

Range Closure Starting July 9

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Meeting Stump
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Range Closure (ed.)

The DeLaveaga pistol range lead clean up will start July 9, 2008. The range locks will be replaced during the work such that there is no traffic on the range road.

Those who have been to the range during the past month will recognize some of the work that has gone into temporarily fixing the road such that the heavy truck traffic expected during the work will be possible.

As previously stated, there will be large trucks on the road carrying soil and debris from the pistol range and there will be heavy equipment working in the pistol range and parking lot. In addition, there is apparently a risk of inhaling lead laden dust.

After July 9th, regularly held shoots will be suspended until the range opens again. I will keep you informed of local shoots by email during that time.

Please watch your email for notification of the August club meeting

which may be held at a, soon to be disclosed, alternate location.

Newsletter Deadlines

If you are getting tired of skipping over this paragraph, please email me.

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.

Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2008

(Diana Reader)

President's Report:

Henry brought in flyers for upcoming area shoots. Henry also commented on how well the Redwood shoots were run and how hard everyone worked. The Redwood Coast 3D shoot will be held in Santa Cruz on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00am.

1st VP Report:

The city will begin working on the lead removal from the gun range in the next week or two. The range will be closed for approx. 2 months while the work is being done.

Treasurer's Report:

There is \$5,647.81 in the club's regular account. The "in the Redwoods" shoots brought in net income of \$1,248.00 (including raffle).

Indoor Range Captain Report:

Rick Chace has been getting healthier snacks to sell in the concessions. The refrigerator in the indoor range needs to be replaced. A member volunteered to look on Craig's list to find a used refrigerator.

Membership:

Christine Berry – working member voted in at meeting.

Newsletter Editor Report:

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

Old Business:

1. Discussion was held on buying or making a metal holder to put on the outdoor range for donations. Mike Tracy will look into making one.

2. Discussion was held on how much to charge for private parties, groups, etc. with archery instructors. Suggestion was made to charge \$25.00/hour per instructor with a limit of 8 archers per instructor.

New Business:

1. A motion was made and passed to approve spending up to \$600.00 to buy materials to replace the stairs leading to target #22. If the materials are over \$600.00, additional approval will be required.

2. Perry Ralston from the Ralston Archery shop in Scotts Valley wants to donate several bows to be given out at our next shoot with Ralston as a sponsor for advertising for his shop. Discussion was held on getting enough volunteers to run a shoot and the best way to distribute the prizes (possibly having every participant enter into a drawing for the bows). Proposed date is Sunday, October 12th (1 day marked 3D).

3. Rick Chace made a motion to create an annual award for the club member who works hard to keep the range going and who helps promote the sport of archery and helps new members. A motion was made and passed at the meeting.

4. Rick Chace made a motion to buy new super bales for the outdoor

range. A motion was passed to order approx. 20 to 30 super bales.

5. Henry checked into ordering club shirts with a 4 color club logo. A motion was made to create a committee to research prices, logo, amount of shirts to order, etc.

Henry's addendum to the minutes: Since there were a number of competing shoots on October 12th, I moved the October shoot to the 19th. In addition, the Secretary's notes in the CBH/SSA newsletter included a request to stop scheduling events on Club Shoot weekend, the weekend of the second Sunday of every month. Since the 12th is Club Shoot weekend, we should avoid it for specially scheduled shoots. It is interesting that the real reason we moved our shoot is that there were so many other specially scheduled shoots.

Medieval Blacksmithing

(Jack Mills)

On Friday April 25th I joined an eager group of young people aged 7 to 15 for a day of medieval blacksmithing. Our aim was to make armor-piercing bodkin arrowheads and knives.

The forge was vary simple and sort of unusual – just a little cave dug into a dirt hillside. We started the fire using primitive means and then turned on the air supply. In times past this would have been a large bellows but we settled for an electric blower. Five teams each put their irons into the fire. When they were yellow-hot, one team member held the workpiece on the anvil while the others pounded away. After about a minute the workpiece cooled and went back into the forge and the next team started to work. In the end we succeeded in producing an awesome bunch of things that would make any knight in armor shiver.

Would they actually work?

Could they penetrate metal thicker



than a tin can? We set up a test to find out.

For a few hours on that afternoon

we walked with our ancestors from the Stone Age through the Copper Age and into the Iron Age. Mirabai, age 13, made an arrow and a knife.



