



San Francisco Archers Inc.

ARROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new year is off to a great start at San Francisco Archers. We held our annual Cabin Fever Shoot on January 14, and it was a great success. Despite the bitter cold, a hearty 125 registered shooters showed up to shoot 30, mostly new, targets. We attracted only about 88 shooters last year so this is somewhat of an improvement. I was told the early morning temperatures dropped as low as 30°F and I wouldn't say they didn't. The shoot started on time and there were no complaints; not even about the weather. We must be doing something right to attract so many people under such adverse conditions. Many people work very hard to make our shoots successful and I would like to thank all of you for your efforts. Jeanine Hamack and Bill Poggi and others worked tirelessly in the kitchen to keep everyone filled with warm food and hot drinks. Tricia Porter and Lori Talo and others did much work to make sure that registration ran smoothly. The work party on Saturday attracted between 35 and 40 people and I have never seen a shoot set up so fast. Most of the work of setting out the targets was completed by 10:30 a.m. Thanks to all of you who showed up with your trucks to make this shoot a success. Josh Porter and Jim Robison seemed to be everywhere at once on Saturday as they rushed around setting up targets. Josh did a great job of target selection for the shoot.

There has been a great deal of arrow-making going on at the range recently and even though there have been no arrow making classes offered, you certainly could get some help if you asked Tim Hamack or Charlie Heimsoth. Matt Farley and Michael Lew have started making their own arrows and they look great (the arrows, not Matt and Mike). Peter Ng is a freshman at Terra Nova High School and he, too, is making his first dozen arrows. Jim Langell mentioned that if anyone is interested in making bows, they should try and attend the February 5, board meeting at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. He would like to talk about a bow making class.

As most of you know by now, Bernie Muscha passed away on December 14. Many San Francisco Archers lost a dear friend and the archery community lost a great supporter. Bernie's funeral was a private family affair open only to very close friends and many people never really got a chance to say good bye. On the afternoon of Sunday, January 14, a brief memorial was held at the clubhouse in his name with about 40 people in attendance. Many people had a chance to share a few memories of Bernie and one could not help but be touched by the loving regard he was held in by Beth, Lester, King, and Ernie as they talked of his endearing, and sometimes not so endearing, characteristics. Afterwards, there were a couple of readings from *The Prophet* and the *Holy Bible* and archers let fly a flight of arrows in his name. Stories of Bernie continued at a potluck dinner that went on through the afternoon and into the early evening.

*No farther seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode.
(There they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of his Father and his God.)*

Thomas Gray

We will all miss you Bernie. Rest in peace.

Jack Rauch (submitted January 20, 2007)

**HIS CANDLE BURNED AT BOTH ENDS,
IT WOULD NOT LAST THE NIGHT
BUT TO HIS FOES AND TO HIS FRIENDS
IT GAVE A MIGHTY LIGHT!**

Our friend, Bernard J. Muscha or “Bernie” as most of us called him, passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at home in his sleep.

He had a cold and on Wednesday, December 13, he had gone home to rest and recuperate for a few days. On Saturday, the 16th, when no one had heard from him, two of his best friends, Les Smith and Ernie Oliver, went to his apartment to check on him. They discovered that he had passed away in his sleep. The coroner’s report said that he died in his sleep due to a heart attack.



It came as a great shock to all of us as we learned he had passed away. It didn’t seem possible that this big man with the wonderful smile could be gone from our midst.

Bernie was single, and didn’t have any immediate family in the Bay Area, but he had many, many friends. He was loved and well thought of by people in the archery community, including here at the range and at Beth and Joe’s archery shop, at Nick’s Restaurant, at places all over San Francisco and in Carson City, Nevada, and I’m sure in a lot of other places as well.

Bernie’s nephew, Daryl Muscha and Daryl’s son Cameron arrived on Sunday, the 17th to take care of the disposition of Bernie’s remains and his property. Daryl cared about his Uncle Bernie very much and it was a painful duty for him as well as an enormous job.

Bernie’s wishes were to be cremated without any fanfare and he especially did not wish to have a “viewing” of his remains. There were no formal services for him while his nephew was here.

