



San Francisco Archers Inc.

ARROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nicholas Copernicus was born on this date (February 19) in 1473. He is best remembered for laying the foundation for modern astronomy with his discovery of heliocentric planetary motion. His discovery not only changed astronomy for all time but also philosophy. If God's planet Earth was not at the center of the universe, as the church claimed, then what was? If the Christian church could be wrong about astronomy, what else could it be mistaken about? As late as 1633, despite the visual proof provided by his telescopes, Galileo Galilei would be imprisoned by the church and tortured by the Inquisition for his heliocentric views.

If you like star gazing then the cold clear nights of February have provided you with many opportunities for observations. We have had several barbecues on the range in the past month and even our hardy archers seek the warmth of the clubhouse after the sun has gone down. The rain and cold of winter usually slows down the use of the range but I'm not sure that there has been much of a slow down this year and people have been showing up on Outreach Sundays just as if it were spring.

The Outreach Program needs help. It has been very successful in the past several years and, at the very least, we have taught hundreds and hundreds of people how to safely handle and shoot a bow and added many new members to our club. We continually repair and replace equipment as needed and the money is usually supplied by Outreach donations. The only real problem we have is the lack of help on Outreach Sundays. In the past there were many more volunteers than there are now and that is to be expected as people have other responsibilities and can not devote two Sundays a month to teaching archery until the end of time. The program is basically being run now by four or five people and on some Sundays only three people are available. One person has to watch the shooting line and keep an eye open for safety problems and this really only leaves two people for instruction. Sometimes we will have families show up with two or three young children who have never shot a bow. Each one of them will require the services of a teacher for quite a while before they can be left alone to shoot. It is not unusual to have ten or twelve first time archers on the firing line and two and a half teachers are not enough to safely run the program. If you are a competent archer and would like to help, please phone me at 650-355-1442. If you would like to become an NFAA certified instructor, SF Archers can provide some monetary assistance.

The Water Reclamation Project on the range continues. The original site for a 300,000 gallon water tank was not suitable because of a lack of bedrock for it to be built upon. Recently, engineers have discovered a suitable site very near target 13 on the White Range and I have been informed that if things go as planned, work on improving the road and trenching for pipelines may begin by the end of June or the beginning of July. According to the plans I have been given, it is likely that only targets 13 and 14 will be affected by the tank construction and we can reconfigure them when construction is completed. It is not clear if some targets along the road may be affected. A copy of the plan is in the clubhouse. It is unlikely that any construction work will impact our shoots since they are held on Saturdays and Sundays and there will be no construction work at that time. There will probably be times when the White Range will have to be closed for construction during the week and we should expect that to happen. Wednesday night shoots

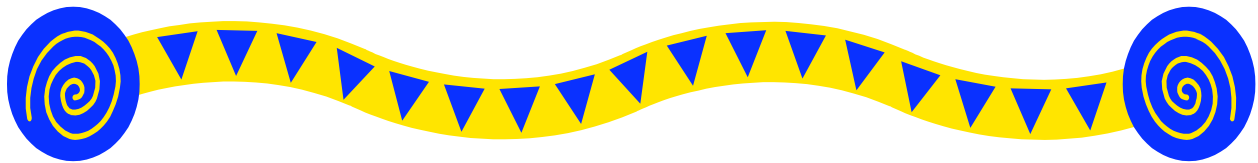
should continue as usual but we may have to move several shots to accommodate construction. The water project is not a threat to our archery range but I do not think that anybody is happy about the building of a water tank on the range. The natural beauty of that particular site will certainly be impacted and I am sure there will be environmental consequences.

Some concerned citizens and environmentalists have complained in writing and in person about the building of the water tank in hopes of delaying or stopping the project and certainly the members of San Francisco Archers are welcome to do as their conscience dictates. I would caution, however, that you speak as a private citizen and not as the voice of San Francisco Archers. We are in a fragile position with an insecure grip upon an archery range we all love so dearly and we should be very careful about the battles we choose to fight. When the tank is built we will still have the range. Let us not be so intent upon staring at the stars that, like the church in the time of Galileo, we fail to see the light.

I hope to see all of you at the range soon and alert you to the article that Josh Porter has written about a new club shoot in March that appears elsewhere in this month's Arrow.

Jack Rauch

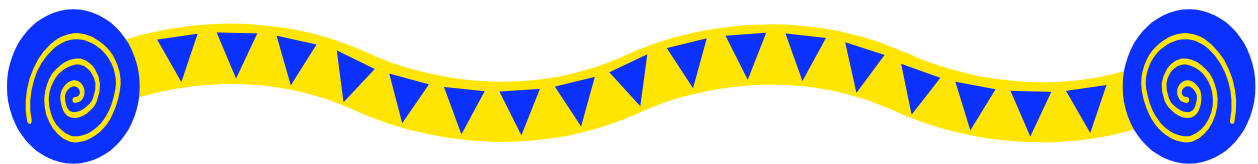
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2007 MEMBERSHIPS

Thanks to those who have mailed in their renewals. Most of your tags should be in your hands or on the way. There is a renewal form attached elsewhere in this newsletter - it will be your last reminder to renew. Please disregard it if you are a life member, have already renewed, etc. Please remember when renewing to inform me of any changes to your name, address, phone number, email address, etc. If you would like "The Arrow" emailed to you, please indicate so by marking "yes" on your renewal form. I suggest including an email address so that we can contact you throughout the year with questions regarding your membership or to send information as needed. If you have any questions regarding your membership status, please email me at treasurer@sfarchers.com. I will be purging the membership roster March 1.

