

Parks & Rec rep coming to the Feb 5 meeting

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Newsletter Deadlines

Please write us about your archery experiences such that we can 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 be of interest to other club members. The deadline is the end of the day on the Saturday before the club meeting.

Parks & Rec Visit

Steve Hammack, who works for the City of Santa Cruz in the Parks and Recreation department, will attend the February the club meeting on Tuesday February 5th (if this is the current edition of the newly published newsletter. that's the next club meeting).

Steve will be answering questions about park rules and regulations and how they pertain to our club. In deference to his time, he will be

first on the agenda. Ralph reader will be the host.

CBH Position Opening (ed.)

Occasionally positions open in the California branch of the NFAA (California Bow Hunters & State Archery Association) that will allow you to participate in the workings of the state organization and ensure that our club's and region's interests are represented. The current open position is the Reg Leg Rep which I assume translates to "Regional Legislative Representative." I am pressing to get the correct title, job description and responsibilities and have been provided the following which is unofficial and probably a bit outdated:

- 1 Protect and promote Archery and Bow hunting.
- 2 Be aware of local issues that may have a positive or negative affect on archery.
- 3 Keep the State Leg Rep informed of any changes.
- 4 Write an article once or twice a year to add to the Leg Coordinator's article, to keep CBH informed of info in your area.

5 Attend local club meetings and gather information that may affect archery hunting and target shooting including any proposals to open or close areas for archery use.

This is a great opportunity to become involved in the state organization and to further the interests of archers in our region. Banding together at the state organization level gives us a significant voice at the state level, obviously, individuals and individual clubs are too small to have an impact.

I will update this information when I know more. If you are interested, please contact me.

Meeting minutes Jan 8, 07

(Diana Reader)

President's Report:

Henry brought in proposed changes to the Santa Cruz Archers club constitution.

The CBH Indoor will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 10:00am and 1:00pm.

1st VP Report:

Rich S. will do the range inspection sometime during the week of Jan 8-13. Rick Chase volunteered to get in touch with Rich and set up a time for the range inspection.

Outdoor Range Captain Report:

There will be an outdoor club shoot on Sunday, January 13th.

Indoor Range Captain Report:

Ralph Adams handed over the key to the money box for the indoor range to Rick Chase (who is the new indoor range captain).

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$2,225.91 in the regular account.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send any newsletter articles to Henry Bertram. His email address is:

henrybertram@comcast.net.

New Members Voted In:

Curtis Galloway
Devin Vagt
David Pais
Martin Bernal

Old Business:

1. Rick Chase will set up a club banquet to be held in the next few months.

2. The issue of new keys for the indoor range door was tabled until the next meeting. Gary will bring the key information for discussion at the next meeting.

3. Mike Tracy volunteered to be the key master and to attempt to obtain delinquent keys.

New Business:

1. A new club email and phone mail has been set up. Club members need to volunteer on a rotating basis to answer questions and respond to messages. Rick Chase and Ralph Reader both volunteered to be responders.

2. Discussion was held on how to get the newsletter out to members that do not have email access and don't attend the meetings. A suggestion was made to add a line to the membership form that asks the new member if they want the newsletter to be emailed or mailed with a place for the new member to provide their email address.

3. Discussion was held on setting dates for the "open" shoots for the year. The proposed dates are the weekends of May 31 – June 1 and October 11 – 12. Volunteers are needed to help with the shoots. Mike Tracy will make up a volunteer sign up sheet. Vote was passed to hold the shoots on the proposed dates (Dave Ray dissented and Linda Adams abstained from the vote).

4. Discussion was held on the proposed constitution changes. Each change was discussed and any controversial items were identified and will be addressed at the next meeting. Items that were agreed upon by all members of the meeting were voted in as approved changes to the constitution. The items to be addressed at the next meeting are:

There is no information in the constitution that outlines what is required of a "working member". Rick Chase will write up the current requirements and send them to Henry to be included in the constitution.

It was agreed upon at the meeting to add "up-keep of the range record boards" to the list of requirements for Indoor Range Captain duties.