Shannon and Allison are 12 and made bodkin arrows. Kieran made a "hacking devise" while Brianna, Rosalie, Cody, Leah, and Julian all worked on arrowheads and knives. Djin helped others while Annalisa observed and threw spears.



When it was all over we hoisted our flagons of spring water, acknowledged our success and returned to the modern age.

3D Shoot Scores (ed.)

The scores for the "in the Redwoods" and "Redwood Coast 3D" shoots are posted on the web site.

<http://www.santacruzarchers.com/cores.html>

The Indoor Shoots (ed.)

6/6/2008			X
John Molea	BHFS	253	12
Henry Bertram	FS	292	24
Mark Woodhead	Trad-R	221	5
Kathy Wache	BHFS	269	12
Mark Thomas	BHFS	286	23
Steve Grundy	FS	289	26

6/20/2008			X
Kathy Wache	BHFS	268	18
Henry Bertram	FS	284	23
Heather Covington	Youth BHFS	145	2
Scott Covington	FS	293	32
Garren Covington	Cub BHFS	69	1
Kevin Covington	Cub BHFS	60	0

The scores posted by Heather Covington and Kathy Wache on June

20 are good enough to earn a position on the indoor board. I, on the other hand, am trying to figure out how I can miss the scoring area on the 5-spot target entirely. I credit biasing the bow grip such that the bow jumps vertically when I release, perhaps more practice would help.

Steve Grundy also attended the shoot on the 20th but shot outside, improving his sight settings for upcoming outdoor shoots.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

The smoke from about 1,000 brush and forest fires hung heavily in the air causing some difficulty breathing, and perhaps unhealthy conditions. The gates were open, but the stump shooters were a bit late. I decided to allow discretion to be the better part of valor and went home to pen the newsletter. Oh well, perhaps others came after I left and will send in the stump report for next month's newsletter.

Redwood Coast 3Ds (ed.)

For those of you who missed it, I will provide a brief description. We planned to have eight unmarked 3D shoots, four at Santa Cruz and four, in alternating weeks, at Mt. Madonna.

The format was sixteen 3D targets, unmarked yardage shooting one arrow per target. Scoring was 11; 10; 8, meaning 11 points for the "heart" area, 10 points for the "lung" area and 8 points for anywhere else on the animal.

We had a number of communications problems that impacted the attendance, but, on the whole, these shoots went very well and I think everyone that shot the events enjoyed them.

The last Santa Cruz event had an extra "bonus" target. We shot our Gorilla at about 65 yards. Actually, I have no idea how far away it was, I shot it for 70 yards and hit a bit high.

The one arrow format makes yardage estimation significantly more important since you cannot recover

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from a mistake. As an example, we shot our Ram at about 60 yards but my 53 yard estimate allowed my arrow to fall harmlessly below the beast's belly. My arrow was not alone.

Here are the animals that were avoiding our arrows during the last event: Ram, Javelina, 2 Walking Black Bears, 2 Small Turkeys, 2 Small Bucks, Mountain Lion, Antelope, Caribou, Standing Bear, Wolverine, Badger and Gorilla.

If I did it again, I would switch the distances on the Wolverine and Badger, I set the badger too far away for its spot size and the Wolverine was the easiest shot out there due to its large spot size for the 18 yard distance.

In addition, when I shot the two walking bears, I was surprised to find that they were at virtually the same shooting distances. I had planned to have them shot from the same stake (they room together in the animal shed and I hate to separate them). At the last moment, we put them as separate shots, one after the other. It was just happenstance that, when we placed the shooting positions in the morning, they ended up at the same distance for compound shooters.

My thanks for all those who helped set up for, and clean up after these shoots.

Upcoming shoots (ed.)

Bug Shoot on July 20th at Mt. Madonna (info: Predators Archery 408 842-7733)

1 Million B.C. (aka Dino shoot) on August 2nd and 3rd at SF Archers in Pacifica (info: <http://www.sfarchers.com>).

900 Round 9AM

Sept 13th or 14th at Salinas Bowmen 1 mile off Hwy101 on Crazy Horse Canyon Road (info: Terry Handley 408 674-3204)

or

Sept 7th at Black Mountain Bowmen in South San Jose (info: Stanly Boehm 408 264-2379)

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