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Santa Cruz Archers Newsletter December 09

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December Calendar

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○ Meeting 🗺 Stump
□ Indoor ○ Outdoor

Work Party Not Scheduled

The range is in great shape, it's December, let's take a break. No work party this month. Feel free to do some work on your own if the urge strikes you.

Special Events Calendar

(Henry Bertram)

Since we are having introduction to archery group lessons and hosting some birthday parties and other group events, I have added a scheduling calendar to the web site. The new calendar can be reviewed at <http://www.santacruzarchers.com/SpecialEvents.html>. If you want to schedule an event and add it to the calendar to reserve the time, please contact Henry Bertram.

November Meeting Minutes

(Henry Bertram)

The meeting was called to order precisely at 7:30 PM, as is our custom. Adults were admonished to add their names to the attendance list.

Officer's reports:

President – Henry Bertram

Meeting minutes from October meeting were accepted

Santa Cruz Archers thanks Ken Lewis for his generous donation of target mats, stands and target bags. The donation was already put to good use by our members in an archery introduction activity for our member's home schooling program.

Bad Boys of Branciforte shoot was an unqualified success! Thanks to all who helped prepare and run the shoot.

The work that closed the range road is complete for this year, thanks for your patience!

Stump shoot had a record turnout with Andy Sterbenz winning the day with 4 stumps and Jonathan Marx taking close second with 3 stumps plus a hole! Jonathan split the stump after his hole-shot, nice shooting!

UCSC students will be in the indoor range for a training event Saturday AM Nov. 7.

1st VP Mike Tracy: Comments from BBoB shoot were all positive; one improvement comment was that we could have rest rooms out on the range.

Treasurer's report – Susan Bertram: The club is solvent, the BBoB shoot was profitable!

Keymaster, Indoor Range Captain & Gate Monitor - Randy Redmond:

The range telephone is working again and the noise problem is solved. The phone line was attacked by vicious squirrels. The line is now temporarily installed underground.

Keys are available. Then indoor lock will change January 1st. Come to the January meeting to get your new key!

Thanks to the Tracy families for cooking at the BBoB.

The conservation contractor will fix the road from 0.2 miles in front of the rear gate to the gate (yeah!).

Old Business:

SC Parks & Rec Intro to Archery (Fall Session) Thursdays Nov 5 - Dec 17.

Starting this Thursday.

Target preparation for the Outdoor Shoot: we need some target gluing in prep for the outdoor shoot next weekend. Henry to email the target list to Mike, John T. and Anders (done).

Next work party Saturday November 7 Move Target 7 –

Henry should email Mike Clark and Rich Sandkuhle the plan in advance (done).

John Thomas will start during the week but cannot be there on Saturday Henry will not be available until after the UCSC event.

Vegas Tournament in January, volunteers (4 Tuesdays?): Henry to complete flyer and distribute.

New Business:

Henry would like to have two new novelties for the BBoB shoot in 2010. Start thinking now; we will start building and testing after the "In the Redwoods" shoots.

Ken Lewis is selling his equipment due to a problem with his eye that makes shooting hard. Contact him with questions (sold!). Henry asks to have a list of equipment to put in the newsletter.

Nominations of Officers thus far:

1st VP - Mike Tracy

2nd VP – Cliff Lindsey; John Thomas

Secretary – Steve Andrews

Treasurers report – Susan Bertram

Outdoor Range Captain – OPEN

Publicity Chair – Robert Perry

Membership – Lynn Rollins

Newsletter Editor - Jonathan Marks

Web Master – Jonathan Marks

Keymaster - Randy Redmond

IndoorRangeCaptain- Randy Redmond

Gate Monitor - Randy Redmond

Board of Directors: Ed Terribilini,

Jack Mills, Andy Sterbenz; Larry Yien

Event Calendar:

Indoor Friday November 6 at 7:45 PM

Work party November 7 at 9 AM

Outdoor Sunday Nov. 8 at 9:00 AM

Indoor Friday Nov. 20 at 7:45 PM

Stumpshoot Saturday Nov 28, 9:00AM

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM

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Aiming Dots – Just Say No!

(Henry Bertram)

The last time I was out on the outdoor range I noticed that the targets had orange stickers in the center of the X. These were probably put there by someone intending to improve their shooting experience by giving them something easy to aim at. The problem is that we use these targets for official NFAA Field and Hunter round shoots and the targets must be exactly as specified in the rules. They cannot have added features such as aiming dots.

Please do not deface the targets by placing anything on them and don't write on them.

We now have to replace the targets before the outdoor shoot (field and hunter round) on December 13. We normally try to get a couple of months out of each target set because of the cost of the targets, the cardboard, the glue and the time it takes to glue the targets up and place them on the range. These targets lasted only one month.

