

Happy Holidays from the SCAN Staff

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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.

SCA meeting minutes Nov 6, 07 (Diana Reader)

President's Report:

Dave brought in flyers for the upcoming CBH Indoor Championships to be held in January 2008. The CBH indoor will be held at Santa Cruz Archers on Saturday, January 19th. The indoor regional will be held at Santa Cruz Archers on Saturday, December 8th.

Dave also announced that he will not be running for President of the club next year. He will be around

for the next month to complete the transition to the new President. Dave also needs a new contact phone number to replace his as a reference contact for the club.

1st VP Report:

Linda reported on all of the club shoots that were held in October. Linda and Ralph also turned in money that was received from membership renewals and the October club shoots.

Outdoor Range Captain Report:

There was an outdoor range work party on Saturday, November 3rd. Sunday, November 11th is the next outdoor range club shoot. The range is in the best condition it has been in for a long time so now is the time to come out and shoot. The next work party won't be scheduled until sometime in February due to the Holidays and upcoming winter weather.

Indoor Range Captain Report:

The money box has been replaced and the candy and drinks have been stocked up from the surplus that remained from the novelty shoots. The Readers turned in \$52.50 that was in the old money box.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$1,477.21 in the regular account.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send any newsletter articles by email to Henry Bertram at: henrybertram@comcast.net.

New Members Voted In:

Leroy Burke
Wolff Bloss
Cody Dumont

Raffle:

\$10.00 – Ralph Adams won!

New Business:

1. New fees will be going into effect in January. The fee change was voted in at the October meeting.
2. Henry asked if we need any new super bales because Mt. Madonna is putting in an order and wanted to know if we would go together to save money on shipping. It was decided that we don't need any new bales at this time.
3. Henry also brought up the issue of replacing the Indoor Range lock so we can change the keys. The club does not have the money to get a new lock at this time and it was decided to hold off on this issue until the new president is elected for next year.
4. Nominations were held for 2008 officers, results are as follows:
President – Henry Bertram
1st VP – Ralph Reader
2nd VP – Wolff Bloss
Range Captains:
Indoor – Rick Chase
Outdoor – Ralph Adams
Newsletter Editor – Henry Bertram
Secretary – Diana Reader
Treasurer – Dave Ray/Diana Reader
Membership Chair – Open
Publicity Chair – Open
Gait Monitor – Randy Redmond
Board of Directors:
Jack Mills, Andy Sterbenz,
Larry Yien and Linda Adams

Outdoor Range Report & Communications (Ralph Adams)

Although the next regularly scheduled Work Party does not occur until 2 February 2008, if weather and conditions permit, please continue your effort at your "Adopted Target". If, as a Working Member, you have not yet selected a target to maintain, please sign up for one on the Range Work Bulletin Board and start performing the routine maintenance tasks. Just a little bit of effort on each member's part will create conditions where archers can

shoot the Outdoor Range for most of the fall and winter seasons.

If for any reason, 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 effort during 2007.

Editors Note: The range inspection is at hand and is required for NFAA certification and our insurance carrier. Our range currently easily passes the requirements for certification. Many thanks go to Ralph and Linda Adams for all their work in organizing the work parties and slaving tirelessly to complete many of the required tasks. Thanks to Ralph Reader for arranging for the inspection. Further thanks to all who have contributed to maintaining the range this year.

Any discussion of range work could not be complete without acknowledging the work of Dave Ray who, beyond loving to weed whip acres of land after work, painted all the field stakes, replacing some that were a few yards off and, amazing all of us, keeps our outhouse relatively inoffensive by regularly doing some really bizarre work involving a shop-vac (beware at garage sales) and plastic bags.

Renewing your Santa Cruz Archers Membership

(Linda Adams)

This is to remind everyone who has not yet renewed their SCA Club membership for 2008 that there is still time to renew at the existing rates if you do so by 31 December 2007. To renew, deposit your renewal application along with your check, sealed in the envelope, into the "Membership Renewal Box", located on the right hand wall of the Clubhouse as you enter the facility. Blank Membership Renewal

Applications are also located in the bin on the right hand wall as you enter the Clubhouse, or they may also be obtained from the SCA website.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

November 2nd is my sister's birthday, so I went to the club shoot to celebrate. She lives in Colorado so I didn't invite her. I admit that I probably would have gone even if it wasn't her birthday. Having reported that, I should say that, helping me celebrate Suzanne's birthday were Pat Pagnella, Ralph and Linda Adams, Kay and Ken Gardner, Candace Douglas and Jim Martinez. It feels like family doesn't it? Everyone was shooting Freestyle except Candace who shot Bowhunter Freestyle and Ralph who, true to form, flung incredibly long and heavy aluminum arrows with his Barebow. Things were going quite well for everyone, Candace shot 9X, 251, Jim shot 48X, 300, I shot 29X 292, Kay shot 29X, 288 Ken shot 25X, 289, Ralph shot 16X, 266 and Pat Pagnella shot 51X, 300.

