

ARROW

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JIM ROBISON | *President of San Francisco Archers*

Hi everybody. I hope everyone is having a great holiday season. Just a quick note to thank you all for the really positive direction



the club has been moving in the past few years. I know a lot of people have been investing their time and money into making this range the kind of place you can take your family to have a good day away from the stresses of everyday life (I know it works for me!)

Don't forget that our Cabin Fever Shoot is coming on the 16th of January and we will need help setting up the targets, working the shoot and clean-up/ tear-down after the shoot. Every available hand is GREATLY APPRECIATED and you get the gratitude of the shooters who come from all over to see our great range. Please come and participate you might even have FUN.

Thanks again, and I'll see you at the range.

JOHN FLYNN | *VP of San Francisco Archers*

Well, we made it to the end of a very challenging year. It was challenging both in a positive, and unfortunately, a negative way. We had great turn-outs for all our shoots, Tim Hammack did a stellar job in organizing work parties to get BOTH ranges ready for a very successful State Field Championship. The down side was having \$3000 worth of targets stolen off the range following one of the Wednes-



day night shoots, and another rip-off of \$3000 worth of tools and archery equipment.

In case you are new to the club or forgot, our Cabin Fever Shoot (see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter) is scheduled for Sunday, January 16. It's a 28 target, unmarked 3-D shoot and is usually the simplest one to set up and run. There is a sign-up list in the clubhouse—we'll need help in the kitchen, registration, and for set-up and take-down. It would be great to see some new faces at the range volunteering to learn what goes into making a shoot work. As you already know, many hands make light work. Of course, it is also one of the shoots that SFA members are allowed to participate in, so if you want to shoot, you can still help with set up, take down or registration. Remember that the shoot goes on rain or shine.

I'd also like to mention that the CBH/SAA Annual Meeting will be held January 21 22, and 23 at the Double Tree Hotel at the airport in San Jose. It starts with a legislative meeting on the Friday (Jan. 21) and continues on with a general session on both the Saturday and Sunday mornings. The highlight (at least socially) is the banquet held at the hotel on Saturday night. This year's banquet is hosted by the Big Game Club, and it historically features incredible auctions, raffles, displays, and art works.

The Big Game Club alternates hosting the dinner with the Archery Hall of Fame. Both are well attended, but the Big Game Club's dinner is something we especially look forward to. You can attend the dinner alone, or you can come down and sit in on the general sessions and perhaps



appreciate the hours of work that your fellow archers from all over the State put in to look after our interests and to help keep the sport of archery alive and well. Discounted rates are available for rooms (the evening festivities on Saturday can go on into the wee-hours of the morning) for \$84 a night. If reserving a room, make sure you tell them you're with CBH. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for phone numbers, addresses, dinner choices, and deadlines. This really is one of the premiere archery events in the state. And, as the location of the meeting moves each year, we may not see it back in our neighborhood for a LOOOONG time. Many of the current SFA board members and officers will be there and I'm sure it would do the club proud to see a couple of tables filled with our members.

See ya' at the range (and a couple of work parties too).

~John

**CHRIS SCULLY | VP Hunting,
San Francisco Archers**

Hey everyone: First off, I would like to say thank you to all of you who voted for me and for allowing me to be your VP of Hunting for another year. I hope this year proves to be better than last in that I plan to contribute more items to the newsletter. So here goes...

I am sure that everyone has heard about the following three events that have recently occurred that affect the hunting community: the tragic incident in Wisconsin; the internet hunting issue in Texas; and, one that is downright frightening to me as a bowhunter, the merger of the Humane Society of the United States with the Fund for Animals (patience, grasshopper).

Regarding the incident in Wisconsin, first let me say something I am sure all of us will agree with: may God bless the families and friends of the victims of this terrible tragedy. I for one was shocked when I heard about the murders. I have a good friend who lives and hunts in Wisconsin, and I immediately sent him an e-mail, which, thankfully I got a reply to. All I can really say about this is that I can't believe that someone could coldly murder so many people because they were in the wrong being on posted private land without permission to hunt. If any of you are ever confronted with a situation like this, please do not handle it yourself, go get the authorities.



On to the internet hunting issue in the Lone Star State. Many of us are strictly bowhunters, others of us are strictly gun hunters, and some of us participate in both. We all, however, work to some extent, some more than others, but we all work to bring home whatever our skill and perseverance allow us to harvest. Those of us who get a Cabela's catalog or hunting magazine have seen computer hunting games for sale. Now, there is some bozo, John Underwood, in Texas who is seeking legal approval to use the internet for hunting. I am not talking about a game; I am talking for real. This guy has hooked up a rifle to a mechanical arm that can be controlled by anyone on the internet to shoot living animals. Mr. Underwood is also using disabled hunters as a base to get approval from the state saying it will be used to allow disabled hunters who cannot get out into the woods a chance to hunt. How he will be able to regulate disabled from non-disabled people on his site puzzles me. In all honesty, a person's disability, no matter how big or small, is not enough to stop a person from enjoying the outdoors and a sport that they love. Mr. John Rooke is a fine example of not letting your disability stop you—Mr. Rooke is blind and still manages to take deer with his bow. I am sorry, but John Underwood's statement that his website hunting will allow disabled hunters a chance to get out into the woods doesn't hold water with me.

Now, on to the merger of the Humane Society of the United States and the Fund for Animals, which creates a \$96 million pro-animal rights/anti-hunting rights organization. They immediately announced the formation of a new legal department, the "Animal Protection Litigation Section." One of their first goals is to abolish bowhunting. The fact that these two groups want to stop hunting isn't new. Joining together to do it doesn't change anything except that it puts huge sums of money into the process. I am going to do a little more homework on this and come back to you with more information in the next Arrow.

Again, thank you for giving me another chance. Once they start up again, I'll see ya'll at the Wednesday night shoots. Till then may the gods of the hunt be good to you and you families.

~Chris

**MARINA HAMACK | Scorekeeper,
San Francisco Archers**

Congratulations to all the Award winners this year! Here's the list of our winners and their scores:

FEMALE

Amber Hamack, Youth, 369
Jackie Toland, Freestyle, 395
Cathy Robison, BHFS, 318
Darlene Flynn, Traditional Longbow, 86
Marina Hamack, Traditional Recurve, 134

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MALE

Jason Robison, Young Adult, FS, 378
Jim Robison, Traditional Longbow, 296
Jim Robison, Traditional Recurve, 292
Floyd Conn, Barebow, 225
Bill Toland, Freestyle, 422
Jim Long, BHFS, 540 (500 Club)
Jeff Hall, 503 (500 Patch)
Gary Rinehart, 511 (500 Patch)
Bill Poggi, #24
Dave Laustalof, (500 Patch)

OFFICERS FOR 2005

We had an usually high amount of ballots submitted this year. A great sign for our club. We are happy to welcome **Natasha Koral** and **Mike Klingler** to the Board. Below is the full list of Officers and Board members for 2005:

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