Indoor Shoots

| 11/6/2009 | Style | Score | X |
|------------------|------------|-------|----|
| Scott Covington | FS/A/M | 295 | 32 |
| Anders Ohlsson | FS/A/M | 281 | 23 |
| Jud Muse | Trad-R/A/M | 142 | 2 |
| Heather Shaffer | FS/Y/F | 179 | 4 |
| Garren Covington | BHFS/y/M | 227 | 4 |
| Sam Muse | Trad-R/y/M | 136 | 1 |
| Niklas Ohlsson | BHFS/c/M | 208 | 6 |
| John Thomas | BHFS/A/M | 293 | 18 |
| Henry Bertram | Trad-R/A/M | 173 | 4 |
| Ralph Ghioni | Trad-R/A/M | 47 | 0 |
| Jonathan Marx | Trad-R/A/M | 168 | 2 |
| Mark Woodhead | Trad-R/A/M | 221 | 5 |
| Mark Thomas | Trad-R/A/M | 147 | 3 |
| Kevin Covington | Trad-R/y/M | 61 | 2 |



| 11/20/2009 | Style | Score | X |
|-----------------|----------|-------|----|
| Ken Gardner | FS/A/M | 292 | 32 |
| Kay Gardner | FS/A/F | 293 | 23 |
| Jim Martinez | FS/A/M | 300 | 55 |
| Candace Douglas | FS/A/F | 280 | 25 |
| Niklas Ohlsson | BHFS/c/M | 191 | 7 |
| Cecili Lui | BHFS/A/F | 239 | 8 |
| Heather Shaffer | FS/Y/F | DNF | 0 |
| Henry Bertram | FS/A/M | 273 | 19 |
| Scott Covington | FS/A/M | DNF | 0 |
| Karen Williams | FITA/A/F | 178 | 2 |
| Anders Ohlson | FS/A/M | 297 | 40 |

Notes: Scott was not feeling well and went home early. Heather decided to go with him because walking home was not a great option.

Outdoor Shoot

| 11/8/2009 | Style | Field | Hntr | Total |
|----------------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Anders Ohlsson | BHFS | 253 | 246 | 499 |
| Brian Tracy | Trad-R | DNF | DNF | DNF |
| Connor Tracy | Trad-R | 149 | 124 | 273 |
| Henry Bertram | BHFS | 218 | 212 | 430 |
| John Thomas | BHFS | 251 | 248 | 499 |
| Lukas Ohlsson | Trad-R | 140 | 106 | 246 |
| Mark Woodhead | Trad-R | 159 | 171 | 330 |
| Megan Tracy | Trad-R | DNF | DNF | DNF |

Notes: According to Brian, Megan "timed out" after 9 targets so Brian took her home. Both Mark Woodhead and John Thomas scored high enough to get on the outdoor board. Congratulations Mark and John!

Stump Scores

No stump shoot this month, only Henry and Andy showed up and Henry was feeling a bit under the weather. Andy decided to shoot the first half and Henry decided to go home.

Elections (Henry Bertram)

Nominations are in and we will be voting on the new slate of officers in the December meeting. Please come on down and have your say in the operation of the club.

Shock and Awe (Henry Bertram)

If you were wondering how important it is to have interested, focused and hard working people in any endeavor, listen up (and read on).

Question: How do you completely change a relatively large land area to comply with regulations, with minimal ecological impact in a few days?

Answer: In this club, just ask for help and get out of the way.

We were lucky enough to have one of our regional range inspectors, Rich Sandkuhle, shoot our Bad Boys of Branciforte Halloween extravaganza. While doing so, I asked Rich to preview the range for possible problems that might affect our biennial NFAA range certification.

As you may know, the certification allows us to use the range to determine the class designation for NFAA shoots. NFAA members who have completed at least three outdoor shoots on NFAA certified field and hunter courses can be classified as "B" or "C" shooters enabling them to compete with their peers. Members not having completed the requisite minimum number of shoots must compete in the "A" class. Non members, of course, compete in the "Guest" class. Beyond using the range for NFAA sanctioned events, we also need range certification to keep our NFAA insurance; that is vital to operating our club.

While hunting down the various costume clad counterfeit critters (and the occasional foam soda can), Rich concluded that Target 7 endangered persons on the golf course. Target 7 is a 60 yard field target or a 58 yard hunter walk-up and is affectionately known as "the Ewok Target." Target 7's shooting lane is almost totally lined with a dense forest of Eucalyptus trees and is located along the drainage from the golf course that floods during the rainy season.

We recently replaced a carpet backstop behind the target's backstop but the new compound bows and smaller diameter arrows are unlikely to be stopped by a carpet. The target had to be moved.

John Thomas called me the day after I described the situation to him and told me that he had laid out what he

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believed to be the best alternative shooting lane for Target 7. I looked for his markers during the Stump Shoot but did not find them. The problem was discussed during the club meeting on Tuesday. On Thursday morning I got a call from Mike Tracy who said he was not sure he agreed with John's layout but would work out something. When I came to the range Thursday evening to conduct the Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Introduction to Archery class, Mike, who had planned on practicing his coaching skills by helping out, was sitting on a super bale in the storage area looking very tired. His clothes were completely covered in a mixture of dirt, dust and flora clippings. He said he had been working all day on clearing the shooting lane so the work party on Saturday could get something done other than clearing the shooting lane. I excused him from the coaching duties (Randy Redmond and Scott Covington were also helping with the class).

