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TRICIA PORTER | President

President's Message

Summer is among us shown by the tell-tale signs of a buzzing archery range. As we speak, the cub scouts are



enjoying a week long "journey to space" at camp TA-KI-MA. We whole-heartedly THANK Jim R. & Sean D. for bravely overseeing the archery portion of this day camp at the range. Beginning July 1st, Sean D. will teach archery to a handful of grade school kids from the Pacifica School District every

Tuesday morning for 7 weeks. Besides that, we have not been scheduling any extracurricular weekday events or instruction. May and June were pretty quiet regarding any corporate events, mainly because I was having difficulty scheduling with volunteers. If you are available and interested to volunteer to teach archery during the weekday, please let me know and maybe we can pick up the schedule during the Fall. I implore all our instructors to enjoy their Summer and get some much needed R&R. Our Wednesday night 3D Shoots & Dinner are running strong! Special thanks to Joel B.C., Chris M., Jason V., Randall, Jack and OTHERS for stepping up this season. Noticing a lot of the kids are helping out as well (and enjoying it) and that puts a huge smile on my face as we are teaching them traditions of the club that will be carried on in the future.

Our "well wishes" go out to Gerry Lee and others faced with medical problems. ARCHERY has always been a great form of therapy and I'm glad to see he's out there enjoying his new bow. I learned this firsthand as

an archery instructor at the recent "Valor Games" held at Alameda Coast Guard Island. Veterans came from all over the U.S. for a weekend of competition at various sporting events. From an archer's perspective, there was nothing more humbling, satisfying, and fulfilling then to have a chance to coach our disabled veterans and those suffering from PTSD. Mind you, most of these veterans were younger than me! There are no words to describe how I felt that day I taught. I choked on my words because there was no way I could ever really say "Thank You". Tyler was with me serving as "mini coach" and I'm so glad he was able to witness firsthand the sacrifices people have made for this country and how strong they are, regardless of their circumstance or disability. Those with missing limbs

and in wheelchairs were shooting phenomenal! I personally coached a group of "Leftys", most with PTSD. As a stay at home mom in coastal Pacifica, I can't begin to imagine what PTSD is like but I can see it in their eyes. It was a different type of coaching for me. They needed little help in form and accuracy. It was more on a mental exercise of strength and confidence. It was showing them the absolute PURE JOY the sport could bring. It was about digging deep and finding the smiles. Very hard to describe... but

I'm definitely looking forward to next year! I learned that archery was the very first sport introduced to veterans as a form of therapy after a disability. It brings confidence, community and personal victories. I welcome other members to join me next year in June for the 2015 Valor Games.

It feels like there are **ONE MILLION** things to do before our B.C. Shoot in August and its coming up on us fast! Our next newsletter will probably not even come out till after the shoot. So here and now, I'm **CALLING ALL SF ARCHERS MEMBERS!** We need you to **STEP UP**



and volunteer from now until the shoot! We need lots of raffle prizes. Drop off your donations to any board member at the clubhouse or bring it that weekend. We have several work parties leading up to the shoot including the Friday before to set up the targets. Please think about taking the day off and helping out. We NEED open bed trucks for all the large DINOS. We need MANY hands in the kitchen deep cleaning and prepping. We'll need lots of help in registration as well. Those who are not shooting, we need volunteers to run the shoot all weekend. (Just to bring up a tidbit of HISTORY at our club. In the past, MEMBERS were NOT ALLOWED to shoot the B.C. and were expected to "work it"). Luckily, in recent years we've been able to recruit enough people to alternate shooting and working. We do not want to run on fumes or be manned by a skeleton crew. We had over 350 people shooting last year and need all the manpower we can gather to hold a safe and successful shoot.

We are coming upon a crossroad where we need to re-visit the structure and future of the Public Outreach Program. There are some new requirements & possible certification involved and we need to get all those interested in teaching together to discuss in detail. We will be scheduling a meeting (date TBD) regarding this. Please contact me at president@sfarchers.org if you are interested in teaching. Many of you became members of the club BECAUSE you came to a Sunday outreach. If you want to help preserve this program, please contact me.

