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AUGUST CALENDAR

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Meeting Work Party
 Indoor Outdoor
 Stump

NEW EDITORS

Jodie Blair and Lynn Rollins took over newsletter production beginning with the July issue. Hope you enjoy it!

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Jodie Blair

Please write about your archery experiences and send them to us. The deadline is the end of the day, the Saturday before the club meeting. Send entries to rollins@braveNewWorld.com.

LABOR DAY POTLUCK AND SHOOT

Come to the Santa Cruz Archers annual Labor Day Potluck BBQ on Monday, Sept. 6!

Everyone bring their own meat to throw on the grill, and bring a side dish

to share. Bring bows and arrows (or check out a club bow), and we will fling some arrows together. If enough folks are interested and will help out, we will set up a few 3D targets and/or arrange for the fabulous and tremendously popular "Club Cub."

Contact Mark Thomas at scarchers@comcast.net for more information and to tell him you are coming.

JULY MEETING MINUTES

Steve Andrews, 7/6/201 1930

President's Report

Stickbow and the In The Redwoods shoots went well, 3D in the Redwoods not as well attended. There may have been some scheduling conflicts with other shoots. Which is why we need a rep at the MTBA annual planning meeting tomorrow night.

Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Club solvent, no surprises.

Membership Chair and Newsletter

Editor's Report

July's Newsletter is done! Membership update next month.

Web Master and Brand Management

and Marketing Chair's Report

Will report each month on web use. We get about 20 hits a day (!).

Keymaster's Report

If someone must pass, do it on the hill side of the road. There are pipes and structures that are damaged on the other side when cars roll over them. If you want to fill a pot hole (and who doesn't?) a 50/50 mix of dirt and gravel is the way to go, this seems to last longer than straight dirt or straight gravel. Craig Moore no longer opens the gates. Best to stack firewood inside. Randy found aluminum JOAD

arrows in the outdoor bucket. Please do not use JOAD arrows outdoors.

No other reports.

Old Business

1. No new members this evening.
 2. Time to start the process for the Bad Boys of Branciforte marked 3D shoot (10/3/10) Bring costume stuff to the August meeting. We have 26 animals to dress up for this Halloween themed shoot. We would like to put out one or two new novelty targets. Andy commits to one, Henry will cast about e-mail to get another.

3. Some range work is needed; #22 new bales, #4 new bales, maybe #15. Henry will co-ordinate with the Outdoor Range Captain to see what's up. Plan on a work party 1st Saturday in August.

4. Beginning Archery class is starting July 10, runs 6 Saturdays in a row, 1st one goes 0800 to 1200, the rest go 0900 to 1130.

New Business

1. Need someone to run the Stump shoot this month; Henry will be at one million years BC shoot.

2. Do we want to host a regional indoor shoot? Date TBA. Susan moves, Mark 2nds that we put on an indoor tournament. Unanimous approval.

Event Calendar

Indoor 7/16 1945

Outdoor 7/11 0900

Stump 7/31 0900

Bug Shoot 7/18- see flier.

IBEP 7/16 & 7/17- see flier.

1,000,000 BC 7/31 & 8/1- see flier.

Motion to Adjourn Unanimous- 2040

FOUND: BINOCULARS!

Binoculars were found in the picnic area around 7/1/10. If you lost a pair, email a description to scarchers@comcast.net.



COSTUMES NEEDED FOR BAD BOYS SHOOT

Our Bad Boys of Branciforte shoot has a Halloween theme. We want to dress up the animals, and we need any type of costume supply, such as boas, masks, and eye patches. The animal targets are 28 inches tall up to the size of a small elk. Bear, Gorilla, Antelope. Bring costumes to the range or the club meeting.

WE HAVE AN ATV!

Henry Bertram

You may recall that the club decided to purchase an all terrain vehicle (ATV) to make range maintenance and setting up 3D shoots easier. We have been using pickup trucks and relying on the generous help of Mike Tracy, who loaned his ATV to us too many times to count or remember.

A couple of weeks ago, Rick Chace called saying he had found one that looked good and was within our meager budget. I met Rick at the seller's house and Rick and I looked over his find. It is a Yamaha Kodiak with 2 or 4 wheel drive, a trailer hitch, and a wench. For the most part, everything worked, but we could not get the thing into reverse, and the throttle seemed to stick a bit. After getting a feel for the shifter, I was reasonably sure that the reverse gate was not functional, and I strongly suspected that we had a good transmission once the linkage problem was solved. We bargained a bit and got some fix-it dollars subtracted from the price. Paperwork and money changed hands, and it was ours.

