

Redwood fund raiser shoots prep under way

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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, your accounts of the events will be of interest to other club members. The deadline is the end of the Saturday before the club meeting.

Website updated (ed.)

Our club website has been updated again. In fact, I seem to update it several times a week. I added the constitution after the last meeting. This week I added a home page headline for the Redwoods shoots with a link to the marvelous flier that Kathy Wache & Steve Grundy collaborated to produce.

A big thanks to Kathy and Steve for their creativity, focus and determination in the completion of the flyer.

Jump on-line, point your browser to www.santacruzarchers.com, and do a bit of browsing on the site.

Club Meeting minutes: 3-4-08 (Diana Reader)

President's Report:

The indoor club shoot will be held on Friday, March 7th at 7:45pm.

2nd VP Report:

A work party has been scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at 10:00am to repair the 3D animal targets. There are 40 animals that need to be repaired and painted.

Outdoor Range Captain Report:

The culvert was cleaned out at the last work party. The clearing of Scotch Broom plants is an ongoing project.

Indoor Range Captain Report:

The indoor range door lock will be changed on Monday, March 10th. New indoor range keys were issued at the March club meeting. The indoor range lock will be changed each year and current club members will be issued new keys.

Publicity Chair Report:

The flyer for the upcoming Redwood 3D shoot is done and will be posted on the SCA website.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send any newsletter articles to Henry Bertram. His email is: henrybertram@comcast.net.

New Members Voted In:

Brian Bos – Working member
Steve Andrews – Non-working member

Joshua Lai – Non-working member
Old Business:

1. The archery club rules will remain that no alcohol is permitted on the archery range, per NFAA rules and to keep the club's NFAA insurance in good standing.

2. The archery club email needs to be read and responded to on a timely basis. The club needs a

member to volunteer to do this. There are also several open club officer positions that need to be filled.

New Business:

1. Henry received 3 email messages regarding requests for coaching: one for a school group, one individual and one requesting a birthday party at the range. Discussion was held on how much to charge for coaching and use of the range. Patrick is working on getting a new JOAD program started. Volunteer coaches are needed. Rick Chace is looking into starting a Parks & Rec class. The club needs to get income to help replace bales and targets. Patrick and Rick will put together a proposal for fees for discussion at a future meeting.

2. Rick Chace brought a request to purchase pins with the club's logo. The pins are \$1.00 each with a minimum order of 100 pins. A motion was made to buy the pins for awards, etc. The motion was passed at the March meeting.

Linda's Report (Linda Adams)

Hi, Archers,

I have tried to make it a point to keep my archery friends informed about local upcoming events. There are some interesting changes that have been made this year for the coming 2008 CBH/SAA State Field Championships that might be of interest to you. As you might know, Ralph and I traveled all the way down to Chino, spent two nights and paid plenty for gas just to shoot in the 2007 Tournament.

The good news is that the 2008 CBH/SAA State Field Championship will be held at six locations throughout California. Those living in the San Jose Bay Area will have the opportunity to shoot at the Mt. Madonna Bowmen Range at 10 am on Sunday, 8 June 2008. It is a one day shoot with 14 Field, 14 Hunter and 14 Animal targets. If you visit the CBH/SAA website

you will find additional information about this tournament, as well as alternate shooting locations within the vicinity if you would like, instead, to shoot on one of the alternate weekends offered in June. As is always the case with CBH Field events, current NFAA membership is required. Non-members may shoot as guests but do not qualify for awards.

Curtis Campisi at Predator's Archery has informed me that he will be the Mt. Madonna Bowmen point-of-contact to answer any questions. Curtis can be contacted at 1-408-340-3878; or predator@garlic.com All registration will be processed on the day of the Tournament, so plan to arrive early enough to allow yourself ample time for registration and practice. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

It has been suggested that if these multiple locations prove successful, increasing attendance, that the State Field Tournaments may also be held at convenient locations in future years. After all the cost and difficulties experienced while trying to shoot far from home last year, I wanted to be sure that everyone in the area was at least aware that there is an opportunity to participate locally in 2008.

