



San Francisco Archers Inc.

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President's Message

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Ya' at eeh', this means hello in Navajo and I learned it from a Navajo guide named Donvan Staley when Nancy and I hired him to give us a tour through Canyon de Chelly on the Navajo Reservation near Chinle, Arizona. The Navajo, or the Dine' (Din'eh) as they prefer to be called are trying to preserve their unique culture and heritage by keeping their language and ceremonies in common use. Ancestral Puebloans occupied the canyon from 200 AD to about 1300 AD when the Navajo arrived and they have occupied it continuously since then except for a four-year period starting in 1864 when the U.S. Army forced them to move elsewhere after a rebellion. When the Navajo returned, they just could not get their crops of corn to grow. Don explained to me that they had not forgotten agricultural practices, they had just forgotten how to live as good Navajo after four years in exile. Once they began their ancient practices and ceremonies the crops grew and things returned to normal. To this day, all Navajo in the Canyon live without electricity and running water. Water is trucked in to family hogans from a Navajo well and crops are irrigated from a stream of runoff water from the Defiance Plateau that feeds into the San Juan River. Most Navajo do not live in the Canyon and do not follow this rugged life but I got the feeling from Don that he thought traditional ways are best.

If you ever get a chance to visit Canyon de Chelly, I recommend it. There are many ancient cliff dwellings, petroglyphs, and pictographs. The rock formations and shades of colors of reds, browns, blacks, and greens are beautiful. One tall rock monolith is called Spider Rock and is named from the Navajo creation story about Spider Woman, a disciplinary figure for young children. It is said that Spider Woman chose the top of Spider Rock as her home and that the sun-bleached white rocks at the top of Spider Rock were the bones of children who misbehaved.

Things have been going good on the range. I want to thank all of you who have spent time and donated so much labor at our work parties. On Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 we had work parties and our newest batch of bales was delivered. Not only was the range cleaned up but ten or eleven targets got repaired. Steve Rickey, the truck driver for Pacific Bow Butts drove his tractor trailer rig across the bridge (I still say it can not be done) to deliver the bales right on the spot. Many thanks to all of you who showed up on that Sunday to help unload the truck. Those bales weigh about 185 lbs each. Last Saturday, June 10, we had another big turnout for a work party and much progress was made in preparing the range for the Traditional Shoot on June 18. Several 3D animal targets have been repaired and it looks like we will not only have a pink panther but also an albino pop-up Javelina. Josh Porter has many good ideas for target arrangements for the shoot and I'm really looking forward to seeing them. Our Wednesday Night Shoots have been well attended and people have been having a good time but I am worried that the people who have been doing all of the work will burn themselves out. Please show up and volunteer to help with the Wednesday Night Shoots.

At our last board meeting on June 5, we made final arrangements for the Traditional Shoot and approved the purchase of two new longbows for the Outreach Program. It was also decided to have a General Meeting on July 16 (Sunday) at 5 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the upcoming One Million BC Shoot and will include a potluck dinner. Our next board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, July 10, because many people will be away for the July 4 holiday.

There have been several problems at the range and, frankly, I do not like to talk about them but I guess that is just part of being an officer of the organization. Our 3D animals and target bales are being destroyed by broadhead arrows and we can not afford to keep replacing them. Please leave your broadhead arrows at home. Some people bring their garbage from home and dump it in our dumpster and this, too, is very expensive. We recently paid a Coastside Scavenger bill of \$475.00. We can not afford to keep doing this so please dispose of your own garbage. I love dogs but it is against the law to have them on the range. They threaten our existence. Please leave them at home. If you plan to use the range and/or the clubhouse for a group, please check with the Range Captain or another officer and get on the calendar. We do not want any conflicts over scheduling.

So! Where does this leave us? Well, if we want the corn crop to survive and our ancient traditional sport to thrive, I guess we should do the right thing; or Spider Woman will visit us some awful night and snatch us from our sweet dreams.

**“KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH: WE MUST APPLY.
UNDERSTANDING IS NOT ENOUGH: WE MUST DO.
KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING IN ACTION MAKE FOR HONOR.
AND HONOR IS THE HEART OF WISDOM.”**

JOHANN VON GOETHE

Jack Rauch

Vice President's Message

Now that the Traditional Rendezvous is behind us it's time for our annual One Million B.C. As many of you may know this will be a 2 day shoot this year, August 5th and 6th. We've been getting pre-registrations in for the past few months and it's looking like we may get a real big turnout for this shoot. Being a two day shoot, we are going to need some real energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to help make everything successful! We will definitely need some volunteer help in the weeks building up to the shoot: trails need to be cleared, trash picked up, and snack-stands repaired/cleaned. The weekend of the shoot we'll need volunteers to help run our snack stands out on the range and general clean up after the shoot...and don't forget we'll need help taking down all those 3-D dinosaurs! I plan on holding a special work party on August 4th, yup that's a Friday, to put our large 3-D dinosaurs out. We must also stake the yardages out since this is a marked yardage shoot. I know it may be inconvenient for some, but for those of you who can make it down to the range that day, your help would be very much appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who came out on June 10th and 17th to lend a hand. The work parties were highly successful and much work got done. The bails that some deviants cut and pushed over were fixed and the final prep was done for the Traditional Rendezvous. As a reward for the hard work we had two absolutely delicious lunches that I'm sure everyone enjoyed. So thank you all and see you at the range!

