

ARROW

San Francisco Archers

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JOHN FLYNN | *VP of San Francisco Archers*

Things are coming together at the range for the upcoming State Field Championships set for June. A lot of improvements have been made, and truth be told, they needed to be made for a long time! As a club, we can be very proud of what's been done, and we will give a great showing of ourselves, and to the rest of the state, that SFA is more than capable of putting on a top-notch shoot. We will be able to enjoy the fruits of all this labor for many years to come. We've scheduled a **special work party for Saturday, June 5** for last minute spiffing, toning, and brushing-up around the ranges (and just a little bit of target gluing). Several of us will also be there on **Friday, June 11**. We would welcome a couple of hours of your time if you have them to spare.



Just a scant week after hosting the State Field, we'll have our annual Truly Traditional Rendezvous. It's one of our three main shoots of the year, and is a relatively easy shoot (for me anyway) to put on since Steve McDonagh heads up the effort every year, and with it coming right after the State Field, I'm very thankful he'll be putting his twisted genius to work for us once again this year. No, I will not be shooting it as I have been banned, by unanimous vote of the Board (not to mention an official decree from President Robison) from ever touching traditional equipment again (except to load Darlene's bow into the car, etc.).

Last month I put out a call for ideas we can use for a Clout Shoot at the Trad this year. Well let me tell ya', the response has been totally underwhelming. Come on! With

all the creative folks we have at the club, surely someone has a golden nugget of mayhem we can use to mess with the minds of the stick shooters! Give me a call at 650-355-0346 with any idea you have.

'Til next month, hope ya' can find all your arrows (we know my wife can't - but she has fun and that's what really counts, right dear?),

~John

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

Hey Guys & Gals:

As some of you may already know, Jarrod and I attended the PBS (Professional Bowhunters Society) convention in San Antonio, in March. Besides the flying on what I have affectionately named "soup cans of sickness" to and from Texas, it was a good time.

We started our trip with a two and a half-hour drive to "the ranch," which was on the border with Mexico. The first morning was an incredibly new and foreign experience. I was put in a ladder stand, that seemed to be 30 feet in the air, strapped to a large mesquite tree. Talk about an odd feeling, since I am more used to spot and stalk or ground blinds. After sitting for about two and a half hours and being winded by what seem to be a good sized hog while it was still too dark for me to shoot when it came close, I saw that the guide Jeff Armstrong was driving in my direction. I turned on my radio and was informed that there had been a javalina spotted near by and would I like to go try to take it. Come on now, do you really think I would pass that chance up?!?!? Forty-five minutes later, I had the opportunity for a beautiful 30-yard stalk and a well-placed shot into the spot on a javalina. After a 30-yard run bedding down for the "big sleep" I had a javalina in



the back of the truck and was headed back to the hunting camp. Unfortunately, it wasn't until the last day of the hunt that I had an opportunity at another javalina. A situation that ended up putting me within 3 yards of the smelly little beast and left me with no shot, just to watch it stroll away as if I was not even there. On a high note, I did manage to skip an arrow into a jackrabbit at 30 yards to the amazement of the guide (and me for that matter).

As far as the rest of the hunting trip is concerned. AWESOME!!!! Rob and his two friends Jeff and John are first class guys and I will be doing business with them again in the future. I will have more information available in the near future about this wonderful hunting ranch for anyone who might be interested.

The second part of the trip led me to San Antonio, to the PBS convention and banquet. To sum it all up, it was like having dinner with Barry Bonds (for you baseball fans), or Joe Montana (for you football guys), and actually having them talk to you like a normal person, even a friend. The rest of the time I spent checking out the River Walk, sitting in on seminars about arrows, hog hunting, and predator calling, and of course, checking out bows. Fox Archery was there and I have to admit that I like the High Sierra recurve, even with the bow I shot being a 55# @ 28" with an overall length of 58", there was no finger pinch. I think I found my next new bow. My overall review of the banquet...excellent. As for the hotel—for the money I paid, I expected a little better service—let it suffice to say I do not recommend staying in the Adam's Mark Hotel in San Antonio Texas, stay at the Motel Six down the street - at least there you know what to expect (or not).

If you want to experience this for yourselves, join the PBS. It is a first rate organization, just like our club.

~Chris

**PAT HEIMSOTH | Board Member,
San Francisco Archers**

OK boys and girls it's May, the next time you get a newsletter will be in June and the state shoot will be almost upon us. Please, please, please, look at your calendar and see if you can help us out for the State Shoot, June 12th



and 13th. If you can help us out either Saturday or Sunday or even part of either day we would appreciate it.