We have already marked our calendar to schedule in the event. If you are interested in attending, please make a note to yourself "not to forget". I am often "well meaning" and intend to send out a reminder just before the event, but sometimes it is just not possible. If you know of other archers that might be interested, please pass this information along to them.

Gun Range Cleanup (ed.)

I called and talked with Steve Hammack, Director of Santa Cruz city Parks & Recreation to make sure the Redwood shoots would not conflict with the gun range Pb cleanup. His answer was that we are OK.

The city is working towards getting the funding for the job which may

begin mid June to late June and will go through mid August.

They are still trying to figure out how the range and the work can coexist. There will be a significant amount of heavy truck traffic on the road between the parking lot and the golf course and there is potential for Pb dust in the air. The site will be closed during weekdays for sure.

Hopefully they can figure out how to cover the work for evenings and weekend use. We will know more as they get their plans completed.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

Down at the news room we are trying out new things all the time (mostly toppings for pizza). To that end, here is a new format for the scores. This provides dual improvements; first, it's a lot easier to scan the table for your own name than looking through it parenthetically; second, it is a lot easier for me because I don't have to search my thesaurus for new ways to say Sara Shot Sixty with Six Xs, which is hard to do, say and write.

3-7-08		Score	X
Brian Bos	FS	253	10
Mark Thomas	BHFS	282	24
Kathy Wache	BHFS	272	10
LeRoy Burke	FS	268	20
Henry Bertram	TR	186	0
Kay Gardner	FS	295	30
Ken Gardner	FS	282	20
Ken Lewis	FS	289	29
Ben Rogers	FS	298	45
Bryce Linder	BHFS	242	11
Michael Tracy	TR	150	4
Devin Vagt	TR	133	0
Mark Woodhead	TR	207	5
Gerard H.	FS	292	29

3-21-08		Score	X
Ralph Adams	BB	Not recorded	
Mark Thomas	BHFS	278	17
Kathy Wache	BHFS	268	13
Linda Adams	FS	279	19
Henry Bertram	FS	Blank Bale	
Kay Gardner	FS	269	21
Ken Gardner	FS	286	23
Ken Lewis	FS	291	21
Pat Pagnella	FS	Broken Limb	
Kenny Tracy	TR	Sore Fingers	
Michael Tracy	TR	202	3
Devin Vagt	TR	Not recorded	
Mark Woodhead	TR	227	6

Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

We split into two groups for the outdoor shoot and I did not get all the scores, hence the blanks.

3-9-08		Htr	Fld	Ttl
Frank Coryell	FS			
Mark Thomas	BHFS	217	239	456
Kathy Wache	BHFS			
Rick Chace	FS			
Henry Bertram	BHFS	237	217	454
Cody Dumont	TR			
Mark Woodhead	TR	138	152	290

Stump Shoot 3-29-08 (ed.)

The last Saturday at 9AM a brave band of folks gathered for the stump shoot. We were 2/3 of the way to the first stumps when Rick Chace beckoned to me from the clubhouse; apparently it's easier to score if you actually have arrows to shoot. While I went back to get my arrows, a few more archers joined us and we set off for a great morning abusing stumps and the ground around them (more ground than stump actually but, that's the challenge isn't it?). Since I assigned a member to make the course look like it just rained, the course was beautiful. I suspect, however, that the moist ground is short lived, however, since that member will be traveling until next year.

Of course Andy Sterbenz brought along his son Sam and Sam's friend Cody. These kids can really fling arrows with those longbows. But, their real value in the stump shoot is that we take turns choosing the shooting position. We had a couple of "stand facing the wrong way and twist around" shots and one where we did exactly that, but added in "shoot with your eyes closed." Andy hit on that one! Golfers were running for cover, believe me. Not really, you could have tossed a hula-hoop around all the arrows, nothing actually unsafe about it, just humbling.

Along the way, we managed to pull a bunch of French Broom (I just can't help myself).

When all was said and done, Mark Woodhead took the honors with 7 stumps. Nice shooting Mark!

