



March 2012

Renew your membership today!

Chainsaws to Rip Sharp Park

<The following is text from a flyer which discusses plans for Sharp Park that have been proposed by the City of San Francisco. We have asked the people from the San Francisco Forest Alliance to speak at the next Board Meeting.>

Dramatic changes proposed for Sharp Park are evoking passionate discourse, and it has nothing to do with golf. The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, which manages Sharp Park, wants to remove 15,000+ mature Cypress pine, Monterey pine and Eucalyptus and many plants like blackberries that are nonnative to San Francisco. In addition to providing a magical backdrop for Pacifica and the archery range, the nonnative Sharp Park forest removes urban air pollutants, absorbs carbon dioxide and releases oxygen, provides wildlife habitat, and buffers city sounds, sights, and wind. In addition, the City of Pacifica has an anti-logging ordinance that requires permits for cutting more than 20 trees per year but San Francisco claims it is not obligated to follow the ordinance.

The cutting is part of a broad reaching “Natural Areas” plan that calls for wholesale habitat conversion by restoring large amounts of park land to the native grasses and scrub from hundreds of years

ago. The plan could be approved by the San Francisco Planning Commission this fall. If so cutting at least 18,500 trees plus young trees will likely cost millions with Sharp Park losing the greatest tree canopy. Mount Davidson will lose 1600+, McLaren 809+, Bay View 511+, etc. The plan also calls for closing almost 10 miles of popular trails and will likely escalate the toxic herbicide usage in the 31 “Natural Areas”. Unlike Sharp Park Golf Course that doesn’t use the most toxic herbicides, the “Natural Areas” uses more of the most toxic herbicides than any other comparable park department and the usage is increasing.

The Natural Areas Program, or NAP, was established in 1997 to preserve the few existing remnants of San Francisco's natural habitat but now exercises control of almost 1/3 (1,107 acres) of city-managed park land, including many of the nonnative urban forests. The plan is being opposed by the San Francisco Forest Alliance, an organization, with representatives from more than 20 neighborhood groups, that wants to protect the parks’ tree canopy and wildlife habitat, protect existing recreational use, and stop the waste of San Francisco city funds. The San Francisco Forest Alliance is requesting members sign their petition, write your San Francisco supervisors, and tell your friend. More information is available at www.sfforest/net.

Range Report

As the new Range Captain for 2012, I’m finally getting a Range Report out for the newsletter. I’d like to thank all the SFA members who have shown up for our monthly work parties. Since I started in the position, we have had four and all have been a huge success. We have got a lot accomplished so far this year. It is great to see the enthusiasm of both our new members and our veteran members working together. I have discovered the work never ends at the Range, there is ALWAYS

something to do. It's like the Golden Gate Bridge, you get to one end and finish the painting, just to turn around and start all over again.

There are new wood bow racks going up around the Range, the old plastic pipe racks are giving out due to UV exposure. A special thanks to Jim Camozzi for mass producing the new racks for the price of the lumber. He put in a lot of saw time. I have just placed an order for 100 new target bales. We should be receiving them sometime in the middle of April. We have many target butts out on the Red Range in need of replacement.

We have purchased a new Stihl brush cutter that the membership approved at the March General Meeting. The new cutter will really help in knocking down the heavier more difficult shrubbery and undergrowth.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Traditional Rendezvous shoot on April 22, but we still have many things around the Range to attend to. Between now and then we will probably have a lot of deadfall trees and branches down due to the late stormy weather. I expect a lot of trail clearing and woodcutting.

All our members should be proud of the work that has been done and the excellent condition of the Range. It is all a big team effort. Trail clearing, tree and brush cutting, target gluing, target butt maintenance, general construction and repairs, clubhouse cleaning. All these tasks are necessary and never ending. Every member can lend a hand in some way. I invite you to come out to our next Work Party on April 7th and be a part of the positive S.F. Archer's experience. If you have any special skills or access to materials we use around the Range, please let me know. I hope to see the momentum and progress of the Club continue throughout the year.

Happy Archery, Charley Sturtevant

From the Hunting VP Art Almquist:

Get your turkey gear together, camo calls and decoys because turkey season starts March 31st and runs to May 20th. One bearded bird per day and three per season. Please check your regulations for details. The little rain we had got the pigs out routing. Member Rich Fletcher got his first pig bow kill at Lake Sonoma - a 200 pound sow by Liberty camp ground. I have seen a lot of turkeys in Sonoma county so go out and get them this season. I am going to post a sign-up sheet in the club house on the hunting board for people who need a hunting buddy. Please add your name and e-mail address so you can get together for a good hunt.

Notes from the February Board Meeting

March 6th, 2012.

