


Stump Shooters Reopen DeLaveaga Archery Range

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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.

Range Closure Report (Henry)

You've have heard the phrase "it ain't over, 'til it's over." In this case the range closure is over and the range is open once again but there remain a few hurtles to be cleared.

First, the cypress trees between the parking lot and the flatland that was the gun range will be removed the week of September 8 so the parking lot should be clear during that week, weekdays only.

Second: the city will be upgrading the flatland into a park like area. They will also be replacing the

lighting they removed on the walkway to the archery range.

Third: the disk golf parking lot will be paved.

Watch for emails informing you of what work is being done.

If you see something that you think the city should address during the upgrade, please email me and I will pass it along.

Your range gate keys still work. The city would like to have more time to consider my recommendation to change the locks and to gain concurrence from fire and police officials.

Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2008

(Diana Reader)

President's Report:

The July meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Henry reported that he met with Steve Hammack from the city and the range will re-open as planned by mid to late August. Steve will inform Henry when the range is re-opened. The city will plant trees and create a picnic/park setting in the area of the former gun range once the lead clean up is complete. Henry also discussed the issue of changing the gate keys. The city agreed that it is a good idea and will check with Fire officials to see if it can be done.

Treasurer's Report:

There is currently \$5,400.12 in the club's regular account.

Outdoor Range Captain Report:

No new activity due to the range closure. The fund raiser outdoor shoot will be held on Sunday, October 19th. Work parties will be scheduled to get the range in shape for the shoot once the range re-opens. Mike Tracy repaired the indoor range phone. The phone number is: 420-6230.

Publicity Chair Report:

Steve Grundy brought in a new flyer for the October shoot. Perry Ralston has donated 7 bows that

will be auctioned off (via silent action) at the shoot. Henry has a list of items that Ralston has donated for the auction and raffle. A decision was made to not use the human targets for the October 19th shoot. Tombstone targets will be used instead and the "bad boy" targets will be used around the range for signs, etc.

Editors Note: Perry Ralston has added 2 additional bows for the raffle, the total is now 9 (7 compound bows & 2 longbows).

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send any newsletter articles to Henry Bertram at the club email address scarchers@comcast.net.

Old Business:

1. Pat Pagnella has offered to embroider shirts for the club for a small fee. A discussion was held on getting a shirt press so the club can make it's own shirts. A new press is approx. \$500.00. Steve volunteered to research the options of either buying a new or used press or renting a press for the October 19th shoot.
2. Discussion was held on ordering ribbons and pins for the upcoming shoot. A motion was made and passed to order 500 pins to give out at the shoot. Steve will place the order.
3. Discussion was held on the best way to design a donation box for the outdoor range. Mike Tracy will look into designing and making a donation box with a sign.

New Business:

1. Scott Wilson volunteered to become the new membership chair.
2. Diana Reader will check with the bank to see if there is a way to use a manual credit card machine to re-

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ceive payments for the silent auction.

Pistol Range History

I received a letter from Don MacAngus about the history of the pistol range. I am passing it along for your enjoyment and edification. Please make sure to read the indoor history from Don that follows this article.

Hello Henry,

I just wanted to mention it's sad to see the handgun range closed down and now gone forever. It was the "Charles Derby Memorial Handgun Range", named, of course, to honor Charles Derby.

Charles Derby was a Sergeant for the Santa Cruz Police Department and the reports are he was a good cop and a great guy, and enjoyed shooting at the handgun range often. He used to visit the local schools and speak to the kids, lectures, presentations, explanations of laws, and so forth. He was both liked and respected. Cancer got him, and after the services the handgun range was dedicated to him, thus the name. I didn't know him myself, he had passed away before I joined the archery club, but this is what I know about him.

