

Membership Renewals + January Indoor Championships

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Newsletter Deadlines

It is with great pride, and just a hint of carpal tunnel syndrome, that I hand over the reigns of this publication to Scott Covington. Scott will be taking over as "Editor and Chief" as of the next issue. Since I like to scribble a bit o' prose occasionally, I will send some articles to Scott, begging him to include them.

Please write Scott about your archery experiences such that he 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 our club members. The deadline is the end of the Saturday before the club meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting

There is a board of directors meeting scheduled for January 6, 2009.

The meeting will convene after the regular club meeting.

Election Results (ed.)

Elections were held during the December meeting and the results are:

Office	Officer
President	Henry Bertram
1st Vice President	Mike Tracy
2nd Vice President	Cliff Lindsey
Secretary	Kathy Wache
Treasurer	Susan Bertram
Indoor Range Captain	Randy Redmond
Membership Chair	Scott Wilson
Publicity Chair	Steve Grundy
Outdoor Range Captain	Christine Berry
Gate Monitor	Randy Redmond
Newsletter Editor	Scott Covington
Key master (appointed)	Mike Tracy
Web Master (appointed)	Dave Mulligan
Master Chef (appointed)	Brian Tracy
Board of Directors	Jack Mills Larry Yien Andy Sterbenz Ed Terribilini

As you will notice, there are a number of appointed positions. I get to do this for two reasons, first because the constitution says the president can do appoint people to do stuff (it says so somewhere between "Appoint all committee chairmen" and "Perform all other duties incident to the office") and second because you foolishly elected me president (after all, you could have written in a real candidate).

Key Master has previously been an elected position but, alas, it's not in the constitution so, there you go, I get to appoint someone and that would be Mike Tracy.

Web Master, well Dave said he would give it a go if I stopped twisting his arm.

Master Chef, pure and simple, we need one, and Brian Tracy looks so good with one of those long handled burger flippers in one hand and one of those little curly meat hook thingies in the other, he was the perfect pick.

As the Key Master, Mike will manage the range keys. Mike will work

closely with Membership Chair Scott Wilson to make sure that all those entitled to keys have them and that they and the locks are working correctly. Since we voted to replace the indoor range lock key again this year, instead of replacing the lock entirely, Mike will arrange the rekeying of the lock and get indoor range keys out to all the members in good standing for 2009. Since we can replace this key annually at relatively low cost, I would entertain a motion and discussion to eliminate key deposits for the indoor key and have a key charge instead. We can't do that for the outdoor key because it is owned by the city, not the club.

As Web Master, Dave Mulligan will enhance the web page as he sees fit, assist in placing new content and shoot any problems that may crop up.

In the role of Chief Chef (it's actually Master Chef but I can't pass up an excuse for alliteration), Brian Tracy will plan and execute meals for our open shoots and other events should we plan to have other events that involve cooking.

Meeting Minutes (Kathy Wache) December 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.

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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)

The vote to replace the indoor lock with a combination and card key lock was not well received by club members so we will be rekeying with keys made of metal.

As you will remember, the club voted to rekey the lock on the indoor range annually to ensure that people using the range have current memberships. Those who do not renew their annual memberships will find that their keys did not function as expected after approximately February.

Membership Renewals (Baby we need ya!) (ed.)

As you know, most of the operations of the club are based on a few, very important things. Yes we have the City who owns the land and maintains the locks on the gates but mostly the club's success is due to its membership. We need members to pay their dues so we can cover operating expenses, we need members to work such that we can run the club, maintain the range and run fund raising archery shoots and, we need members to come to the shoots and enjoy our sport with us (we are so lonely sometimes... wait, who said that?). Come on down and support the club. Please get your membership renewal in during January. Big thanks to those who have already sent in their renewals.



Another Indoor Archery "Party" (Henry Bertram)

Henry will be using the range on the afternoon of January 15th for a personal event. The treasury will be enriched per the rules established last year.

Parks & Recreation Class (ed.)