Steve Andrews shoot 4, Bert West killed 3, Andy, Sam and Cody Dumont shot 2, Henry lucked out on one (my eyes were open at the time) and Eric came really close quite often.

Cody, Bert, Sam and Eric were shooting their longbows, the rest of us were recurve shooters.

This game is not as easy as you think, if you can win the day by hitting 12.5% of the targets, it is a difficult event. The fact that no one cares if we hit the stumps is actually a big help!

Gate Protocol (R. Redmond)

The gates are opened during archery club activities and events and are opened for public use noon to 4 PM weekend days. Work parties, the outdoor club shoot and the stump shoot start at 9AM, so the gates will be opened before 9 on those days and will remain open through the 4 PM or the end of the shoot, whichever is later.

If you arrive early for any scheduled event, please open the gates. During weekends, do not leave the front gate open unless you open the back one also.

As you know, we do not open the back gate in the evenings for the club meeting or for the indoor shoots. Please be aware of the timing of these shoots and do not use the road when there will be traffic in the opposite direction. In any case, the speed limit on the archery road is 5 MPH. Always exercise caution on the road, you may encounter traffic in the opposite direction and you may encounter joggers, persons walking dogs or bicyclists.

Upcoming shoots (ed.)

Salinas Bowmen is having their Island Shoot on April 6th. This is a 3D shoot with a 102 yard shot on their Buffalo. It is the same day as our Outdoor shoot. If there is sufficient interest, we should car pool out there. It should be a lot of fun. I will probably not be able to run the

club shoot, the island shoot is a great alternative.

In addition, for eight consecutive Saturdays starting the first weekend in May Salinas Bowmen will have their Unmarked shoots. In the past they have started at 5PM. These are a load of fun. My first trip out there was at the urging of Kevin Robinson, then proprietor of Archery Shop Santa Cruz. He said "just go, expect to loose some arrows but you will have fun and you will learn." That was some of the best archery advice I have received. I will pass that on to you, don't question it; just go.

I think we should plan to get some car or van pools together to run down there. If you are interested, email me during April and I will see what we can do.

More Upcoming shoots

(Randy Redmond)

Two of our cousin MTBA (Mission Trail Bowhunters Association) regional archery clubs need our interest and support! Black Mountain Bowmen & Mount Madonna Bowmen both are great historical clubs and need help. Even if we can't visit too often, we can help support our fellow archery enthusiasts. See the BMB web site in our web site's "links" page. The MMB web site is being updated, contact MMB through Predators Archery. Enjoy!

Member's Bows (ed.)

Our own Cody Dumont has built a couple of bows. This one was built as a present for his brother; it's an Osage self bow with rattle snake skin backing. This is excellent work. You can get a better look by clicking the internet link in the picture.



French Broom Eradication (ed.)

At the suggestion of Mark Woodhead at the last work party, I contacted Linda Brodman who was representing the Santa Cruz chapter of the California Native Plant Society to ask for some help with getting rid of the infestation of French Broom we have at the range.

"Wait," I hear you ask, "I thought we had Scotch Broom!" Well we didn't, when I described the stuff, Linda said it was French Broom. She also said that the seeds from these boogers are viable in the soil for 50 years!

She was amazed at how many people we had at our work party and said she can not offer a horde to help out. She can, however, come out to one of our work parties, bring her weed wrench and work with us while she trains us. We will be scheduling that work day when her schedule clears up a bit.

In the meantime, if you see French Broom while you are out around the range, pull it out. We want to get as much of it as we can before it goes to seed.



I did comment on the fact that we had significantly larger plants than here 1 inch weed wrench would handle. When I told her about the five inch diameter clump half way along the shooting lane for target 2 she said that we should never cut French Broom, it just branches out at the base like that one did.

While you are pulling the French Broom, watch out for Berry bushes which have tiny spines on them that don't come out of your skin easily and the Poison Oak.



The Cub Club (ed.)

