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Santa Cruz Archers Newsletter January 2010

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President's Message (Henry Bertram)
By now, the fervor of the holidays is dying down and we are all planning ahead for Valentine's Day. I hope you all got some archery gear from your favorite gift giver and that your holiday was everything you hoped it would be.
Making 2009 a great year, having fun and living up to our mission involved a lot of club members who worked very hard. Here are some of the highlights:
We opened the gates for public access to the range every weekend of the year.
We made available a place for hunters, archery enthusiasts and target shooters to practice and improve their skills.
We kept targets on the outdoor range (well, for the most part).
We stayed out of the way while some nice folks improved the range access road.

We removed a lot of Scotch Broom, an invasive species of plant that the City of Santa Cruz would like us to keep at bay.
We have built a stack of waivers that is almost 3 inches thick showing that a lot of people came to the indoor range and our shoots.
We introduced a lot of people to Archery and gave them a good start in our weekend program, largely through the efforts on Randy Redmond.
We conducted six-week "Introduction to Archery" programs three times; two were through the City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation department.
We moved target 7 to make the world safe for golfers, largely through the efforts of Mike Tracy, with John Thomas kicking things off and with the help of a number of others.
We had volunteers helping us with range maintenance and improvements.
We rebuilt our shabby picnic area through the efforts and guidance of Christine Berry and several club members (I found John Thomas there slaving away, alone, a couple of times).
We had three large 3D shoots that were very successful: Stickbow in the Redwoods, 3D in the Redwoods and Bad Boys of Branciforte. The Bad Boys shoot included two 3D targets that had never been seen before; they were created by Sam and Andy Sterbenz.
We had a sponsorship program, with Predators and Ralston's contributing.
We alternated Saturday unmarked 3D shoots with Mt. Madonna Bowmen. They were very successful and the shooters had a lot of fun.
We bought 11 new 3D targets with proceeds from our Saturday unmarked 3D shoots.
We held our Indoor Shoot on every first and third Friday evening of the year; twelve Indoor Shoots in all.
We held our Outdoor shoot every second Sunday (sometimes a lot of people came, sometimes I was there alone, but the shoot was available

every month).
The stump shoot was on the last Saturday of every month, rain or shine. And most significantly, we had enough people wanting to work and participate that running the club in 2009 was a joy, thank you all!
A happy and prosperous new year to you all!

Meeting Minutes 12/1/2009

(Steve Andrews)

Meeting called to order at 1930 hours.
Adults, please sign the roster.

President's Report- November meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.
NFAA inspection is completed and we have passed. Henry extends thank-you to all who helped move target 7, esp. Mike Tracy.

The arrows used for the parks and recreation classes are being returned to their owner. We will use the JOAD arrows.

Please do not add anything to the outdoor targets. Those little orange dots modify the targets and make the round unofficial.

1st VP's Report-Many thanks for all the help he received moving target 7.

Secretary's Report- No report.

Treasurer's Report- Club is solvent; bills are paid, no big problems coming up. Donations continue to come in, almost \$300 last month. Thank you Randy et al.

Publicity Chair- No report.

Membership Chair- No report.

Keymaster, Indoor Range Captain and Gate Monitor-Lock to indoor range will be changed next meeting. Keys do not work on the chains up by the back gate.

No other officer reports.

Old Business

Election Day!

President- Henry Bertram

1st Vice President- Mike Tracy

2nd Vice President- Cliff Lindsey

Secretary- Steve Andrews

Treasurer- Susan Bertram

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OutdoorRangeCaptain- John Thomas
 IndoorRangeCaptain-Randy Redmond
 Membership Chair- Lynn Rollins
 Publicity Chair-Robert Perry
 Newsletter Editor-Jonathan Marks
 Novelty Chairman-No candidate
 Key Master-Randy Redmond
 Elected Board Members:
 Ed Terribilini; Jack Mills;
 Andy Sterbenz and Larry Yien
 Congratulations to all.

Volunteers were sought to help remove the little orange stickers before the next outdoor shoot. Volunteers volunteered, it shall be done.

Robert Perry will be putting on a Vegas Style shoot on Thursday evenings in January. Flyer, info to follow. Robert will also investigate a student rate for dues, will report to group.

New Business
 New Members!

Rebecca Rider shot archery in 4H, has recently returned to the sport, and shoots Freestyle Limited Recurve. Unanimous Approval. Welcome.

Randy Redmond reports on a survey he did of area archery club dues. This starts a discussion of our dues, key deposits, etc.. Several motions are made, no 2nds. More discussion, most of our money comes from shoots, outreach and donations; our indoor range is unique and superb. Our outdoor range is no slouch either. Increase dues, and reduce next dues for work party participation. Member gets keys to gate only, other keys cost more. Jack M. moves, Neal 2nds to leave working dues as is and change non-working dues to \$100. Key deposit to remain as is. Discussion. 15 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abs.

Calendar

Indoor 12/4 1945
 Outdoor 12/13 0900
 Indoor 12/18 1945
 Stump 12/26 0900

Mike T. moves, Andy S. 2nds to Adjourn. Unanimous approval. 2034.

Membership Letters in the mail (ed.)

Here's Jodie Blair with a bunch of hundred membership letters, ready for mailing. She just finished stuffing, labeling and stamping them.



If you are a life member, or you already paid your 2010 dues, Jodie didn't mail one to you. You should still remember to update your contact information if it has changed and sign a new waiver. Just send an email to scarchers@comcast.net, send your information by mail to the P.O. box or drop it in the membership renewal box at the range.

State Indoor Championships (ed.)

