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Meeting Minutes (Steve Andrews)

January 6th, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Bertram at 19:30 hours.

President's Report

Minutes as written in newsletter were approved. There is a downed tree on #18 that needs to be removed. TJ Megallanes and Cody Dumant removed a few of the limbs by hand. Mike Tracy will bring up his chain saw to clean up the rest when he has some time.

The club received its 2009 NFAA charter renewal and club insurance is up to date. The 2009 taxes have been filed and accepted by the IRS. The club secretary has quit. Steve Andrews, who is older and should know better, volunteers for the job.

A lightning fast vote ensures against any weaseling. The vote to elect Steve

Andrews as Santa Cruz Archers 2009 Secretary passed with 7 Ayes, 1 No, 0 Abst. (It should be noted that the "No" vote came from Steve. It should also be noted that there was insufficient time for Steve to mount a credible write in campaign to defeat himself.)

1st VP and Keymaster Report

Mike Tracy mentioned the green lens on the indoor range light has been repaired.

There is an outdoor shoot next Saturday.

#22 needs a new target.

Need to re-key the indoor range door.

Treasurer's Report

The 2008 Treasurer was not present and had not handed over the accounts to the new Treasurer. The transfer should happen during January. No other officer's reports.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mike Tracy, and seconded by Steve Andrews, to have both the president and treasurer access and manage the bank accounts. It was stated that the constitution and by laws specify that the President and Treasurer are to cosign all checks. After a short discussion, a vote was held and the motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 No, 0 Abst.

Outside donation box nears completion, corrosion resistance application in progress. Thank you, Mike.

Sponsor plaques also near completion, were displayed during meeting, many murmurs of approval. Thank you, LeRoy Burke. Predator Archery has signed to sponsor for 3 years, Ralston's Rod and Tackle for 1 year. Thank you both. The signs should be mounted by the week's end, and we will send photos to the sponsors. (Photos have been sent).

The stairs between #21 and #22 need repair. Short discussion ensues, outdoor range captain to be consulted.

Indoor range exterior lock to be changed; helps to keep members current. Should be in place for the February meeting.

Henry mentions the Regional indoor meet from 1/3/09; parking was limited. Would the club consider doing an indoor regional on Friday night? Henry is willing, but will need help. John Molea will help 1/9/09. Thanks guys.

New Business

Copies of the "straw man" budget were given out.

Donations are coming in from the archery lessons (Thanks Randy) and other sources. Discussion about taking the membership dues amount out of the constitution, to scale it to good donation years = less dues, bad donation years = more dues. It is very painful to change the constitution to change dues. Short discussion. No action.

New Members! Neil Splain retired from PD and shoots compound, would like to be a working member. Phil Dundas, is a landscaper, shoots a long-bow, and has children that shoot, joined as anon-working member. Jake Brensky, a cook at Cloud's, compound shooter, would like to be a working member. As is our custom, they were nominated as a group. They were unanimously approved as a group; 9 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abst. Welcome!

There is an opening in the schedule for a 3D shoot in August. Time is now to get the publicity going. Any one interested in putting one on? No takers present. There will be no Open shoot in August, just the regularly scheduled and impromptu shoots.

General discussion ensues on the indoor and outdoor donation boxes; A sign will be needed to tell people why they should donate (assist in maintaining the range, purchase targets and etc.)

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Discussion about using a phone tree to alert members about lock changes, membership dues, etc. Scott Wilson will be asked to co-ordinate the phone tree. Thank You in advance, Scott.

Discussion about members picking a target to maintain. There is a list on the wall, and there are some prime spots available. This is basic maintenance, raking the trail, picking up trash, making sure the shooting lane is clear, and reporting more involved work such that the club can schedule a work party to do the work. Nothing wider than 1 inch may be cut unless it is a blow down. Big fun! Come in and sign up.

This Sunday is the outdoor shoot. There was a long discussion about outdoor shooting, and about recording scores for NFAA qualification for C and B classes. This is important for attending NFAA tournaments.

Mike Tracy moves to adjourn, Jack Mills 2nd. 9 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abst. Adjourned at 20:40 hrs.

Board Meeting (Steve Andrews)
January 6th, 2009
20:55 hrs

Present- Henry Bertram, Mike Tracy, Jack Mills, Steve Andrews, Susan Bertram

Record Keeping:

Pursue getting rid of score cards after 1 yr, shoot records after 3 yrs, and liability forms after 7 yrs.

Discussion; why so long for liability forms? Henry will investigate with insurance carrier.

Record Retention policy will be crafted based on the investigation results and wording created to add to the bylaws or constitution, as appropriate.

Remove Dues from constitution:

Discussion. Sounds like a good idea, Henry will create some wording to be considered by the club.

Serving lunches at work parties:

Discussion, finance food to be served, no action. Continued to next club meeting.