There was sufficient support from the coaches to sustain a successful Parks & Rec class as we will be hosting Santa Cruz Parks & Rec Archery in the summer session.

Primitive archery you say?

(Jack Mills)

The big cat came just after dark. We knew it was there, circling just beyond the fire light, and we were afraid. Two of us stood guard while the others tried to sleep, everyone remembering the terror of the recent attack, where two children and the grandmother were eaten.

These thoughts and more came and went as I worked on the bow. It wasn't always that way though. When I was a kid, my total archery focus was on hitting the target,

generally a rabbit, lizard, or tumbleweed. Later, as I learned more about archery, I started to see the true richness of our noble sport. There was the social part – helping others to learn and enjoy the sport, there were also the technology, the history, and the craft. By learning to make archery tackle, I became immersed in the craft of archery. This led me to thinking about bows and arrows of peoples past, how they were made, and built in me the desire to do that myself. That opened my door to primitive archery. Once I entered, I discovered things that were, to me, quite amazing. I became interested in the Ice Man – the 5100 year old archer found frozen in a glacier with all his equipment.

My resolve was to make a yew wood bow like his using only stone and copper tools. At first my mind rebelled at the slow and tedious aspect of the work. Why waste time doing this, I thought, when a power tool or sharp steel axe would be so much easier and faster? This impatience was the barrier that kept me, a modern man, looking back.

Bit by bit, though, I forgot modern tools and just got into the work. It was then that the amazing happened. I started to enter the age of the Ice Man. As I built his equipment: the bow, arrows, knife, and backpack and then took them out and actually used them in the field I was amazed at how well they worked and at the subtlety of their design.

I am truly indebted to the Ice Man for those lessons – some of the many that archery has to teach.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

Please note that a scoring error in the November newsletter has been fixed, thank to Scott for pointing it out.

On the evening of the December fifth indoor shoot, I was getting ready to glue up some 5 spot targets for the shoot when Ken Lewis arrived with his dog "Miyagi". Ken

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had damaged his wrist and was unable to shoot but came to provide moral support. Miyagi was quite and calm, remaining by Ken's side the entire time.

After gluing the targets and getting out the score cards, I put together my freestyle bow and took some practice shots. Unfortunately, my "computer elbow" was acting up and quite painful when the bow recoiled, so I was unable to shoot the compound bow. I had actually considered bringing my recurve also, just in case some traditional shooters showed up, but laziness prevailed.

Mike, Kenny, Brian and Conner Tracy came in with there traditional equipment totally negating my earlier decision about which bow to bring. Darn, I could have brought both! We set about finding a re-curve and suitable arrows for me to shoot. While I experimented with a 50 pound recurve that Brian brought, Mike dragged a 33 pound recurve out of the JOAD stash for me and I chose to leave my shoulder muscles attached and shoot the wimpy JOAD bow. Brian provided his shooting glove and some arrows and we were off to the races.

Ken had to run off early so the traditionalists were left to our arrow-flinging. Believe it or not, five trad shooters can really move through a 12 end match quickly, before we knew it, we were signing score cards.

On December 19th the Covington Clan (Scott, Garren and Heather Shaffer), Mike Tracy, Mark Thomas, Henry Bertram, DeeDee Hedges and Ken Gardner got together to eat the centers out of NFAA 40cm Indoor targets. Mike shot FITA for the first time in recorded history but had problems with his sight loosening and took the sight off for the last few ends.

DeeDee Hedges shot her first indoor so she was getting used to the rules and the flow if the match. Scott shot a personal best, nice shooting Scott.