I don’t think he ever realized how many people would miss him. We could not let his passing go unnoticed, so we held our own memorial service for him on Sunday, January 14, 2007, to which all of his friends were invited. SFA’s President, Jack Rauch, prepared some readings and music, Ken Brown put together a memorial DVD consisting of still and “action” shots of Bernie. Brenda Falkowski brought in an album with more pictures of Bernie. Many people spoke from their hearts as to the person Bernie was and to say how much he would be missed. There were also many people who testified to the kind of person Bernie was, simply by their presence.

Our final tribute to Bernie was that a large group of archers went up to the 100-yard range and, as the sun was going down, released a volley of arrows in unison to his memory.

Bernie was a person who seemed larger than life. He was a man with a good heart. He was funny, kind and generous. He enjoyed people and brought the sunshine with him when he entered a room. He liked to cook and “break bread” with friends and is responsible for our tradition of Sunday night BBQs.

He also liked to make things with those big hands of his, and what he did, he chose to do well. He made fabulous knives and all types of leather gear for both archery and guns. He like guns and rifles and was

happy to share his knowledge of them, as well as occasionally bringing in a prized item that had historical value, beauty of workmanship, or just made a really loud noise.

Most of all Bernie Muscha was a very special person because of what was in his heart. He enriched our lives with his presence and he will not be forgotten until all of us who knew him have gone to dust!

May he long be remember in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Pat Heimsoth

January 2007

The poem at the beginning of this piece is an altered version of "The Fig" by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

FROM THE PORTERS

Happy 2007 to all! Josh and I are delighted to serve a 2nd term as your Vice President and Treasurer. Now that I'm getting the hang of things, I will do my best to be as efficient as possible in making sure our club's finances are in order and that everyone reaps the benefits of being an SFA member.

2007 Memberships—To date, I have recorded receiving 60 new membership/membership renewals. Thanks to those who have mailed in their renewals and to the 11 members who paid during the recent Cabin Fever shoot. This will help replenish our funds for this coming year's different activities, shoots, equipment, monthly maintenance expenses, etc. There is a renewal form attached elsewhere in this newsletter. Please disregard it if you are a life member, have already renewed, etc.

Roster—I urge all members NOT to delay in renewing your membership. I am working diligently on an updated club roster, making sure everyone's contact information is accurate. Those who do not renew by March 1st will be purged from the 2007 SFA Roster. You can still pay your dues after March 1st but your information may be excluded from the roster. 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 either way 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

Cabin Fever—The Cabin Fever Shoot held on Sunday, January 14th was very successful! The weekend started out with a work party on Saturday. Josh and I were very impressed at the large turnout of volunteers that came to help set up the shoot. Thanks to the 40 or so who sacrificed their Saturday morning. Because of all those who came out to help, the setup went smoothly and everyone was finished in time for the Chinese food served for lunch! We hope to get as good a turnout with our upcoming "Pacific Traditional Rendezvous" on Sunday, April 22nd and "1 Million B.C." on the 1st weekend of August.

Though the temperature was quite low, our numbers for registration were nice and HIGH! We had 125 shooters this year, which is up by more than 35 from last year. We were surely blessed with a memorable day. The lake lay frozen under a bright crisp sky and archers of all ages not only enjoyed the 30 wonderful 3D targets scattered around the white range (27 of those were Rineharts) but also each other's company. Great conversations and camaraderie were as evident as their freezing fingers and toes.

*Special thanks to Lori Talo for helping me in the registration booth. Without her, I would not have been able to shoot! We took in over \$1,800.00 in registration fees. This is a great financial start to a new year.

