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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo - Public space vs. Roving Archers

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From: [Bette Cooper](mailto:Bette.Cooper@cityofpasadena.net)
To: bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:27 PM
Subject: Lower Arroyo - Public space vs. Roving Archers

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

What I find puzzling is that the lower Arroyo is public space, and there is a PRIVATE club, the Pasadena Roving Archers there. Why is this even a question? Obviously, it is! As a member of the public, I love to walk in the Arroyo, on the east side, the west side, to the north up to the 1st bridge, south to the San Pasqual bridge and back. It's lovely to walk through the allowable area near where the archers are shooting their arrows, and I'll tell you it makes one nervous. You get one disgruntled archer, one careless archer, one beginner archer aiming in the wrong direction and one of us is going to be hit. The Arroyo is and should be a place of contemplation, peace, reflection, exercise, camaraderie and enjoyment. Instead, if you go anywhere near the archers, your level of alertness is heightened dramatically. This should not be the case.

Please take action that works best for the Pasadena residents and the neighboring cities who like the Arroyo for its beauty and peace.

There is an accident waiting to happen, and I for one don't want to be involved in that.

What's going to happen when the La Loma Bridge fixer upper is going on? Has anyone thought of that angle?

Regards,

Bette Cooper

Jomsky, Mark

From: Doug Cooper <dougcooper@pobox.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 10:49 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Please preserve the Lower Arroyo Archery Range
Attachments: image.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

My family enjoys taking the archery classes at the Lower Arroyo Archery Range, and has for several years. Please keep this historic part of the local culture preserved for everyone's use. Thank you!

City Clerk Mark Jomsky - please include this letter in the agenda for the review meeting. Thanks!



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From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Roving Archers

From: George Corey [<mailto:grcorey@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Roving Archers

Hello,

I am a 32 year resident of Western Pasadena (487 California Terrace), former board member of the WPRA, and daily walker in the Lower Arroyo.

It is distressing that the Roving Archers, as a private group many of whom are not even Pasadena residents, have been given priority over those of us who live nearby or use the "public" arroyo for recreation.

The points brought up by the Stewards for Public Land are on the mark and I repeat them below in case you have not received them.

Thank you,
George Corey

- There has been a tremendous expansion in archery use in the Lower Arroyo in recent years, overburdening what Pasadena has designated a "nature preservation area."
- It is unacceptable that a private group has control of almost half of the usable open space in the Lower Arroyo.
- Neighbors to the west of the Archery Range have limited use of their properties because of falling arrows. One neighbor has collected more than 70 arrows that have fallen on his land.
- Today's bows and arrows are powerful and lethal weapons.
- Conflicts between archers and other users of the Arroyo are increasing.
- There are numerous reports of arrows almost hitting pedestrians and/or joggers.
- Archers come from throughout LA County and few are Pasadena residents.
- There is drinking, smoking and shooting arrows – even after nightfall.

A Solution:

- Limit the days and hours when the Archery Range is open – to weekends only.
- Improve signage and use flags to alert pedestrians and others when the Range is open for archery use.
- Targets must be closed and locked when the Range is closed.
- Trained Range officers must be present whenever the Range is open to assure that rules are followed.
- Adopt City staff rules for licensing, training classes and a reasonable fee structure.

In Addition:

- Establish an Olympic-sized Target Range in Eaton Canyon, **NOW**, on the site of the former Police Shooting Range. Eaton Canyon offers a safer site with improved visibility, fewer trees and convenient parking.

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Catherine Curtis [<mailto:cc@s-gllp.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 2:06 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a volunteer archery instructor at the Los Angeles Rancho Park city range, I would like to voice my support for the continued existence of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. I request that this letter be included in the agenda packet for the meeting on this subject.

I became involved in archery about 5 years ago and have since that time devoted myself to the sport, shooting 4 to 5 days a week, taking instructor certification classes and participating in the weekly free instruction classes our range offers as well as supervising the shooting line during open shooting times. In that time, I have seen archery explode in interest. While we have always enjoyed packed classes and crowded shooting lines, the spate of films and TV shows like Hunger Games, The Avengers, Arrow, and Brave have caused a crush of interest (particularly among young women) such that our classes turn away many people each week. With our range currently closed for renovation, our archers have been compelled to disperse to the few limited public resources Los Angeles County – one of the largest and most populous counties in the nation -- has to offer.