Another reminder of dues is requested. According to Treasurer Joy Padilla, only about one-third of our members have renewed for 2012. What's going on? It's ***March!*** All things considered, membership in the SFA is one of the better deals you can find! It's the cost of a non-member shooting at the range one day a month. C'mon, people! To make things easy for you, we are including a renewal form with this issue.

From VP Rob Hensel: Awards for the Trad Shoot are being made by volunteers. First, Second and Third place and high point each each category will get homemade special award.

So whatcha think of the new bowracks? Tell Jim Camozzi how kewl you think they are.

Time to purchase new straw bails for the target. This is, obviously, an on going club expense. We tried to get Kings Mountain archers to going in on a group order, but they had already made their purchase.

Lawnmowers have been repaired.

Report from the February meeting of the NFAA: A one-time \$100 contribution for each club was voted on to help pay expenses for legislative lobbyists in Sacramento.

There were over 60 people at the Public Outreach on on March 4. Sadly, we had to turn some people away mostly due to a shortage of space. This is a primary source of new members. Three movies will be released very shortly featuring heroic archers: Pixar's *Brave*, Liongate's *The Hunger Games* and Marvel Studios' *The Avengers*. It is feared that we will be turning away a lot of people at Outreach this Spring.

A tribe of scouts will be spending the days here June 20-24.
9:00 to 4:00

Question: Shall we reinstate the monthly club shoot? Contact VP Rob Hensel and Scorekeeper Pat Heimsoth.

A new club sign for the parking lot has been approved.

General membership meeting - March 10, 2012.

Appropriations were approved for new and repaired 3D targets, a brushcutter, and replacement bails.

Club Members to Compete at Senior Games

SFA club members Frankie Choy, Albert Eng, and Kin Shew will be shooting this weekend (March 24 and 25) in the California Senior Games Archery Event at Stanford.

To watch and cheer them on, show up a Corner off El Camino Real and Serra Street next to the soccer fields.

Results from our First Club 3D Shoot

Adult Female		
Free Style		
	Karen Lee	516
BHFS		
	Ming Lee	462
Recurve		
	Cathy Robison	386
	Shirley Gilbert	280
	Tricia Porter	324
	Lisa Saccoman	348
	Andrea Monticue	340
Primitive		
	Estel Pereira	320
	Beatrice Gambony	398
Cub		
	Megan Samn	288
Master Senior Male		
BHFS		
	Art Almquist	538
Longbow		
	Jack Rauch	332
Primitive		
	Terry Lee	228
Senior Male		
BHFS		
	Jim Long	560
	Mike Lew	556
Longbow		
	Mike Porter	342
Primitive		
	Jim Robinson	

Adult Male

FS

Alan H	522
Rafael Recto	528
Patrick Gilbert	554
Wm Dahl	516
Mike Samn	542

BHFS

Rob Hansel	556
Bryan Drasco	520
Jim Padilla	530
Rudy Sandaval	546
Tim Gleason	442
M. Valentine	482
Bill Maxwell	520

BHFSL

Jim Camozzi	540
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Rec

Josh Porter	504
John Mallon	308
Jared	406

Longbow

Rob Hansel	336
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Trad BB

Matt Farley	506
Chas Sturtevant	510
Ferdie	304
Rob Hansel	500
Cory	440

Youth Male

BHFS

Austin Yuen	484
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Peewee Male

Recurve

Tylar Porter	438
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The Shape of Things to Come!

Check the online calendar, which can be found at our website, for more dates and details.

April 1	Public Outreach
April 3	SFA Board Meeting
April 4	Sonoma Bowmen Wednesday night 3D League starts
April 7	Work Party
April 22	Traditional Rendezvous
April 28 - 29	Sonoma County Bowmen - Ultimate Bowhunt
April 29	NCFAA Regional Championship - 3D
May 1st	Beltain
	SFA Board Meeting
May 5	Second Club 3D Shoot
May 6	Public Outreach
May 12	Work Party
May 13	Mothers' Day
May 20	Public Outreach

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HERE'S THE OFFICIAL SPIEL: "MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1 AND DELINQUENT AS OF FEBRUARY 1." IF YOU DO NOT RENEW BY MARCH 1, YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLES. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP HAS LAPSED FOR MORE THAN 3 YEARS, YOU MUST REAPPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU JOINED LATE IN 2011 AND PAID THE FULL YEAR'S DUES AND INITIATION, YOU SHOULD BE SET FOR 2012. IF YOU JOINED LATE IN THE YEAR AND PRO-RATED THE DUES PORTION, YOU WILL NEED TO RENEW FOR 2012. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL CATHY ROBISON AT 650-515-9945.

PLEASE DROP A CHECK BY THE CLUBHOUSE OR MAIL AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO:

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(PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT PAID AND MEMBERSHIP TYPE)

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

(IF YOU HAVE MOVED, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS.)

PHONE(S): _____

E-MAIL: _____

NEWSLETTER? YES _____ NO _____

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