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I guess no one needs a reminder that this has been a busy summer for SFArchers! If the Traditional Rendezvous and State Shoot aren't enough, the One Million BC is almost upon us. As many people have been either hunting or on vacation this newsletter is shorter than usual. We will have an update from John and Jim in our next newsletter but in the meantime it's safe to say that both events so far have been a resounding success. The CBH/SAA Newsletter has lots of positive comments regarding the State Field Championships. Check out the President's Message by Dick Eckenburg or the longer article by Chuck Rosario. Here's a short quote from Chuck's lengthy article...

I would like to say thanks to Jim Robison, Pres., John Flynn, VP, and especially the range master, Tim, who spent most of his weekend on the range making sure! I do not know all the names of the people involved in making the State Field happen this year, in the club, but a big thanks goes out to you all.

As Tim said to me recently, a lot of people have worked hard this summer. Many old timers have said that the range is in better shape than it ever has been. We have much to be proud of this year. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the last year.

Please note the reminders for the special work party for the One Million BC Shoot.

~Don

There will be a
SPECIAL WORK PARTY
July 31

We need as many members as possible to set-up for the 1,000,000 BC shoot scheduled for August 1. Of course, if you're free on the 1st, you can work the shoot as well!

Rumor has it that a special BBQ lunch will be served from SFA's favorite joint, The House of Catfish and Ribs.

URGENT NOTICE:

This year the raffle at the 1,000,000 BC shoot will be supported entirely by donations from members of SFA. Please bring all raffle items to the special work party on July 31, or call John Flynn at 650-355-0346 to arrange pick-up. Only new, or hand-made items are acceptable for the raffle. Gift certificates are a good idea as well and will be gratefully accepted. Raffle donations do not need to be archery related.

SCHEDULE

JULY

31 SPECIAL WORK PARTY FOR ONE MILLION BC SHOOT

AUGUST

1 One Million BC Shoot

2 Board meeting

4 Wednesday night shoot

7 Work party

8 Club shoot

11 Wednesday night shoot

18 Wednesday night shoot

25 Wednesday shoot (thththats's all folks)

31 Nominations open for 2004 officers and board

Dick Salter: March 1, 1945 – July 8, 2004

Dick Salter was a friend of mine and a friend to many others.

I met Dick around five years ago. In the beginning I got to know Dick at the Wednesday 3D shoots at our range. Through conversation Dick could see I was both interested in hunting and that I was pretty green around the edges when it came to the hunt. Thou the words were never spoken I know Dick made a decision to mentor me in the ethics and strategies of hunting. That's the kind of guy Dick was. He cared about others and wanted to pass along what he knew to those whom were interested.

The past several years Dick passed on an abundance of wisdom to me about hunting, habits of elk and deer and good woodsman-ship. Passing on information or favorite hunting areas was something Dick enjoyed. Dick didn't keep secrets from others regarding his hunting areas because he wanted people to have fun and experience life in the outdoors.

I learned a lot about patience and perseverance from Dick when it came to putting in time in the woods.

Dick had another adventurous passion some may not know as well as I. He had a fondness for four wheel drive in the most extreme of circumstances. I've been on many four-wheel excursions in several different states with Dick and experienced many breath taking moments. I recall a few years back his old Diesel was truly put to the test on a particularly steep ascent. There was no room for error as the fire road was partly washed out and if we slid off the trail we would have been greeted by a two hundred-foot drop. I confess I made an excuse about my getting out of his truck to help "guide" him along so he wouldn't go over the edge. Well, Dick made the climb and suffice it to say I'm just glad I could help...

The last couple of years I had the occasion to hunt elk with Dick up in Oregon. These times in the woods with Dick and the friends we made have changed me for the better.

I've met so many great people through Dick. Some of the guys whom I still keep in contact with were guys who pretty much just wandered into our camp. Next thing you know these fella's would be coming back to our camp about every night. Dick had a way of making people feel welcome, sharing our food and drink as well as having a deep well of stories to draw from that made for much laughter around the campfire.



During Elk season we spent close to three weeks away from home. Every couple of days Dick would check in with his wife Linda. Most of us guys always check in every few days, that's what we do. But I remember times stumbling out of the woods after dark tired and on an empty stomach, the temperature already down in the thirties. Instead of heading to camp and having a hot meal Dick would drop me off then drive sixty or more minutes to find reception for his cell phone so as to check in with Linda.

Thou he had a passion for the outdoors it was the love he shared with his family that enabled him to enjoy his extended trips away from them. I was privileged to hear many of his life experiences on our long, long drives to the different states we hunted.

Dick will be missed by many.

A friend,

Paul Tedrick

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