The Lower Arroyo Archery range is one of two public field ranges available in a metropolitan area of 10 million people. Although our sport does not enjoy the same high profile as hiking, soccer and the like, it has a significant and burgeoning base of practitioners. For Rancho Park to fulfill its mandate of encouraging Olympic style archery to make our nation competitive on the international scene, Los Angeles archers need the resources to practice. Taking the Lower Arroyo Range out of the equation only burdens Woodley and Rancho Park (beyond even what our current expansion hopes to accommodate) and for no particularly good purpose.

It is a shame that such a large, cosmopolitan and modern metropolitan area has so few facilities for this fast rising sport in the first place. To rob it of its most historic facility is shortsighted, foolish and utterly unnecessary. We may be under the radar of the yoga crowd now, but archery will become a significant sport in a city with perfect year-round weather for it and closing this range will not look particularly wise in retrospect.

Thank you for taking my comments under consideration.

Regards,

Catherine Curtis



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October 10, 2014

Pasadena City Council
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Dear Councilmembers,

As a 31 year resident of the Pasadena area (South Pasadena, Pasadena, and Altadena), and a business owner in Pasadena for the past 20 years, I am writing to support the ongoing full time presence of the archery range in the Lower Arroyo. This facility has a long history in our community, and serves the needs of many residents. It provides a unique opportunity for recreation and socialization for many people.

As a Pediatrician who works with special needs children, I have personally witnessed the transforming power of a sport like archery in my patient population. I have several young patients who belong to the Pasadena Roving Archers. The focus and concentration necessary in this sport provides these children - who often have limitations in this area - a fun and non-academic means of practicing these skills. The opportunity to socialize with other neurotypical children while participating in a structured activity is enormously helpful to children with special needs. For some children with physical challenges, archery provides them with their only opportunity to participate in a sport. Finally, the opportunity to compete on an equal playing field with other children bolsters self-esteem.

The Archery Range as it currently exists has a perfect safety record. As I understand it, there are proposals before the Council for additional safety precautions, including erecting natural barriers that prevent pedestrians from crossing the shooting lanes. These safety steps are always a good idea.

It would be an enormous mistake to close or limit the hours of operation of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range. This facility serves many people, and has a unique place in our community. Outdoor recreation of all types that can be accessed by all residents - both able bodied and disabled - should be supported by all citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Diane Danis, M.D., M.P.H.

Stewart, Jana

From: Nicole Dazé <ladyguz@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 10:42 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Please preserve the historic Lower Arroyo Archery Range

Please preserve the historic lower arroyo archery range!

Nicole Daze
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Pasadena, CA 91104

Stewart, Jana

From: Doug Dearing <dpdearing@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 3:19 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Support for the Roving Archers

Good day,

I'd like to voice my support for the Roving Archers in Pasadena. I understand there is a challenge for the renewal of their charter or permit to provide archery services in the Lower Arroyo. This is a terrific group that has been a member of this community for decades. I used to come to the arroyo as a teenager to use the archery ranges, and now have brought my own kids and their friends, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts back to the scene. The nostalgia alone is worth preserving. But more than that, these folks are providing a service to the community which I and my family and friends enjoy.

Please do not force the closure of these grounds to enthusiasts of this passtime. There are plenty of places we can go to hike, to bike, and to enjoy the outdoors. Well run archery ranges are few and far between.

Respectfully yours,

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Doug Dearing

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

From: Robert DeBlasis [<mailto:rjdeb@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:50 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Lower Arroyo Archery Range

I am a 45 year resident of Pasadena. I live very near the Lower Arroyo and I own three other homes in the area. The Archery Range has no negative impact on the use of the Lower Arroyo. I believe that there is a misunderstood perception among some people with regard to the Archery Range function and the way in which it operates. There is also a false stigma attached in that it may not be seen as "PC" enough. Rather than say this, certain people will claim that they are concerned about "safety" or that it takes away use from hikers, joggers, equestrians, etc. It is not unsafe and it does not take away these and other uses of the Lower Arroyo. These are facts.

I fully support the continuation of this historic 80 year old NFAA field archery range on which thousands of people are taught the basics of archery each year by an all volunteer organization that also maintains the range and pays the city for the privilege to do so. This range is important to the city in that it helps to maintain our position as a city with many unique and diverse recreational opportunities.

I ask that this letter be included in the agenda packet for the meeting.

Thank you,
Robert DeBlasis
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Buchanan, Rita

Subject: FW: Please renew Pasadena Roving Archers!!!

From: Dede Devlin [<mailto:dededevlin@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 1:23 PM

To: City_Council

Cc: Info@rovingarchers.com

Subject: Please renew Pasadena Roving Archers!!!

