





Review of Dues and Keys Initiatives

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Newsletter Deadlines

Please write us about your archery experiences during the month. 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.

Dues and Keys Initiatives (ed.)

In the near future we will be voting on changes to our bylaws with respect to dues and key deposits. The intent is to start the New Year with a new dues schedule and a new key policy.

All dues cover annual memberships for a family (parents plus any children under 18 years of age living in the same household). A working

membership will increase to \$50 per year. Non working memberships will increase to \$200 per year and key deposits will increase to \$200. If you do not pay dues for 3 years and have not returned your keys, retrieved your deposit, you deposit will be forfeited.

In addition, we will be rekeying the indoor range every year to prevent those who have not paid their dues but retained their keys from utilizing the indoor range.

Outdoor Orientation (ed.)

On September 16th at 9:00 AM I will be leading an orientation to the Outdoor Range. We will meet in the Indoor Range at 9 and will depart for the orientation at 9:30. We will walk half of the course during the orientation. While you are welcome to simply walk with us and listen, those interested can bring their equipment and shoot 2 arrows at each target, from the Cub stakes (maximum distance is 30 yards). While walking the course I will talk about safety and point out the shooting positions, protocols and scoring for the standard NFAA Hunter and Field rounds used in the Outdoor Shoot, for the Animal Round and for the Stump Shoot.

Dependant on group size, and how much time we spend looking for arrows, we should be back in the club house in an hour and a half.

Children are welcome but must be controlled by the parents for safety reasons.

Outdoor Range Report & Communications (Ralph Adams)

Several on-going efforts by out-of-cycle Work Parties and the September Work Party went a long way toward preparing the Range for the coming novelty shoots:

"Stick Bows in the Redwoods" and "3-D Redwood Shoot" to be held on 6 & 7 October, respectively.

Out-of-cycle Work Parties concentrated on Targets 2, 3, 12, 19 and 28 that had considerable vegetation removed. Smaller clearing tasks were accomplished at most of the other targets. New targets were also put up in all locations.

The hay bales did not arrive in time for the September Work Party, but the Club expects them to be delivered soon. When this occurs, we will try to gather enough volunteers to put them in place. If time permits, we will post a special appeal or help on the Range Work Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse and on the Animal Shed Bulletin Board near the Practice Range.

Since the hay bales did not arrive, the September Work Party concentrated on raking paths starting on Target 1 and ending on Target 10, plus a little of Target 11. In addition, more clearing was done at Target 12 so that frequent repeat maintenance would not be necessary. Targets 20 and 21 benefited from more weed-whipping and a thorough raking.

The September Work Party was the last formal Work Party to be held before the big shoots in October. Since it was impossible to finish grooming the entire Range without more Work Party members, the Club is calling on all Working Members to go out when you can within the next two weeks and help finish the job. One person could weed-whip the entire path from the 80 yard shooting line at Target 22 all the way down to the target. This path is very narrow, and vegetation catches on clothing if not whipped completely down on the

walking path and the side of the hill.

The other critical task is to finish raking the paths leading to the targets that have not yet been cleaned up. Several individuals could rake paths; and sweep stairs, benches, bridges, platforms, railings, etc. from Targets 11 through 19; and Targets 22 through 28. This would be an immense help to the Club. We know that many Club members have schedule conflicts and cannot always attend Saturday Work Parties, yet they are able to get out at other times and get the job done. Thanks in advance for your help.

War on Clutter (Linda Adams)

Little by little, clutter has built up on the Range and it creates safety concerns, increased maintenance requirements and appearance issues.

This problem is not just isolated to the Outdoor Range, but is all encompassing. It is truly a Club level issue. Trying to clean up the Range, while dealing with all the clutter, in support of the upcoming Novelty Shoots has been a wake up call to all of us. Since the definition of clutter may vary amongst individuals, here is a summary of how the Club views clutter and what each person can do to keep the Range safe, neat and easy to maintain.

