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Santa Cruz Archers Newsletter July 2010

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July Calendar

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Meeting Stump
 Indoor Outdoor

Newsletter Contributions (ed.)

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

President's Message (Henry Bertram)

The unmarked 3D season at Santa Cruz Archers has ended and we are looking forward to some great outdoor action with some fabulous local marked 3D events.

Our Stickbow in the Redwoods shoot went well with slightly more attendance than we expected but the following day, our 3D in the Redwoods was not well attended. Unfortunately, we had a quarter of the

expected attendance. We shared the weekend with the Nevada City two day shoot, and that drew more of the local compound archers than we expected. Quite notably, our friends from San Francisco Archers were out in force at our shoot.

We appreciate the patronage of all the archers that attended.

I think the marinated Tri-Tip that Robert Perry made and cooked was well received; I enjoyed my lunch both days.

The three Redwood Coast 3Ds we held were reasonably well attended.

Now it's time to start thinking about the Bad Boys of Branciforte shoot in early October. As you may know, the Bad Boys shoot is our Halloween shoot, we dress the 3D animals in costumes and decorate the range with spooky stuff (I ran into a couple of nasty spider webs on the outdoor range during the stump shoot so we are well on the way with the decorations). Start collecting costume jewelry, costumes, hats, boots, shoes, feather boas, capes and so forth to adorn the animals.

We had a lot of interest and positive feedback at the 2009 Bad Boys shoot about the two novelty targets that Andy and Sam Sterbenz created with Eric Ledbetter. I would like to add two more novelties this year so get on your thinking caps and come to the next meeting, let's get started.

May Meeting Minutes (Lynn Rollins)

May 4, 2010 1931 hrs

President's Report: New member Dan Waldon planned and executed improving the exit road bridge. UCSC Introduction to Archers was a bit hit with attendees. Andrew Eisenberg, East Zone Supervisor for Parks & Rec recommends consulting with the city's arborist and mosquito abatement

person; this is underway.

Treasurer's Report: Club is solvent. Last weekend we received \$99 in donations--a record!

Membership Chair's Report:

Membership cards have been mailed to all members.

WebMaster, Brand Management and Marketing Chair's Report: We have transferred our web site to a new host. Sergey is redesigning the web site.

KeyMaster, Indoor Range Captain and Gate Monitor's Report: The clubhouse needs to be swept on a more regular basis. Randy encourages members to come early or stay late and sweep, if they can. All areas need sweeping, including hay bales and store rooms. No other officer reports.

New Member Intro and Voting. Dror Sinai's 9-year-old son likes weapons; he tried archery and is hooked. Brother likes it, too. Dror wants to participate in this fun activity with his kids. Wants to be a working member. Voted on and unanimously approved. Welcome!

Old Business

Redwood Coast 3D and In The Redwoods shoots are coming up. We need help with setup. We need help Saturday and Sunday 6/5 and 6/6 with registration, scorekeeping, and cooking. Henry will send an email requesting help.

We need someone to run the 5/9 Outdoor shoot. If nobody can run it, we won't hold it.

New Business

People are asking for Level I Instructor and Intro to Archery classes. We need 5-6 people for a class. If interested, tell Henry.

Josh Lehman wants to start an archery club at UCSC. He wants to borrow JOAD equipment to get their club started.

Some members want to discuss the cost of the key deposit with the idea of lowering it. Henry will present it to the Board of Directors.

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Motion to adjourn is unanimously approved.

June Meeting Minutes (Steve Andrews)

6/1/2010 1930

President's Report- Mosquito and vector control visited the range, chemistry has been added to the standing water to prevent growth to flight stage. You may see larvae in the water. A tick placard has been put up on the animal range. The 35 yd practice range bale has been replaced, and the bale on target 24 has been re-banded. Thank you Henry and Andy. Sign announcing the "In the Redwoods Shoot has been put up, designed by Sergey, and "A" frame by Don Walden, thanks to both. Stickbow and 3D in the Redwoods is this weekend, come down and help. More info in Old Business.

