



San Francisco Archers Inc.

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President's Message

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Nancy and I recently returned from a vacation in the Southwest. It was nice to travel there in the spring and avoid the heat and tourist crowds of the summer and it was also nice to miss the last several inches of the 45 inches of rain that fell on Pacifica this winter. Some of the sights we saw were just magnificent; Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Canyon de Chelly, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde, and White Sands to name just a few.

As I reflect on the vacation from time to time, it seems my mind always returns to a small museum in Dragoon, Arizona not far from Tombstone. The Amerind Foundation is located there and they have a superb collection of artifacts and works of art of Native Americans. Tucked away in the corner of the top floor is a display case with a bow and two arrows made by Geronimo when he was a prisoner in Fort Sill, Oklahoma near the end of his life. They would not allow photographs in the museum but I sat in front of the display case for almost an hour and committed that bow and those arrows to memory. It was an Osage orange bow about 42 in. in length and about 1 in. wide at the handle. There was no sinew backing. There was a single diagonal string notch cut into the top of the bow on the left hand side and corresponding notch cut on the right side at the bottom. The string looked like it might have been two ply sinew but I'm not sure. The belly of the bow was colored black six inches from the top and bottom and there were red and black designs painted above and below the handle. There was no arrow rest of any kind and if there had not been several black and red painted horizontal bands about 5 in. apart, you might have wondered where the handle was. The bow looked in very good shape and I would guess that it probably drew about fifty pounds. The two arrows were at least 36 in. long and were tipped with large metal trade points secured with sinew. They were three fletched with either turkey or hawk feathers about 6 in. long and cut close to the shaft. The fletchings were tied on very securely with sinew and not glued. The arrows looked like they were made from willow and were rounded somewhat but had been left at their original diameter at the nock. Long straight grooves had been cut into two sides of each arrow from just below the fletchings to about 3 in. in back of the points.

Geronimo was considered a great warrior by the Chiricahua Apache and tried to save his way of life and culture. His land was taken from him by farmers, ranchers, and miners and the U.S. Army killed his first wife and three children. He trusted very few white men but was forced to surrender in 1886 to General Nelson Miles. He lived out the rest of his life in captivity but appeared in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and even attended Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration as President. At Fort Sill in 1909 late on a February evening he got drunk and fell from the back of his horse in a stupor. Found the next day lying in six inches of water he soon died of pneumonia. He was eighty six years old. The old bows and arrow he made as souvenirs have long outlived him.

There is plenty of good news at the range. We recently took delivery on seven new Rhinehart targets and this brings our new targets to ten. Tim and I have been working on the old McKenzie targets and we will have plenty of good targets for the Traditional Shoot on June 18. There will even be a Pink Panther—a really really Pink Panther. The hundred-yard range is drying out and we will be able to move the Outreach Program back there next week and maybe even the Highland Church group that has been showing up to shoot every Sunday afternoon. The first Wednesday Night shoot was held on May 10 and twenty seven archers turned out for a very enjoyable and successful evening. The Wednesday Night shoots will continue into August and we need volunteers to help set up the targets and cook. If you are interested, please contact Tim or me. Since the weather has improved, new bales are being put up to replace all those that got shot out and rotted out over the winter. Tomorrow we take delivery on sixty new bales from Pacific Bow Butts and more targets will be replaced.

The weather is warmer, school is almost over, and summer is near, It is time to get your bow and head for the range.

Jack Rauch

Vice President's Message

The Pacific Traditional Rendezvous is coming up next month and I'll be putting a sign up sheet in the clubhouse for volunteers for set-up, take-down, kitchen and registration. We are also in need of RAFFLE DONATIONS. Please call my wife, Tricia Porter with any questions about the raffle at 650-759-5847. I appreciate all member participation for our upcoming events. Thank you and see you at the range!

