

Santa Cruz Archers Officer Elections

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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.

Elections (ed.)

It's that time again: elections for 2009 are upon us. Since our constitution requires being present at the election meeting to vote, (By-Laws, Article II, Section C, Sub Section 5) this is a critically important meeting. Please plan on attending.

Meeting Minutes (Diana Reader)

November 4, 2008

President's Report:

Henry reported that he was very impressed with the number of members that came out to help with the October shoot. Henry also reported on positive comments he received from participants of the shoot.

Treasurer's Report:

There is currently \$6,193.84 in the club's regular account.

Publicity Chair Report:

Steven Grundy reviewed the results of a survey that he conducted with the shooters that attended the Bad Boys of Branciforte shoot. Discussion was held on the feedback received from the survey.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send any newsletter articles to Henry Bertram.

Old Business:

1. A motion was made and passed that when new members join on October 1st or later, their membership dues will carry forward until the following January.
2. Nominations were held for new officers for next year.
3. Jim Gillespie has made a steel lock box for donations. Mike Tracy will paint and install it near the entrance to the indoor range.

New Business:

1. The NFAA charter needs to be renewed. Henry collected NFAA membership information from attendees of the meeting to list five NFAA club members, which is a requirement for renewal.
2. A motion to buy a shirt press for the club was put on hold to be discussed at a future meeting when more club members are present.

3. Steven Grundy proposed holding a 3rd shoot during the year. Henry suggested that the issue be brought up at another meeting when more club members are present to see if there are enough club members willing to volunteer to put on another shoot.

4. Perry Ralston wants to buy a foam target to replace the bales on the 30 or 35 yard practice target. It was decided that we should try the new target.

Indoor range lock (Henry Bertram)

It was decided previously that the club would rekey the lock on the indoor range annually. This measure is to ensure that people using the range have current memberships. Last year we simply rekeyed the existing lock. Those who misplaced their annual renewal applications may have noticed that their keys did not function as expected after approximately February. It has been suggested that an electronic lock would be a better alternative than rekeying the lock every year. With rekeying, members have to get their key replaced every year, this caused some problems this past year. With an electronic lock, the codes could simply be changed every year and member's new codes could be added to the system once they renewed their memberships.

There are a couple of alternatives with different costs. One uses a card similar to those used by businesses. These are relatively expensive (the one we have information on is around \$750) and has relatively inexpensive cards (around \$5). The first card would come with the membership; replacements for lost cards would be the responsibility of the member. Another uses a key fob like the ones used to remotely open a car. These are cheaper to purchase but the key fobs are around \$40, which we would have to charge for and, of

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course, replacements would be the same cost.

We will be voting on purchasing one of these alternatives or continuing with our current practice at the meeting in December.

Decal press (Henry Bertram) It has been suggested that the club purchases a decal press, tee shirts and decals such that we can sell decal tee shirts at our events (or at other times). The starter cost would be no more than \$1200 to get set up with decals, shirts and the press. San Francisco Archers has this set up and they have been able to pay for the press and materials plus made some profit for the club.

We will be discussing and voting on the purchase and operation of a press in the December meeting.

Indoor Archery "Party"

(Henry Bertram)

As you may recall (if you judiciously study this publication every month) the membership voted to allow the use of the range for events like birthday parties, given that the charges for such events are donated to the club.

We support these events because they introduce people to archery and those people may use the range and may become club members. One such event will be on Dec 13th from 9AM to 11:30AM where I will be introducing approximately five 9 year olds to their first archery lesson. Please don't plan to use the indoor range at that time.

If you would like to use the range for such events, please clear them with me and we will publish the dates in the newsletter. Please make plans for non common times (not during range open times, work parties or shoots). In addition, please ask one of our certified instructors for help with the instruction. Every participant and spectator is required to have a waiver filled out and signed. The waivers must be legible.

New Range Signage (ed.)

There are new range signs showing up all the time thanks to the work of LeRoy Burke. If you see LeRoy around the range, please thank him. You have probably noticed all of the "keep back from bank" signs along the creek. Hopefully you haven't noticed the warning signs on paths leading from the golf course, these are to keep wayward duffers out of harms way.

