

## “Indoor Season” is upon us

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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.

### Outdoor Range Report & Communications (Ralph Adams)

Thanks to everyone who participated to ready the Outdoor Range for "Stick Bows in the Redwoods" and the "Redwood 3-D Shoot". While the Range is still in the best shooting condition as a result of the novelty shoot preparation, please take the opportunity to enjoy what you have labored so hard to create. While the good weather continues, you have the opportunity to shoot

all or part of the Outdoor Range informally, participate in the Outdoor Club Shoots or test your skill with your Traditional archery equipment at the Stump Shoots.

The last regularly scheduled Work Party for the year, 3 November 2007, was conducted to repair/replace hay bales; to continue to improve shooting conditions at Target 7; and to perform select pruning in aggressive regrowth areas. The next planned Work Party is scheduled on 2 February 2008. Should out-of-cycle Work Parties become necessary, the information will be posted on the Range Work Bulletin Board and on the Animal Shed. If time permits, details will also be included in the SCA Newsletter.

Again, thanks for all your efforts that have made the Range safe and shootable.

### Nominations and Elections (ed.)

Nominations are open for the election of club officers. The election takes place during the December meeting. Dave says that the November meeting (Tuesday 11/6) is supposed to be the last day for nominations but we could always extend until the December meeting. So, if you can't make it to the meeting, please send your nominations to Dave Ray (or to me and I will forward them to him). Send them any time between the October meeting (last month's meeting) and the printing of the ballots (give Dave two weeks for that so the last day should be November 20). The two nominations we have thus far are Jack Mills for Board Member at Large, and Henry Bertram for Newsletter editor.

### Indoor Shoots (ed.)

Oh, the weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful, since we've no place to go, let arrows go

let them go let them go. Yes, it's winter and in winter an archer's passion turns to the indoor. Off hour at the range you can observe dedicated bow tuners moving their rests to compensate for arrows the size of lamp posts. I spent last Sunday doing exactly that, I backed off from the usual 60 pound outdoor setting and tuned for an arrow of significant diameter. Come the second of November, watch out. The Xs in those 5 spot targets are cringing awaiting their fate. Come on now, I had to do something different.

During the October fifth shoot, Pat Pagnella, Bob Denton, Perry Ralston and Ricardo Fortuno shot Free Style, Henry Bertram and Micki Downs shot Traditional Recurve and Rich Sandkuhle and Mark Thomas paired off to contest for the evening's Bowhunter Free Style honors.

Pat Pagnella shot 298 with 47Xs, Bob Denton shot 292 with 41Xs, Perry Ralston shot 294 with 39Xs and Ricardo Fortuno shot 298 with 37Xs.

Micki Downs shot 29 in her second indoor and Henry Bertram shot 183 with 4Xs.

Rich Sandkuhle shot 281 with 29Xs and Mark Thomas shot 273 with 15Xs.

It was a totally different story on the October 19<sup>th</sup>, nothing to do with Archery actually, the 20<sup>th</sup> is my wife's birthday and I still had shopping to do, but I digress.

Kay and Ken Gardner were shooting Free Style along with Bob Denton and Henry Bertram.

LeRoy Burke and Mark Thomas were pounding the targets with bows sporting 5 fixed pins, stabilizers less than 12 inches in length and mechanical releases (a style otherwise abbreviated as Bowhunter Free Style).

Mark shot 265 with 17 Xs while LeRoy shot 261 with 17 Xs.

In the Free Style ranks Kay shot 284 with 20 Xs, Henry shot 293 with 32 Xs and Bob and Ken shot 298, Ken with 31 Xs and Bob with a blazing 41 Xs.

Nice shooting everyone!

## Outdoor Shoot (Linda Adams)

Since the MTBA Regional Field & Hunter Round was being held concurrently at King's Mountain, attendees at the 14 October Outdoor Club Shoot were not anticipated. Nevertheless, the Range gates were opened at 8:30 a.m. to accommodate anyone who might be interested in shooting the course. The likely participants were either at the Tournament or those who were not tournament shooters may have been reluctant to attend because of the recent rain.