Secretary's report- No report.

Treasurer's Report- Club is solvent, and Henry set up PayPal for the website.

Outdoor Range Captain- Henry thanks sign master LeRoy for the new signs and arrows on Targets 27 & 28.

Membership Chair- all is well.

Newsletter Editor- Lynn Rollins is willing to give it a try. Thank you.

Keymaster, Indoor Range Captain & Gate Monitor- Randy need assistance getting rid of the garbage; he usually takes it in his own truck, and would like help. Pole in upper parking is too heavy for Randy to lift; he will need help. Please no spinning doughnuts in the parking area! It speeds up the breakdown of the parking lot. A huge thank you to Cindy for sweeping and cleaning the Indoor Range. We will no longer put old targets on the lower parts of the target bales. It hastens the breakdown of the entire bale. Randy bolted down the donation box. Randy is resigning as Gate Monitor. Gate monitor is a position that co-ordinates the opening and closing of the gates during the posted hours on the weekends. Randy is also resigning as Indoor Range Captain.

Old Business

New Members introduction and voting- brief discussion on why this is in old business. Arturo Cantu has been shooting about a year, his kids are involved, their 1st lesson was given by Randy. Unanimous approval.

Preparations update for the "In the Redwoods Shoots" coming up this weekend; Set up help to put out animals after 1700 Friday, Mike and Rick do most of it. Be here Saturday at about 0700; registration starts at 0730. Need help to take down the shoot after 1500 Sunday. Please come down and help.

Target hut 24 needs to be rebuilt; need bales on targets 4 and 22.

There was no interest in the level 1 instructor course, so it was cancelled.

Henry's classes are fun, usually no more than 8 accepted.

New Business

We need a gate monitor and an indoor range captain. Josh Lehman says he will do- both! The club, sensing opportunity, jumps at this offer. Josh slyly offers an idea- waive the key deposit for the Gate Monitor. Hmmn. Arturo C. moves, Steve A. 2nds that the club waive the usual Key Deposit to facilitate Josh Lehman becoming Gate Monitor. Unanimous approval. Josh Lehman reads a letter outlining the newly forming UCSC Archery Club, and asking SCA to use the JOAD equipment. Robert Perry donated 4 new target (mats?) and asks if the UCSC club can use them. Robert Perry would like to set up and non-3D, non-hunting sort of tournament. We always are open to proposals for tournaments. He will provide one.

Randy heaps well deserved praise on the trail work that Robert's crew does for the club. He notes that the crew used 2 of the days cleaning up the trail around the infamous huge tree drop around #15. Randy R. moves, Steve A. 2nds to add 2 more days to the time the crew is here, for 200.00 each day.

Discussion about cost and priorities.

Ayes-4, Noes-6, Abstains-2; motion is

not approved.

Event Calendar

Stickbow set-up 6/4 1500

Indoor 6/4 1945

Stickbow Rdwoods shoot 6/5

3D Redwoods shoot 6/6

Take down shoots 6/6 1500

Outdoor 6/13 0900

Redwood Coast 3D 6/26 1000

Jack moves, Andy 2nds to adjourn, unanimous. 2050

Archers Intro (Henry Bertram)

We are having another Introduction to Archery workshop Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11:30AM starting on July 10th and ending August 14th. There are still openings as of this writing so if you know anyone who wants to start archery with a solid foundation, please have them send me an email or call me.

We have done a few of these classes recently and they have helped add some new members to our ranks.

What Excuse? (Henry Bertram)

My mom used to bake regularly, and for birthdays, made excellent cakes. She used to mix confectioners sugar with a very small amount of non-fat milk and a drop of food coloring to make icing, reserving a bit for a different color to scribe "Happy Birthday" on the top with the name of one of the children. This, however, is a different kind of icing. It's the kind of icing that causes airplane's wings to become heavy, impeding their ability to fly. It's the kind of icing that causes Larry's arrow to drift ever so subtly low, missing the spot. Not happy icing, no. It is, in fact, like airplane wing and propeller icing, is somewhat tragic.