Discussion was held on the issue of minors under the age of 18 without adult supervision. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the issue of dogs in the indoor range during club events. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on adding a standing rule that the Santa Cruz Archers must abide by all Santa Cruz City parks regulations. This issue was tabled until the next meeting. A list of the city parks regulations will be obtained and brought to the meeting to be discussed.

Discussion was held on the issue of smoking on the outdoor range. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the issue of adding a section to the constitution regarding giving out keys to new members. The wording of the proposed addition is: "Range keys are an option for working and non-working members for an additional \$200.00 refundable deposit. Applications for range keys shall be made to the Board of Directors, through the President, in person, at a regularly scheduled club meeting. A simple majority of a quorum of the Board of Directors approves an application for range keys. Approval of application for range keys is contingent on the member's active participation on club activities commensurate with their membership type. Before receiving range keys, applicants must agree to return range keys when the applicant is no longer a club member. The range key deposit is forfeited 90 days after becoming a non-member if the keys have not been returned. Forfeited range key deposits are transferred to the club general fund." This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2008

(Diana Reader)

Changes to the constitution were discussed:

The changes that were not controversial and had been approved at the regular club meeting were reviewed and approved with some minor wording changes. These changes will now be presented at the next regular meeting for a final vote. The vote count was: 7 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention.

The following changes to the constitution were also discussed:

Change to the application for range keys – Discussion was held and a change was made to increase the days after becoming a non-member to return keys or forfeit key deposit money from 90 days to 180 days. The vote passed to bring this to the next regular club meeting. The vote count was: 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Add rule that no dogs will be permitted in the Indoor Range building during club sponsored shooting events – Discussion was held and a statement was added that dogs shall not disturb shooting during the general use of the club. The vote passed to bring this to the next regular club meeting. The vote count was: 5 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions.

Add rule regarding range record requirements – Discussion was held and a statement was added that all range records must comply with CBH regulations. The vote passed to bring this to the next regular club meeting. The vote count was: 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

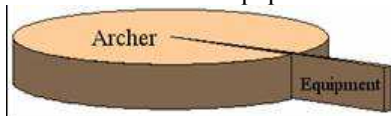
Change to include the requirements of a "working member" to the membership description – Added "club officer" to the approved list of annual work requirements. The vote passed to bring this to the next regular club meeting. The vote

count was: 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Add monthly posting of new range records to Indoor Range Captain job description – The vote passed to bring this to the next regular club meeting. The vote count was: 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Equipment (an opinion) (ed.)

I was asked recently, by a cohort at work, how much of archery was in the equipment. She asked me to draw a pie chart on her white board, here's an approximation of my drawing representing about 99% archer and 1% equipment:



Probably the most important piece of equipment in the game, besides the archer, is the arrow. All arrows shot during a competition have to be the same such that, if you do the same thing every time, the arrows impact in the same spot. While I have not gone that far, I understand some archers weigh the components, grind a bit off or add a bit of weight to the components, and then assemble them such that the resultant assemblies are quite close in weight. They also make sure the arrow spine is the same. They use a single fletch, fletching jig so the position of the fletching is as consistent as it can be and aligned correctly and consistently with the nock. Once the arrows are consistent, you need to make sure the bow is correctly set up.

Archery competitions categorize archers by equipment type for a number of reasons:

- Some equipment styles are more forgiving of arrows badly matched to the bow e.g. mechanical releases and mechanical arrow rests;
- Accuracy is different with and without a sight, with and without magnification and with and without sight adjustments;

- It's easier to put the same amount of energy into the arrow each time with a compound bow than with a recurve or long bow due to the shape of the force vs. distance curve. On a scale of hardest to easiest: Long bow; recurve; compound.

That said; I shot my best "traditional" equipment score with good arrows (as opposed to great or well matched) and a plastic arrow rest attached with double back tape, the arrow rest cost about \$3. Since then, I bought new, better matched arrows, a new bow and a sophisticated, button-plunger and magnetic flipper thingy that cost well over 10X the price of my simple arrow rest. For the purpose of shooting good scores, that turned out to be a bad idea, or, perhaps, something else is at work.