We particularly need people to work the food booths. Hot dogs, sausages, ice cream, sodas, etc. will be the order of the day. We will also need people on Friday, June 11th for set up and

miscellaneous tasks. If you can help please call me at 650-355-8549 ASAP

~Pat

**HARRI JALOVAARA | Board Member,
San Francisco Archers**



Tim Hamack tells me that in his perusal of the ancient archives of SFA, our esteemed VP, John Flynn, discovered that in the past SFA was the only club in the USA known to provide free archery instruction to the public.

Our return to this laudable tradition has been nothing but a roaring success to date. Rain or shine, coming from near and far, the archery hungry public comes through our gates every 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month to learn from our adroit masters of the stick and arrow.

The truth is, we can use a few more of you adept masters, and eager apprentices out there to help out. No matter your level of proficiency {Improvement of your skill is inevitable with increased participation} The key is to get involved, help keep everyone safe, and have a good time with fellow members and new friends.

So come on out and help out. Your reward will be the big smile on the face of a kid who, with your help, shot his or her first bullseye.

~Harri

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sara Cox
Jim Luer
Massimo Hilliard & Nora DeGrazia
Richard St. Cyr
Charlie Campbell
Robert & Madeline Sherlock

UPCOMING CALENDAR

MAY

12 Wednesday Night Shoot
16 - Briones Archers Big Game Open - San Pablo
16 - Briones Archers -NCFAA Regional 3-D Championship (<http://www.scbarchery.org/ncafaashoot.html>)
19 Wednesday Night Shoot
26 Wednesday Night Shoot
29-30 Traditional Archers of California Western States Rendezvous

JUNE

1 Board Meeting
2 Wednesday Night Shoot
5 SPECIAL WORK PARTY, STATE FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
9 Wednesday Night Shoot
12 State Field Championships @ SFArchers
13 State Field Championships @ SFArchers
16 Wednesday Night Shoot
19 SPECIAL WORK PARTY, TRADITIONAL SHOOT
23 Wednesday Night Shoot
27 Redwood Bowmen Space Round Up - Oakland
30 Wednesday Night Shoot

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Don't forget to sign up to help with some of the many jobs for the State Shoot. Look at Jeanine having fun in the kitchen!



John's secret to shooting high scores... donuts.



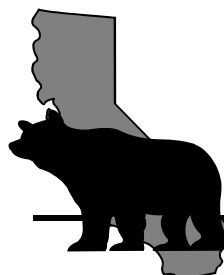
Identical twin archers? You are not seeing double. This is Don Donoughe and his twin brother Ron.

TRADITIONAL ARCHERS OF CALIFORNIA

Members of TAC & our guests can expect a busy 2004 season. We just completed the shoot in Southern CA. The Grgas' hosted two days of fun on the Chamberlain Ranch. TAC has been lucky enough to be offered continuous usage (approx 8 years) of this gorgeous land we have come to appreciate & love. We will next (May 29 & 30) be heading to Elk Creek where CA will take on the responsibility of hosting Western States. Members, friends, and guests will have the opportunity to enjoy another two days of shooting, shopping, and salivating over that "absolutely –gotta-have it-bow." The Rancho Neblina (September 25&26) shoot will finish off the TAC sponsored shoots for the year. This is the 4th year folks will experience the challenge of our 9-hole "golf/ archery" course - in addition to the two days of great shots, tricky/deviuous novelties, unique awards, & just plain good fun, food, & friends.

Of course none of this happens without all of us working together. An active, aggressive membership campaign has begun to bring us together supporting Traditional archery here in California. **TAC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!** Please send in your current dues, or, come join us for your first time. We are offering a gift basket filled w/ over \$200.00 in value for those signing up now through Western States. Feeling extra generous – how about a small donation to the shoot hosts: buy a raffle item in your name or better yet, show us your special talents. Last year we saw some of the most intricate art works; leather, scrapbooking, dream catchers, knife making, sewing projects, wood carvings, filled baskets, baked goodies, etc., etc., etc. Together, sharing responsibilities insures the continuance of this organization (Traditional Archers of California). Please take the time to fill out your membership form, contact me about donations, suggestions, ideas, etc.

With sincere appreciation and thanks, Marilyn Dutra 707-763-6574 / mar2steve@aol.com



TRADITIONAL ARCHERS OF CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Name _____

Active Family Members

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Office Only

Amount Paid _____
Date Paid _____
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Initials _____

\$15.00 Annual Membership

(includes all family members under the age of 18)

Dues are due January 1st of each new year.