Adjourned at 21:12hrs.

Indoor private training events (Henry Bertram)

Henry's planned activity last month was postponed so he will be using the indoor range on the afternoon of Thursday, February 5th for a personal event. In addition, Gary Cramton is planning a private training event on Saturday, February 7th from 10:30 to 12:30. Please plan on avoiding the indoor range during these times.

The treasury will be enriched per the rules established last year.

Parks & Recreation Class (Henry Bertram)

Based on the city's, club's and coach's interest in hosting a Parks & Rec. Beginning Archery class in the summer, I have submitted an application. The city has yet to respond but I assume that we will be represented in the summer activities catalogue.

Indoor Shoots (Scott Covington)

1/2/2009	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington	FS/A/M	293	34
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	211	1
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	287	29
Rich Sandukhle*	BHFS/A/M	296	29

1/16/2009	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington*	BHFS/A/M	298	33
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	160	4
Heather Shaffer	BHFS/y/F	105	1
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	185	4
Kay Gardner	FS/A/F	285	37
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	293	33
LeRoy Burke	BHFS/A/M	270	14

Notes from indoor shoots:

1/2/09

Ken peeled the fletching off an arrow due to placing the target too low after the half way mark, (make sure to stay away from the seams between the bales). He shot the arrow anyway and

looked like it bounced up off the ground during flight.

Rich Sandukhle, president of Mt. Madonna, reduced his peep size to 1/8th and shot a personal best.

1/16/09

Scott shot a personal best, bettering his Freestyle score with his BHFS setup.

Outdoor Shoot (Scott Covington)

1/11/2009	Style	Field	Hntr	Total
Mark Thomas	BHFS	236	231	467
Henry Bertram	FS	249	245	494
Scott Covington	BHFS	241	DNF	DNF
Rick Chace	FS	231	DNF	DNF
LeRoy Burke	BHFS	175	196	371
Cody Dumont	Trad-L	DNF	DNF	DNF
TJ Megallanes	Trad-L	DNF	DNF	DNF

Notes: TJ and Cody shot the first 3 targets then broke away from the group. That was their intent. They didn't keep score.

Rick is getting back into it and protecting his ailing shoulder, shot first half only. Scott had family commitments and also only shot the first half.

Stump Shoot (Scott Covington)

1/31/2009	Total	Holes
Henry Bertram	6	
Scott Covington	4	
Garren Covington	6	
Heather Shaffer	3	1
Gabrielle Garrett	0	
Carl Wakeland	5	

Saturday the 31st was a beautiful brisk morning when 6 archers set out to shoot some stumps. The day rapidly went uphill from there as they attacked the first set on number 15. Carl Wakeland and Gabrielle Garrett, who were new to this, were shocked at the idea of actually hitting the small, but utterly vicious stump. Carl very quickly took the upper hand and had 5 of the critters by the end of the day. His wife struggled some with a very stout longbow, but gave it a great go. Heather Shaffer, who was also new to stump shooting promptly got into the spirit with some inventive shooting positions including standing on the shooting stake with both feet, standing directly in front of the stake (which is a true

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test of skill!!), sitting on a bucket, and sitting on the bank of the trail. She also shot the only “hole” of the day. Garren was stoked for a short time until Henry advised him that he could not beat him by shooting two stumps with one arrow. “It’s in the rules I’m sure” was the official last word. Garren, being Garren, said “I knew that” and peace was restored in the valley (canyon, gulch?). There was also talk of a “Fruit Shoot” or a William Tell Shoot when an apple was produced for snacking. (Possibly a novelty shoot idead for August? Anyone?...Anyone?...)

Club Shoot? (Henry Bertram)

On the second Sunday of each month, archery clubs hold their “Club Shoot.” The Club Shoot is also known as the “Outdoor Shoot.” The Santa Cruz Archers club shoot starts at 9 AM on the second Sunday, at the DeLaveaga Archery Range. We leave from the practice range, but please come a bit early and register in the indoor range. The earlier you come the more likely it is that the registrar will be able to practice. The cost is \$3.00 per archer.

The shoot consists of 4 arrows per target on the 28 target outdoor range. The distances from the various shooting stakes to the targets, the target sizes, and the number of targets per backstop, are standardized by the National Field Archery Association (NFAA), of which our club is a chartered member. Our charter depends, among other things, on the Outdoor Range meeting these standards.

Shooting a club shoot anywhere in the United States will yield a standardized score that’s used for determining a handicap and a shooting class. The standardized score is also used to place scores on our Outdoor Board. The Outdoor Board is on the back wall of the indoor range. Yes, we have the outdoor board in the indoor range, confusing as that may sound, it actually makes sense.