1. Any personal property left anywhere, whether on the Range, the Practice Range, BBQ/Picnic area, etc. should be under the owner's supervision and taken home at the end of the visit. As an example, an archer may bring his own personal camping stool to the Range as long as it remains in his possession and it leaves with him. The only furniture that should remain on the Range are picnic tables, benches and bow racks that are provided by the Club and are, in the vast majority of situations, bolted in place for safety. In the process of preparing for the upcoming Novelty Shoots,

all abandoned furniture will be rounded up and placed near the Animal Shed. The club will dispose of any furniture that is not claimed and removed by 11 September.

2. The more difficult war to wage on clutter is everyone's enemy....."PAPER"! In the case of Santa Cruz Archers, it is on the Animal Shed; Bulletin Boards; inside the Clubhouse; inside and outside on the Clubhouse door, etc. It is everywhere and we need to regain control over it.

Here are the Club Posting guidelines that have been resurrected:

a. All posting in the Clubhouse will be done by Club Officers, except in those areas on message and bulletin boards specifically designated otherwise.

b. Posting on the outside of the Clubhouse door is not permitted.

c. Any flyers and items of local interest may be posted by anyone on the Animal Shed Bulletin Board. Club Officers may also post high level descriptions of coming Club events in this Bulletin Board location. The Animal Shed Bulletin Board is not intended to be an extension of Club-specific documentation or news. Newsletters, and other lengthy documentation, some of which may be found in Clubhouse bins, will not be posted on this board to allow space to fulfill the original intent.

d. Postings will be affixed with push-pins and thumb tacks only.

To further control the clutter, all these locations will be monitored by Club Officers. Inappropriate, weathered, out-of-date, duplicate and redundant postings will be removed. Any posting that requires extra effort on the part of the Club to maintain a neat appearance will be removed as well. Each individual who posts material can do his

part to minimize clutter and bulletin board maintenance by removing his own out-of-date and weathered postings.

3. There is yet a third category of clutter that takes more time to clean-up than any other. It appears that there is about a minimum of a 14 hour effort required to clean the free-hand, notes and printing off of the bow racks and other Range fixtures. Writing or marking on Club fixtures is not permitted. There are, undoubtedly, several extra signs that would add clarification to the Range and they are currently on the "to-be-built" list. Working Member volunteers will be building these signs using lettering templates while working to standardized, approved designs. While not having these signs immediately might be frustrating, defaced Range fixtures invite additional graffiti that also needs to be removed. Please stay alert while on the Range and report any witnessed defacement of fixtures or facilities at the monthly Club Meeting.

It is personally a great relief to me to see these guidelines followed. I would much rather spend my energies helping on the Outdoor Range by clipping overgrowth, raking trails and repairing bow racks (in my spare time?) so that people can actually shoot the Range in safety; than to deal with discarded possessions, clean the ever expanding bulletin boards every time I pass them and remove writing off of fixtures. Although some of the clutter will take longer to resolve, by the time you read this article, the "snail-stained" papers on the outside door of the Clubhouse that you either marveled or cringed at (depending on whether you knew what it was) are gone. Postings of events long past are gone, as well. With all the clutter gone, you might even notice something current and useful. Thanks to all who are helping and have helped to create a safe,

well maintained and attractive Range for all to enjoy. If you are able to assist in this clutter clean-up, please join us.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

All alone am I, ever since your goodbye, all alone with just the bow and arrow, and scope, and release. OK, the song didn't really go like that and I always thought they should have replaced "since your" with censure anyway. I was all alone for the club indoor on August 3rd. Of course Dave Ray was out on the range weed whipping but he is a bit crazy that way. I shot a bunch, had my way with a used 5 spot target and headed out.

It was all different on August 17th there was actually a line from the registration desk clear back to the parking lot. OK, not really but it could happen!

Ralph and Linda Adams were there but had done work on the outdoor range, Ralph decided to keep score and save some wear and tear on his shoulders. Micki Downs was my guest. Micki, Linda and Henry dueling it out for top honors for the night, which, of course we all shared because we were all in different classes, funny how that works.