November 16th is my older boy's birthday, so I went to the club shoot to celebrate and invited him to come along. After all, he has a PSE hunting bow hanging in the garage, it's reasonable that he would want to spend his birthday shooting it instead of being bored at that party his new wife had planned. Since we were having a party for him on the 17th, I went on without him. Since Ben seems to be nowhere near as popular as Suzanne, only Pat Pagnella and Ken and Kay Gardner showed up to help me celebrate. After some sighting advice from Pat, I was able to improve on my previous effort and ended up punishing the target for a 35X, 298. Kay was keeping them in the spot also and finished with 292 with 30Xs. Ken was busy learning that, if you don't actually tighten your

sight, it slowly loosens with every shot, causing the arrow to go higher and higher as the night wears on. Pat detected the problem first and set Ken on the "straight and arrow" finishing well. His final score was 285 with 19Xs. Pat, while keeping the rest of us in line with well pointed technical and shooting advice snuck by with his, now standard, 300 but could only muster 52Xs. Nice shooting Pat!

Next Friday, December 7th is not only Pearl Harbor day; it is the indoor shoot as well. We will be launching the first official practice arrow at 7:45PM. Be there a bit early to fling a few preliminary practice projectiles.

Outdoor Shoot (Linda Adams)

The Outdoor Club Shoot held on 11 November included three participants. Rick Chace, Henry Bertram and Cody Dumont teamed up to brave the Range. Rick Chace did quite well, shooting for the first time in three years with a 495 in Freestyle. Henry Bertram, always anxious to try something new, abandoned his Freestyle set up and reconfigured for Bowhunter Freestyle, but after shooting a 382 thought that it wasn't such a great idea. [Henry is one of the most versatile archers around. He will shoot any style!] Cody Dumont was only able to stay long enough to shoot the first 14 targets but was, nevertheless, rapidly increasing his Longbow skills and learning the course. This Outdoor Club Shoot is a typical example of trying new ideas and gaining experience to better your game. If you can continue to get Outdoor Range experience during the fall and winter, you will have a definite advantage during the 2008 archery season, which is right around the corner. The next Outdoor Club Shoot will be held on 9 December. This is one more opportunity to shoot with others prior to the 2008 Season. I hope you can attend.

Stump Shoot (Linda Adams)

The Stump Shoot, to be held on 24 November, was not to be. Many of the regulars had already called in to say that they would not be able to make the event. Schedule conflicts, injuries and illnesses took their toll on participants. Henry Bertram showed up and pounded on the Practice Bales with his traditional equipment, in the hope that someone else might appear, but after about an hour he finally departed.

The next Stump Shoot is scheduled on Saturday, 29 December at 9 a.m. if the weather cooperates. Hope to see you there with your Traditional archery equipment.

Upcoming Archery Events

(Linda Adams)

Three indoor tournaments are almost upon us. They span from early December through the month of January when little else is happening outdoors in the world of organized archery. The tournaments are known as "450 Rounds" and consist of 45 arrows, each worth a maximum of 10 points. Arrows are shot from a distance of 18 meters. The events are scheduled as follows:

- 1) *MTBA Regional Indoor* will be held in the Santa Cruz Archers Clubhouse on 8 December 2007. Shoot at either 10 am or 1 pm. CBH/SAA or NFAA membership is required.
- 2) *CBH/SAA State Target Indoor Championship* will be held in the Santa Cruz Archers Clubhouse on 19 January 2008. Shoot at either 10 am or 1 pm. CBH/SAA or NFAA membership is required.
- 3) *NFAA Southwest Indoor Sectional* will be held in the Santa Cruz Archers Clubhouse on 26 & 27 January 2008. Shoot at either 10 am or 1 pm. You must complete two "450 Rounds" in this event. You can, therefore, shoot twice on the 26th or twice on the 27th; or you can shoot one 450

Round on each day. NFAA membership is required.

These are just a sampling of events to come in 2008. More information for the coming year will follow.

Make Your Own Bow - why not? (Jack Mills)

Not long ago two of our club members took the challenge and started constructing their own wooden bows. In a way, it's one of those races between youth and maturity. Wayne Reader and Sushil Joshi chose identical staves of Osage-orange*, picked up hatchets, and proceeded to make the wood chips fly.



Sushil Joshi

"Why do this?," you ask, especially if you already have a good bow or two or three? I can't speak for Wayne and Sushil, but there could be a number of reasons. When you make a bow yourself you get some extra goodies that just don't come in the box when you buy one from a store. For some, it's a study of anthropology and history. Others enjoy the fine woodworking. It can even be a meditation and a path to self-improvement.

The first step is to choose your wood. Since the tree was a living thing, having heredity and reacting to its environment, this choice is important. Poor judgment here may

result in a bust. Next you carve out the bow. Taking off too much wood in the wrong place can result in unbalance or a weakness. Stress must be well distributed otherwise your creation may have a short life.

When it's finished, the bow becomes an image of its maker. Your judgment-calls and your luck are there in the stick, as, sort of, a report card on your efforts.



Wayne Reader

Both Sushil and Wayne bring a lot of talent to this task, although in different ways, perhaps.

Youth has energy, time, and enthusiasm while maturity can call up patience and experience. All of these are helpful in bow making. It's great to see them give it a shot.

*Editors note: from Wikipedia: Osage-orange (*Maclura pomifera*) is a plant in the mulberry family Moraceae. The heavy, closely grained yellow-orange wood is very dense and is prized for tool handles, tree nails, fence posts, electrical insulators, and other applications requiring a strong dimensionally-stable wood that withstands rot. Straight-grained osage timber (most is knotty and twisted) makes very good bows. In Arkansas, in the early 19th century, a good osage bow was worth a horse and a blanket.

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	Indoor Range Keeper The Readers	Newsletter Editor Henry Bertram	

Officer Nominations:

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Editors Note: Talk around the editorial office indicates a landslide victory for all nominees.