If you choose to shoot NFAA events, you can register in one of 4 or 5 classes, depending on the shoot. These classes are Pro, A, B, C, and Guest.

Some shoots do not use “Guest.” If, for example, based on your Outdoor Shoot score record, you qualify to be in the B class, your score will be compared with B class shooters for awards consideration. If you have no Outdoor Shoot score, you will be placed in the Guest class, or, if there is no Guest class, in the A class.

The handicap system uses your scores from the last 3 to 7 Club Shoots that you completed (statistically speaking, this is a moving average). The handicap is used to compare your score across all shooters of the Club Shoot.

We keep your score record for you but, to take it to a shoot you will need your NFAA membership. You will receive your membership card and an official score record with your membership.

Bring your score record to the shoot and the registrar will fill it out and affix the official club stamp.

BARROW (Henry Bertram)

It all started during the January 16, 2009 Indoor Shoot at SCA. Remember that date because it was one of those historical events that may be obscured by the inaccuracies of time and the media. “Well, what happened?” I hear you ask. Simple, the new and exciting sport of BARROW had its humble beginnings. BARROW is actually a contraction of Base Arrow, which comes from the seed sport Base Ball (you may know it). Base Ball comes from Cricket and some of the equipment and rules come from at least 3 sports, i.e. Archery, Base Ball and Cricket. A “header,” practiced in both Soccer and Motocross, is not a part of Barrow, as you will see.

LeRoy Burke, Scott Covington, Ken and Kay Gardner, Garren Covington and Heather Shaffer were with me to usher in this new era in sport. We were distributed in three, non-standard classes: Adult-Precision, Youth-Learning and Adult-Non-Precision (aka Adult-Random). I was, of course, the only contestant in the Traditional version of the Adult-Non-Precision class. Since we were using that pesky 40 centimeter NFAA Indoor target instead of the

122 centimeter FITA target, my score actually reflected the nature and purpose of the Non-Precision class. I am in favor of using the 122 centimeter FITA target for that class because it is a tad bit more forgiving at 20 yards than the 40 centimeter version.

I was, of course, putting most arrows in the spot during the warm-up session. My recurve, arrows and glove were a finely tuned machine, eating away the soft white center, making it difficult to tell whether this arrow or that was an X. When we started our two official practice ends, things degraded slightly. At that point, of course, I decided to save the white part for the scoring ends.

The first official practice end took me out of contention for a 300, a 299, a 298 and a 297 but, 297 is still a good score for a recurve... it would have made the board. As we went along I notice several ends where there was a nice stair step effect, climbing to the right or left. One end featured the Chrysler Star, nicely surrounding the center, but a bit far from it to comment about the score, except, perhaps, for consistency, after all, 5 3s isn’t that bad. There were, of course, a few off target shots, one of which was shot with the spit finger release instead of three fingers under, I had great focus on that one though and it was a good release.

Ken commented that I was spreading them around reasonably when I followed a really good horizontal spread with a fabulous vertical spread. I remarked that my shooting would go really well as pitching in baseball because the hitter would have no idea where the ball was going.

That, of course, led to pitching arrows and some quick arithmetic:

Baseball fast balls average, perhaps 93 miles per hour (mph).

60 mph is 88 feet per second (fps): (60 mph * 5280 ft/mi)/3600 sec/hr = 88 fps

So 30 mph is 44 fps and 90 miles per hour is 88+44 = 132 ft/sec add the 3 miles per hour, which is 4.4 fps (divide

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44 by 10) and 93 mph is 136.4 mph. That's how you can do it in your head (easier if you already know that 60 mph = 88 fps, which I do, don't ask why). If you have your calculator handy it's just $93 * 5280 / 3600$.

Once you are past that, you consider that my recurve will fling an arrow around 150 fps (102.27 mph) and there you have it, a heck of a fast ball. "Game On," I am pitching into a 40 centimeter area most of the time. One must, of course, watch out for occasional, and I assure you, unintentional "chin music."

Scott brought up the problem of the catcher, hmmm, interesting. I guess we will use a hay bale as the catcher, after all, we have a quiver full of arrows and we should be able to get the side out without many trips to the bale.

Calling balls and strikes is easy. If it's on the 40 centimeter target, strike, otherwise, ball (or arrow, I guess). I had a good game on the 16th, 60 arrows, 3 balls... the scouts should be ringing the phone off the hook shortly.

We then imagined a hitter actually getting around on one of these things and having the arrow stabbing into the wood bat and sticking there. We had better add a rule like "blunt tips only," you can always carry a broad head in case you are threatened on the way to the Barrow park. Just to make it a bit of an offensive game, we will use the Cricket bat, which is a bit flatter than a baseball bat, saving many a foul arrow.

If someone actually hits one of these things, it isn't going far so, no need for outfielders and we save on land cost because we only need an infield. Our potential backers are salivating already.