Micki, shooting Trad Recurve for what I believe is only her second time and certainly here first formal shoot with scoring shot 31 achieving immortality by jumping to 8th place on the indoor board. Way to go Micki! Linda snuck up on 188 with her Traditional Longbow and Henry, shooting Free Style, managed to forget to set the release and flung a shot high and left (it only missed the cardboard by a few inches, honest) thereby embarrassing himself only slightly with a 36X 291.

Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

The Outdoor Club Shoot held on 12 August attracted seven participants

which is way up from the usual three. The Club members included: Cliff Lindsey, Henry Bertram, Ken & Kay Gardner, and Ralph & Linda Adams. In addition to the members, Mike Clark came to shoot as the Gardner's guest. We shot in two groups: Cliff, Henry, Ralph, Linda in the first group; and Ken, Kay, Mike in the second.

Mike Clark shot Adult Male Freestyle with a 503; Cliff Lindsey shot Adult Male Freestyle with a 490; Ken Gardner shot Adult Male Freestyle with a 489; Henry Bertram shot Adult Male Freestyle with a 483 (please see Henry's excuses elsewhere in the newsletter); Kay Gardner shot Adult Female Freestyle with a 482; Linda Adams shot Adult Female Barebow with a 412 (new Club Record); and Ralph Adams shot Adult Male Barebow with a 384.

The next Outdoor Club Shoot is scheduled for 9 September at 9 a.m. Hope you can join in the fun.

Stump Shoot (Linda Adams)

It was Henry Bertram with Ralph and Linda Adams together again on the last Saturday of August. With our traditional equipment in hand we once again braved the wilds of the Outdoor Range hunting stakes. While Gary Cramton was somewhere in the middle of the United States and all the other Traditional shooters had more pressing obligations; we departed from the Clubhouse at round about 9 a.m. our intent was to find them and mercilessly smash some of the unlucky ones. The weather was great and the stakes cooperated with ...well, definitely with me, anyway. Some days it is difficult for me to hit even a few stakes, but the stakes seemed to be moving into position to be hit on every shot. [Does this sound like the article was written by Henry? . .he does influence me sometimes. . .]

When all was said and done, I finished with 7 hits; Henry got either 5 or 6, but when pressed for his score, was silent; and Ralph never says much, anyway. . .but he did hit a good number of stakes.

Don't miss the next Stump Shoot on 29 September at 9 a.m. We will be looking for you.

Odd's End (ed.)

We all know the old adage "if it's not broken, don't fix it!" While there are others who feel constantly moving things around is a good idea, I feel, where Archery is concerned, one should leave it alone! It takes me a long time to get a bow shooting correctly so once I get a bow shooting where it is pointed (not always an advantage in my case) I leave it as-is for a very long time.

It is for this reason that I was torn the week of August 6, I had just finished the 1 Million Years B.C. shoot and had a great time. Every time the release fired, the arrow went exactly where the scope dot was. Just like magic! I had put in the time to get sight settings for all the short yardages; I had good sight numbers for both 20 and 80 yards and I had Archers Advantage™ on my Palm Pilot to calculate the precise settings for any yardage and angle, thus leaving nothing to chance. Admittedly, the dot was not always pointed at the right spot and the sight wasn't always set correctly, but the equipment was functioning nearly flawlessly.

"Nearly flawlessly? What do you mean 'nearly'?" I hear you ask! Well it's that skinny, forked piece of spring steel that functions as an arrow-rest. It really doesn't hold the arrow when I draw. Usually, the forces involved in coming to full draw cause the arrow to pop off the arrow-rest. The arrow below the arrow-rest, having deleterious effects on accuracy, arrow flight and fletching longevity, requires that I

pick the arrow up with my forefinger and place it back on the arrow-rest causing target focus and concentration to be broken. Actually getting my finger under the arrow also requires significantly longer arrows than I should be shooting with this setup.