- Josh

Treasurer's Message

The year is half over and the fun is just starting! **Many thanks to our members** for coming to the June 10th and June 17th work parties in preparation for our *Pacific Traditional Rendezvous*. **A LOT** of work was accomplished and it was great to see teamwork in play. Those who showed up received a **free voucher** for this year's Wednesday night shoot & BBQ (a \$10 value).

If you missed out on this **great incentive**, we are offering it again solely for the following work parties (voucher attached):

Saturday, July 8th (9am)

Saturday, July 29th (9am)

Friday, August 4th (9am)

These work parties will target preparations for the upcoming 1 million B.C. 2-day shoot on Sat the 5th/Sun the 6th. (This is a **GREAT TIME** to fulfill your yearly 3 work party requirement!)

RAFFLE: Attention Business Owners and Members!!

We NEED raffle prize donations for the 1 million B.C! Whether it is *monetary* or creatively *handmade*... a 2-day shoot promises to yield a lot of people who will be looking to WIN the raffle!

Any *monetary* donations can be **dropped off at the clubhouse red box (please label: raffle)** or mailed to: **SF ARCHERS, P.O. Box 1274, Pacifica, CA 94044** and will be used towards buying archery-related prizes. Other donations can be **dropped off** at any of the 3 work parties above *or* the day of the shoot. If pickup is necessary or if you need to speak with me, please don't hesitate to call at (650) 759-5847.

Lastly, **SPECIAL THANKS** to **Harvey Hodgerney** for donating an industrial coffee maker and grinder to the club after our most recent episode of vandalism. The range now has the ability to go gourmet, extra strong, extra buzz for those cold Pacifica days! Also, **Salamat** ("thanks" in tagalog) to our president, **Jack Rauch** for donating a state of the art "digital" microwave to our kitchen. Please remember to take care of these items when using them!

A detailed report on the Pacific Traditional Rendezvous will be available in the next newsletter. See you at the range!

Tricia Porter

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Calendar

June 21, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
June 25, Sunday	Space Roundup - Redwood Bowmen, Oakland
June 28, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
July 1-2, Saturday-Sunday	Sea Hunt, Humboldt Archers, Eureka (707-442-3621)
July 1-2, Saturday-Sunday	North American Longbow Safari, Brownsville, OR
July 2, Sunday	Outreach Program
July 5, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
July 8, Saturday	Work Party
July 9, Sunday	Club Shoot
July 10, Monday	Board Meeting
July 12, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
July 16, Sunday	Outreach Program
July 16, Sunday	General Membership Meeting and Potluck - 5:00 p.m. at the Range
July 16, Sunday	Bug Shoot - Mt. Madonna Archers, Gilroy
July 19, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
July 23, Sunday	Briones Archers Big Game Open, Briones Regional Park
July 26, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
July 29, Saturday	Special Work Party—preparation for 1,000,000 B.C.
August 2, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No broadheads please)
August 4, Friday	Special Work Party—preparation for 1,000,000 B.C.
August 5, Saturday	San Francisco Archers presents the return of the 2-day 1,000,000 B.C.
August 6, Sunday	San Francisco Archers 1,000,000 B.C.

**** WE NEED YOUR HELP! THE 2-DAY
1,000,000 B.C. SHOOT IS COMING UP! ****

Help YOUR Club
On Saturday, **July 8 / July 29** & Friday, **August 4th.**
Member **Volunteers NEEDED** and
E**N**COURAGED!
Opportunity to fulfill your **YEARLY 3 Work Party requirement** !
Now that summer's here, help make the Range Safe & Presentable to all.
Trails need **WHACKIN'**!
Hay bales need **REPLACING!**
Enjoy the **FRUITS** of your **LABOR!**
REWARD!!
All **WORKERS** will get a **FREE PASS** to a Wed. Night Shoot & Dinner.
Nine **O'Clock** in the morning!
Grub down on some **FREE LUNCH.**
EVERYONE'S participation will preserve the **Enjoyment & Camaraderie** of the club.

**VOUCHER – Good for 1 FREE PASS to a SF Archers 2006
Wednesday Night Shoot & Dinner**

(A \$10.00 value/ cannot be redeemed for cash. 2 VOUCHER Limit per member)

_____ has successfully completed a
work party on Saturday 7/8, 7/29, or 8/4.

***Valid ONLY with the signature of 2 board members**

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