LeRoy has recently added warning signs on the access roads that meet on the arrow path for target two. These were suggested by Mike Clark, MTBA president.



Danger sign approaching target 2. Photo by Cody Dumont.

Parks & Recreation Class (ed.)

Instituting programs with the Teen Center or Special Programs was suggested by Steve Hammack, director of Santa Cruz Department of Parks and Recreation, as a way to improve the club's visibility in the community and promote a positive image.

I have been looking into restarting the club's Parks & Rec program in the form of an Introduction to Archery program for the Parks & Rec summer session. The summer session runs from June 22nd to August 21st.

I think a 6 week (one evening per week) would constitute a good introduction to archery. Applications are due mid January, we will discuss this and come to a conclusion in the December meeting.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

Kay and Ken Gardner, Pat Pagnella, Henry Bertram and Mark

Thomas dropped by the indoor range on November 7th for a bit of shooting. Pat is practicing for 450 round shooting (3 arrows per end) so he choose not to compete and pulled one of those silly colored 3 spot targets, I guess it's ok, his first end after practice was 3X 30, not so bad considering the huge size of the X, it's 8 tenths of an inch diameter, about the size of a dime.

Pat employed his considerable skills with the wood burning stove and had that thing throttled just right so it provided a cozy environment all night. It was perfect for late fall.

Kay shot well enough to move to the second spot on the board, moving Diana Reader back one spot to third. Nice shooting Kay.

Indoor Scores:

11/7/2008	Style	Score	X
Henry Bertram	FS/A/M	290	26
Pat Pagnella	FS/A/M	Fun	0
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	292	22
Kay Gardner*	FS/A/F	298	36
Mark Thomas	BHFS/A/M	292	34

The indoor shoot on November 11th saw the return of the Covington clan, this time without Emily, who was working on her release technique through restful meditation, and needed to stay away from targets. Henry was smart enough to attack the evening with his recurve (probably practicing for the outdoor, two days hence). Ken and Kay were battling for family supremacy but Ken insists on using arrows that are just slightly smaller in diameter than sewing needles so he is at a bit of a disadvantage.

Mark continues to shoot quite well with his Bowhunter freestyle setup but tired a bit as the night went on.

Indoor Scores:

11/22/2008	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington	FS/A/M	291	35
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	193	4
Heather Shaffer	BHFS/y/F	78	0
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	180	5
Kay Gardner	FS/A/F	296	32
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	295	29
Mark Thomas	BHFS/A/M	282	30

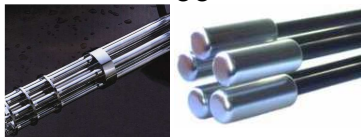
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Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

The morning of November ninth found the outdoor range slightly damp from the light rain that fell overnight. It was enough to keep the dust down but there was no mud to worry about. The rain had also added drops of water to the foliage that fractured the sunlight into mini rainbows if you looked through them.

Sam and Andy Sterbenz and Henry Bertram set out at 9AM to ply their skills against the outdoor range, starting on the first side at target one. Sam was wielding his longbow, Andy had his recurve, with a recently added 5 pin sight, and Henry had this freestyle bow. While flinging arrows in the practice range, Sam was quick to comment on the stunning similarity between Henry's yard long stabilizer and a Gatling gun.



This was to be Henry's last shoot with this string and cables set. After all, the bow is almost five years old and has the original string and cables. The last time he was in at Ralston's, Perry had said "you should consider replacing that string before it breaks." It was time. Shooting the first side went reasonable well except that Henry realized that it was his day to be a bit dyslexic about sight numbers, causing a few arrows to be either a bit high or a bit low but off the target.

After a very brief snack stop, the intrepid outdoor shooters sallied forth once again, this time starting at target 15.

Beginning to tire, Sam decided to leave his bow in the practice range and come along to make the scoring official.

Andy and Henry shot their way along the "back side" until target 21, the short, birdie, fan. After putting the 20 foot shot in the center of the X ring, and being bored with

standard archery, Henry decided to dry fire his bow on the 25 foot shot, breaking the bowstring and the buss cable and, of course, planting the control cable in his wrist causing a lot of pain and blood. That was that, I guess, and a "DNF" for the day.