My plan was simple enough. On Saturday, I would drive over to Predator's Archery, and, with their expert counsel, select and purchase a drop-away arrow-rest. I would then drive home with the arrow-rest in a small bag along with the receipt, which I would later explain to my wife. On Sunday I would shoot the club shoot with my old arrow-rest and high confidence that all I had to do was select the right sight setting, actually set the sight correctly and simply shoot the NFAA Hunter and Field rounds. Close to a 560 in the bag, no problem.

My wife had wondered why I had completed most of her weekend assignments by 9:30AM on Saturday. I would have completed them all but the Vacuum shop didn't open until 10. She was not surprised when she heard of my imminent trip to the wilds of Gilroy.

I arrived and decided on the Hoyt drop away, it is a NAP 4000 with the Hoyt bracket. I have a NAP 3000 on my Scepter II and have been happy with it. I was ready to execute my plan to "put it in a bag and drive home" but laziness took over, after all, why should I put the thing on, I would probably have to actually read the directions and then slave away with an Allen wrench. Besides, I could do a quick normalizing setup and keep my sight settings. I let the experts install the arrow-rest.

Once they were finished I went into the Predator's range and adjusted the arrow-rest to provide the same 20 yard setting I had with the old setup. Good plan. Five or so arrows

later and it was spot, spot, spot. Done deal, easy livin' and ready for Sunday's outdoor shoot.

Just in case, I heard myself saying, I think I will get to the range early and check my work. There will probably be no problem but, just in case. I left the house around 6:30, opened both gates and shot a few confidence shots in the indoor range. Everything was different, had I made a mistake? No, I checked my phone's camera and saw the arrow in the middle of the X from the previous afternoon. Something had moved. I checked the set screws. Well, perhaps a bit of fine tuning was in order. After everything was changed and the spots were showing up again I took it out to 40 yards. Everything was different, again. By the time I was back and forth between 20 and 40 yards several times the rest of the group showed up and we started the Field round. I found, during the course of the day, that I had to add several yards to every setting. I thought it was 2 yards at first, then 3. If I had the pleasure of doing it again, I would add 2 yards for distances up to 20 yards, then 3 yards for distances out to 50 and 4 yards for distances beyond 50 yards. As you might imagine, the scoring was not up to par.

Cliff Lindsey was shooting with us, and, since he has the same arrow-rest, I asked him if he had to work the arrow-rest in when it was new, he answered in the affirmative. My next question was how long it took, to which he answered "around 100 shots." Since that was on target 9 (23rd of the day) I was probably around 150 shots at that point. Just past the wear in period and still under warrantee. I should have better luck getting new numbers this coming weekend. Scoring well in the indoor shoot, however, will be up for grabs. What was that advice again? If it isn't broken...darn.

NFAA Outdoor National Championship (Linda Adams)
The NFAA Outdoor Nationals were held in Darrington, Washington on the 23-27 of July. Although we did not feel that we would be very competitive at National Field level, Ralph and I went for the experience anyway. There was light rain the day before the tournament, sprinkles on the first day and pleasant Spring-like weather on the remaining four days. There were five different Ranges of which one was used for Cubs and the other four were for everyone else. As a Senior (age 55-64), I shot on the three less difficult ranges and none of them were as challenging as Santa Cruz or Mount Madonna. I would imagine that the "tough" range was likely no worse than our local ranges. The tournament was well organized; and excellent maps and directions were given to get us to our targets.

Husband, Ralph Adams shot a 2060 in Male Master Senior Barebow and finished in 5th Place. Since, at National level, you tend to encounter a lot of highly skilled archers, this was a good first effort for Ralph. While you might think that the Senior and Master Senior archers aren't as competitive as the Adults, many of these guys have been shooting fingers without sights for years, have set records in the Adult divisions, and have then continued to do so as they advanced into the Seniors and Master Seniors. Competing against them isn't easy.