- Josh

Vice President of Hunting's Message

For once I am writing at home and not while sitting in an airport lounge somewhere. Between the new job and new house my time out at the range has been so limited that I am actually looking forward to going out and unloading the new hay bales we have coming in; I must be nuts! The first of the Wednesday night shoots went off without a hitch the other day. I hope to see many of you out for a good midweek 3D shoot and BBQ this season. It's a great time and a good tune-up for deer season which is creeping up on us fast. The California Department of Fish and Game 2006 big game hunting regulations are out and I dropped a few of the books off at the clubhouse. The big game drawing deadline is June 2nd this year so don't miss out on a chance for an X zone hunt.

This year's fees are as follows:

Try not to gag too much when you see what a pig tag now costs!!!

Save your pennies and get ready for deer season.

Hunting Licenses

Resident, age 16 or older	\$34.90
Junior (under 16 yrs)	9.20
Disabled Veteran	5.50

Big Game Drawing Applications

Antelope, Elk and Bighorn Sheep	7.50
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Hunting Tags and Stamps

Hunter Education Validation Stamp	\$ 3.40	Bear Tag Application	34.15
1st Deer Tag	23.35	Wild Pig Tags	16.80
2nd Deer Tag	29.15		

Happy Hunting,

- **Mark**

Zone 4 Lassen 2004 archery antelope



Treasurer's Message

Hey all! The rain's gone but allergy season has started! If it's not one thing, it's another.

The Pacific Traditional Rendezvous is coming up this June on Father's Day so don't forget to bring your family out on Sunday, June 18th where you can shoot some of our great new Rinehart targets!

We also have pre-registration forms available online at www.sfarchers.com for the upcoming 1,000,000 B.C. 2-day shoot. Be reminded that club members are not permitted to shoot the B.C. unless they also register for the NCFAA Regional 3D Championship which is being piggy-backed on the B.C. (Sonoma is unable to host the 3D as scheduled due to severe flood damage at their range). The deadline for pre-registration is July 30th, so save some time and money and pre-register!

Speaking of registration, I am looking for volunteers to help in the registration booth specifically for the Trad Shoot so please call or email me if you can help.

I think that's it for this month! See you all at the Wednesday night shoots and REMEMBER, No Broadheads!

Tricia Porter

Notes from the Editor

The **locks** on the clubhouse and gate have been **changed**. Members in good standing can see the range captain for **keys**.

Hooray! The last of the membership tags should be going out as of this mailing. If you have renewed, you should have received your 2006 membership tags either with this mailing or a prior issue, contact me or Tricia if you haven't. If you are a new member and haven't received your tags (assuming you've done your work party), again contact me or Tricia.

At the last board meeting, it was suggested we offer a **classified section** of sorts in the newsletter for club members. If you are interested, send me your listing(s) and we'll see how it goes.

As always, anyone can send me something to be published in the Arrow. You should feel free to communicate with any of the officers or board members on issues or concerns you would like addressed (or, you can show up at a board meeting). *Darlene*

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Calendar

May 27-28, Saturday-Sunday	CBH/SAA Broadhead Championships - Cougar Mountain Archers, Brownsville
May 31, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoots (No Broadheads!)
June 3-4, Saturday-Sunday	June Shoot - Nevada County Sportsmen, Nevada City
June 4, Sunday	Outreach
June 5, Monday	Board Meeting
June 7, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No Broadheads!)
June 10, Saturday	Work Party
June 10-11, Saturday-Sunday	CBH/SAA State Field Championships - Diablo Bowmen, Clayton (see flyer)
June 11, Sunday	Club Shoot
June 14, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No Broadheads!)
June 17, Saturday	Work Party - Set up for Pacific Traditional Rendezvous
June 18, Sunday	PACIFIC TRADITIONAL RENDEZVOUS (see flyer - SFA members can participate)
June 21, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No Broadheads!)
June 25, Sunday	Space Roundup - Redwood Bowmen, Oakland
June 28, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No Broadheads!)
July 1-2, Saturday-Sunday	Sea Hunt, Humboldt Archers, Eureka
July 1-2, Saturday-Sunday	North American Longbow Safari, Brownsville, OR
July 5, Wednesday	Wednesday Night 3-D Shoot (No Broadheads!)
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!)
July 16, Sunday	Bug Shoot - Mt. Madonna Archers, Gilroy