On Friday, Mike was at it again with John Thomas assisting. I got a call in the afternoon that Mike had run into a hornet's nest (literally) and had to desist due to major swelling on the side of his face.

On Saturday, Mike was back, helping with repositioning the target hut and shooting position markers. The swelling on his face was almost gone. John and I have given Mike a new nick name; we dub him Mike "The Tractor" Tracy for his incredible ability to attack and complete a huge task. If you doubt this, just take two to clear an eight foot wide by 60 yard long path of entangled fallen eucalyptus branches that has accumulated over decades. Then, on the third day, instead of resting, come to the work party and finish what you started. Shock and awe and a major accomplishment that was required on short notice and with a very short schedule.

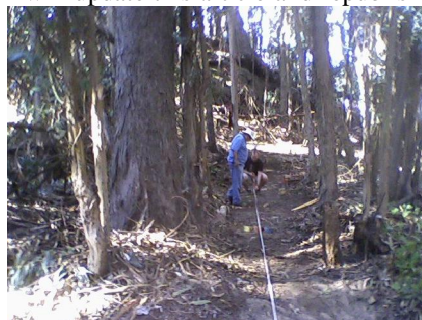
Mike, the club owes you a special debt of gratitude. Thank you!

"Connor and Nicklaus," I said, "roll

that bale up to the target." Cubs Connor Tracy and Nicklaus Ohlsson rolled the base bale up a short but steep grade and onto the newly placed Target 7 hut. Somewhat surprised but undaunted, I asked them to roll the super bale up to the target, wanting to pose a bigger challenge. Much to my surprise, Connor and Nicklaus were certainly up to the task, while the adults watched, 190 pounds of super bale were rolled up the hill and positioned in front of the target hut. Nice going boys.



We had a lot of help on Saturday, I was teaching a class for UCSC students in the morning so I didn't get up to the target until noon. I might have missed a few helpers but here's the Target 7 move crew as I know it: Mike Tracy, John Thomas, Mike Tracy, Ken Gardner, Brian Tracy, Connor Tracy, Christine Berry, Anders Ohlsson, Nickolas Ohlsson, Lukas Ohlsson, Andy Sterbenz and Sam Sterbenz. If you were there and I missed you, please send me a note and I will update this article and republish.



When the work was done on Saturday, Mike cut the ribbon on the new target and took the inaugural shots. Two arrows in the spot from 60 yards is quite an accomplishment with a

longbow (it could have happened that way).



Since the hornet nest prevented completely clearing the trail between 6 and 7, Mike "The Tractor" was back at it during the following week. He moved the stair case from the old shooting path to enable safe and easy climb to the path when leaving target 6 and is clearing the rest of path.

Signage Master LeRoy Burke is making signs to direct traffic and ensure safety on the road. Since we now shoot across the maintenance road, no one is allowed to walk along the road between 6 and the exit from 7 unless the range is closed for maintenance and the range closure sign is in place at the entrance to the range. No exceptions!

Range Inspection (Henry Bertram)

The headlines of major metropolitan newspapers could have read "SCA's DeLaveaga Archery Range Passes Range Inspection" but passing inspection is not that uncommon so the event was not newsworthy. Darn. As you know, however, I will print archery news at the drop of a hat (or an inspection report, in this case).

Our range qualifies as an "Official Four Star Course"

"Official « « « « Course"

You can view our past certification at <http://www.santacruzarchers.com/Scarcertificates.pdf>. When the new one comes in the mail, I will put it up on the web in place of the current one.

The range inspection is required every two years.

I found myself asking some questions:

Q1: How many stars are possible?

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A1: Five.

Q2: How could we add a star?

A2: It's a point system, we need more points, see below.

Q3: How could we lose a star?

A3: Loose some points.

Q4: What would an extra star be worth?

A4: I don't know yet.

How to add a star:

- Our range accumulated 263 points, we need 37 more points to meet the 300 minimum points required to be a five star course. Some of the things we can do to improve our score are as follows:
- Add a camping area.

- Add an additional grill in the picnic area.
- Additional club members join the NFAA (extra points if 50% are members, more if 100% are members).
- Widen more of the shooting lanes so 4 archers can shoot at one time.
- Build a fenced child's play area (extra for swings, sandboxes, slides and etc.).
- Add a Public Address system.
- Club owned land (if we only had a couple of million bucks!).
- Add a broadhead range.
- Add more benches on the range.

- Add a paid caretaker (see comment about club owned land).
- Light the practice area, picnic area, parking area, and the outdoor range (in descending order of practicality and, see comment about club owned land).

Actually, if the inspection was done at night we would have a few more points for a lighted parking area, I forgot that the lighting had been fixed. Then again, stumbling around in the darkness reviewing the unlighted outdoor range could have been very interesting.