That's a very similar story to our indoor archery range. That range was built primarily because of the efforts of one man, Cal Delaney. Cal was a club member for many years, held the office of President several times, was an A class archer and range record holder, and most important, he was a family man and was respected by all. I don't know anyone who disliked Cal, and some folks know he was a close friend of mine. I helped build the indoor range, and so did a lot of others, but without the efforts of Cal, who not only sold the idea to the club members, but also met with the Parks and Recreation officials to get their approval to pro-

ceed, the plans would have been unsuccessful. He also personally did a lot of the construction of the indoor building. Twice. (You probably know the first indoor building burnt down, and we had to build it again). Cal was both brilliant and eloquent. He was an excellent chess player, with a USCF rating in the high 1800's, and was employed as an electrical engineer for Lick Observatory. Cancer got Cal also.

Anyway, I just wanted to share a little information about the pistol range. Probably no current club members have any idea who Charles Derby was.

Best,
Don

That was a nice appetizer so I asked Don to provide some meat on the Indoor Range history bone which follows:

Indoor Range History (Don MacAngus)

Every winter, in the early days, archery pretty much came to a standstill ... too rainy, too wet and muddy to shoot the field range, and no place to shoot indoors. Oh, we did shoot an indoor league once in the basement of the CPDES Hall, but that was problematic in that we had to set up the bales, and take them down each night, a ton of work. And, a few of us did shoot an indoor archery league that Mt Madonna hosted, in a chicken coop in Gilroy once, but that was during the gas crises (remember the odd or even days, and the blue and red flags?). Cal and I used to siphon gas out of Nina's car so we could drive there to shoot the weekly Mt Madonna indoor league. So ... we wanted something closer to home.

We noticed the pistol club wasn't using the two left-most handgun ranges, they were pretty much just a weed patch. They did all their shooting on the two ranges on the right. We had a good relationship

with the pistol club at the time, as we used to have an annual Pistol-Bow match with the pistol club, each club fielding a team of 16, and total scratch score won the perpetual trophy. We all shot their "man target" at 50 yards and our blue Indoor target at 20 yards. We knew the pistol people would outscore us at 20 yards so we had to beat them at 50 yards by enough to win the match. Some years the archers would win, some years the handgun folks would win, but it was always close. Total possible score was 300 (100 at 20 yards and 200 at 50 yards). No one ever shot a perfect 300 but three people, all archers, shot a 296 (the record) over the years... Cal Delaney, Rick Rush, and myself. After the match we'd have a big barbecue, a beer drinking contest (we could do that in those days), arm wrestle, and all that fun stuff. Archers showed handgun people how to shoot the bow and they showed us how to shoot pistols. It was a fun annual event.

Anyway, Cal and I thought the left-most pistol range would be about the right size for an indoor archery range. We measured it and found we could get the full 20 yards plus some additional space behind the shooting line for archers to stand around. If it had a roof on it, and lights, we could shoot an indoor league at night, and thus keep active during the winter. We approached the pistol club and asked if we could have the left-most pistol range, explaining if we put a roof over it we could shoot when it rained. They said "sure"... "take two if you want, we never use them...". One would do for our purposes and we said "thank you" and proceeded with the plans.

In addition to a roof, we wanted walls all four sides, electric lights, a fireplace, a kitchen, a storage room with refrigerator and a coffee maker, and it looked like there was enough room for all of that. Cal

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Delaney measured the width, and as we didn't want posts in the middle of the building, he calculated the weight and stress of a roof, and designed the A frame trusses. We planned to use concrete blocks for the walls, with rebar and concrete for strength, and from that, calculated the building material requirements. We assumed club members would provide volunteer labor. Pricing the lumber, blocks, rebar, concrete, mortar, wiring, light fixtures, roofing material, nails and etc ... we came up with a cost of about \$ 2,500.00 (early 1970's costs ...). We figured we could live with a dirt floor for awhile.

We made the presentation at a club meeting and most of the members were in favor. We pointed out that in addition to being an indoor range, it could be our meeting place, and be available to members at all times for practice, set-up, sighting in, and other archery events. The club treasurer at the time, a young lady named Kay Urdahl, explained we could not vote "aye" on this motion as the club only had \$ 112.00 in the bank account at the time. We thanked her for this information and we all voted " aye ". Kay was in tears, and said we were all crazy. We probably were.

