tuesday.

Epilog: The story you have just read is true. The surge has been apprehended and is now serving a sentence off the grid, in the manner prescribed by law.

Vandals strike (Henry Bertram)

On Sunday March 11, I dropped by the range to shoot a few arrows and found several hooded, dark characters vandalizing the road in front of the pistol range. I demanded that they stop but they weren’t listening. There were four of them, two leaning on shovels (for the most part), one driving a tractor and the forth simply looking menacingly at me.

As they made a horrible mess of the road, I tried repeatedly to get them to stop. Several times I thought I was making an impression when the tractor came to a halt and turned off. As it turned out, that was an opportunity for the menacing one to instruct the tractor operator to do further damage.

After several hours I began to think that this was more than just vandalism. I had always thought that vandals were youngsters with nothing to do and even less respect for themselves and others.

I was now beginning to think that this was different, it was organized. This was a vandalizing gang, the kind you only hear about spoken of under people’s breath, in dark alleys. This was a form of extortion. Unless I paid them off, they were likely to do something really heinous.

They made their point again as the tractor nearly missed the sheriff’s porta-potty. I could see the corners of the operator’s hood rising slightly as if it were smiling! When they saw my reaction, the onerous beast narrowly missed taking out the back wall of the indoor range and then threatened the porta-potty again.

The evil jaws of that machine were doing damage beyond your capability to imagine. I looked for identification on the machine but could only see a very long number welded into the inside of the machine’s scoop, having no means of

recording the number, I memorized it, I remember it had a 6, a 2, a couple of dashes, maybe a couple of letters and it was about 30 digits long.



I finally hailed the menacing one and offered money for them to stop. As I spoke I looked into the eye holes of his hood, there was nothing there, just deep, black holes. When he answered, in a raspy, low tone, his breath crystallized as if the weather was below freezing. While listening, I realized he was not actually speaking a language in any sense of the word, but communicating directly with my wallet.

Once I paid him off, he signaled the others and they were gone. Highly organized, extortion vandals with heavy equipment, go figure.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

March 2nd brought the archers out in droves. Wayne Reader (Y-M-FS) snuck by shooting a 300 with 49Xs, Ken Gardner (A-M-FS) 296 with 32Xs, Kay Gardner (A-F-FS) 273 with 19Xs, Ralph Adams (A-M-BB) 272 with 10Xs, Linda Adams (A-F-BB) 280 with 15Xs, Henry Bertram (A-M-FS) 290 with 21Xs, Rich Sandkuhle (A-M-BHFS) 281 with 24Xs, Ricardo Fortuno (Y-M-FS) 299 with 46Xs, Robert Hagerman (A-M-FS) 240 with 8Xs, Dennis High (A-M-FITA) shot 266 with 16Xs.

Back again on March 16th for the indoor, Ken Gardner (A-M-FS) shot 289 with 26Xs, Kay Gardner (A-F-FS) 273 with 34Xs, Ralph Adams (A-M-BB) 269 with 13Xs, Linda Adams (A-F-BB) 273 with 14Xs, Henry Bertram (A-M-FS)

290 with 26Xs, Rich Sandkuhle (A-M-BHFS) 283 with 23Xs, Ricardo Fortuno (Y-M-FS) 298 with 41Xs, Mark Woodhead (A-M-TradR) 160 with 2Xs, Dennis High (A-M-FITA) 262 with 15Xs.

Outdoor Shoot (Linda Adams)

Since the MTBA Regional Unmarked 3-D Tournament was scheduled for 11 March, the same day as the Santa Cruz Archers Outdoor Club Shoot, the Club event was cancelled so that it would not conflict with the Regional Tournament.

Stump Shoot (Linda Adams)

As 8:45 am rolled around on 31 March, it looked like the Stump Shoot would be just Gary Cramton and Ralph & Linda Adams. But before we could wander out to the Practice Range for warm-ups we were overrun by eager participants. We were quickly joined by Greg Woodard, Mike & Sotero Torralba, and their friends and neighbors: Darren, Paul and Al. Suddenly, an unannounced invitee appeared. Our Editor, Henry Bertram, showed up after declining several invitations over the past few months. I think he came to get some exercise and to enjoy the beautiful weather, but he just might have been checking up on me to see if my accounts of the Stump Shoots were accurate and to also time me to determine just quickly I could turn around an article and get it into him by the deadline. Sneaky, Henry! (editors note: I now know I should bring a reporter's pad and several pencils to save Linda from having to rummage around for the tools of her trade. That said, her stories are always filed in a timely fashion and seldom require edits.)

