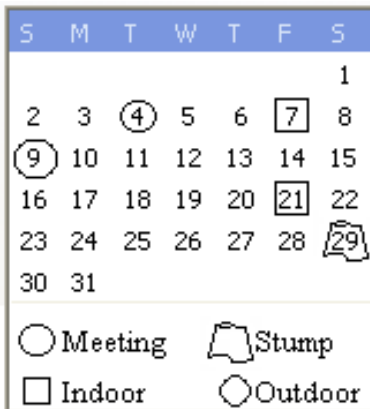


March 8 work party: 3D animals & conservation

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Newsletter Deadlines

Please write us about your archery experiences such that we can include them in the newsletter. If you are attending shoots at other clubs or 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 Saturday before the club meeting.

Website updated (ed.)

Our club website has been updated to reflect the new officers, new schedules, new forms and current newsletters and, soon, the constitution.

Go to www.santacruzarchers.com on line and dig around. If you see any errors, links that don't link, or

things that are just not right, please send an email to Henry or click the webmaster link and send an email to that guy.

If you are really anxious for new content on the site, write something and send it. If someone would be so kind as to create a short notice for the upcoming Stickbow in the Redwoods shoot, we can add it also. Once the flier is done, we will add that as a PDF for people to download.

If you have skills with MySQL and PHP, and have some time, let's chat. Things like membership and shoot application would work quite nicely as forms that directly update a database.

Club Meeting minutes: 2-5-08 (Diana Reader)

Steve Hammack from the Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation Department came for a question and answer session. He updated the club on upcoming activities affecting the range and he answered club member questions. The lead clean-up at the gun range will be brought to the Santa Cruz City Council to see what they want to do to. The two options will be to either clean up the lead or close the gun range. The city's trail guy, Don Hays will be coming to the range to work on erosion control measures using low environmental impact methods. Steve will let Ralph know when Don will be coming so club members can hopefully met him at the range and help, if necessary. Steve also gave the club several recommendations to keep a low environmental impact:

- Don't use ATV's on the roads or trails when the range is wet from rain.
- Move targets that are too close to the creek.
- Clean up old bridges that are in the creek.
- Use erosion control measures around the range.

- Create a 6 ft. set back from the creek and let the vegetation grow, especially in the practice and picnic areas.
- Clean up debris behind the animal shed and the indoor range.
- Don't use pressure treated wood on the range.
- Remove old hay bales (don't scatter the hay on the range).
- Remove the non-native Scotch Broom plants from the range.

Steve also clarified some of the parks department rules:

- Dogs must be on leash and under the owner's control at all times.
- Smoking is allowed on the outdoor range.
- Alcohol is allowed on the range.

Indoor Range Captain Report:

A small leak has appeared in the indoor range bow closet.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Please send newsletter articles to Henry Bertram. His email address is: henrybertram@comcast.net.

Publicity Chair Report:

Steve Grundy sent Henry a sample flyer for the upcoming Redwood 3D shoots. Henry passed the flyer around at the meeting for review and comments from club members.

New Members Voted In:

Phil Sophie – working member

Old Business:

1. Rick Chase has scheduled a club dinner for Saturday, March 1st at the Bay View Hotel in Aptos at 7:00pm.
2. The changes that were made at the prior meeting and the Board of Directors meeting were voted in at this meeting.

New Business:

1. Rick Chace volunteered to take over the membership chair officer vacancy.

2. Henry set up a PO Box and a phone number for the club.
3. The open shoot schedule has been set for 2008.
4. Discussion was held on the various ways to change the lock on the indoor range so access could be denied for non-members. A motion was made to use the "restricted cylinder" option to re-key the indoor range door lock. The motion was passed at the meeting.

Indoor Range Lock Change

(Rick Chace)

The indoor range and club house lock will be changed on Friday March 7th or Mon 10th. Fellow SCA member Ken Voughn, Santa Cruz City locksmith, will perform the work. We will be providing Ken with a list of SCA officers that can have additional keys made. Steve Hammack, the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Superintendent, will be supplied with two keys and the city will also have the right to have additional make keys, as needed, for their staff.

We will be passing out keys to key holding members at the general membership meeting on Tuesday March 4th followed by a mailing on Wednesday March 5th for those key holding members that can not attend.