Hello, my son and I recently began attending the archery classes offered by the Pasadena Roving Archers. They are wonderful! As someone who works in Pasadena, and lives in nearby Eagle Rock, I was so delighted to find yet another reason to love Pasadena.

The classes have captured my 11 year old son's interest like nothing else. He has always had a tendency to want to figure out everything himself and ignore any guidance offered by others. After watching a highly skilled archer in class listening to the instructors and following their advice about how to improve his aim, he finally realized the importance of buckling under and mastering the basics. This was something I've been trying to teach him for years, but it took the archery class for the lesson to really sink in.

Some of our friends also attend the classes, and we've made it a habit to go out for brunch afterwards in Pasadena. Please renew the Roving Archers contract so that we and countless others can enjoy this unique and wonderful opportunity in Pasadena.

Best wishes,
Dede Devlin

Stewart, Jana

From: Ankush Dharkar <ankushdharkar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 1:45 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Preserve the Archery Range

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Dear City Council

The Archery range in Pasadena is a treasure. Not only it let's people learn a modern sport, it does so in a small area of land. Archery adds to the rich cultural and modern heritage of Pasadena and brings people closer together as a social sport. AND IT BRINGS MONEY INTO PASADENA

Compare this to the range being shut. The hikers who want full claim to the land use it for their personal recreation every once in a while, Pay no money for it, and don't socialize with others.

No one says "Pasadena has a hiking trail", but people from Pomona know about the "Pasadena Roving Archers". It's a cool and safe sport. By taking it away, you are taking away incoming money into Pasadena, a chance for people to socialize on weekends which brings people together and let's them build stronger relationships, and learn a new sport that teaches precision and a way of life

- A Pasadena Resident

Ankush Dharkar

Buchanan, Rita

From: cityclerk
Subject: FW: Archery range at Lower Arroyo Park

From: roger djaferian [<mailto:rdjaferiancdt@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 1:50 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Archery range at Lower Arroyo Park

Dear City Council members.

As a US citizen and a Pasadena resident for over 11 years, I am saddened by the news that you are thinking to close down the rights of US citizens in Pasadena from using the Archery range at Lower Arroyo Park.

I have been using that location since I moved to Pasadena 11 years ago. I became an Archer and now my daughter is attending the program to learn to be an Archer and she is a girl scout and she would like to be able to pass the Archery lessons to get her Merit Badge for Archery and there are other girl scouts looking into doing the same courses to get their Archery badges.

So please do not close down the right of Pasadena's US citizens to use the Lower Arroyo park to learn Archery.

Thank you

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Brian Dolan <buddha_314@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 3:05 PM
To: City_Council; Jomsky, Mark
Cc: city_letters@rovingarchers.com
Subject: Pasadena Archery Range

Good Afternoon,

My name is Brian Dolan. I am writing to express my strong **support** for the **Lower Arroyo Archery Range**. Please do not remove this valuable asset from our community.

Archery is a challenging but safe sport that has long been practiced on public land. The Roving Archers provide free and open classes to anyone who wishes to join. My own 8 year discovered his passion for archery here. My Executive Assistant has been shooting there for over ten years.

I have recently relocated my company, Qurius, Inc to the Old Town Pasadena area. We are on Colorado Blvd, right across from the Paseo at Morengo. Qurius employs eight people, most of whom are high end software developers and data scientists. We work closely with the US Government in developing sophisticated artificial intelligence applications.

We are exactly the kind of company Pasadena is trying to attract. And we love it here! We have a wonderful view of City Hall, tons of excellent restaurants to choose from, and access to cool pastimes like Archery. The Lower Arroyo Archery Range has actually become important to our company, one of our perks in attracting talent.

Thank you for your time,

Mr. Jomsky, please include this letter in the public record.

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May All Your Sequences Converge

**From:** cityclerk  
**Subject:** FW: Archery in Pasadena Dating Back to the City's Pioneer Citizens

**From:** Sam Dolinar [mailto:samdolinar@alum.mit.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 11, 2015 11:33 PM  
**To:** City\_Council; Bogaard, Bill  
**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com  
**Subject:** Archery in Pasadena Dating Back to the City's Pioneer Citizens

(for inclusion in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting related to the Pasadena Archery Range)

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

On Thursday I pointed you to a 1943 *Los Angeles Times* news article, which mentioned relevant details about field archery and Pasadena's field range dating back to the earliest years of the sport. Today I'm referring you to an even older *Los Angeles Times* article from 1891 — just five years after Pasadena's incorporation as a city — documenting how deeply the sport of archery has been ingrained in Pasadena's history. See *Reference [1]* below.