The seller pulled it onto Rick's trailer, and there was a bit of excitement when the throttle stuck as he accelerated up the ramp. Better him than me, I wasn't wearing a helmet...or shoulder pads...or leathers. Then again, neither was he. Rick and I deposited the ATV in the storage area and left it for the

weekend. I had tried to mess with the throttle linkage, but it is between exhaust pipes and not fun to work on after driving the thing off the trailer and into the building.

Saturday afternoon I started by finding a loose nut on the throttle linkage and tightening it. That, and the generous application of silicone lubricant spray, seems to have solved the throttle problem.

I spent the rest of the day trying to get the front cowl off to expose the shift box. That thing is really hard to take off. There are at least half a dozen different types of fasteners keeping it on. Gee guys; pick a fastener and stay with it...gad. Even after the front luggage rack, gas tank shroud, and instrument panel are removed, you still have to mess with it to remove it. There was one fastener that was too old and perhaps too rusted to come apart. I needed different tools for that, so I had to quit and return Sunday.



Sunday morning I brought the drill and pulled the stuck fastener out. That one needs to be replaced (sorry). In addition, one of the gas tank shock absorber nuts was stripped, that one wasn't my doing, honest. Off to the Yamaha store next week.

Once the cowl was off, I pulled the shifter linkage apart and found it about a third full of water. The previous owner or his minions had plugged the drain so it filled up and the increased humidity rusted the reverse gate closed. The rest of the mechanism was completely covered in heavy grease, so

it was in good shape. After removing the reverse gate, I got it moving with a lot of silicone spray, numerous hand tools, and some abrasive work with a Dremel tool.

I then called Randy Redmond who was kind enough to bring some moly-lube such that I could get the device ready for any future bathing that may be required. Since I left the water drain open and plan to put a cable tie on the top of the shifter boot, we should be golden. Just don't take the ATV swimming.

Oh Joy! It's time to put the flaming cowl back on. That is a chore. I was able to break a bolt on the front luggage rack, so we are only close to done (luckily I am going to the Yamaha store anyway, aren't I). I had to take the front luggage rack home to remove the bolt with my easy-out. I looked all over for my easy-out set at home and finally found it in the tool box that I had at the range. Darn.

The test drive indicated that removing the shifter linkage necessitates retuning the transmission linkage. Go figure. Good thing I ordered a maintenance manual for this thing. Tuning transmission linkage without specifications can take a long time.

Someone remind me to put a cable tie on the shifter boot to prevent water encroachment. Better yet, if you have a black cable tie, do it yourself.

We will be designing a driver education and certification program and limiting the number of drivers. Safety first.

NOVELTY TARGETS NEEDED FOR BAD BOYS SHOOT

We'd like to build one or two novelty targets for the Bad Boys of Branciforte. We'd like one target that moves. Send your ideas to us at scarchers@comcast.net.



BEATING THE BUGS AT MT. MADONNA

Henry Bertram

The Bug Shoot at Mt. Madonna Bowmen was hotly contested on July 18th with a fairly large contingent of Santa Cruz Archers members attending. We arrived a bit before 7:00 a.m. making it a loooooong day. When you are first at registration, things go fairly quickly. I went back to registration after I warmed up and was chatting with some of the people I know from Predators, Ralston Rods & Tackle, and the various shoots I attend, and one of the folks in line commented about how well the shoots at Santa Cruz are organized.



Daun and Brandon Wallace, Anders and Niklas Ohlsson, Karen Williams, Robert Perry, and Henry Bertram shot in a group with Grace Greer, who takes lessons from Mike Pierce at Predators, had graduated from the ranks of Cub shooters the previous week so she was shooting out to 50 yards for the first time with Brandon. The Covington clan group, composed of Heather Schaffer and Emily, Kevin, Garren, and Scott Covington attacked the course in another group while Chris and Maggie Tittle shot with their daughter Rhiannon, and John Molea and Neil Splain were seen charging up the hill between Bugzilla and its 90 yard shooting position just prior to the shoot's starting siren.



Having hastily handled the calculations required to record my sight numbers for the shoot, I was very happy to hit the spot twice from 90 yards on the first target (don't worry, I had plenty of side-to-side variation, no risk of damaging arrows). That confidence was not long lived, however, with the classic combination of problems with short yardage site settings, inattention, and one very hard to see target. Oh well.