Member Conduct

As a club, we all come together and interact with each other (sometimes daily) primarily because we all love to shoot archery and have a bow and arrow in hand. Lots of times we make life-long friends, tournament buddies, are mentoring or being mentored, or bringing our whole family out to enjoy a rare sport that everyone can enjoy together and be good at. But sometimes, personalities collide, people over-step, attitudes become insensitive and the whole club suffers. As club president everything under the sun comes to my attention and in this particular instance, it is worth mentioning in order to clear the air so we can all get back to shooting. There was a recent incident regarding one of our members and a Board of Director. Several board members have been getting ongoing complaints about a particular member's conduct including inappropriate language (especially around women & children), obtrusive behavior on the practice line and surrounding clubhouse and a racial slur towards a board member during an argument. After a long, heated discussion at our June board meeting, the Vice President and I sat down with said individual to confront him about the racial slur and other complaints received. We are issuing him a certified written warning regarding

the above conduct that on its continuance, may be cause for membership revocation as it "substantially impairs the public recreational purpose of the property" and its body of members. The member, unknowing of his negative effect on others was sincerely remorseful and apologetic. He had his own complaints about individuals who do nothing but "harass" and talk down to him. The straw that broke the camel's back manifested into a blurted out racial slur and for that he "apologizes for his choice of words". By no way is he racist, but sometimes familiarity gets the best of us. He apologizes to anyone he may have offended and took the reprimanding seriously and to heart.

Again, this is the case of grown men bickering from personal differences and opinions. We don't all have to like each other out there but we MUST ALL RESPECT each other and as members, conduct ourselves as positive ambassadors to the club. GIVE respect, and you will GET respect. But the key word is GIVE and this starts from the Board of Directors. We give you our service and respect each and every one of you, the body of members. Our job is to protect and preserve your enjoyment and time at the range when you come out and shoot. That includes doing the hard things like confronting people who make a negative impact on the club. Based on his apology and promise to conduct himself appropriately, we are GIVING this member a second chance at earning the respect of his peers and he vows to do his part to provide a harmonious atmosphere around his fellow club members. As one TNC guy told me shortly after the board meeting, "I believe in second chances". So do I and if we give him a fair one, we may just be surprised.

IMPORTANT DATES – Mark your Calendar!

Sunday, July 6	NO Outreach
Saturday, July 12 & 26	Work Parties
July 30 and August 6	NO Wed Night Shoot
Friday, August 1	Special Set-Up Work Party
August 2 & 3	One Million BC Shoot
August 16	Bowhunter Education Class (Flyer w/complete details will be posted online)

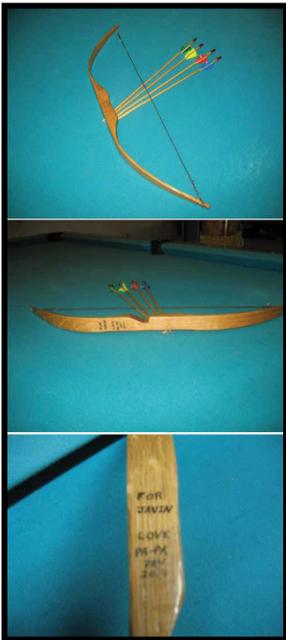
~Tricia

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



PROUD PA-PA The first time my grandson (Javin) had a bow in his hand I was teaching for the cub scout day camp and Grandma (Cathy) came to see how my day was going. He was 1 year old but, he thought the older kids looked like they were having fun so, what the heck let's give it a try.

Time went by and Cathy and I would take him to the range with us and we would let him shoot an arrow or two with one of the kiddie bows at the range but PA-PA thought maybe he should have his own Javin-sized bow. So PA-PA got a piece of oak and proceeded to carve a bow and make Custom Arrows (yea I spoil him just like MOST grandparents :)



So, now he can come out with Grandma and PA-PA and have his OWN bow and arrows.



And here he is at 21 months old working on his skills

I guess you're never too young (or old) to learn -

~Jim (Range PA-PA TOO!).

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UPCOMING CALENDAR FOR JUNE & JULY

June 28 JOAD
July 1 Board Meeting @ 7:00
July 2 Wed Night 3D Shoot @ 5:00
July 5 JOAD
July 6 Outreach Cancelled
July 9 Wed Night 3D Shoot
July 12 Work Party @ 9:00
General Membership Meeting @ 1:00
July 13 Club Shoot @ 9:00
July 19 JOAD
July 23 Wed Night 3D Shoot @ 5:00
July 26 Special Work Party for BC Shoot @ 9
July 26 JOAD Cancelled
July 30 Wed Night 3D Shoot Cancelled

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