The 1891 article comes from the *Times'* society pages. It recounts “*the social event of the season for the young people*” [1] held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Daggett on a Tuesday evening in June. Charles Daniel Daggett was a pioneer citizen of Pasadena, a prominent businessman who was active in the social and cultural life of the city, serving as one of the first presidents of the Tournament of Roses and as Grand Marshal of the Rose Parade three times. Among the distinguished guests at this event were Prof. Charles F. Holder and Dr. Francis F. Rowland, the two members of the Valley Hunt Club who founded the Tournament of Roses just one year earlier in 1890.

At this summer party 123 years ago, the four Daggett children “*entertained their young friends*” [1] and “*the evening's pleasure, however, was not confined to the young people, for a number of their friends more advanced in years were fortunate enough to secure invitations, and none more fully entered into the spirit of the affair than they.*” [1] The *Times* article reports that, shortly after the guests arrived at 5 o'clock, “**an archery contest was entered upon. Almost everyone present participated, and those who did not, enjoyed the proceedings from the east piazza. Some very creditable scores were made...**” [1], and prizes were won by both boys and girls.

There are three striking points relevant to today's debate that can be inferred from this brief mention of archery in a 123-year-old newspaper article:

1. **Archery in 1891 was a sport that could be practiced in the backyards of Pasadena's landed gentry** such as the Daggett family's estate, but this was decades before the City provided any archery facility for the general public.
2. The *Times* article does not report any concern for the safety of the archery contest participants or the onlookers from the east piazza or the Daggetts' neighbors, who were not protected by a 120-foot hillside. Even in 1891, **those who engaged in the sport knew that archery was inherently safe.**
3. Archery in 1891, as it is today, was a sport enjoyed by boys and girls, men and women. **Archery has always been a sport of equal opportunity for all ages and both genders**, long before Title IX and other legislation mandated such equal opportunities in other sports.

Even though archery was inherently enjoyable by all, it took an enlightened Pasadena city government to open the sport to the general public. The City permitted archery to take root in the Lower Arroyo in the 1920s and 1930s, first at the Target Archery Range and later at the Field Archery Range, always insisting that these ranges be open and available to the public at large. Due to continued support by Pasadena's city leaders, all members of the public have been able to practice archery in the Lower Arroyo Park for nearly a century. Pasadena has remained committed to the principle that archery should be accessible to all, not only the landed gentry and their guests, and not only the private archery clubs who established and maintained the Lower Arroyo ranges.

In today's debate, a small segment of the landed gentry is resurgent, seeking to roll back nearly a century of progressive city policy by drastically restricting or eliminating the general public's opportunities to practice archery at the Lower Arroyo range. Ironically, one of their proposals is to restrict archery in the Lower Arroyo to events conducted by a private club, the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA), a group whose aims they otherwise oppose.

Pasadena's present-day leaders should resist this pressure from powerful interests. Don't roll back a century of progressive city policy toward archers and their sport. Please keep the Lower Arroyo Field Archery Range open to the public for archery seven days a week.

**Reference [1]** “**YOUNG AND OLD Alike Enjoy Themselves on Tuesday Evening,**” *Los Angeles Times*, Thursday, June 25, 1891, p. 7.

Again I can only send you a full citation and a link to the *Times'* online archive, since the *Times'* copyright policy prohibits me from sending you the article itself. You can purchase the full article at

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/latimes/doc/163559814.html?FMT=ABS&FMTS=ABS:AI&type=historic&date=Jun+25%2C+1891&author=&pub=Los+Angeles+Times+%281886-1922%29&edition=&startpage=&desc=PASADENA>.

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**From:** Sam Dolinar <samdolinar@alum.mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 08, 2015 12:37 AM  
**To:** City\_Council; Bogaard, Bill  
**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com  
**Subject:** Field Archery at the Lower Arroyo Range in 1942-1943

(for inclusion in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting related to the Pasadena Archery Range)

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

Last month I sent you an old news article from *The (Pasadena) Independent Star-News*, which documented that the Lower Arroyo field archery range already had 28 targets as of 1958. Today I'm referring you to an even older article published in the *Los Angeles Times* in early 1943. See Reference [1] below.