With the club in favor of this project, Cal approached the Parks and Recreation Department and got their approval to proceed, with the stipulation that the building must be built "to code" and without cost to the city. So, we had the go-ahead and were on our own.

At the time, the club had a lot of members that were trades people and contractors (Jake Wise, Paul Thomas, Kit Arnst, and others). They began bringing surplus building material to the range. Vic Oberto, owner of Johnny's Sports Shop on Pacific Avenue, where members used to buy a lot of their archery equipment, donated a con-

siderable amount of money to "the building fund". The city had a "yard" that had a lot of lumber, and other building material. Maurice Anstiss, a long-term club member, knew the guys at the yard and was able to obtain lumber, rebar, and other stuff from them. All without cost. The foundation was measured, frames built, and poured, and the building of the walls began. Jim Watts, a club member and a brick mason, took charge of the walls to keep them straight and level, as most archers wouldn't know how to do that. Course by course the walls went up, until we had the height desired, and then it was time for the trusses for the roof. One master truss was built, measured, checked to be sure it was correct, and then the others were built to it's measurements until we had enough. One by one, we hoisted the trusses up, set them up straight, blocked them in, and put in cross braces to keep them straight. 80 sheets of plywood were purchased for the roof, and a "Roof Day" was scheduled. For some reason, not many showed up for Roof Day ... Cal, me, Robin, Paul, Gary Sprague, and a few others. As we were nailing the first few pieces of plywood on, realizing this was going to take forever, Kit Arnst showed up with his pickup, a compressor, and two nail guns... "get outta the way Don" said Kit, and started nailing. Man, with nail guns, that roof went up fast. Kit was a lifesaver for sure. Then the roofing material, black "tar paper" and green roofing material, was hosted up and we started nailing that to the plywood. Before long, we had a roof.

That made it dark inside the building. Cal was the electrician so he was the one to do the wiring and hang the fluorescent light fixtures. And they worked. Jim Watts, the mason, built the fireplace (the first indoor range had a fireplace, not a wood burning stove). There were ample down trees, mostly oak, on

the range for a good supply of fire wood.

The pistol club had a telephone and once the indoor archery range was built, the phone was found to be inside the indoor range. That was fine with us.

Others did a lot of work ... Norm Quadros did the plastering of the indoor range, the entire building, by himself. If he had a helper I am not aware of it. And he did an excellent job. Bales were brought in, 20 yards measured and marked, and we were ready for our first indoor league. That winter we had heavy rain and as we still had a dirt floor, and poor drainage, the indoor range became a small lake. We shot the first indoor league in hip boots. The following year we voted to pour a concrete floor and it was Rick Rush, who worked for a concrete company, that got us a deal on concrete, and drove one of the concrete trucks to the range. It took three trucks, the big ones with the revolving barrels, to do the job. The club rented concrete finishers, which look something like upside down helicopters, to smooth out the concrete. Cal Delaney, Randy Burger, Paul Thomas, and Jake Wise operated those machines, and then we had a concrete floor.

That's how it was done, on a shoestring, with club members doing the labor, and a lot of volunteered material. Once the building was done, it became a "city" building, as the archery range is on city land. That was fine with us, as the archery club had control of the building.

Once the indoor range was built, it became the best place for club meetings, as the coffee pot was there and we could meet as long as we wanted to, no time limit. Many meetings went until ten or eleven o'clock at night. And, we could bring our bows and shoot after the meeting was over.

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One day, we heard there was a fire in De Laveaga Park. It was reported to be "in a canyon below the golf course." It turned out to be our building. It was a total loss, the roof and bales burned of course, and the heat ruined the walls. It had to be bulldozed down and the rubble removed. We never really learned what started the fire; some speculate there was a homeless person sleeping behind the building and built a fire for warmth, and it got away from him. Maybe so, we aren't sure.