Trish Porter



BOWHUNTER EDUCATION

Looks as if this will more likely be taking place mid-year. Still, feel free to contact me at 650-359-3284 if you are interested or have questions. ***Jarrod Feiner***

DO YOU LIKE TO...

SHOOT 3D TARGETS? It appears that the once popular sport of field archery is on the decline. Not only has our Club Shoot participation been the lowest I've seen in almost 15 years, but the number of shooters in the state field championships has waned as well. Where have all the archers gone? Surely people aren't hanging up their bows for good. In fact, I see more and more people discovering our fantastic sport each week. If you've attended a local 3D shoot recently, you should know the answer to just where those archers have gone. Enjoyed by hunters, target archers, and kids of all ages, 3D shoots appear to be the next evolution in field archery. To react to this trend and to boost participation in our Club Shoots, we've decided to do a little restructuring.

The plan is to offer **14** 3D targets *intermixed with 14* paper or foam bale-mounted targets which will be scored like an NFAA animal round. A **\$5.00** fee per person for each Sunday 3D shoot will help cover the cost of wear and tear on the targets. Since this is a **Club Shoot**, it is only open to members. Awards for all categories will be given out at the yearly **Awards Banquet**. You must shoot and score *at least TWO* of the following four dates offered to qualify for an award. Of course, if you like, you can just come out and have some fun shooting.

3D Club Shoot Dates:	Sunday, March 11	Start time @ 9 a.m.
	Saturday, May 12	Target take down by 5 p.m.
	Sunday, July 8	
	Sunday, September 9	

We're looking forward to offering our members this new 28-target layout in hopes of increasing our club shoot participation. This does not replace the standard NFAA field round used to determine the club champions, but is an adjunct to it. Join us and if you like, bring something to share at the evening potluck BBQs usually held after the target take down.

Note: In order for this to work, we will **need volunteers** to help *set up* the targets in the morning and *take down* afterwards. We appreciate your help in advance! Thank you and see you at the range.

Josh Porter

VP, SF Archers

BOWMAKING WORKSHOP

At the last Board meeting Jim Langell set the date for the bowmaking workshop—it will be held on Sunday, March 18, starting at 8:00 a.m. and running until you are done. There should be a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse, or Jim can be reached at 650-992-4583. Here is a list of what you will need to bring with you to make your bow:

Bow Wood -	You can acquire wood from Paul Rodgers (925-672-9330) priced according to wood type; John Strunk (503-842-4944), \$125; or at Bowstick.com (you might want to coordinate your order with another participant to save on shipping). Jim also has a few ash staves available (\$20), call and ask him to save you one. Also, if you have your own wood, but are not sure it is suitable, Jim will help you figure out whether you can use it...don't wait until the day of the class though.
Pencil	
Bow string	It would be really handy to have someone available who knows how to make strings.
Wood rasp	
Spokeshave flat -	Model #6438 available at Grizzly.com (800-523-4777)
6" clamp	Model #8088 " "
Rattail file	
1 sheet 80 grit sandpaper	

The following items will be available for use on-site: Band saw, clamps, tiller board and tape measures.

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Calendar

March 4, Sunday	NCFAA Regional Indoor Championship, Northwoods Bowmen (see flyer)
March 4, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
March 5, Monday	Board Meeting
March 10, Saturday	Work Party – bales need work
March 11, Sunday	Club Shoot – new 3D round available
March 17, Saturday	♣♣♣♣♣ Happy St. Patrick's Day! ♣♣♣♣♣
March 17, Saturday	Bowhunters Unlimited: Mud & Muck Shoot
March 18, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
March 18, Sunday	Yolo Bowmen Oasis Shoot – 42 target - Davis
March 25, Sunday	Lodi Bowmen Cartoon Classic – 42 target marked 3-D - Lake Comanche
April 1, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
April 1, Sunday	Yahi Bowmen Spring Fling – 28 marked 3-D - Modesto
April 1, Sunday	Salinas Bowmen 3-D Island Shoot - 28 targets/3 arrows
April 2, Monday	Board Meeting
April 7, Saturday	Work Party
April 7, Saturday	Lodi Bowmen Traditional "Gold Country" – 42 target Unmarked 3-D, Lake Comanche
April 8, Sunday	Club Shoot
April 15, Sunday	Maya Archers Around the World – Roseville
April 21, Saturday	Special Work Party – Pacific Traditional Rendezvous setup
April 22, Sunday	San Francisco Archers – Pacific Traditional Rendezvous- Pacifica
April 28-29, Saturday-Sunday	Fresno Field Archers Safari – Dunlap