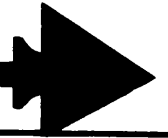




San Francisco Archers Inc.

ARROW



September 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is August 24 as I sit down to write this little message and it hardly seems possible that summer is almost over as Labor Day approaches. The kids are back in school and summer vacations are over and the adults are back at work. Marina Hamack brought Camp Happy Hall (about fifty elementary school aged children) to the range yesterday to learn about archery and thanks to Tim Hamack, Bill Poggi, and Harri Jalovaara it was a very successful experience. It was the last day of vacation before school and the children seemed to have a great day. It never ceases to please me that kids get so excited about archery. Yesterday, as one young boy was leaving, I heard him say; "My dad is going to get me a bow for Christmas." He was anxious to shoot again and you could hear the joy and excitement in his voice.

The One Million BC Shoot was held on August 5-6 and almost everyone I talked to said it was a great success. Over 230 people registered to shoot the two-day 63-target event and they all seemed to have a good time. For the first time, members of SF Archers were allowed to shoot on Sunday. The weather was excellent, the range was groomed and trimmed, the food was delicious, and the targets were in great shape. A shoot like this is only made possible by a large number of people who volunteer their time to do thankless labor. I know I can't mention everyone by name but special thanks are in order for all of the hard work of Jim and Cathy Robison, Bill Poggi, Tricia and Josh Porter, and the whole Hamack family consisting of Tim, Marina, Jeanine, Amber and Harley. Pat Heimsoth, Paul Stenko, Tim Lum, Diana Brusco, Harri Jalovaara and Terrence and Gerald Yee and many others worked very hard to make this an enjoyable and successful event. The raffle this year was very successful and would not have been possible without the generosity of our members and Pacifica Archery, Lucca Ravioli, Uppercrust Deli, and others. Thank you all very much. At our last board meeting it was decided to continue the BC Shoot as a two-day event next year and allow members to participate.

The BC Shoot was profitable. We have a treasury balance of approximately \$12,000 and I suspect that a good portion of it will be spent on new 3D targets for next year and Outreach equipment. Paul Stenko generously donated a feather cutter, feathers, and glue to the Outreach Program so that worn arrows could be refletched. If you wish to donate equipment or money to the program, please let me know.

The dirt that is piled up in front of the old rifle range may be there for a while—or not. It was reported at Examiner.com on August 9, that the state Department of Toxic Substances Control would not support the plan to simply cover up the contaminated soil site with 1.5 feet of clean dirt. The rifle range has been closed since 1988 and San Mateo County has been trying to get it cleaned up since 1990. Nothing will happen at the six-acre site until after September 11, when a public comment time period will expire. The project is supposed to be completed by the end of October. *[Editor's Note: At the September 11 board meeting, we were informed that someone had decided to add 1,000 or so yards of dirt to the soil mound that is our parking lot. This means the soil has to be retested to certified it as "clean," which will no doubt add to the timeline. The individual may be liable for additional costs on the project. And, the City of Pacifica has now decided they need to "be in the loop" and "have a say" on the project (but they don't want to delay the process...). Needless to say, no one has a clue as to when the project will be completed.]*

Another topic of concern to San Francisco Archers is the Water Recycling Project. The North Coast County Water District (NCCWD) wants to supply recycled water irrigation service to: Sharp Park Golf Course, the Sharp Park Beach Promenade, Fairway Park, Highway One landscaping, and the turf playing fields at Oceana High School and Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School. These areas are now being irrigated with potable water from NCCWD and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and will be converted to nonpotable recycled water. The project will involve the building of several pumping stations, the building of an above ground water tank, and the installation of over 17,000 feet of pipelines. The archery range will be affected by this project as the water tank will be built at the site of the old wooden reservoir at the end of the road on the White Range and trenches for underground pipelines will have to cross shooting lanes in several places on the White Range. The water tank is of significant size (28 ft high and 55 ft in diameter) and will hold 400,000 gallons of water (incidentally, the golf course uses about 50 million gallons of water a year). It will be built on a concrete foundation that will require 250 cubic yards of grading and will be surrounded by a fence. The pipelines will cross the field in front of targets one and two on the White Range and then proceed along the road to the water tank. The project will also require the grading and resurfacing of the road leading into the range and the road through the White Range. A large pumping station will be built adjacent to the new water treatment plant near the quarry across Highway One and a smaller pump installed on the golf course.