The club was devastated, after all our efforts it was gone. Moral was rock-bottom and we lost members. But, we voted to rebuild. And, lucky for us, the city had a blanket insurance policy on all of its structures, which included our indoor range building, and they provided funds for rebuilding, up to a maximum of \$ 28,000.00, if my memory is correct. The rebuilding took a lot longer the second time, we seemed to have fewer volunteers than the first time around, but finally it was done. And, the second building is better-built than the original building. Once it was done, the building was dedicated to Cal Delaney, the man that got it all started, and put out the most effort into building both buildings. Cal never shot much after that, it's like the fire took something out of him, and the rebuilding effort also took its toll. But he stayed with it until the job was done. Cancer finally took Cal from us, on August 27, 1997.

That, to the best of my memory, is the history of the indoor archery building. The Santa Cruz Archers, the only MTBA club with its own Indoor Range, hosted many indoor tournaments. Not only our own indoor leagues, but MTBA Indoor Regional shoots, NAA/SAC indoor tournaments, CBH indoor tournaments, NFAA Indoor tournaments, many indoor novelty shoots, Indoor Money Tournaments, and World

Level Indoor Mail Matches. I was proud to be part of it.

I wish I had a list of all the people that helped build the indoor range buildings, but I don't. Some are: Paul Thomas, Jake Wise, Maurice Anstiss, Rick Rush, Norm Quadros, Randy Berger, Don Berger, Ken Berger, Cal Delaney and his sons Robert, Ronald, David and James, myself, my daughter Robin, my son Donald, Nickie Humphreys, Kit Arnst, Scott Edwards, Lance Edwards, Cal Crates, Gary Sprague, ... just to name a few.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

August 30, the last day of the month, it was not only re-opening day but it was stump shoot day. Six Archers showed up to fling arrows at 2 inch wood shims placed around the range. Since Eric and Sam were there (the youngsters), there was pressure to select more challenging "chiropractic" shooting positions, but us old folks resisted, for the most part, keeping to rules set by my doctor instead of those more traditionally adhered to in stump shoots.

Here are the scores:

Archer	Stumps
Eric Ledbetter	5
Sam Sterbenz	4
Andy Sterbenz	3
Henry Bertram	11
Pete Noto	7
Dean McCollom	2

Dino Shoot (Henry Bertram)

Kathy Wache, Cliff Lindsey and Henry Bertram ran off to Pacifica for the 1,000,000 years B.C. shoot on Saturday and were joined by Steve Grundy on Sunday. In addition, on Sunday we added Curtis, from Predators, and Ben Armentrout who had shot Saturday with the group in front of us. Since Ben's group didn't show up to shoot, he was welcomed into our group.

If you get the chance to shoot the Dino shoot, as I call it, you should

go, it is a hoot (even without pre-historic owls).



OK, this was shot uphill about 7 degrees at 49 yards, I wasn't having a particularly good day, but, it's pretty good shooting, none the less. In case you were wondering, those are my arrows in the spot. If you publish the newsletter you can put shameless, self-serving stuff like this in here for yourself.



Here's Kathy dispatching a particularly nasty Saber Tooth Tiger, this one down hill at around 30 yards.



OK Cliff, at least you could have gone for the heart lung area instead of the gut, that beast would have run forever if I hadn't hit it correctly for 20 (so what that you got 22, it's just not right!).

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Here's Cliff pointing out his two-in-the-spot on this hapless critter (Dinologists please feel free to write in and identify it for me).



Here are Cliff and Kathy holding another beast from Jurassic Park, luckily we got it before it got us!



Yes, a Woolly Mammoth, at 101 yards, not an easy shot, that's 20 for Henry and 18 for Cliff.

Upcoming shoots (ed.):

900 Round Starting at 9AM, choose one:

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

Sept 7th at Black Mountain Bowmen in South San Jose
Avenida Espana off Santa Teresa, look right for the BMB sign.
(info: Stanley 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.