After our warm-ups the ten of us started around the course. The new stakes that Ralph had just installed were being blown away at record speed by our large group. Sotero Torralba, the gifted eight year old of the Club, has just turned nine

and may be getting ready for his next Longbow. We will probably have to replace the stakes midway through the shoot when he upgrades.

When all the points were tallied, Gary Cramton had harvested the most stakes, nine to be exact. Good job, Gary! Everyone had plenty of hits and a good time as we watched spring emerge. Please mark your calendar for the next Stump Shoot to be held on 28 April at 9 am. We'll be waiting for you at the Clubhouse.

Tournament Results

(Linda Adams)

2007 CBH/SAA State Indoor Tournament was held in January and results have been posted at the website:

<http://www.cbhsaa.org/shoots/2007indoorscores.htm>. A number of Santa Cruz Archers Club members shot in this competition that included participants from all over California. There were a total of 478 entries this year, which is up from the 456 entries in 2006. Some of the Club members shot at the Santa Cruz Archers Clubhouse this year, and based on the participation, the Club is planning to hold the event here again in 2008.

There was heavy competition by highly skilled archers in some of the shooting styles this year. The highest possible score was 450. Results for Club members are as follows:

Kay Gardner, Master Senior Female Freestyle, 426 (14X), 1st Place

Linda Adams, Senior Female Barebow, 390 (3X), 1st Place, New Record

Wendy Lewis, Senior Female Barebow, 329 (0X), 2nd Place

Linda Adams, Senior Female Traditional Longbow, 274 (1X), 1st Place, New Record

Larry Yien, Adult Male Traditional Longbow, 276 (1X), 6th Place

Ralph Adams, Master Senior Male Barebow, 357 (3X), 4th Place

Ken Gardner, Master Senior Male Freestyle, 431 (16X), 8th Place

Ralph Adams, Master Senior Male Freestyle Limited, 371 (5X), 3rd Place

Dennis High, Senior Male Freestyle Limited Recurve (FITA), 359 (5X), 1st Place, Record Set

Ed Terribilini, Senior Male Traditional Recurve, 356 (3X), 1st Place, New Record

Wayne Reader, Youth Male Freestyle, 449 (37X), 1st Place

For additional information regarding the Tournament, please visit their website. Congratulations to everyone. There is plenty of time to hone your skills for the 2008 CBH/SAA Indoor Tournament to be held next January.

Finding a Certified Archery Instructor (Linda Adams)

Finding a Certified Archery Instructor who is closely matched to your needs can typically take some research on your part. You will be pointed in many directions, some of which may result in dead ends. Just such a dead end occurred with a misunderstanding that Ralph Adams and I (Linda Adams) would provide coaching/instruction. In fact, the misunderstanding became so wide spread that I felt it necessary to explain at a late summer Club Meeting that we could not be included in such an effort. We are still trying to set the record straight, so hopefully, by reiterating this in the Newsletter we will be able to reach everyone with this information. For anyone desiring coaching/instruction, there are several reliable resources that you might consider.

As a starting point, you might want to drop by the Clubhouse during scheduled activities. At a recent Club Meeting it was suggested that anyone interested in obtaining help with archery may contact Ralph Reader or Patrick Mathews at the Clubhouse on either a Tuesday or a Thursday evening. This would

typically be in a "group instruction" setting.

Objectives vary greatly amongst archers. Some archers are content to be "reasonable" shooters. Other archers seek more tailored, advanced and frequent instruction/coaching. Still others desire "personal instruction". Those eager to achieve top competitive scores may wish to seek out a Level 4 Instructor. To better understand the resources available to all archers, pick up a copy of the information sheet: "Getting Started in Archery", available at the Clubhouse.