Sometimes, the perceived effort involved to participate in a formalized and complete Outdoor Club Shoot can be overwhelming. There are several ways that you can get up to speed. Here are just a couple of the possibilities:

1. Shoot along with others informally so that you become familiar with the rules and do as many targets as you can.
2. Shoot half the course one month and the other half the following month

New archers will find that in no time they will be able to shoot uphill and downhill; develop that little extra bit of stamina to make it around the course; identify the correct shooting markers; and keep score. So please give the Outdoor Club Shoot a try and after doing so, you will wonder why you waited so long to start this exciting new dimension in archery.

## Regional Outdoor (ed.)

"What is a regional outdoor?" I hear you ask. Well, it's a competition between all archers in the region (that care to compete) who ply their archery skills in an event comprised of a Field round, a

Hunter round and an Animal round. As you recall from experience, diligent study or a previous article, the Field round is shot from the white stakes at a target with a black center and concentric white then black circles, the Hunter round is shot from the red stakes at a black target with a white center. Each archer shoots 4 arrows from the appropriate stakes and the arrows are counted 5 each in the center, 4 each in the ring adjacent and 3 each in the outer ring. As usual, trees, portions of the target hut, rocks and dirt all score 0 and there is no extra credit or breaking or losing arrows. The Animal round is shot from the yellow stakes at animal targets printed on paper and marked with a wound zone (basically the animal's body excluding legs, ears and fur or feathers as the case may be), a kill zone (heart and lung area) and an aiming spot in the kill zone. The scoring is as follows: for the first arrow: 21 for the aiming spot, 20 for the kill zone and 18 for the wound; for the second arrow (shot only if you missed with the first arrow): 17 for the aiming spot, 16 for the kill zone or the spot and 14 for the wound zone; for the third arrow, shot only if you missed both the first and second arrow: 13 for the aiming spot, 12 for the kill zone and 10 for the wound zone. On some of the targets you move up to another yellow stake between shots.

Sunday, October 14, 2007 found me driving toward Woodside in the early morning. I arrived at the King's Mountain Archers range around seven AM, assembled my equipment and started warming up on the practice range. I was soon joined by a few others from our club and other clubs from the surrounding area. I wandered over to the club house in due course and signed up and got a target assignment.

The folks from Predators were starting at target one, Kay and Ken Gardner and Pat Pagnella, seem to have started on either target 2 or

target 15, it's a mystery to me. I do know that they were taking a lunch break while I was packing to leave.

I was assigned to target 5 with Keith and Kristen Julien. Keith is past president of King's Mountain Archers and is currently responsible for the awards banquet. Kristen is Keith's daughter and is in college.

It was a day of mixed performance for me, as a whole I struggled between the brilliant and the mundane. Reporting on any one target would show the importance of listening to the whole story. Take, for example, the 80 yard walkup, I took care to have my stance correct, have correct form, anchor correctly, aim well and pull. The arrow flew and Keith, viewing the target through his binoculars announced "spot" meaning it was in the center and worth 5 points. We then advanced to the 70 yard mark where I repeated the elements of a good shot and was rewarded by Keith's announcement of "spot." On to the 60 yard marker where the same activity resulted in Keith's resounding "another spot!" All was well, just zip up to the 50 yard stake and slam that sucker home, no problem, a 20. Not so fast, everyone actually scoring a 20 on that target please stand up. Not so fast Henry, that looks like a 19 to me. Well, Keith had to remark on how well I was shooting after the third shot. Never think about the score, everyone knows that. I wonder if Keith was ensuring that I wouldn't get too far ahead. Another case in point was the 32 yard fan. Both Keith and Kristen remarked that the target there was for sized for 35 to 50 yards. That meant that this was a supremely easy shot, the jumbo sized target made it a shoe-in. In fact, the average of my arrows was exactly in the middle so I should have scored 20 on that one, the fact that I surrounded that large spot and secured only 16 points was truly amazing, both to me and my new friends. To further my point, I submit, for your consideration a

shot made "2 and 2" at 25 yards. You shot two arrows from one stake at one target and 2 arrows from the second stake at the second target. The first two arrows found themselves, in the correct target at least, but were at 9 o'clock and at 11 o'clock in the outer reaches of the 4 ring. The second two arrows found themselves within a half inch of each other in the spot, go figure. All in all the average was quite, well you could say, average. At least I cleaned the Animal round. That is to say that I hit enough aiming spots to make up for the kill zone that eluded me.

