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Santa Cruz Archers Newsletter April 2010

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○ Meeting ● Work Party
□ Indoor ○ Outdoor
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News Letter Contributions (ed.)

Please write about your archery experiences, send them to us, and we will include them in the newsletter. When you attend attending shoots at other clubs, are involved in tournaments or other archery related activities, your accounts of the events will be of interest to other club members. The deadline is the end of the day, the Saturday before the club meeting. Send them to our editor or to sarchers@comcast.net.

President's message (Henry Bertram)

A BIG couple of months are in store for those who frequent archery ranges in our area. The Redwood Coast 3Ds start May 8th and Stickbow in the Redwoods and 3D in the Redwoods are on June 5th and 6th. Please plan on coming out for these shoots, they are a lot of fun. We need help setting up for all the shoots. If you have time on Friday June 4th, please come out in the afternoon to help with preparations for

the "in the Redwoods" shoots and please plan on working the events on Saturday and/or Sunday. We need registration and scoring help that doesn't interfere with shooting the event. We also need help providing refreshments and, if you aren't planning to shoot one or the other event, those are great jobs for you on your non-shooting day.

I hope you like our 3D shoot banner as well as I do. Thank Sergey Gorbato for designing the banner and getting it printed and thank Rick Chace for hanging it on the entrance road.

Make sure to hand out shoot fliers to people who ask, they can be found right inside the indoor range, on the counter, and in the plastic bin hanging on the animal shed.

We had a lot of help at our work parties in April, thanks to all who contributed!

The CalFire crews will be doing fire fuel abatement and conservation work during the first week of May, please stay away from the range during the day on Wednesday the May 5th and Friday May 7th.

Rick Chace has stepped up to the position of Outdoor Range Captain, and has been working out on the range, at this point, mostly to mitigate problems with downed trees. Thanks Rick!

The membership cards are here. If you haven't received yours in person or in the mail, check with our Membership Chair, Lynn Rollins. I have received several mailed cards that have been "returned to sender" due to bad addresses and I have been able to fix a few of them. There are more that need fixing. If you are a member (particularly life members) and don't have your card, make sure we have a current address for you or come to the meeting and pick up your card.

April Meeting Minutes

(Steve Andrews)

April 6, 2010 1931 hrs

President's Report-

Henry has a call in to Parks&Rec

about the water department not locking up the front gate. Reminder to please pull out the Scotch (or French) broom when you can; the time to do it is now, while the ground is still semi-soft. We will need an Outdoor Range Captain; consider, and let Henry know.

Secretary's Report- No report.

Treasurer's Report- Club is solvent. \$392 in donations! Thank you for your hard work Randy.

Membership Chair's Report- Lynn handed out our cool membership cards. We will mail the ones we did not give out tonight. Thank you Lynn and Henry.

WebMaster, Brand Management and Marketing Chair's Report-Sergey is getting us up on FaceBook and Twitter, and will present an idea to re-design the website in new business.

Master Chef-Henry reports that Brian will cook for the "In the Redwoods" shoots. Thank you Brian.

KeyMaster, Indoor Range Captain and Gate Monitor's Report- Kudos to Henry and Andy for their efforts in stopping water intrusion. Thank you to Rick Chase and Henry for cutting up the down trees past #15; we will still need to bring the rounds down after the ground dries up a bit. Please watch speed on the road, 10 mph max; slower by the little bridge; it was temporary 5 yrs ago, and is getting a bit sketchy. Randy would like help keeping the indoor range swept. Randy will come up with a plan for Robert's hand crew. No other officer reports.

New Members Intro and Voting.

Robin Johnson was a high school archer, shoots recurve, and wants to be a working member.

Ben and Cheryl Beckwith about 10 years shooting, Ben shoots recurve and primitive, Cheryl primitive only.

Karen Williams has been shooting since she was 11 yrs old, is an instructor at Ralston's, shoots FITA and recurve.

Dan Walton has been shooting about 2 yrs, mostly trad, recent compound. Spouse and daughter shoot recurve.

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Colin Miller shoots everything, daughter Maggie shoots compound fingers and daughter Ruby shoots compound fingers and release.

Katie Thompson has been shooting recurve for a few months.

