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Santa Cruz Archers Newsletter April 09

Be At The Next Work Party On April 18th!!!

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Meeting Minutes

(Steve Andrews)

March 3, 2009

Meeting called to order at 1935 by President Bertram.

President's Report

Motion to accept the February minutes as written in the newsletter is approved.

Flier for the "In The Redwoods" shoots is on the web and in the CBH/SAA newsletter. Would we like to put a 2nd flier in the next newsletter? Discussion as to we are not really sure when the newsletter will come out, could be same day as the shoot which has happened in the past. Moved and seconded not to put a flier in the 2nd issue, approved.

1st VP & Keymaster's Report

No keys this meeting. Key blanks are in. There was general dissatisfaction from the members present. Mike will contact Henry this week, and if nothing is happening, they will figure out something different. Mike will

make a list of members present who need keys before the next meeting.

Treasure's Report

The report was read, the club is solvent.

Outdoor Range Captain's Report

Christine walked the range and found many projects for working members to help out with.

Virtually all targets need work, several bridges need work, benches need to be re-leveled and re-finished. Remove old bales; remove old tires from the creek. Would also like to fix up the picnic area. Water for the range was broken during the gun range lead remediation; we need to re-connect it. Christine will take photos of all this stuff and give a list to Henry. Henry would like a sub-committee, and offers to be on it. Rick and Ken will also. They will meet soon to set priorities for upcoming work parties.

Publicity Chair Report

Henry has been doing it.

Membership Report

Scott is working on phone tree for renewals.

Indoor Range Captain

Range looks clean; there is candy, soda and water available. Captain approves.

No other officer reports.

Old Business

Iron Ranger is in place, and collecting. Signage is in the works. Thanks to all who participated.

Indoor lock replacement was discussed during 1st VP's Report.

Budget is in the works.

Work party prep was discussed during the Outdoor Range Captain's Report. New bales are here, and a new Hipps foam target is here.

Phone tree membership drive is being organized. Will ask people if they want to renew, if not bring key to treasurer; and inform them about the indoor key.

Changes to Bylaws approved by the board of directors and is open for discussion. (To be voted on next meeting?) In section D, "A", "B" and "C" have been removed, and "D" has become "A". Member dues for the next year will be decided at the December meeting. No more than 35% can come from non-member sources to maintain the IRS "Social Club." status. Article 6 will refer to the records retention policy.

Work party raffles; Roy will present his idea at the next meeting for approval.

New Business

New Members! Joe Bergen is in construction (or retired?), hunts, shoots longbows and compounds. Dave Ponza works for Granite, hunts and shoots compounds. Brian Krukow also works for Granite, hunts and shoots compound. All wish to be working members, and after customary group nomination and approval, they are. Welcome! Come to the shoots!

Paper targets for the next year are being ordered.

Phone number for voice announcements and for voice mail will change to the indoor range number. Henry donated a voice mail machine. Mike Tracy will hook it up.

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Guests are always welcome at the shoots. Indoor shoots are \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members. The Outdoor shoot is the 2nd Sunday of the month. Both members and non members pay \$3. The Stump shoot is the last Saturday of the month, shooters pay a buck each. Big fun for a paltry sum.

Meeting adjourned at 2040.

March Work Party

(Henry Bertram)

The next work party is **April 18th** starting at **9AM**.

Work on the range started for 2009 with a resounding BANG on March 28th. We had a great turn out and the organization of work was fantastic. Christine Berry had all the jobs detailed out with pictures of work that needed to be done.

We started out cutting and drilling wood for replacement steps and cutting wood for a couple of target huts that needed new roofs.

Teams grabbed materials and tools and went off to improve trails, replace worn out steps, improve shooting positions and replace a couple of roofs. In addition, between Saturday and Sunday, all the wood in the wood pile was sawed into bite size pieces and spit!

The next work party is scheduled to start at 9 AM on April 18th. We will be completing the trail and step work and rebuilding some target huts. We will also be replacing the bales on a few targets where the hay bales actually accelerate the arrows as they pass through. In addition, we will be improving the furniture in the pick nick area.

Come on down and lend a hand. Christine has a record of what was done and by whom so we will publish that when the work is done.

Gate Lock Etiquette

(Henry Bertram)

The archery range road gates and locks keep the range secure and are in

place courtesy of the City of Santa Cruz. My understanding is that there were incidents in the range parking area in the old days and that the city had to curtail the activity in the interest of safety. The gates and the locks followed shortly thereafter.

We have an obligation to the city to have the gates open from noon to 4 PM on weekend days such that the public can utilize the archery range. The range is a city owned Public Park.