Matching Spine (Ed Terribilini)

Here is one more old school tool to match the spine in arrows of the same stated spine by hemisphere, over the top maybe, but not for the perfectionist or a tinkerer. Start by going to a craft shop with an old arrow of approximate internal diameter and buy some small corks that will fit into and seal the shaft. With a dozen new arrows in hand, fill the bathtub or a long container with an inch of water. Fit a cork in each end of a shaft and float it in the water (or all the shafts at the same time). The shafts will settle with the heaviest side of the shaft floating with the heaviest side towards the bottom. Mark the shaft at the end where you will fit the nock

at top dead center, one mark will do it. You can even "scribe" the mark if aluminum shafts. When you fit the nocks into the end of the arrows, orient the nocks exactly the same using the mark.

The theory is, even though the overall spine is closely matched by modern manufacturing processes, one side of the shaft will always be a bit thicker (heavier) and if that is also matched, the spine will be even more uniform, if the nocks are oriented accordingly as described. This practice is likely more effective with finger shooters but uniformity is uniformity in any case.

The final step is to do all the tweaking as you describe to match the components. It has been said (I don't remember the group that did the research) that 2 or three nocks out of 10 are aberrant. Numbering the arrows and faithfully recording the impacts will give you an indication that some arrows are not as consistent as others usually because of the nocks or slight nock twist. Usually, for whatever reason, this can be corrected by some slight turning of the nock one way or the other before replacing that nock and starting over again.

Our Club Needs Your Help

(Robin Chace)

To live up to the goals of our club constitution, we need every healthy, capable member to help keep our range in good condition. Some helpful activities are to make flyers advertising events, to work on keeping our targets in working order, to sweep the indoor range, clear weeds and debris from the trails, help with the open shoots (lunch, registration, clean-up, and so forth), contribute at the work parties and etc..

To quote our Constitution:

"The purpose of the Santa Cruz Archers shall be to foster, expand, and perpetuate the practice of field and target archery; the spirit of

good fellowship among all archers; to encourage the use of the bow and arrow in hunting of all legal game; and cooperate with the National Field Archery Association and the California Bowman Hunters State Archery Association in securing better hunting privileges and conditions for Bow Hunters; to cooperate with all conservation organizations in the propagation and conservation of game; to maintain a field course and conduct field and target tournaments and games in accordance with the rules of the National Field Archery Association and the California Bowman Hunters State Archery Association."

There are lots of little jobs that need to be done. The fact is, we could use some help we need you to step up and ask, "What can I do?"

There are 12 officer positions. We currently only have 7 people managing these positions. If you are a working member of this club, being an officer fulfills your yearly work hour commitment. Isn't that great? The open positions are Key Master, Membership Chair, Secretary, Newsletter Chair, and Novelty Chair. We are also looking for a person to take on the upkeep of www.santacruzarchers.com, the club website. Let us know if you wish to help. It would be much appreciated by all.

Animal Repairs! (Wolff Bloss)

Hello Folks! You may not be aware that SCA owns 40, yes 40, 3D animal targets. They range from some very large targets like elk and deer down to smaller targets like raccoons and foxes. We also have some novelty targets like an alligator and a gorilla. A few of the targets are brand new but, most are quite old. Many are in need of repair so that they are presentable for upcoming shoots. We have a work party coming up on the 8th of March at 10AM.

Put on some work clothes and bring kids and spouses down to the range to help put some life back into our critters. We are such good archers that the area around the target zone gets "shot out" meaning that there are so many arrow holes there that, in a bit of a breeze, the animals whistle like a calliope. We will be doing some repair to the damaged foam areas and we will be doing some restorative painting. If you have any supplies that you want to donate or loan for the day, bring them along. Tarps, paint and brushes would be welcome. In addition, some of the older animals are repaired with clothe from tee shirts so if you have old ones hanging around (admit it, you still wear some shamefully tattered unders) bring them along (washed first, of course, the paint will adhere better). This is an excellent opportunity for working members to help out the club.

Rhiannon's animal comments

(Rhiannon Bloss age 11)

The foam animals are very fun to look at, as well as to shoot, since they are lifelike but you're not really hurting a real animal. I counted all the foam animals and classified them by size. There were 40 animals in all, not including the ones on cardboard. I think kids would have fun painting these. I even named a few of them like the biggest one, which is the elk that is grazing, I named it Coco and I named the smaller deer Daisy.