It was a bit hot, and marching uphill to the last six targets tended to wear on tired limbs and pounding headaches (hang on a minute while I add Ibuprofen to my shoot checklist). That said, the hydration pack worked very well, I had it in the frig over night...maybe next time I will freeze it and carry water bottles until it melts a bit...or perhaps I can get one of those diathermy wands and heat a bit of it just above freezing when I need a sip. I

wonder how much a power supply for those things weighs.

Lunch was tri-tip sandwiches, beans, salad, chips, and watermelon. Quite nice, but I prefer Robert's marinated tri-tip.

Karen, Daun, and Niklas all won medals.



Next week it's 1,000,000 Years B.C. at SF Archers, so start making your stone tools so you can hack a bow out of a random bit of wood. Or, just shoot the one you have.



To check out the pictures on the web, click the Pictures link and jump to the bottom.



MISSION TRAILS BOWHUNTER ASSOCIATION (MTBA) MEETING MINUTES

Rich Sandkuhle, secretary 7/8/10

Attendees

Mike Clark, President
Jimmy Martinez, nominated President
Rich Sandkuhle, Mt. Madonna
Bowmen
Ben Rogers, Black Mountain Bowmen
Sergey Gorbatov, Santa Cruz Archers
Peter Palomo, Kings Mountain
Ed Parodi, Bowhunters Unlimited
Bill Lev, Bowhunters Unlimited

Dates and Sites for Remainder of 2010

Here are the sites and dates for regional/state shoots for the rest of 2010:

- 8/29/10: 900 round Black Mountain
- 9/5/10: State 900 round Black Mountain
- 9/12/10: State 900 round Salinas Bowmen
- 12/12/10: 450 Indoor round Predators, Santa Cruz, Salinas

Salinas Bowmen must confirm that they will hold the 450 round by August 1, 2010.

Dates and Sites for 2011

Here are the sites and dates for the regional/state shoots for 2011:

- 3/6/11: Indoor 5 spot at Predators, Salinas, Santa Cruz
- 5/22/11: Unmarked 3D at Black Mountain
- 6/12/11: State Hunter/Field at Mt. Madonna
- 8/28/11: 900 round Black Mountain
- 9/11/11: State 900 round Salinas
- 10/9/11: Hunter Field Kings Mountain or Mt. Madonna
- 12/11/11: 450 round Salinas, Santa Cruz, Predators

Salinas Bowmen must confirm they will hold the shoots on the above dates. The Hunter Field round at Mt.

Madonna or Kings Mountain needs to be finalized. These dates must be resolved by August 1, 2010.

Ratification of Club Officers

Ratification for MTBA officers by members of the region will be voted at the regional 900 round on 8/29/10 at Black Mountain.

- Jimmy Martinez: Region President
- Rich Sandkuhle: Regional Secretary/Treasurer

New Award

At the regional meeting we agreed to implement a new award. A trophy will be awarded to the person who gets the highest total score from all five regional shoots.



Video

Mark Jaquez, who is a member of Black Mountain, is proposing a television program with an archery theme. He showed a video he had done on a recent archery shoot. After discussion, we gave Mark the action item to develop a written proposal for this program. We are requesting this proposal clearly define what will be needed by Mark, what is the purpose of the project, what the content of this program will include, how much it will cost, and what benefit will it have for the region and state archery. We came away from this discussion with more questions that need to be resolved.

INDOOR SHOOTS

7/2/2010	Style	Score	X
Bob Buie	BHFS/A/M	288	28
Garren Covington	BHFS/y/M	238	4
Henry Bertram	Trad-R/A/M	200	1
Karen Williams*	FITA/A/F	222	1
Kevin Covington	Trad-L/y/M	32	0
Larry Yien	Trad-R/A/M	217	3
Scott Covington*	Trad-L/A/M	233	6

On July second, Karen Williams and Scott Covington shot well enough to improve their positions on the indoor score board.

On July 16th, Bob Buie, Ian Buie, and Henry Bertram decided to “just fling arrows” and didn’t keep score.

OUTDOOR SHOOT

A few separate groups showed up for the outdoor shoot this month, but none were large enough to meet the minimum official group requirement.

In August, Henry will be shooting the 900 round at Black Mountain Bowmen, so if you want to shoot the outdoor, get a group of at least 3 together, grab some score cards, and enjoy the day in the forest. Make sure to sign your score cards in the normal manner and put them in the donation box.

STUMP SHOOT

8/1/2010	Total	Holes
Sam Sterbenz	3	
Erik Ledbetter	5	
Andy Sterbenz	4	

Congratulations Erik, that’s great shooting. Erik and Andy were shooting Longbows, Sam was shooting his trusty recurve.