



Stick Bows in the Redwoods Oct 6 and 3D Oct 7

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October Outdoor (ed.)

The Outdoor Shoot for October will be held at Kings Mountain Archers range in Woodside. This is the Annual Regional Outdoor. Directions to Kings Mountain are available at their internet site: <http://www.kingsmountainarchers.org/> If you need a ride, ask around and get one with someone else who is planning to attend (Henry, for instance). The format for the Regional is usually a Field round, a Hunter Round and an Animal round. There is usually a shotgun start meaning you get a target assignment when you register and go there before the shoot starts. The shoot is started with a horn or siren of some sort such that everyone starts at once.

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.

Outdoor Orientation (ed.)

Rogers and Hammerstein probably said it best, Sunday September 16th dawned beautiful and just kept getting better. Oh what a great day to wander around in the woods and arrow paper targets on the outdoor range. We were intending to introduce new archers to the outdoor range, talk about the shooting positions and targets for the Hunter and Field rounds, the Animal round and the Stump Shoot, but, alas only Ralph and Linda Adams and your faithful editor were in attendance at the designate time.

A bit of quick thinking transformed the Introductory Shoot into a 4 arrow traditional shoot from a single stake (no walk-ups) at each target on the field side. We started at target 15 and, boldly risking loss of many arrows, ventured forth completing the field side in a bit less than an hour and a half. We had enough fun to want to do it again so we are christening this format a novelty shoot. Since it may become a regular thing (well somewhat regular, anyway) we have set the records for this new shoot and we challenge you to compete. Linda set the Longbow mark at 170, Ralph set the Primitive record at 160 and Henry set the recurve bar at 203.

You need at least 3 adults in your group to shoot a record round. Just send me the scores when you have some to record, along with the archer's names, their class, and the date. You are welcome to shoot in

your own class but we insist on traditional equipment. By the way, traditional recurves and longbows only, no sighting aids of any kind and fingers only for release. The primitive class uses wooden self bows with wooden arrows, you can use Dacron strings, a metal nock locator and metal arrow tips (no broadheads, of course). If you are going to laminate anything or "back" a primitive bow, the material needs to be natural and you have to use hide glue or fish glue to attach it (i.e. it better smell bad and then come apart if we get rain during the shoot).

Oh, I forgot to mention that we are shooting this from the black stakes, commonly known as the Cub stakes. The longest distance is 30 yards. Don't be fooled, there are some nasty angles out there and some of the close ones are not easy. That's why we are calling it the Cub Club Challenge.

By the way, if you happen to take a real cub with you, you are all shooting from the same stakes which will save some time. It also provides same arrow impact angles so you are less likely to have your cub shoot your \$100 arrows in half.

Club Shoot Rates (Linda Adams)
Club Shoot rates have been reviewed and adjusted to ensure that the revenue from these events will cover the associated costs of target and bale degradation. The three Shoots that this will affect are the Indoor Club Shoot, the Outdoor Club Shoot and the Stump Shoot. The good news is that the currently charged rates for Club members have not changed. Since collection at these events has been sporadic in recent times, however, members may not be aware of the cost asso-

ciated with each of the three Club Shoots.

A slightly higher fee will be collected from guests. The "guest" or non-member charge for all three events will be the same as that already established for the Stump Shoot. This will standardize the rate structure and will take into account the fact that guests do not contribute in other aspects as do Club members.

The Outdoor Club Shoot fee is written into the Club Constitution. It is a minimal fee and is the same for both Club members and non-members.

The current fees for the three different Club Shoots are posted in the Clubhouse and on the Animal Shed, they summarized as follows:

Event	Member	Non-Member
Indoor	\$1.00	\$3.00
Outdoor	\$3.00	\$3.00
Stump	\$1.00	\$3.00

The Shoot rates remain minimal to encourage participation in Club activities and in order to help Club members assess and improve their performance. The dates for the Indoor Club Shoots (1st & 3rd Friday each month); the Outdoor Club Shoots (2nd Sunday of each month); and the Stump Shoots (last Saturday of each month) for the remainder of the year are included on the Archery Activity Calendar in the September SCAN issue.