Since everyone needs to be behind the shooting line when the arrow is pitched, the hitter will have to race to home plate and whack at it behind him (or her, as the case may be) on the run. There aren't many people who can actually run even 20 yards in the 400 milliseconds (a little less than half a second) the arrow takes to cross the

plate. No sense in pitching from back farther (unless you are into huge looping curve balls). I guess those conniving hitters will want to "game" the system by moving back and starting there run before the arrow is released, timing their crossing of the shooting line. We will allow it, and actually put a line back there somewhere for them to start from. We will also put some rules around it and fancy names for breaking the rules. Rauching, in honor of a great boss I had for a while, could be "crossing the shooting line before the release of the arrow." We don't have to keep track of Rauching during the game; there are often nasty arrow bruises somewhere on the hitter's body, just count them up after the game. After all, that's why we use the blunt tips.

We could also have a batter's shield next to plate, made of Kevlar, for the hitters to stand behind for protection. The slower hitters could use it after paying extra (points or money) to avoid all that running.

Well that's it, the origin of, what could possibly become, the new national past time of some small country with nothing else to do, and huge forests of Osage Orange.

San Francisco Archers Cabin Fever Shoot (Scott Covington)

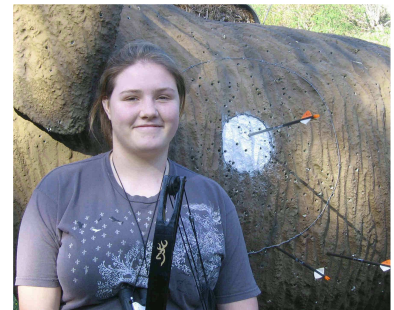
The Santa Cruz Archers were represented at the Ken Brown Memorial Cabin Fever Shoot put on by the San Francisco Archers by the Covington family (Scott, Heather, and Garren) on Sunday, January 18, 2009. This was a 30 animal 3-D shoot with unmarked yardage. The turnout was large despite wind gusts of up to 40 mph. This necessitated a heavy lead or follow on the animals to get the 3 arrows allotted per animal into the "kill" zone. The turnout by the traditional crowd was especially large.

None of us were particularly competitive in the field, but the slogan on the flyer was "Have fun and you've al-

ready won". Taking this to heart, we proceeded to do our best to ventilate some foam animals. There were some memorable shots such as my totally missing the VERY large woolly mammoth at about 100 yards, only to see Heather make the shot of her day at 70 yards almost dead center in the spot. Apparently, San Franciscans are confused as to the particulars of the grazing species, since they classified this as a bison. There were also some bears, a couple of large mountain goats, and even a lion, a hyena, and an alligator that must have crawled out of the lake nearby to get some early morning shade under the trees on the hill above.

The wind also presented a potentially dangerous situation when about lunchtime, a large eucalyptus or cypress branch came crashing down just west of the lake. Luckily there was no one hurt. Just some limbs on the trail to avoid.

All in all it was a great day to get out and shoot in some almost summertime conditions in the middle of January!



Heathers shot o' the day

Editors Note:

Hello everyone, Just a word or two about my new job as editor of the newsletter. I hope the New Year finds everyone happy, healthy and enjoying life in our beautiful Santa Cruz area. I would like to thank the Santa Cruz Archers for welcoming my family to the fold. We've enjoyed our first year of membership, and the great sport of archery as a family. I have been shooting for about 30 years with a couple of long spans without picking up a bow

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totaling 15 years. I just recently got back into it, and have gotten the kids involved also.

The past has been mostly shooting in the backyard with some stints in scouting where scores were kept. The whole scoring thing to me is an impetus to not just improve my own shooting, but for my kids to set goals in archery, and what I hope, for them to lay the groundwork to setting life goals. There are so many negative influences in our society for children these days, and it's good to see that clubs like ours are committed to giving kids a chance to experience some positive influences and above all having FUN and enjoying each others company and the company of others who also have archery as an interest.

I definitely welcome any feedback or criticism you may have about the newsletter now that I have the reins. I have some large shoes to fill (I'd say at least a 12 Henry?), and any help you can give me is greatly appreciated. If any of you out there have been to a shoot, or have any archery related news, history, pictures, or any other trivia you think would be entertaining, by all means submit it and we'll include it. Until next month!!

Scott Covington

Upcoming Shoots:

Bowhunters Unlimited

Mud n' Muck Shoot

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Registration 8a.m.

Shoot at 9:30 a.m. Rain Cancels

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National Field Archery Assn.

NFAA World Archery Festival

February 6-8, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

See NFAA website for details

Salinas Bowmen

Island Shoot

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Call (831) 674-3204 for details

Bowhunters Unlimited

Traditional Shoot

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Registration 8a.m.

Shoot at 9:30a.m.

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