Is that the best indoor shoot excuse ever? I don't know.

Jim Martinez had the sun in his eyes last year, causing him to narrowly miss another 300 round with his freestyle bow. I have heard tails of the mysterious effects that cause sudden

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horizontal arrow drift when shooting on lane 7, next to the east side wall.

I have often noticed that both the NFAA indoor round target and the Vegas target, like their outdoor 3D brethren, tend to “jump the string.”

In case you have missed it, an occasional gust of wind hits the “Don’t Advance until All Clear” sign and protects the target lighting. When that happens, the wind is forced sharply downward causing Wind Sheer, taking your arrow with it.

During a cold spell, that wind moves along the floor. When it hits the base bales it is forced sharply aloft causing updrafts that can force your arrow to impact above your intended target.

We are also cursed by sudden bursts of side wind in either direction that, while hardly detectable to human senses, wreak havoc on arrow flight.

Updrafts and downdrafts in the indoor range are, luckily, somewhat more predictable, in that downdrafts are confined to winter and downdrafts to summer. Using the stove during the winter, of course, can cause both updrafts and wind sheer so be wary.

Here are the current excuses organized alphabetically. I thought about organizing them by severity, but laziness overtook me and, after all, severity is in the eye of the beholder.

- Cross winds
- Downdrafts
- Icing
- Jumping the string
- Mysterious effects emanating from the East wall
- Side winds
- Momentary blindness due to the sun in your eyes
- Turbulence
- Updrafts
- Wind Sheer

Perhaps we should encourage the development of sight compensation

devices. If you have had other devastating problems in the indoor range please send them in.

Indoor Shoots (Henry Bertram)

6/4/2010	Style	Score	X
Donald Torchio	Trad-R/A/M	125	1
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	177	2
Larry Yien	Trad-R/A/M	243	7

6/18/2010	Style	Score	X
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	172	0
Larry Yien	Trad-R/A/M	244	4
Sergey Gorbatov	BHFS/A/M	281	18

Outdoor Shoot (Henry Bertram)

Larry Yien and Josh Smith were there slightly late. Anders and Lucas Ohlsson arrived a bit later. Alas, two groups of two don’t make a club shoot so they shot it for practice.

Stump Shoot (Henry Bertram)

6/26/2010	Total	Holes
Maggie Sartain-Miller	4*	
Colin Miller	3	
Chay "elf" Street	3	
Henry Bertram	1	
Ruby Sartain-Miller		
Karen Williams		

Maggie and Ruby were shooting continuous draw weight bows and Maggie was actually using a sight hence she gets an asterisk (*) by her score.

In case you were wondering how the shoot went, Karen was kind enough to chronicle the shot positions:

- 1) Standard (picked by Henry, go figure)
- 2) “Avatar” holding the release hand upside down and pumping the shot twice before the release. It should be noted that the original idea included leaping toward the target and releasing while in the air but Henry put the kybosh on that for safety reason (mainly his own)
- 3) Squatting (no comments please, they were already done during the shoot)
- 4) Aborigine: Standing on one leg with the other against your shin
- 5) Squatting again

- 6) On one leg
- 7) On one leg (or the other, I forget)
- 8) On a knee
- 9) Sitting
- 10) Backwards (watch that arrow point)
- 11) Singing (dang, this was difficult... to listen to)
- 12) One foot on a tree about hip height
- 13) Standing such that your head and bow were in a small tree, this was conceived of by the youngest contestant...
- 14) Squatting, ouch my thighs are beginning to ache
- 15) Through the trees across the river, otherwise a standard shot
- 16) Stationary lunge