Oops: retraction (ed.)

I missed a contradiction in the January newsletter that should be set right. The meeting minutes stated "*The scores for this year have not been kept up and we don't have an accurate record of who should receive awards.*" That is incorrect. Linda Adams recorded every score on both score boards. Linda or Henry recorded every score at every club event and Linda put them all in a spreadsheet that she sent to Henry and Ralph

Reader. Linda also updated the record boards for each new record.

California State Indoor (ed.)

The California State Indoor Championships was held at various ranges across California. It is a mail in tournament. We shot it at our indoor range. While only Linda and Ralph Adams shot in Santa Cruz, others who are club members or regularly come to our shoots were pounding away at the Vegas style targets form 18 meters. This is a "450 round" requiring 45 arrows in 15 ends of 3 arrows each. Targets are moved top to bottom or bottom to top half way through the shoot. Here are the results:

Candace Douglas shot 402 with 6Xs, coming in 6th place out of 9 archers shooting adult BHFS.

Kay Gardner shot 421 with 9Xs, coming in 1st place shooting master senior FS unopposed.

Linda Adams shot 382 with 3Xs, coming in 1st place shooting senior BB unopposed.

Linda Adams set a new state record by shooting 377 with 4Xs, coming in 1st place shooting senior BH unopposed.

Pat Pagnella shot 446 with 24Xs, coming in 5th place out of 32 archers shooting adult FS.

Jim Martinez shot 443 with 30Xs, coming in 7th place out of 32 archers shooting adult FS.

Ralph Adams shot 367 with 1Xs, coming in 5th place out of 6 archers shooting master senior BB.

Ken Gardner shot 415 with 7Xs, coming in 3rd place out of 18 archers shooting master senior FS.

Dennis High shot 381 with 4Xs, coming in 3rd place out of 3 archers shooting senior FSL-Rec.

Ricardo Fortuno shot 409 with 9Xs, coming in 3rd place out of 5 archers shooting youth FS.

February Work Party

(Rick Chace)

Saturday February 16, 2008, a work party was called for, and the troops, they did show. Six officers were represented, along with one

general member and a junior member, for a total of 5 of us. Phil Sophie, his Son Enkhuush, Michael Tracy, our fearless leader, Henry Bertram, and myself Rick Chace were there at the planned time, shovels in hand, ready to dig.

Wait, are you checking my math? There were five people but six officers and two general members, how does that work? Oh did I mention that the officers present hold down multiple jobs and show up at the work parties?

The task was daunting: to remove the silt, dirt and debris build-up in the concrete gutter near the practice butts. It had been at least 3 years since the ditch was cleaned out and it was totally filled with, I would guess, somewhere near 3 to 4 yards of sand, soil, gravel and roots. Henry remarked that he had been a club member for 5 years and didn't even know there was a ditch there! Ten AM sharp we got at it, and, somewhere near High Noon, the Task was done. Sweaty and tired, we sat drinking spring water from our local source waiting for the Caterers to arrive.

The food was sensational! There was cocoanut encrusted shrimp with an orange glaze, seared Ahi Tuna with Wasabe butter and a fine fruit salad. For dessert, boy did you all miss it, a Chocolate Moose to die for.

After lunch, we cleaned up the road where all the water and mud, diverted by the clogged ditch, had been deposited. The water and mud will hence forth (as long as we keep the ditch clear) end up in the creek bed instead of on the road.

I can't wait to see your faces when you see the feast we will have waiting, at lunch time, next month! The moral of this story is: let's all put on our work boots, grab our gloves, and jump into action maintaining our range. The city is watching us. I know all of you would love to be among the proud group that keeps The Santa Cruz Archery Range alive and in great shape. I am sure all of the rest of

the working members will show up next month. Saturday the 8th 10:00 AM. Bring your crab crackers. har har.

Constitution change

(Henry Bertram)

Based on inputs from the club and discussion in the board of directors meeting, described in the February newsletter, I propose the following bylaw and standing rule changes. These changes will be discussed at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting.