Josh & Tricia Porter

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SCOREBOARD - CABIN FEVER 2007

Some scores were turned in late & are not posted. (Not all placed winners are noted)

Master Senior Recurve M		Adult Longbow M		Adult Selfbow F	
Raven, A.	360 ^{2nd}	Brown, Joseph	302	Pereira, Estel	284 ^{1st}
Tinley, Frank	544 ^{1st}	Buettner, Jesse	370		
Senior Recurve M		Adult BHFS - A F			
Coit, Jerry	484 ^{2nd}	Barp, Maria	532 ^{1st}		
Jimenez, Bob	484 ^{2nd}	Forchini, Eva	334 ^{2nd}		
Myers, Phil	508 ^{1st}				
Teresi, Frank	466 ^{3rd}				
Adult Recurve M		Young Adult BH - A F			
Acosta, Dennis	324	Hamack, Amber	466 ^{1st}		
Clinton, Ted	496				
Cunningham, Rick	486				
Fereles, John	155				
Gonvea, Phil	394				
Hardy, Josh	260				
Hart, Tim	544 ^{1st}				
Hill, Russell	506				
Kolodzte, Stand	428				
Porter Josh	538 ^{NC}				
Robision, Jim	474 ^{NC}				
Talamantez, John	364				
Young Adult Recurve M		Adult Selfbow M		Master Sr. FS M	
Lamadora, Tony	344 ^{1st}	Newman, George	366 ^{1st}	Wyle, Burrell	350 ^{1st}
Youth Recurve M		Senior Recurve F		Adult FS - A M	
Talamantez, Sean	204 ^{1st}	Newman, Suzie	326 ^{1st}	Kawano, David	544 ^{3rd}
Cub Recurve M		Adult Recurve F		Middleton, Mike	596 ^{1st}
Ferles, John Jr.	75 ^{1st}	Fender, Annette	414 ^{2nd}	Zeballos, Ricardo	550 ^{2nd}
Ferles, Josh	75 ^{1st}	Gambony, Beatrice	414 ^{2nd}		
Master Sr. Longbow M		Hamack, Marina	360 ^{3rd}		
Brainerd, Jim	252 ^{3rd}	Holland, Andrea	426 ^{1st}		
Stray, Harvey	370 ^{2nd}	Lew, Candice	240		
Toponce, Mel	468 ^{1st}	Porter, Tricia	488 ^{NC}		
Senior Longbow M		Schneider, April	314		
Abat, Willie	424 ^{2nd}	Young Adult Recurve F			
Amantiad, Lenny	422 ^{3rd}	Lew, Kimber	246 ^{1st}		
Porter, Mike	328	Youth Recurve F			
Synhorst, Steve	416	Clinton, Allisa	104		
Franklin, Kirby	474 ^{1st}	Clinton, Kandall	132 ^{3rd}		
		Clinton, Tori	172 ^{2nd}		
		Kolodzte, Kristie	206 ^{1st}		
		Cub Recurve F		Senior BH - B M	
		Lamadora, Keola	384 ^{1st}	Forchini, Pete	444 ^{1st}
		Cub Longbow F		Master Sr. FSL M	
		Lew, Megan	354 ^{1st}	Hunt, R.	442 ^{1st}

BOWMAKING WORKSHOP

At the last Board meeting Jim Langell said he is planning a bowmaking class some time this Spring. He requested that anyone who is interested in learning to make a bow attend the next Board meeting (Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse) where he will explain some of the particulars. If you don't make it to the meeting, Jim can be reached at 650-992-4583.

BOWHUNTER EDUCATION

I am in the process of putting together a Bowhunter Safety Class with the IBEP (International Bowhunter Education Program). The class is not required in California (yet) but the certification is mandatory in many other states. The class is invaluable for the new bowhunter, as the hands-on forum is an excellent one for candid discussions from a number of experienced bowhunters. For the seasoned bowhunter, the class is a good opportunity for a refresher course, and offers a chance to pick up—and often give—a few trade secrets. I will be setting a date (I anticipate it will be in March) as soon as I have enough interest in the class. Please contact me at 650-359-3284 if you are interested or have questions.

Jarrod Feiner

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Calendar

February 4, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
February 5, Monday	Board Meeting
February 10, Saturday	Work Party — preparation for Cabin Fever Shoot
February 11, Sunday	Club Shoot
February 17, Saturday	Bowhunters Unlimited Valentine's Day Shoot—28 3-D targets,
February 18, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
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February 25, Sunday	El Dorado Hills Bowmen North American Big Game—28 marked 3-D targets
March 4, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
March 5, Monday	Board Meeting
March 10, Saturday	Work Party — preparation for Cabin Fever Shoot
March 11, Sunday	Club Shoot