Andy went on to finish the second side and Henry and Sam kept the scoring on track so Andy's round would count.

11/9/2008	Style	Field	Hntr	Total
Sam Sterbenz	Trad-L	83	DNF	DNF
Andy Sterbenz	Sighted Recurve	59	65	124
Henry Bertram	FS	249	DNF	DNF

Stump Shoot (ed.)

Three shooters showed up on Saturday the 29th for the stump shoot. Cody Dumont was shooting his freshly made, unfinished self bow; TJ Megallanes was shooting a very fast longbow and Henry Bertram was shooting his recurve. After a bit of practice, we went off to destroy some stumps. For the uninitiated, the stumps are wood door shims that are about an inch and a half wide and are set in the ground; many of them have a small hole near the top. The shooters take turns choosing the shooting position and the shooting distance.

This time things were somewhat tame with only a few "down on one knee" shots, a few "this foot on this step and the other over there," one "some part of you has to touch that tree," one sitting shot (a blessing by that point), one "balanced on two things sticking up" shot and, oh yes, one walking shot, where you had to be actually moving when you released your shot and you had to release it when you reached "that 44 yard stake over there."

Henry hit a stump on the walking shot but it was not the one he had in mind, Cody and TJ said it should count anyway.... so be it.

During the shoot, we found a tree down on target 18 covering the 35 yard shooting position. TJ had his chain saw in the truck so, after the shoot, he and Cody went back to

clear the trail. Thanks TJ and Cody. We hope to see TJ at the December meeting to join the club.

While we were in the neighborhood, and not wanting to leave the outdoor targets completely unscathed, both TJ and Cody shot the "through the fork of the tree" shot on 16, it's around 75 yards. Fun but not easy, both were short. TJ took two 100 yard shots on 6 to no avail but hit dead center on the bale just below the cardboard from 80 yards, nice shooting!

Stump Scores:

11/29/2008	Total	Holes
Cody Dumont	5	
TJ Megallanes	2	
Henry Bertram	10	2



A nice pair of "Holes" by Henry. Both shots were a bit low in the hole; Henry will have to work on elevation. Photos by Cody Dumont

How not to buy a bow (ed.)

I have a colleague at work who asked me to look at the bow he had bought. He hoped I could provide him with instructions on care and use of the device. He may have been better served to study up on bows prior to his purchase. He brought it to me strung, a condition that it had obviously been in for



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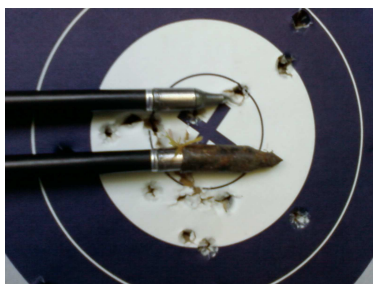
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many years. I immediately unstrung it and asked him to cut it into many pieces or, if not, promise to never string it again and never attempt to shoot it.

If you are going to leave a bow strung you should at least make sure the string is long enough for the bow, this one was several inches short. (this note doesn't apply to compound bows, they should be left strung☺). Leaving a bow strung is a really bad idea, leaving it strung with a short string and standing it in a corner for around 20 years is, without question, terminal for the bow.

Tip removal technique (ed.)

While shooting at the 40 yard target in the practice range, your editor discovered that you could remove old arrow tips by simply shooting another arrow into it and pulling it out. It works like a charm!



OK, I admit it, it was just a random shot that happened to hit the lost arrow tip in the bail. It was a bit hard to get the tip out through the target because the end was mushroomed out.

Upcoming shoots:

State Indoor Championships (you must be NFAA or NAA member with CBH/SAA membership to compete for awards)

Predator's Archery, Gilroy, Saturday 1/10/09 @ 9 AM and 6 PM, contact Curtis or Mike (408) 842-7733

Jim Cox Adventures, Salinas, Saturday 1/18/09, contact Terry Handley (831) 769-0200

Archery Only, Newark, Saturday, 1/24/09 @ 7 PM contact Roger Brown at (510) 795-0460

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