By-Laws: Article I:

Membership Types:

Is: (a) Working Memberships: Working Members are expected to help to the best of their ability in all club functions. Working Members are expected to contribute to the maintenance of the club range and other club properties as may be required. A Working Member will be given a target assignment and be responsible for the maintenance of that specific target in addition to helping at work parties.

Will be (addition in bold): (a) Working Memberships: Working Members are expected to help to the best of their ability in all club functions. Working Members are expected to contribute to **the operation of the club and to the maintenance of the club range and other club properties, as may be required. Actively participating as a club officer can fulfill working membership requirements.**

Working Members will be given a target assignment and **will** be responsible for the maintenance of that target in addition to helping at work parties.

By-Laws: Article I:

Membership: Dues and Fees:

Add: Key deposits will be forfeited 180 days after termination of membership if keys have not been returned to the Key Master or the President.

By-Laws: Article II: Officers: Indoor Range Captain

Is: (e) Keep the record boards up to date and maintain a history of records.

Will be (changes in bold):

(e) Keep the record boards accurate by updating them monthly and maintain a history of records.

Standing Rules: Article III: Range Rules

Add: Dogs shall not disturb shooting during the general use of the club.

Add: All range records must comply with CBH regulations.

Indoor Shoots (ed.)

On February first, with the Vegas shoot pending, Jim Martinez and Kay Gardner elected to shoot the Vegas target and kept their own scores. The NFAA indoor round was conducted as usual.

Ken Gardner (FS) shot 296 with 32Xs. Chuck Williams (BHFS) shot 234 with 13Xs, guest Jack Williams (BHFS) shot 265 with 16Xs, Mark Thomas (BHFS) shot 273 with 18Xs, Ken Lewis (FS) shot 285 with 26Xs, Rick Chace (FS) shot 298 with 31Xs, Henry Bertram (Trad-R) shot 178 with 1X, Candace Douglas (BHFS) shot 278 with 19Xs and Mark Woodhead (Trad-R) shot 209 with 7Xs.

On February 15th, Ben Rogers (FS) shot 300 with 55Xs, Brice Linder (BHFS, guest) shot 270 with 14Xs, Candace Douglas (BHFS) shot 286 with 21Xs, Gilly Lewis, in her first indoor club shoot shot 223 with 3Xs BHFS, Ken Lewis (FS) shot 290 with 31Xs while coaching Gilly, Jimmy Haggerman (FS) shot 266 with 8Xs, Kay Gardner (FS) shot 296 with 31Xs, Ken Gardner (FS) shot 298 with 36Xs, Robert Haggerman (FS) shot 266 with 18Xs and Luke Bellisomi (BHFS, guest) shot 187 in his first indoor club shoot. Jim Martinez was practicing for the Vegas shoot and kept his own score.

Outdoor Shoot (ed.)

It was bit overcast and crisp as we set off to shoot the outdoor in the morning on February 10. The day turned out to be quite pleasant, particularly on targets where the sounds of the nearby brook served to calm our competition nerves (I bet you didn't realize there were nerves involved). Eight of us started out, we were joined by Mark Thomas later in the day and Curtis and Stewart Galloway had to depart early. We shot the hunter side first.

LeRoy Burke (BHFS) shot 351 and improved his score significantly on the second half. Henry Bertram (BHFS) shot 444 shooting identical first and second half scores. Kathy Wache (BHFS) shot 316 and improved the second half. Wolff Bloss (BHFS) shot 453 and tired a bit in the second half. Rick Chace (FS) shot 507 and increased his score the second half. Mark Thomas (FS) joined us late and only shot the second half. Curtis and Stewart Galloway were both shooting Trad-Recurve in their first outdoor had to leave early completing only the first half. Mark Woodhead (Trad-R) shot 215, based on his first half score, he will soon be shooting in the 250s.

Stump Shoot (ed.)

Rick Chace and Henry Bertram, recurve bows in hand, set out for the adventure. We decided to save the stumps and shot a standard field round but not to keep score (probably a really good idea). As it turns out, 80 yards with indoor arrows (read: "heavy points") is not a great idea, I had estimated the elevation at tree top level but satellite level was more appropriate. At our skill level with non sighted recurve bows, shooting outdoors is a lot of fun. There is no pressure, just set your form, focus on the target and release, what could be better.

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Introduction message announces range open hours and dates and times for the club meeting and club shoots.