Outdoor Range Report & Communications (Ralph Adams)

The out-of-cycle Work Parties undertaken during September to ready the Range for "Stick Bows in the Redwoods" (6 Oct.) and "Redwood 3-D Shoot" (7 Oct.) have been productive. Most of the major tasks to restore target visibility and clear paths of vegetation have been completed. Bow rack repairs and railing replacements are presently being accomplished. The remaining effort needs to focus on a final raking of paths; sweeping and dusting of stairs, bridges, platforms,

benches, bow racks, huts and railings. This can be performed by members any time within this final week leading up to the Shoots. Since it will be impossible to provide ongoing status of the targets that have or have not received their final attention, you might start with either Target 1 or Target 15 and proceed in numerical order until you find targets that are in need of last minute work. If you can, please continue in that numerical order and do as many targets as time permits. If you are working with others or are out on the Range where others are working, you may be able to coordinate with them so that you are concentrating on different targets.

After the novelty shoots are behind us, we are planning to hold a Work Party on 3 November. This will likely be the final clean-up for 2007 before the ground becomes too soggy. If the new hay bales are available, they may be installed at this time.

Thanks again for all your hard work leading up to these important Club events.

Sylvan Archers Visit (Jack Mills)

While on vacation in the Pacific Northwest this year, I was invited to shoot at the Sylvan Archers range located in Wilsonville between Portland and Salem, Oregon. Driving up, you come to an electric gate where the right 4 numbers gets you in. The range is really huge. They have two 28 target ranges and a 20 target unmarked animal range - 76 targets in all, not counting the practice area and the 3 broad head pits. The practice range, which they call the sight-in range, has bales set from 10 to 100 yards. Nearby is the clubhouse with a wood stove and kitchen. A glance at the bulletin board reveals that Sylvan Archers has somewhere around 300 members. They have four categories of yearly membership: individual at \$55, family at \$85, senior (62+) at \$25, and junior (18-) at \$25. A

member is allowed to bring a guest to shoot twice in one calendar year.

My host steered me to the animal range where we shot all 20 targets. Everything is cool green and lush with the targets in a typical forest setting of tall trees, vine maple and ferns. As we walked back to the parking lot I noticed that Sylvan Archers uses large compressed cedar bark bales which look quite sturdy.

This range was really impressive. I'm sure it is the result of a lot of hard work by a goodly number of dedicated club members.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

What? Was September 7th indoor shoot night? Yes it was and 7 archers straddled the black, 20 yard line in the indoor range to ply their skills against themselves (and the others attending, I guess). Kay and Ken Gardner held lanes one and two. Rich Sandkuhle was arcing in lane three with Henry Bertram taking lane four. Bob Denton, Candace Douglas and Jim Martinez defended lanes five, six and seven, respectively. Everyone was shooting Freestyle except Rich and Candace who brought their Bowhunter Freestyle equipment.

As you may have heard, there is a serious problem with lane seven as Jim was to find out later. Dianna Reader knows of the curse but has kept it to herself. Some say that lane is different because you are close to the wall and there is a finite discontinuity in the air flow near the wall that causes the occasional arrow to fly awkwardly for right handed archers using back tension releases. Those who have been around the indoor range for a long while know that there is a high flux density electromagnet in that wall that is occasionally activated by energy coming from the wind moving the electrical distribution wires feeding the lighting at the range. It was the field from this magnet that influenced one of Jim's shots, not the ghost or the air current, that stuff is just silly.

Jim Martinez punished the center for a 49X, but that magnetic field caused an errant arrow yielding a 299, in addition he was helping Candace Douglas achieve a 7X, 245. Bob Denton brought his FITA honed skills and cleared 22X, 294. Kay Gardner shot 289 with 25Xs while Ken Gardner snuck ahead with 293 and 29Xs. Rich Sandkuhle shot 31X, 283 and Henry Bertram shot 34X on his way to a 295 total.

The September 21st Shoot was a bit more sparsely attended. Mark Thomas shot Bowhunter Freestyle for 269 with 17Xs and jumped onto the indoor board in 10th place. Bob Denton leapt into 7th place on the Freestyle board with a 39X 299, great shooting Bob! Kay Gardner moved to 3rd place on the Freestyle board with 294 and 26Xs.

Ken Gardner's freestyle skills netted him 290 with 30Xs while Micki Downs, shooting Trad Recurve for the second time here, shot a 26. Henry Bertram, experimenting with a new grip position, shot 288 with 22Xs and decided to go back to the old grip technique, flawed as it have been.

Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

In case you have not noticed, when there is a state or regional shoot they fall on the same days our shoots do. To accommodate shooters that need to attend these important shoots, we will cancel the local shoot in order to attend the more broadly attended rounds.

The morning of Sunday September 9th dawned very pleasantly in Scotts Valley; I left the house in short sleeves and jeans. I had loaded everything I thought I would need for the 900 round at the archery range in Salinas.

I slid behind the wheel, fired up the 11 horses residing under the hood and roared off toward the Santa Cruz range to open the gates. After opening, it was 1 south to Riverside Drive, then jog right at Main, immediate left after crossing the

bridge on San Juan Road, then after a bit of a ride, right on Dumbarton Road to hwy 101. South on 101 about 1.8 miles then turn left on Crazy Horse Canyon Road. Exactly 1 mile from 101 on the right is the entrance to the Salinas Bowman's range.

I registered and prepared my equipment for warm-up and practice. By the time I started practice a fairly heavy mist was falling, I wondered if I should have worn a coat. Six arrows in the spot from 40 yards and I was happy. I wandered around greeting some of the archers and guests. Kay and Ken Gardner, Ken Lewis, Jim Martinez, Candace Douglas, Ben Rogers and Wendy Lewis were all there from the club in addition to many others including Curtis and Mike of Predator's and Terry Handley from the Salinas club who was running the shoot.

Since everyone seemed to be practicing more than I, I thought I would try my hand at 50 yards, big mistake, the arrows were flying well but the cold and damp combined with no secondary warm up conspired to give me a cramp across my upper back that lasted throughout the day. Great, I had another excuse, just what I needed.

The 900 round is shot from 3 positions, 60 yards, 50 yards and 40 yards with 30 arrows shot at each distance. The scoring is X (tie breaker and worth 10), 10, 9 etc. down to zero for a number of conditions involving wood, dirt and long flights into oblivion.

We had 4 archers per target and alternately shot 3 arrows at a time, 6 total arrows per end, then retrieved the arrows. This puts 24 arrows in a small spot, which can be a bit crowded. There were two practice ends at 60 yards. No practice at 50 or 40 yards (this turns out to be an important scoring consideration if you don't have your sight tuned correctly).

Once the mist cleared out it was a very nice day and, since we were two targets from the far end of the range, (slightly less serious than the

other end) we had a funny crew between us and the neighboring targets. On occasion it was a serious challenge to maintain composure such that the target would stand relatively still.

I was unable to get all the scores as of this writing and, luckily I can't find my own to include herein.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

Whoa Nellie, just another Stump Shoot, no way! Ralph and Linda Adams were busy preparing the range for the Stick Bow shoot, Gary Cramton couldn't stay and I was feeling a bit under the weather. We decided to leave the stumps alone this month; I assure you they are breathing a combined sigh of relief.

Renewing your Membership

(Linda Adams)

If you have been trying to juggle your schedule in order to renew your SCA membership at the monthly Club Meeting, here is a new twist for you to consider. The Club has recently installed a "Membership Renewal Box", located on the right hand wall of the Clubhouse as you enter the facility. This means that if you plan to pay by check, you can drop your renewal into the box at your convenience. Naturally, to use this method, you must gain access to the Clubhouse, either by means of your key, or when the Clubhouse is open if you do not have a key. If you do not have access to the Clubhouse and/or plan to pay with cash, follow the renewal instructions that are posted on the Animal Shed.

The instructions for renewal are posted on the Clubhouse wall. Blank Membership Renewal forms with deposit envelopes are located below, and the Membership Renewal Box is located just to the left. Fill out the Membership Renewal Application and deposit this along with your check, sealed in the envelope, into the box as stated in the instructions.

Please be sure to provide contact information on your renewal form so that the Club can keep you informed of issues and upcoming activities. On time critical issues, including your email address will allow the Club to contact you expediently. The Club will also need to contact you so that you may receive your new Clubhouse key at the beginning of 2008.

It is hoped that this recent renewal enhancement will prove to be more convenient for Club members.