Linda Bates has been shooting 3D since 2002, longbow and the occasional recurve, and would like to be a working member. She has also graciously offered to help us color blind folks with the painting of our 3D critters.

Larry Spittler has been shooting recurve for 40 years, compounds for about 4 years. (President of the Valley Archers.)

Gabrielle Garrett has been shooting compound for about 5 years. (Secretary of the Valley Archers.)

As is our custom, the question is called, and we have unanimous approval to have this group of fine people as members of Santa Cruz Archers. Welcome.

We are receiving a lot of flyers for shoots at other clubs; look through the stack, there are some cool ones, almost anywhere in the state.

Henry hands out awards from the CBH indoor shoots. Colin and Henry are the only members present who won awards; Henry will hand the rest out as he sees the members who won them. Congratulations to all!

Old Business.

Trail and target work, animal repair and prep is needed for our upcoming shoots:

Redwood Coast 3D (with Mt Madonna Bowmen) kicks off 5/8; Stickbow in the Redwoods and 3D in the Redwoods (June 5 & 6). We also need someone to take the lead on running the raffle, getting prizes, selling tickets, etc. Volunteers to set up and take down the shoots are needed, as well as members to take care of all the myriad little things that need doing, making our shoots so popular. You CAN help, and we NEED your help. Sign up!

Flyers for the shoots are going up at Cabrillo and UCSC, as well as Outdoor World and Ralston's. Thank you flyer hangers!

New paper targets are here for both the outdoor range and the indoor range. Scott Cunningham will be gluing them up. Thank you Scott.

New Business.

Past president Dave Ray mentioned that the club used to have an NFAA indoor 300 round on the first Friday, then a novelty shoot on the third Friday. Well, boys and girls, this month (and in future months) there will be a novelty shoot on the third Friday. If we can't come up with something novelty, we'll just stick another 300 round in, like we do now. This month's novelty will be Group 4 animals. I'm going to go just to see what the heck a Group 4 animal looks like. Front gate opens about 1830, shoot starts at 1945.

As mentioned in Officer's Reports, Sergey has been evaluating our website and web hosting service. He would like to jazz up the site a bit, but the cost would be about 30 bucks a month with our present provider, unless we want to have banner-type advertisements on our sight. (Disapproving grumbles from those in attendance.) Sergey suggests using Host Monster, which he has experience with and likes. They would let us do what we want for 6 bucks a month. Steve A. moves, LeRoy B. 2nds to have Sergey use Host Monster for a period of 3 years, total being \$216. Unanimous approval.

Looking into using goats for some trail maintenance, as well as Robert's hand crew. We will also need new bales on the cub target at #28. We will also re-band the bales at #24, if anyone will admit to remembering how to use the banding equipment.

Event Calendar

Indoor 4/2 1945

Work Party 4/3 0900

Outdoor CANCELLED

Indoor Novelty 4/16 1945

Stump Shoot 4/24 0900

Work Party 5/1 0900

UCSC Intro 5/1 0900

Randy moves, Steve 2nds to adjourn, unanimous. 2036

Why donations? (Henry Bertram)

I have been asked why the club requests donations from those visiting our range which is, after all, a city park with all financial support from the city. I guess I should set the record straight. The City of Santa Cruz owns the land that DeLaveaga Archery Range is built on but provides no financial support for the club. The club built and maintains all archery related structures on the property, including the indoor range, and also spends some money each year maintain the access road.

The city does some conservation work occasionally, notably the water bars added to our range maintenance road to prevent erosion and the road and culvert work done on the access road. They also removed the lead from the small bore range in front of our building.

In addition to paying for the Cal Fire crews, all target huts materials, bales, targets, baling strapping and tools, target mounting materials and so forth are purchased by Santa Cruz Archers using monies from memberships, sponsors, donations, and fees charged at our shoots.

I should also note that Predators Archery and Cutlery of Gilroy and Ralston Rods, Tackle and Archery of Scotts Valley generously sponsor our club. I encourage you to visit them and thank them for their sponsorship both verbally and by patronizing their shops.

If someone comes to the range and is not a member, they are able to do so because their enjoyment is sponsored by members, sponsors, donations, the members maintain the range and who work to put on our fund-raising shoots and the archers who participate in our fund-raising shoots.