There are water department and workers that use the road and hence can have the gates open at odd times. The rule is "leave the gate as you found it." If, for example, you drive into the range at 8:45 AM on Saturday and find the gate open; remembering that the rule is "leave it as you found it," you leave the gate open. I provide this example because I had opened the gate for a work party and someone else came behind me and locked it. Surprisingly, those without keys were unable to come to the work party. It can be lonely at the top.

The exception to the rule is if the gate needs to be open for an event or a work party and you arrive before anyone else. Open the gate and lock the lock and bar on the locking slide such that it the locks and lock bar don't get lost. Alternatively, you can bring the locks and bar with you and keep them until you lock the gate or until you transfer the responsibility to someone else. This works well on weekends, when Randy Redmond will be locking the gate later. Lock the lock on the bar and leave it in the yellow respirator case in the snack room. Putting it in the right front corner will make it easy to find.

If you open the front, be aware that people can drive through and get "stuck" at the back gate. Opening both if you are opening on the weekend will be a big help. The same rule applies, lock the back lock onto the lock bar from the front gate and

put it all together in the front right corner in the yellow case.

Another brief story, I was running late for a work party and figured that those ahead of me would leave the gate open, since I didn't have time to run home for the key. No deal! The gate was locked so I waited around for about two years for someone with a key to come by. Several work party attendees without keys came and went. When I got inside, those already there were wondering where the other workers were.

So, "leave it as you found it" except on weekends when you can open it early for the public. Any time after 6 AM is OK for the public opening.

Legislative Report

(Dan Bledsaw Legislative Representative, Region 56)

Conservation Funding Protected

The California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) and its members and partners have successfully fended off efforts to "borrow" \$30 million dollars from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund-the account into which all hunting and fishing license monies, all bear tag monies, a significant portion of deer tag funds, and many other hunter/angler generated revenues are deposited.

In January, in an attempt to plug budget holes, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to "borrow" \$30 million dollars from the Preservation Fund. Had the proposal been approved, it would have undermined the Department of Fish and Game's ability to carry out its wildlife conservation mandates, provide adequate enforcement in the field, and negatively impacted hunting and fishing opportunity.

To address this serious concern, COHA - working closely with the United States Sportsmen's Alliance, California Waterfowl and other

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partners - repeatedly brought our concerns to the attention of members of the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus and other State Legislators in an effort to protect valuable wildlife conservation funding for the Department. Efforts by DFG, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and COHA to warn the Governor about the potential loss of millions of dollars in federal matching funds was also key to getting it removed from the final state budget.

In other good news, the final state budget maintained millions of dollars in state subventions to counties for the Williamson Act-one of the most successful land conservation programs in California that currently protects about 16.4 million acres of private farmland. The ongoing effort to maintain the Williamson Act has been led by the California Farm Bureau, and COHA was pleased to work with it and many other conservation groups to maintain the financial integrity of the program.

Business Cards (Henry Bertram)

Thanks to the graphic arts and printing expertise of Mark Woodhead, the club now has business cards. The cards have our logo, club contact information and, on the back side, a brief guide to events at the range (meetings, and the indoor, outdoor and stump shoots).

The cards are located on the counter in the indoor range.

The idea is that you can hand one of the club cards to anyone interested in archery and they then have the information they need to come by and see what we are about.

I hope that such contacts will help the club grow.

We had 250 cards made as a trial run.

Next time you are at the range, pick up 2 or three cards and put them in your wallet or purse. Hand them out to interested persons and replenish them when you run low.

Tell us what you think of the program so we can improve as we move along.

If you want to change the content of the card, please make suggestions.

Indoor Shoots

3/6/2009	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington	FS-R/A/M	296	36
Garren Covington	Trad-R/y/M	197	4
Heather Shaffer	BHFS/y/F	131	0
Roy Raymond	Trad-R/A/M	181	1
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	291	44
Ben Beckwith	Trad-R/A/M	141	3
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	292	28
LeRoy Burke	BHFS/A/M	116	1

3/20/2009	Style	Score	X
Leroy Burke	BHFS/A/M	255	14
Cliff Lindsey	FS/A/M	293	34
Mark Thomas	BHFS/A/M	285	20
Roy Raymond	Trad-R/A/M	178	14
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	201	2
Scott Covington	FS/A/M	296	35
Heather Shaffer	BHFS/y/F	136	1

Outdoor Shoot (Henry Bertram)

The outdoor shoot was held but the score cards have not been found.

Since there is yet to be a ransom demand, I am still looking.

Don't miss the next one on the 12th.

Stump Shoot (Henry Bertram)

The stump shoot was cancelled this month because we had to close the range for the work party.

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