On March first we got together to explore the rich heritage of the outdoor range in the Cub Club. The Cub Club (short for the "The Introductory Club Outdoor Shoot shot from the Cub stakes") is a way to learn about the outdoor range by actually shooting half of the outdoor range while a docent blathers on endlessly about how to shoot the various different types of shoots available on the outdoor range. In this case, the docent was none other than your president and editor Henry Bertram. Along for the fun were our Redwoods shoots flyer masters Kathy Wache and Steve Grundy shooting Bowhunter Freestyle, Mark Thomas shooting Freestyle (actually a Bowhunter Freestyle setup but with a single pin, movable sight that pushes the bow into the Freestyle class) and a few traditionalists shooting Trad-Recurve. The Trad-R shooters were David, Hannah and Zoe Pais, Devin Vagt and Henry Bertram.

While learning about the range, the various shooting stakes, and how to shoot the course, we shot 2 arrows from each of the cub stakes. The cub stakes are the black ones, and are designed for shooters under 12 years old. They are a maximum of 30 yards from the targets (the blue youth stakes are maximum 50 yards and the adult stakes go out to 80 yards).

The shoot is designed with short yardages and only 2 arrows such that it isn't an endurance trial with a fairly large group. In addition, I just thought it would be fun the first time I did it with Ralph and Linda Adams and it was, so it stuck. That's the way it will be when I run

the shoot unless something better turns up. As of this time, it was fun again, so we will do it again. If you are interested, please contact me and we will get one together.

Congratulations Dave (ed.)

As you may recall, Dave Ray retired as president on December 31, 2007. We celebrated his 15 years of exemplary service to the club as president at our annual banquet where we presented him with a plaque commemorating his service and granting him life membership in the club (read the constitution on the web site if you want to know what that means). The plaque was inscribed with "Santa Cruz Archers Life Membership Award Presented to President David Ray In recognition of your 15 years of Serving Jan. 1993 To Jan. 2008 as President Thank you for going Above and Beyond"



Several speeches were given honoring Dave including a moving historical perspective on the club by Dave's brother Don MacAngus.



New archers at the range (ed.)

We have had several requests for introductions to archery on our web site and recently Rick Chace and Gary Cramton gave an introduction

to 12 6th & 7th graders from a Waldorf class down South. Here are comments from the leader and the children.

Dear, Gary, Rick and Henry,
Thank you so much for everything!
The attached tells it all. The kids had a great time and I think ALL would love to do it again.



Class Comments on Archer Field Trip to DeLaveaga Park Archery Range with Santa Cruz Archers Instructors:

I never imagined I could EVER do what I did today. I thought the compound bows were really cool and I enjoyed every minute I was there. Thank you so much - it was awesome! Thanks Gary and Rick!!! -Rosalie
Dear Gary and Rick, I had a wonderful time shooting arrows, and was very excited when I got a ball's eye!! Thank you so much. -Lily

This was a great experience and I really liked it. Thank you Rick and Gary for improving my archery skills! Thank you!! -Brianna

Practicing archery was surprisingly easy and enjoyable! Hitting the ball's eye was exhilarating, but I had a great time missing it entirely as well. Thank you for teaching me! -Mirabai

My favorite activity was shooting from the 10 yard line. My goal was success and that's what I received. Thank you so much for this amazing experience, I really, really enjoyed it. It was awesome! -Sincerely, Allison

Dear Gary and Rick, I had a ball shooting arrows with you! It was so exciting shooting the ball's eye twice! I never thought it would be so much fun! I hope I do it again. You guys were great coaches! -Shannon
Thanks, Gary and Rick for letting us come and use your stuff, I had an exciting time. I loved the new experience and hope that I can come back soon. -Emma
Thank you. It was fun and it was great popping the balloons -Jason

Dear Gentlemen, thank you for teaching us archery. I have always wondered about the proper stance and grip. I really enjoyed the feeling of hitting the ball's eye. I had a great time, thanks for giving us your time. P.s. I really liked the idea of using balloons. -Djin

Dear Gary and Rick, thank you very much for all your tips in archery. I had a great time shooting

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*arrows. It was the first time I have shot a compound bow. I had lots of fun. -Julian
I enjoyed learning about archery and I also enjoyed hitting the balloons and bulls eyes. Thank you Rick and Gary - Kieran (Drawing by Kieran)*



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