The State Indoor Championships will be held at Santa Cruz Archers indoor range in the evening on Wednesday, January 13th and in the morning and afternoon on Saturday, January 16th. Preregistration is required; mail your registration right away.

Indoor Shoots (Henry Bertram)

When the weather outside is frightful we simply fire up the stove and have the indoor shoot. On the 4th, Ken and Kay Gardner brought some great 7 layer dip and an assortment of chips and it was a party. I, of course, shot perfectly in practice, but things went downhill from there including an improperly set release that caused the arrow to almost reach the 40 foot line. I was told to wait and see; perhaps the arrow would arrive at the target before it was time to score the arrows. As it turned out, the arrow made no further forward progress, just my luck. It was a bit off line when it came to a stop anyway.

12/4/2009	Style	Score	X
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	291	21
Kay Gardner	FS/A/F	294	34
Pat Pagnella	FS/A/M	300	54
Rich Sandukhle	BHFS/A/M	291	30
Niklas Ohlsson	BHFS/c/M	187	5
John Thomas	BHFS/A/M	286	29
Larry Yien	Trad-R/A/M	230	3
Henry Bertram	FS/A/M	272	16
Scott Covington	Trad-L/A/M	165	3
Anders Ohlsson	FS/A/M	299	31



December 4th indoor attendees from left to right: Larry Yien, John Thomas, Rich Sandukhle, Scott Covington, Niklas Ohlsson, Kay Gardner, Lukas Ohlsson, Henry Bertram, Ken Gardner, Pat Pagnella and our photographer Anders Ohlsson.

On December 18th, while others were bustling around shopping malls picking up that special something for family members and friends, 16 of us decided to destroy the centers of the NFAA indoor targets (some more than others, of course). Scott Covington, Candace Douglas and Rob Perry shot well enough to jump onto the indoor board. Anders Ohlsson left early and was foolish enough to leave his partially complete score card (probably the last time that will happen). Jim Martinez had an unusual handicap in that he shared the shooting lane with Henry who might have been a bit distracted with membership renewals (you have to admit, it's as good an excuse as you will hear). Henry shot Jim's target three times, twice almost centered in the X so Jim had to shoot around those arrows. No problem for Jim, two Xs without touching Henry's arrows, which is no mean feat considering that both these guys are shooting arrows the size of culverts. It occurs to me that Henry should "turn pro" and offer manufactures the right to purchase guarantees that he does not shoot their equipment. He could probably make a small fortune in disincentives and incontinencies.

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12/18/2009	Style	Score	X
Scott Covington*	Trad-L/A/M	211	2
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	208	3
Kevin Covington	Trad-S/y/M	56	1
Heather Shaffer	FS/Y/F	194	2
Tiffany Plencner	Trad-R/Y/F	9	0
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	294	37
Kay Gardner	FS/A/F	296	26
Candace Douglas*	FS/A/F	292	31
Jim Martinez	FS/A/M	300	52
Cecili Lui	BHFS/A/F	247	9
Rob Perry*	FITA/A/M	273	17
John Thomas	BHFS/A/M	295	29
Mark Thomas	Trad-R/A/M	181	5
Henry Bertram	FS/A/M	268	14
Anders Ohlsson	FS/A/M	69*	5
Pat Pagnella	FS/A/M	Vegas*	0

Outdoor Shoot (Henry Bertram)

Believe it or not, it rained the day of the December outdoor shoot. That may have dampened spirits a bit, I wasn't anticipating a crowd but I thought a few would come out to sharpen their skills in the rain. As you know, the big tournaments go on rain or shine so you need some experience in the rain. I am sure hunters are not turned away by rain; they would do well to know where their arrows are going when they are wearing rain gear, in heavy air, with both arrow and string weighted with rain and with a rain drop or two on a sight pin and a bubble in their peep sights

As 9 AM passed by it became obvious that I was on my own, or was I? No, Jack Williams and his sons Chris and Ben came in to fling some arrows. It was Chris's birthday and I guess the family could think of no better place to hang around on a rainy morning.

While helping Ben getting sighted in, Jack was flinging a few arrows himself, as you can see.



Jack, buy stock in an arrow company!

Parting Shots (Henry Bertram)

Jonathan Marx is taking over publishing the newsletter. Hallelujah! Good luck Jonathan.

Stump Shoot (Henry Bertram)

It was the day after Christmas, the last Saturday of the month. We expect new bows to have materialized. Naturally we wander over to the range to shoot some stumps.

As you may have heard, we have instigated a few new rules for the stump shoot to guard against bodily injury for older folks when younger archers are calling the shots. Basically, no archer shall be required to assume a position that is likely to result in the necessity for medical or chiropractic care. That rule fell on deaf ears today.



Kevin invents the "Mercury" shot with his left foot on one rail, his draw-side leaning on the opposite rail.



Garren assumes the "Mercury" pose with a slightly less twisted hip and a much more relaxed string arm (so much for perfect form).



Emily kneels to shoot a stump that was very likely quacking in fear! (Watch that limb tip kiddo!)

12/26/2009	Total	Holes
Henry Bertram	8	
Scott Covington	10	
Garren Covington	6	
Emily Covington	2	
Kevin Covington	3	

Newly converted (Henry Bertram)

As you may know, my wife Susan seldom comes down to the range except for club meetings where she carries out the duties of the office of Treasurer. Until recently, she has had no interest in shooting archery with the rest of us. I finally got a bow in her hand and she is hooked. As you can see, she is no slouch in the scoring department either.



Susan is shown here in the set position, visualizing the shot.



Hay! Leave room in spot for the rest of us!