The work on this project will, eventually, disrupt shooting on the White Range but there is no predicting when this will begin or how long it will last. This project will not even go out for bids until January-March of 2007 and the Notice to Proceed will not come before June, 2007. An environmental impact report suggests that the work be completed between June and October so as not to cause erosion during the rainy season and other reports suggest that the pond be saved in some form or another but probably with reduced water levels.

I hope this information alleviates concerns and reduces rumors and I promise to keep you informed about this project as it progresses.

On this date in history:

In 79 AD Mt. Vesuvius destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum

In 410 Alaric and his Goths entered and sacked Rome

In 1456 Johann Gutenberg completed the printing of the Gutenberg Bible

In 1814 The British burned Washington D. C. in the War of 1812

In 1912 Alaska became a U.S. territory

In 2006 All I could do was finish this message

I wish you all well and hope to see you at the range soon.

Jack Rauch

THE 2006 SAN FRANCISCO ARCHERS 1 MILLION B.C. 2-DAY EVENT A SUCCESS!

[The following is the text of Tricia's article that was printed in the August 23rd Pacifica Tribune]

Over 200 guests came from as far as Oregon to participate in this fun filled family event. For many people, the crisp coastal air and the spectacular blue skies were a welcomed change from this summer's hot and humid weather.

The RVs and campers started rolling in as early as Thursday and a few even volunteered to help SFA members set up the 63 target shoot on Friday. Many of the 3D dinosaurs were hauled up one by one to the "white" and "red" range by a team of dedicated members.

SFA President Jack Rauch executed the task along with former President Jim Robison, Vice President Josh Porter, Range Captain Tim Hamack with kids Amber & Harley, and members Paul Stenko, Matt Farley, Mike Lew, brothers Gerald & Terence Lee, Ed & Celeste Marchese, Jan Rocksberg, Tim Lum, and Harry Jalovaara. Kitchen crew included Bill Poggi, Jeanine Hamack, Marina Hamack, Cathy Robison, Pat Heimsoth, Diana Brusco and Robert Nelson. We were fortunate to have a fine turnout of volunteers, considering it was a Friday and many sacrificed by taking a day off work. We equally appreciate all and others that were not mentioned.

The novelty 3D dinosaurs included an 8ft T-Rex, 6ft velociraptor, triceratops, hadrasaurus, ichtyosaurus, & stegosaurus to name a few.

On Saturday, kids of all ages from 5 to 75 began their prehistoric journey to 1 Million B.C. Playfully, yet with skill and accuracy, archers flung their arrows at 42 targets. On Sunday, they completed the tournament by shooting the remainder 21 targets. An awards ceremony followed to recognize those who took 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their respective age and class.

There was a tremendous turnout for our raffle, which 100% of the profit will go towards new targets, monthly maintenance of the range, and expenses for upcoming events. We thank all the local businesses, Mike Romano - Farmer's Insurance, Landamerica Commonwealth, Rockaway Beach Financial, Linda Mar Round Table, L&L Hawaiian BBQ, Uppercrust Deli, Pacifica Archery in Daly City, Lucca Ravioli in San Francisco, and Golden West Specialty Foods in SSF who donated items along with numerous private donors. We had a total of 108 donated items making this year's raffle one of SFA's most successful.