Becoming a Certified Archery Instructor (Linda Adams)

There may be many "would-be" instructors out there who want to become involved in helping new archers and wonder how to get started. It is important from a safety and liability point of view to cover all bases if you plan to instruct others. Obtaining your Certification is an important first step in order to: 1) Have a complete understanding of all archery safety issues; 2) Guide new archers in their development; 3) Identify the root causes of archery performance problems; and 4) Determine physical limitations of first time shooters to prevent injuries.

To learn how to enroll in a Certification Course, contact an NFAA certified instructor. An NFAA Level 4 Coach can give you the complete picture of certification levels and discuss the best approach to suit your purpose. A test is given at the end of the course. After passing the test you will obtain your NFAA certification. Don't forget to check your liability insurance to be sure it covers archery instruction and related activities at the locations where you choose to instruct.

Outdoor Range Report

(Ralph Adams)

The high level Archery Range Survey continued during the month of March. Some of the bale condition was reassessed and Target 16 was added to the list to have one of the bales replaced with a Super Bale. The majority of the bales at Targets 1 through 14 are good enough to get by for awhile, but there have already been reports of arrow vanes becoming buried in some of the bales, indicating that the bales at these targets should be changed out as soon as possible. The priority, however, is to replace the most needed bales between Targets 16 and 28. Any new bales required for the remaining targets will be purchased at a future date.

The shooting markers also received a high level evaluation at all 28 targets. Some markers that were expected to be there could not be found, while others were eventually located, buried deep in the weeds. Those markers that could not be found are still believed to be at more remote edges of the overgrowth, and possibly covered with dust, dirt or leaves. The only way that every last marker can be located, inventoried and repaired is for Club Members to focus their energies on their respective targets, clearing the vegetation that covers their markers and scraping the soil surface to unearth any sunken markers. It is far too great an effort for a few individuals to take on this enormous task over the entire 28 target course. Please clear the area around your markers as soon as possible.

The report in the previous SCAN about weeds; both in the paths and blocking shooting visibility; are now an understatement. Those targets that were identified as having moderate weeds as of last month, and that have not yet been mowed, have likely moved into the heavy weed category. It is unbelievable how quickly weeds can

grow in just a couple of weeks. The goal is to have the entire Range in shootable condition by April 14. Please join in the battle to reclaim the Range from the weeds.

SCA March Club Meeting

(Dianna Reader)

The club meeting was held on March 6th at 7:30 in the indoor range.

President's Report:

Dave brought in flyers for upcoming area shoots. Dave cleaned up some fallen trees, etc. on the outdoor range.

1st VP Report:

Linda reviewed the latest tournaments and reported where club members placed. Linda also highlighted the new personal best scores achieved at the indoor club shoots for the last month. The next outdoor club shoot on March 11th will be self registration because the unmarked 3D regional will be held on the same day at Mt. Madonna.

Outdoor Range Captain Report:

New targets have been put on the outdoor range. A list has been posted in the indoor range for club members to adopt a target. Working members need to sign up to maintain a target. Some targets need new bales and the vegetation trimmed. Ralph Adams is planning to organize and have regular range work parties. A work party was scheduled for Saturday, April 14th.

Membership:

The following new members were voted in at the meeting:

Jack Schifando
Vaughn Kenville
Bill Sollars

New Business:

• Henry suggested that we not hold the indoor money shoot this year due to lack of interest and to promote the indoor CBH and south-

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west sectional instead. It was decided during the meeting to put a hold on having the indoor money shoot.

- Gary has approx. 6 volunteers signed up to hold a Stickbows in the Redwood shoot with a tentative date of Saturday October 6th. Gary will report back at the April meeting.

- Gary and Ken brought in a brochure on a composting portable toilet that runs on electricity. Jack and Gary will research and let the

club know if it would be feasible for the range. The cost is under \$2,000.00.

- Gary has researched the proposal of changing the lock on the indoor range to a card key or push button lock with 150 different possible codes. This would allow the card or code to be changed each year so members that have not paid their dues would not be able to access the indoor range. The cost is \$500.00 to \$600.00 for a push button lock and \$1,100.00 to

\$1,300.00 for a card key lock. The card key lock requires each member to purchase a \$3.00 card key.

- Dave brought up the issue of club insurance. Linda is looking at the club insurance to determine what type of insurance the club has with regards to members vs. non-members and teaching archery on and off the range. Everyone coming to the range needs to sign an insurance waiver.

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