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TRICIA PORTER | *President*

President's Message

"Warm" Greetings this 2014 to all of you! Yes, what a warm January with plenty of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and shoot our bows. Record heat brought out a record amount of 90+ volunteer members to our first two work parties of the year. What an inspirational start to our archery year! Thank you to all our hard working volunteers who dedicate so much time and effort to keep the wheels turning at our club.



One of our sister clubs had to "cancel" THEIR first shoot of the year because nobody showed up to set up targets. NOT a soul. So "THANK YOU", again and again I say, "thank you". Our club is fortunate enough to



have enough members to take turns in helping maintain the club. SFA is a diamond in the rough. So next time you see someone out there toiling away, they are doing it out of the kindness of their heart. See if you can lend a hand... Or offer some words of gratitude. We are all custodians of that beautiful range. Thank you for doing your part to maintain its success.

Check the SFA calendar on-line regularly as events and activities are quickly coming to full swing. The Public Outreach Program will begin again in February, our JOAD/AAA will begin re-enrollment soon, club shoots & other happenings will also be posted on-line.

Congratulations to NEW VP Bryan Orosco for a successful first shoot! Our Ken Brown Memorial Cabin Fever Shoot held on playoff Sunday was still attended by 122 registered archers and the weather could not have been better! We had an amazing kitchen crew who put out some amazing eats. Thank you to all who participated.

~Tricia

JIM ROBISON | (Range Emperor :) *Range Captain*

Hi Everybody,

The January work parties were a resounding success. On the 11th we had about 50 members who came out to help maintain and improve the range in preparation for the Cabin Fever (Ken Brown Memorial) Shoot.

We accomplished a lot of cleaning around the clubhouse and did some baling while prepping the range for the shoot. On the 18th we had around 50 members again to help set out the targets and get the range marked for the Cabin Fever shoot the next day. Some good cleaning in the kitchen area and in front of the clubhouse to make it nice for our guests was a really nice touch.



Sunday the 19th had a great turnout of over 120 shooters who appeared to have a wonderful time. Once again we had people work for our club in registration, kitchen, White range snack stand and tear down and clean-up. These things don't happen without the tireless efforts of

our membership (YOU) so, if you haven't come out to help YET please make some time to help those who have been helping you.

I would like to give a special thanks to the crew who helped on Friday the 24th when 100 new bales arrived and had to be put away: Harry Brown, Dave Barbarie, Kin Shew, Terry Lee and yours truly got it done in spite of a couple of obstacles (nothing ever goes exactly as planned) so, thanks again guys.

Next work party is Feb 8th so, come on out and let's keep the good work going.

See ya at the Range

~Jim

IN MEMORY OF OUR CLOSE FRIEND

The archery community suffered a devastating loss on Friday, January 24th. Our long time friend Steve



Abbott passed away suddenly & unexpectedly. Steve just celebrated 25 years of bow making last year. Over the years he had made thousands of bows & become well known for his beautiful handcrafted classic style of the American

longbow. Steve was a regular vendor at many west coast traditional archery events. Myself, my family and many of my friends all own and shoot his longbows. His down to earth sensibility and personality will be greatly missed. As he often put it, "I just like to fling some arrows" I will miss "just flinging" some arrows with him and cherish the many times we did together. So long, my friend....

~Andrew Pribor

BRYAN OROSCO | VP

There will be a series of four different N.F.A.A. shoots. Three must be completed to qualify for club champion. Club champion will be decided on a points system. If you take 1st you get 1 point if you take 20th you get 20 points. The person with the lowest points after all rounds have been shot at end of year will be club champion. In order to qualify for club champion you must complete three shoots, one from each of the



different N.F.A.A. shoots.

Hunter /Animal, Field /Animal, Freeman Round, 900 Round. Only one of the scores from each of the shoots will count towards championship, for instance if you shoot both of the 900 rounds only your highest 900 Round will count as one of the three. You would still need two of the other type of shoots to qualify. In addition to the club championship there will be awards given to the one with the highest score for each of the four types of shoots.

As an example, you can receive an award for finishing 1st in the Hunter/Animal round or 2nd in the Freeman round and again if you shoot the two identical rounds only your highest round will count. The goal of this is to bring together all of the different styles of archery. The schedule is as follows:

Feb 9 – 14 Hunter / 14 Animal on White Range
Mar 9 – 14 Field / 14 Animal on Red Range
Apr 13 - 14 Hunter / 14 Animal on White Range
May 11 - 14 Field / 14 Animal on Red Range
Jun 8 – Freeman round on 100 yard
Jul 13 – Freeman round on 100 yard
Aug 10 – 900 Round on 100 yard
Sept 14 – 900 Round on 100 yard

There are two of each shoot for the simple reason if a person can't make one of the dates they can possibly make the next so they can qualify for the championship. I hope to see you all out there and having fun. If you have any questions please feel free to email me or ask me when you see me out at the range.

~Bryan

ANDREA MONTICUE | Scorekeeper

Video Project I would like to propose a project for 2014, and I need a lot of help to do this. No money, though. This is the 21st century, and everybody and her second cousin has a video camera in their pocket. Usually they come with a telephone app accessory.

I would like to get a LOT of video of SFA members doing fun archery stuff, and then edit it all together with some snazzy royalty free music to either present at next year's awards banquet or, at the very least, put on the web site. But I can't be everywhere to do all the videoing. Besides, if I did it all, the entire video would be of the same people.

So I'm making a request for people to pull out the pocket video camera (or even their professional cameras!) and send me lots and lots of footage. I'd be happy to do the editing, but wouldn't say no to anybody offering to help. Maybe I can get my son's rock band to lay down the music track.

If you would like to help, please remember to hold the smart phone camera so that it's wider than it's tall, otherwise I have to do strange, unnatural things to get it to mesh with other video.

In fact, if anybody has video of the 2013 Awards dinner, that would be the perfect place to start.

Please drop me a note or give me a call if you'd like to contribute and/or help with the production!

~Dreah

DON DONOUGHE | Editor & Webmaster

Just a reminder that if you have anything to add to this newsletter, please send me an email. Even if you prefer not to write it, I can help. It's always great to get some additional news and content from our members.

Below is an email I received recently –please be vigilant and do not start a fire on our range!

"I walk the red & white courses perhaps 3 times a week. Recently I have noticed fresh cigarette butts tossed onto the ground around the hay bales. The ground is covered with dry pine needles. When I see cigarette butts carelessly tossed on the ground I'm concerned a fire could start. The hay bales are bone dry. I think there is an extreme fire danger on our courses. Please pass on my concerns to whoever should know. Walking the courses and casually tossing out cigarette butts is dangerous."

Lastly, Lori asked me to let everyone know that when members renew their 2014 membership, their **information will be available for pick up at the club house**. If they are unable to pick it up let her know and she can make other arrangements. **Email Lori Talo: membership@sfarchers.org** or cell 650-296-2346 Also any life member who needs a new membership tag, please let me know.

~Don

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UPCOMING CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 JOAD
- 2 Archery Outreach Program
- 4 Board Meeting
- 6 NCFAA Regional Meeting
- 8 Work Party @ 9:00
General Meeting @ 1:00
- 9 Club Shoot
- 15 JOAD
- 16 Archery Outreach Program
- 22 JOAD

Always check our online calendar to confirm event times and additional details. <http://sfarchers.org/calendar/>

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