An average performance notwithstanding, it is very nice to meet new friends and to be able to shoot a round in the outdoors. The King's Mountain Archers range is beautiful and I enjoyed the day. It had rained the day before and the ground was just right, there was no dust and the footing was superb. The temperature was perfect, cool enough that walking up and down the hills wasn't uncomfortable and warm enough that no jacket or sweatshirt was required. The sun was shining through the redwoods and oaks outlining areas of brightness and shade on the fallen acorns and fall's new fallen leaves.

### **Novelty Shoots Complete!**

(Linda Adams)

"Stick Bows in the Redwoods" and "Redwood 3-D Shoot" are now behind us. The attendance was way up from two years ago moving from about 16 to 93! Stick Bows and Redwood 3-D had 56 and 37 participants, respectively.

Those who contributed to make the Shoots possible did so in one or more ways by preparing the Range and facilities before the events; shooting in the event(s); volunteering during the events; or cleaning up after the events. Although some volunteers sacrificed many days to make the Shoots possible, there were also many who offered the few spare hours that they had avail-

able to prepare for the Shoots. It was through the efforts of many people that made the proposed Shoots a reality.

Hopefully, the revival of "Stick Bows in the Redwoods" will be the start of increased participation on the Santa Cruz Archers Range. Thank you to everyone who made the Shoots possible and to all who attended the Shoots!

### **Stump Shoot (Linda Adams)**

The Stump Shoot, held 27 October, attracted four participants. Gary Cramton was orchestrating the event to ensure that there was never a dull moment or lack of challenge. Gary took Andy Sterbenz and Andy's son, Sam, along with Sam's young guest, Eric Ledbetter; out to test their abilities. All four participants exhibited unusual skill in their attempts to execute some difficult shots. Several trick shots and novelty targets were included at this event. Best act of the day was Sam Sterbenz, who hit a stake while kneeling and twisting his body 180 degrees to take a "back shot". Good job, Sam!

The next Stump Shoot is scheduled on Saturday, 24 November at 9 a.m. Hope to see you there with your Traditional archery equipment.

### **Club Shoot Sign-up Sheets**

(Linda Adams)

Shoot Sign-up Sheets have been posted on the Animal Shed for the Outdoor Club Shoots and the Stump Shoots for the remainder of 2007. Attendance at these two events has been both light and sporadic. An advanced sign-up sheet will relieve volunteers hosting these shoots of the responsibility of attending the events on months when there is no interest by the members and will allow the volunteers to focus on archery activities that are of current interest to Club members.

On the months that you do plan to shoot either the Outdoor Club

Shoot or the Stump Shoot, please print your name on the respective Sign-Up Sheet by the "Cut-Off" date. If you miss getting your name on the sheet by the specified date, it does not mean that you cannot shoot and have your score counted. But it does mean that if the sheet does not contain the minimum number of participants by the Cut-Off date to hold a formal shoot, it will be left up to the participants to contact the necessary volunteers who on short notice may be able to help Club members get their scores formalized. Please see the respective Sign-up Sheets posted on the Animal Shed for requirements to formalize scores.

The Archery Activity Calendar will continue to carry both the Outdoor Club Shoots and the Stump Shoots on the designated days of each month for the remainder of 2007. You are encouraged to attend and it is hoped that there will be continued interest in improving your Field Archery at the Outdoor Club Shoots; and your Traditional archery skills at the Stump Shoots.

### **Shoot the MTBA Regional Indoor! (Linda Adams)**

The timing could not be better for archers to gain experience and prepare for the local State and Sectional Indoor Tournaments in January, because Mission Trails will be holding their Regional Indoor on 8 & 9 December at various locations. Once again, the event is being held in the Santa Cruz Archers Clubhouse on 8 December at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. for the convenience of Club members.

Other locations that may also be convenient, depending on your schedule, include Predator's Archery in Gilroy and the archery shop in Salinas. Check your preferred location in advance, as dates and times may vary.