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Indoor Shoot (Henry Bertram)

Garren Covington and Heather Shaffer both improved their scores on the indoor board. Nice shooting!

4/3/2010	Style	Score	X
Bob Buie	BHFS/A/M	288	21
Garren Covington*	BHFS/y/M	220	9
Heather Shaffer*	BHFS/Y/F	242	8
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	182	2
Kay Gardner	FS/A/F	265	20
Ken Gardner	FS/A/M	287	18
Kevin Covington	Trad-L/y/M	24	0
Neil Splain	BHFS/A/M	274	19
Rick Chace	FS/A/M	287	17
Scott Covington	Trad-L/A/M	206	2
Sergey Gorbатов	BHFS/A/M	266	11

Indoor Novelty (Henry Bertram)

It was novelty night at the indoor shoot so we shot the Group 4 Animal Round targets. These targets are squirrels, crows, parry dogs, ground hogs and rabbits sized to be shot between 10 and 20 yards. The scoring was 10 points for the center circle, which couldn't be seen from the target line (not by me, at least), 8 points for the "kill" zone and 5 points for the rest of the animal where you might actually find something besides hair (the squirrel's tail, for example, isn't a scoring area). Those shooting compound bows with sights had to be completely inside the line to get the score. Where we normally count touching the line as the next highest score, these poor folks got the next lowest score. Too bad, those shooting arrows the size of telephone poles were at a disadvantage. Without sights, you got the next highest score when touching a line.

So much for the easy part, let's continue. The shooting position and angle were determined by the throw of a mismatched pair of dice. The blue die determined the shooting distance and the white one determined the angle. Archers moved to their right for each successive end. The distances were the target line (about 2 yards) with a 1 on the die, 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, 45 feet for successive higher readings and 60 feet for a 6 on the die. Shooting the yellow line at 2 yards required shooting the bottom target. The white die directed shooting as follows: 1: shoot straight ahead, 2: shoot one target to the right of your shooting position, 3: shoot 2 targets to the right of your shooting position, 4: shoot the bottom target in your lane, 5: shoot one target to the left of your shooting position, 6: shoot 2 targets to the left of your shooting position. If you were unable to shoot your target because a wall was in the way, shoot the other direction the required number of lanes but wait until others have finished and make sure to pick an empty target to prevent arrow damage. That's it, easy livin'.

Anders Ohlsson shot Freestyle but brought his huge diameter arrows. Sergey Gorbатов, Niklas Ohlsson and Neil Splain all shot Bowhunter Freestyle. Lucas Ohlsson, Steve Andrews, Joey Murueta, Joseph Gallo and Henry Bertram all took advantage of "touch the line and get the next highest score" by shooting Traditional Recurve.

Lucas Ohlsson was at a bit of a disadvantage because, being four years old, he normally shoots from about 10 feet, this time we had him shooting mostly between 20 feet and 20 yards. He gave it the old college try (well, perhaps the old kindergarten try). Since Anders was shooting his huge arrows (more reminiscent of plumbing than anything else) he had to plan his shots carefully, only one arrow could actually be placed in the 10 point area and it had to be almost dead center to count, his other arrows had to be placed to prevent damage.

I think everyone had fun and got some practice shooting odd angles. Once you get past the bewilderment over the rules, it's all good.

4/16/2010	Style	Score
Anders Ohlsson	FS/A/M	198
Sergey Gorbатов	BHFS/A/M	152
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	156
Niklas Ohlsson	BHFS/c/M	135
Lucas Ohlsson	Trad-R/p/M	15
Steve Andrews	Trad-R/A/M	106
Joey Murueta	Trad-R/A/M	73
Joseph Gallo	Trad-R/y/M	42
Neil Splain	BHFS/A/M	223

Outdoor Shoot (Henry Bertram)

Since only two archers were available for the outdoor, it wasn't an official shoot. The boy decided to shoot only the field half (Targets 15 through 28) and called it a day.

3/14/2010	Style	Field	Hntr	Total
Scott Covington	FS	249	DNF	249
Anders Ohlsson	FS	255	DNF	255

Stump Shoot (Henry Bertram)

We cancelled the Stump Shoot this month because we needed "all hands on deck" for the work party.