There are people who have earned 300 of 300 points in the NFAA indoor game using a recurve bow like mine. I have yet to do that even with my sighted compound bow with all the cool junk hung off of it.

I guess the game is dominated by the nut behind the wheel.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

Looking back, it's a good thing that we banned gambling on the range access river last year. There were no paddle wheelers operating on the river during the club shoot on January 4th. There was certainly enough water for it.

Rich Sandkuhle (the range inspector from the Mt Madonna club) shot BHFS for 298 with 43Xs. Mike Schoeneman, in his fifth week of Archery, and in his first tournament, shot BHFS for 231 with 11Xs, nice start Mike!

Henry Bertram learning (again) that mechanical releases don't fix everything struggled to 290 FS with 35Xs, Mark Woodhead, shooting a new Martin take-down recurve, shot 205 with 1X and Ken Lewis continued his improvement with his freestyle setup shooting 292 with 27Xs.

Ouch! The information for the January 18th indoor shoot was in my hands last night at the indoor shoot but I cannot find it. I will provide an update when the documentation turns up.

Outdoor Shoot (Linda Adams)

Rick Chace, Wolf Bloss, Cody Dumont and Henry Bertram shared the outdoor shoot on January 13th. We choose to start with the Hunter round on the right side of the range (targets 1 through 14).

It was a beautiful day with clear blue skies. The ground was still moist from the rain, and the footing was good. There were a few spots where the sun was a problem with the scope on Rick's freestyle bow so I was trying to shield it for him with my hat. Rick is considerable taller than I am and often chooses to stand up hill from me. In addition, since the hat is rather old, it has trouble keeping its shape so it drapes occasionally. On one shot, Rick took that to be my kidding around. Rick, beggars can't be choosers! After that exchange, I worked out a trick with an arrow to help keep the hat "in the zone". Rick can be so hard to please.

Cody finished the first half strong with a 20 on target 14 with his flu-flu arrows, a nasty bout with arrow attrition had eliminated his long distance batch. He chose to skip the field round because it was unlikely that flu-flus would last the rest of the day.

On the field side, we completed scoring on target 18 and, on the walk to 19 I remarked that we had 4 arrows at 45 yards uphill. We crossed the bridge to the stake and found it to be 40 yards. Since my memory is bad enough that I had to get a GPS to find my way home from work, I was nonplussed but didn't panic. Of course, I often forget to bring the GPS and have to call my wife for directions, who can remember their own number anyway. We shot the target with 40 yard settings and found the arrows falling a bit low, Rick gradually

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reset to 45 yards by the last arrow. We asked Dave to fix the markers, he had painted them in the dark and had a zero instead of a five, it's fixed now.

Of course, I left the house with the wrong arrows (must have forgotten which ones to use) so my sight was off a bit at the longer yardages. Wolff was using a bow he borrowed from Rick that is set a bit short and light for Wolff and has a 3 pin sight. Rick was shooting Freestyle, Cody was shooting Traditional Recurve and Wolff and I were shooting Bowhunter Freestyle. It was an interesting day for all of us.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

The Southwest Indoor Sectional tournament was scheduled to start at 10 AM in the clubhouse so parking was a problem for the usual group that attends the stump shoot. Cody Dumont was able to make it through the gauntlet of cars and tour busses only to find that the rest of the Stump Shoot faithful were involved in the sectional tournament. It was threatening to rain anyway so we cancelled the stump shoot this month.

While I am on a roll, I will report on the NFAA Southwest Indoor Sectional. It was Ralph and Linda Adams shooting the Sectional, since I was having shoulder, elbow and release problems, I decided to run the shoot and do the scoring to make it official (there must be a minimum of 3 for valid scoring). Just kidding about the parking, since Ralph and Linda come in the same care, the parking was fine. When we were finished, however, the parking lot was filling up with people shooting the outdoor range and the practice area.

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Introduction message announces range open hours and dates and times for the club meeting and club shoots.