The Regional Indoor will be offering all the NFAA shooting styles. In addition, CBH/SAA Longbow will be offered to those shooting in Adult and older age divisions. Age

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divisions include Cub (Under 12), Youth (12-14), Young Adult (15-17), Adult (18+), Senior (55+) and Master Senior (65+). Males and Females will compete separately. Participants have the choice of using the FITA 40 cm target or the Vegas 3 Spot. Youths and Cubs will shoot on the 60 cm target face. The shooting distance will be 18 meters. There will be a total of 3 arrows per end and 15 ends, making a total of 45 arrows to be shot at the event. The estimated completion time is about 2 hours.

The cost is \$20 for Young Adults, Adults, Seniors and Master Seniors. Couples cost is \$35 and Youths & Cubs are FREE. The fee is split between the host club (\$5) and the Region (\$15).

Trophies will be awarded; however, only one trophy will be awarded to a participant. Those shooting multiple styles should note their preferred style for an award. Placement will be acknowledged other styles. For parents of younger archers, it will be of interest to note that "ALL CUBS WIN" (editor's note: Linda has secretly acknowledged that she wishes to be a cub again for this reason).

Placing everyone in the correct shooting Class is of major importance. Archers registering in any Class other than "A" must show a

valid handicap score card with a minimum of three qualifying scores in the field and hunter round. Archers will be registered in "A" Class until they meet this requirement. For the Class breakdown, go to the NFAA website. Also, be aware that NFAA Membership is required to shoot in the event.

Whether you are a new archer just easing into tournaments, or an experienced archer preparing for State events and beyond, the MTBA Regional Indoor will help you develop your skills. I hope you can participate.

### MTBA Regional 900 Round Results (Linda Adams)

The Mission Trails Regional 900 Round was held 2 September at Black Mountain Bowmen Archery Range in San Jose. The attendance was 14. SCA Club members who participated in the event are as follows:

Ben Rogers, Male Adult Pro Freestyle, 879, 2nd Place  
Jim Martinez, Male Adult Freestyle, 872, 2nd Place  
Ken Gardner, Male Adult Freestyle, 769, 5th Place  
Kay Gardner, Female Adult Freestyle, 834, 1st Place  
Congratulations to all!

### CBH/SAA 900 Round Championship Results (Linda Adams)

The CBH/SAA State 900 Round Championship was held in September at various locations around the State. The attendance was 226, down this year from 274 in 2006. This is a 90 arrow competition with 30 arrows shot from 60 yards; 30 arrows shot from 50 yards and 30 arrows shot from 40 yards. SCA Club members shot in this event and scored as follows:

Ben Rogers, Male Senior Pro Freestyle, 876 (35X), 3rd Place  
Henry Bertram, Male Senior Freestyle, 857 (16X), 5th Place  
Kenneth Lewis, Male Senior Freestyle, 782 (12X), Flight 1, 6th Place  
Ken Gardner, Male Master Senior Freestyle, 800, Flight 1, 3rd Place  
Ralph Adams, Male Master Senior Barebow, 682 (1X), 5th Place  
Dennis High, Male Adult Freestyle Limited Rec, 721 (4X), 2nd Place  
Jim Martinez, Male Adult Freestyle, 879 (37X), 3rd Place  
Linda Adams, Female Senior Traditional Longbow, 381 (2X), 1st Place (Record Set)  
Linda Adams, Female Senior Barebow, 773 (9X), 1st Place (New Record)  
Kay Gardner, Female Master Senior Freestyle, 785 (10X), 2nd Place  
Congratulations! May next year be even better.

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## ARCHERY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Location
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 (Unmarked/24Targets)	Salinas Bowmen, Salinas
11/18/2007	Redwood Bowmen Annual Turkey Shoot-28 targets, 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 & 12/9/2007	MTBA Regional Indoor - 450 Vegas Round [Saturday, 8 Dec. @ 10am & 1pm in SCA Clubhouse]	Predator's, Gilroy; Santa Cruz Archers; Jim Cox Adventures, Salinas
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
11/2/2007	Santa Cruz Archers Indoor Club Shoot	SCA Clubhouse, 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](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