Support Upcoming Novelty Shoots (Linda Adams)

Although there are many reasons for Santa Cruz Archers to host "Stick Bows in the Redwoods" on 6 October; and "Redwood 3-D Shoot" on 7 October; it is hoped that the Club will generate enough revenue from these Shoots to be able to afford much needed repairs and upgrades to the Range and facilities. Each Club member can help to make this dream a reality. There are three major ways that you can help: 1) Enter one or both events; 2) Help prepare the Range and facility for the Shoots; and/or 3) Volunteer to help during one or both events. It is actually possible to help in all three ways if you have the time and energy to do so.

1. Enter one or both events: There have been circumstances at Santa Cruz and other shooting locations, as well, when Club members were required to help during the events and were not able to shoot in them. This is not the case for Stick Bows in the Redwoods or Redwood 3-D Shoot. All members are eligible to participate (shoot) in either or both events! By choosing to shoot in these events you are financially supporting the Club, bringing it closer to meet financial goals. You will also be helping by alerting friends and other Club members about the events.

2. Prepare the Range and facility for the Shoots: The week just prior to the events is a critical time when last minute clean-up around the Range is badly needed. If you are able to help, please review the "Detailed Work Plan" posted on the "Range Work Bulletin Board" on the far wall inside the Clubhouse. This will give you specifics about tasks that have not yet been completed. To summarize, a final raking of leaves from the paths; and sweeping/dusting of stairs, bridges, platforms, benches, bow racks, huts and railings would do a lot to ensure the safety and good appearance of the Range and adjoining areas. Since these tasks can be accomplished prior to the Shoots, a member could both shoot in the events and help with the preparations. If you should come in contact with other Club members prior to the Shoots, please let them know what they can do to help.

3. Help during one or both events: Club members do not need to sign up in advance to help during the Shoots. Just show up anytime during the events. Please stop by the volunteer stations and offer your help. If you can arrive early and stay later it will be even more beneficial. Some of the most needed supporting roles include: a) Relieving volunteers who need to take short breaks from their assigned locations; b) Assisting in various areas during peak workloads; and c) Cleaning up during, after and in-between the events. Naturally, if you choose to shoot on either day you will not be able to assist during the hours that you are shooting, but you might be able to help before or after you shoot.

Please do what you can in any of the above mentioned areas. And do consider that if you shoot "Only Traditional" or "Only Compound" that both of these Shoots need your support in order for the Club to succeed. If you will be shooting a Compound bow on Sunday, please

help out with Stick Bows in the Redwoods on Saturday if you possibly can, and the same applies to Traditional Shooters helping out on Sunday. Events like Stick Bows in the Redwoods and Redwood 3-D Shoot take an enormous amount of pre-planning and manpower to execute; and it is hoped that the Club can achieve success by getting all member involved and pulling together for this common goal. So on 6 & 7 October, we hope to see you at the Range with your bow or your enthusiasm, or both.

POSTED! (Linda Adams)

I'll bet you thought that this was another reminder that hunting is not allowed on the Range and adjoining area. Well, although NO HUNTING still applies, the term "POSTED" takes on an inclusive and informative meaning. The Club now has three major areas where information has been posted that should prove useful to all Club members and prospective members. Information, explaining how the Club functions and how to get the most out of your participation, can be found on 1) The right hand wall as you enter the Clubhouse; 2) The Range Work Bulletin Board on the far wall as you enter the Clubhouse; and 3) The Animal Shed.

Right hand Wall inside Clubhouse: You will find Clubhouse policies; safety; archery etiquette information; waiver explanation; joining SCA; renewing with SCA; range rules & regulations; club shoots; archery orientation; participating in Club activities; and activity schedules.

Range Work Bulletin Board: You will find the "adopt a target" sign-up sheet; the detailed work plan; the carpenter work plan; upcoming work party announcements; working members' log for hours; how to obtain authorization for special tasks; and other Range related notifications and sign-up sheets.

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Animal Shed: You will find range rules & regulations; upcoming work party announcements; club shoots; activity schedules; joining SCA, renewing with SCA and additional space where the general membership and guests have posted Shoot flyers and information of local interest. This board provides basic information to those who do

not use or have access to the Club-house.

The above information is most useful to those new to archery, those who have come back to the sport years later; or those who have never belonged to an archery club. Understanding what the Club and other archery organizations have to offer; your role and responsibilities

as a Club member; and how to safely share the facilities with others will result in a positive and productive experience. After reading the above information, you can gain additional archery activity insight by visiting the NFAA, CBH/SAA and/or NAA websites.

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