Indoor Scores:

12/5/2008	Style	Score	X
Brian Tracy	Trad-R/A/M	107	0
Conner Tracy	Trad-R/c/M	100	0
Mike Tracy	Trad-L/A/M	144	1
Kenny Tracy	Trad-L/A/M	132	1
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	154	2

12/19/2008	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington*	FS/A/M	297	33
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	189	3
Heather Shaffer	BHFSL/y/F	62	0
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	205	3
DeeDee Hedges	Trad-R/A/F	95	1
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	295	37
Mark Thomas	BHFS/A/M	283	18
Mike Tracy	FITA/A/M	199	7

Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

The rain got us this month; there were no archers for the outdoor shoot. Several folks turned up in the afternoon to shoot indoors, but, that's another story.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

12-27-08, dateline DeLaveaga Archery Range, Santa Cruz California. Just two mornings after Christmas and the stump shooters were at it again. Cody Dumont had called earlier asking that we delay the start a few minutes because TJ Megallanes was running behind, they were coming together. Scott and Garren Covington, Erik Ledbetter and Andy and Sam Sterbenz were in the parking lot, stringing their bows, when Henry Bertram arrived after circling the golf course and completing the gate opening ritual. We warmed-up our shooting forms and sighting eyes in the practice range, looking for that perfect mix of skill and technique that would insure the smallest number of lost and broken arrows. Once Cody and TJ got there, we set

off into the cold December morning to "kill us some stumps." Cody struck first with two stakes on two arrows, dang, son, give the rest of us a chance!

In case you question my assessment that it was a cold December morn, you should note that TJ was blowing "condensation rings" while waiting to shoot on target 17. While the rings were OK, I have to deduct a few style points due to the technique he used; international condensate-ring competition rules dictate that rings should be formed without interference from outside influences, TJ uses the rapid repeat finger tapping method, making his entry into the condensate-ring hall of fame highly suspect.

The shots for the day varied greatly but the day's theme was "lurking behind something, then springing out to catch those wary stumps by surprise." We had a "stand on one leg" shot, a "face the wrong way, twist around and shoot while you rib cage cramps up terminally" shot, a "crouch down behind a small, low sign then suddenly appear and shoot" shot, several "stand behind this or that and spring out to one side or another" shots, a couple of "kneel on the very wet ground" shots and a couple of sitting shots. I should also mention that there were quite a few "just shoot normally" shots that are, of course, hardly worth mentioning. If I should mention them but they were hardly worth mentioning, something must be horribly amiss, but I digress.



Unknown pregnant guy bounding up from behind sign to surprise a stump.

(photo by TJ Megallanes)

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Some members of the group tried a few very long shots at the bales, TJ loves the shot between the "V" on the large redwood tree on 16 even though it requires looking for his arrows in places other than the bale. Scott and TJ took the very long shot from just past the target hut at 5 toward the target hut at 6. I was watching Scott retrieve his arrow from the area in front of the road when he suddenly rolled up in a ball and quite simply disappeared. I was thinking the worst, including bad thoughts about escalating range insurance premiums, but he sprung back up shortly, none the worse for despite his newly discovered arrow recovery technique. Since he found

a lot of those prickly berry vines on his unexpected "trip" down the ravine, I suspect he will be developing a new technique for future efforts. The arrow was recovered, by the way.

I should add a bit about the score. I have to give this one to TJ, who was shooting his new, unfinished, collaboratively made self bow (Cody is said to have contributed his considerable skills in a consulting role). He did have a shelf as an arrow rest but I was shooting my recurve with the flipper rest and a plunger button. It should be noted that he was shooting around 52 pound longbow and I was shooting a 30 pound recurve, while he gets

"manly" points, I get "relaxed and easy" points.

That brings me to Erik, who not only shoots two stakes (this is not that easy folks) but gets a hole on one of them. Nice shooting Erik.

Stump Scores:

12/27/2008	Total	Holes
Andy Sterbenz	1	
Sam Sterbenz	1	
Erik Ledbetter	2	1
Henry Bertram	6	
Scott Covington	2	
Garren Covington	3	
Cody Dumont	5	
TJ Megallanes	6	

Upcoming shoots:

Regional Indoor Championships

Santa Cruz Archers, January 6th, 9AM

(you must be a member of this region to compete for awards, memberships available on site the day of the event for \$10)

State Indoor Championships

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

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

Regional unmarked 3D team tournament Sunday April 19th at Bowhunters Unlimited's range in Stevens Creek park.

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