The sport of archery is a wonderful family activity. The beginner archer has pure joy the first time he/she draws a bow and hits the target. From there, you can easily get hooked into the sport. This weekend, I met lots of great people from all parts of the west coast. One couple in particular, Dick & Dee Blanke, traveled in their RV and camped out at our range. You can tell these archery enthusiasts are enjoying their retirement years visiting different archery ranges and meeting new friends. On the opposite end of the spectrum are newcomers Thomas & Michaela Herring. My brother-in-law and niece traveled all the way from Eugene, Oregon for the love of their newfound hobby. Though not as experienced as Dick Blanke, Thomas Herring flung an arrow across the lake shot and hit the bulls-eye. The fact that he hit that bulls-eye (probably from pure luck) and got to spend a weekend with his daughter Michaela doing something they both really enjoy made his 10-hour drive worth every mile.

Tricia Porter

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Just a reminder to our members that the club awards dinner is going to be here before we know it. There are a few faithful scorers out there (very very few) and we would like to see more scorecards turned in before the dinner (there is a box in the clubhouse for you to deposit your scorecards in). If you shot the State Field Championship or the Regional Field Championship, the field and hunter rounds count as two of the three required scores to be eligible for the Club Championship. Of course you can submit as many scores as you want, but you need to have at least three 28-target rounds shot in the company of at least two other archers. Hopefully, everyone that has earned an award, pin, or patch will receive them at that time. I encourage you all to get out there and shoot. Please remember to include your style classification, age classification, gender, what range or portion thereof you shot, etc. Although our

Wednesday night shoots are over, there is still a group of us at the range on Sundays usually hanging out and BBQ/potlucking. Come out and join us!

Marina Hamack

SFA AWARDS DINNER—SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 18th is the date for our Annual Awards Dinner. Same place as last year, the Sizzler in Daly City. New officers will be sworn in and our club champions will be given their due honors. There will be door prizes as well.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: 372 Gellert Boulevard, Daly City, CA 94015

Phone: (650) 992-1028

SPEAKING OF NEW OFFICERS...

Nominations are open for officers and board members for the coming year. The positions are—President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President-Hunting, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Scorekeeper, Range Captain and 6 general members. There should be a nomination board at the clubhouse if you are interested in running for a position on the board and taking an active role in shaping the future of the club, just add your name. If you can't get down to the clubhouse, contact any board member to make sure your name is added. A list of nominees will be in the next issue of the "Arrow." Ballots will go out in the mail towards the end of October to members in good standing (for new members, this means you've completed your required work party).

ARROW-MAKING WORKSHOP

At the last board meeting, there was discussion of having an arrow-making workshop in the near future. A date has yet to be determined, but there will be a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse. Contact Jim Robison or Tim Hamack if you are interested. You will need to provide your own shafts (and glue, feathers, and jigs if you have them). It is anticipated it will be an all-day event starting at 8:00 a.m.—bring a lunch if you want

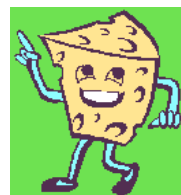
SAN FRANCISCO ARCHERS' YEARBOOK - 2006, PART #1

Yes, that's right, we now have a video yearbook available in VHS or DVD! What's in it you ask? You are! The yearbook contains films and photos of all of us doing whatever it is we do here at the range: Sunday night BBQs, Wednesday night 3-D, the outreach program, our Cabin Fever Shoot, the Trad Shoot, work parties, birthday parties, events such as church groups, Cub Scouts, Terra Nova Band, etc. I believe this is a first for us at SFA. I encourage all of you to come to the range and see me to have your photo taken. I am currently working on Part #2 and I don't want to miss anyone!!

Sign up now at the clubhouse for your copy and indicate whether you want VHS or DVD. There is a \$20 fee (which includes Part #2 when it is completed) and all proceeds will be donated to SFA. Help support your club and be the first to own a SFA Yearbook, Part #1.

Thank you,

Ken Brown



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Calendar

October 1, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
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October 2, Monday	Board Meeting
October 7, Saturday	Work Party
October 8, Sunday	Club Shoot
October 9, Sunday	SFA Outreach Program
October 12, Thursday	Regional Meeting, hosted by SFA, location to be determined
October 15, Sunday	Briones Bear Creek 3D Open
October 29, Sunday	Diablo Bowmen Boo Shoot, Clayton
November 16, Sunday	Club Awards Dinner