I also had my hands full. I was hoping to shoot along side the Female Senior Barebow World Champion. I had already seen her previous scores and decided that I would be lucky to be able to stay within 20 points of her in any one game. There

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were five games so I was hoping to come within 100 points of her. Naturally, I realized that if I got nervous, I might not be able to hang in there within 100 points. She was, however, only ahead of me by 47 points at the end of the fourth game. Knowing that I am typically unable to shoot a good "Animal Round", I decided to just concentrate and get some practice. So I practiced away, then suddenly I realized that we were almost in a dead heat for the last game as the end neared. But, not being a

believer, I just kept practicing. When the scores were totaled, however, I squeaked by with two extra points. So for a total of five days I was only down 45 points instead of 100 with a 2190 and I got my Silver Medal. I also came to the realization that I *can* shoot "Animals"! I smiled all the way home and am still smiling.

Thus we concluded our trip to our first Nationals. There were others from California who attended, but we didn't get a

chance to talk to them and get their stories to share with the Club. You can find all the "Results", however, on the NFAA website. After this experience, I would encourage anyone who is interested in attending in a future year to do so, because you never know. . .you might have disappointing results, but then again, you might surprise yourself. And if I go again, I'll convince myself one more time that I'm just there for the practice.

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DATE	ARCHERY ACTIVITY CALENDAR ACTIVITY	LOCATION
9/2/2007	MTBA Regional 900 Round	Black Mountain Bowmen, San Jose
9/7/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
9/9/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Outdoor Club Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
9/9/2007	Salinas Bowmen CBH/SAA State Target Championships	Salinas Bowmen, Salinas
9/9/2007	Lodi Bowmen CBH/SAA Target Championships	Lake Comanche
9/14-16/2007	Pacific Coast Championship (SAC Calendar)	Discovery Park, Sacramento
9/15/2007	Kahlua Luau Shoot (8:00 am)	Bowhunters Unlimited
9/16/2007	Diablo Bowmen Red Devil 42 tgt 3-D	Clayton
9/21/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
9/29/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Stump Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
9/29-30/2007	Traditional Archers of California (TAC) Shoot	Rancho Neblina
10/5/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
10/6/2007	Stick Bows in the Redwoods (28 target/unmarked)[Trad. only]	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
10/7/2007	Redwood 3-D Shoot (28 target/unmarked) [NFAA/CBH styles]	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
10/7/2007	Lodi Bowmen Grape Stomp - 28 tgt - paper	Lake Comanche
10/14/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Outdoor Club Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
10/14/2007	MTBA Regional Field & Hunter Round	Woodside
10/14/2007	Oktoberfest Shoot (8:00 am)	Bowhunters Unlimited
10/19/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
10/21/2007	Flea Market Shoot	Black Mountain Bowmen, San Jose
10/27/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Stump Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
10/28/2007	Diablo Bowmen Boo Shoot - 42 tgt	Clayton
11/2/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
11/11/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Outdoor Club Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
11/16/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
11/17/2007	Turkey Shoot (8:00 am)	Bowhunters Unlimited
11/18/2007	Turkey Shoot	Salinas Bowmen, Salinas
11/18/2007	Redwood Bowmen Annual Turkey Shoot-28 tgt-Sight/Non-sight	Oakland
11/24/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Stump Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
12/7/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
12/8-9/2007	MTBA Regional Indoor - 450 Vegas Round	Predator's, Gilroy; Santa Cruz Archers; JCA Archer, Salinas; Palo Alto
12/9/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Outdoor Club Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz
12/21/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, Santa Cruz
12/29/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Stump Shoot	SCA Outdoor Range, Santa Cruz

The above schedule is a consolidation of select events from CBH/SAA, NFAA, SAC and NAA calendars. These, JOAD and other novelty shoots can be found at the respective internet sites. All archery activities are in California unless otherwise noted. Visit: NAA Website - http://www.usarchery.org/files/06_schedule_of_events.pdf; SAC Website - <http://www.calarchery.com>; California Bowmen Hunters & State Archery Assn.: Website - <http://www.cbhsaa.org> Phone: 925-208-2036; National Field Archery Association: Website - <http://www.nfaa-archery.org> Phone: 800-811-2331