The 1943 *LA Times* article is about Kennard (Ken) Moore, who won the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) championship at the Pasadena range in 1942. While it was written as a human interest story, the *Times* article also corroborates many details about the status of Pasadena's field archery range and the sport of field archery dating back to the early 1940s. Many of these historical details are relevant to the Council's debate about the range today, notably:

1. **The Pasadena field range already had 28 targets in 1942.** Not only does the *Times* article mention the number of targets twice, it also reports meticulously the total number of arrows and the maximum possible score for the championship rounds: "Two rounds are fired and four arrows used on each of the 28 targets (a total of 224 shots if your arithmetic isn't so good.) Best possible score is 1120 ..." [1] Unlike documents which only mention the number of targets in passing (such as the erroneous references to 14 targets in the LAMP or 23 targets on the City's website), these extra numerical details in the 1943 *Times* article reinforce its reports of 28 targets and rule out any possibility that these reports might have been typographical errors.
2. The earliest NFAA outdoor championships were conducted by mail, with competing archers shooting the same standardized rounds at their own local courses. The Outdoor NFAA Mail Tournament competition started in 1941, and the NFAA Standardized Field Round was adopted in 1942. NFAA's crowning of Ken Moore as its 1942 national champion implies that **NFAA recognized Pasadena's field range as a championship-caliber course in 1942.**
3. Ken Moore lived and worked in Northeast Los Angeles, about 1/2 mile outside Pasadena's western border. Nonetheless, **the City of Pasadena in 1942 welcomed this non-resident to practice his craft and to win his championship on Pasadena's range**, which has always been a regional asset. In return, the City could bask in the glory of being the site of the national champion's exploits — much like the whole country tuned in last week to watch non-resident football teams from Oregon and Florida State compete in the national semi-finals at the Rose Bowl, another regional asset that distinguishes Pasadena as a Great City.
4. In the 1943 *Times* article, Ken Moore makes the golfing analogy, saying that field archery is "similar to golf, in that it's played (or shot) over a course with 28 targets laid out similarly to an 18-hole links. There are high and low targets, ones that require kneeling stances, 'dog legs,' narrow corridors of trees or shrubs, and numerous other hazards to make the shooting tough." [1] Remember, this is a national champion 72 years ago trying to be informative about his sport, not an advocate trying to sway the vote of a City Council in 2015. **The analogy between field archery and golf is intrinsic, and dates back to the beginnings of the sport.**
5. Toward the end of the 1943 *Times* article, Ken Moore gave three tips to prospective archers, all of which have some pertinence to matters being debated today:
  - a. "Contact an archery club for advice on what equipment to buy ... even a champ can't fire warped arrows straight." [1] it's too bad Mr. Moore can't be here today to tell the Council about the **improbability of warped arrows soaring to backyards atop a 120-foot hillside.**
  - b. "Get a good archer to show you the technique." [1] The **Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) have been conducting weekly classes for the general public since the 1960s.**
  - c. "After that, practice is the prime factor." [1] In fact, Mr. Moore "used to practice daily" while "perfecting the technique." [1] In the current debate before the Council, PRA and other archers stress that **the range should be kept open throughout the week because archers need daily practice** to get good.

I hope that all of you on the Council take time to read some of these old-time news articles that can give you insights into the true history of archery in Pasadena. Such contemporaneously published accounts don't suffer from the retrospective biases of advocates on either side in the current debate.

**Reference [1] "Depression Sets Champ on Archery Title Trail," by Jack Curnow, Los Angeles Times, Tuesday February 2, 1943, pp. A7 and A8.**

Unfortunately, the *Times'* strict copyright policy prohibits me from sending you a copy of the full news article. You can purchase the full article in the *Times'* online archive at <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/latimes/doc/165419686.html?FMT=ABS&FMTS=ABS:AI&type=historic&date=Feb+2%2C+1943&author=C>



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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 8:29 AM  
**To:** City\_Council; Bogaard, Bill  
**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com  
**Subject:** Nomenclature Used to Describe the Lower Arroyo's Archery Ranges

*(for inclusion in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting related to the Pasadena Archery Range)*

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

My letter today discusses a simple issue of the **nomenclature** used to describe the Lower Arroyo's archery ranges. Even though this matter seems trivial, I think that bad nomenclature is one of the things that has contributed to misunderstandings of what's being debated.

In my earlier letters describing the archery ranges' history, i've been careful to avoid the terminologies "northern range" and "southern range" except parenthetically. That's because these terms are **not historical** and **not very descriptive** of the situation under current debate.

Ed Ryman's book "*First Fifty: Pasadena Roving Archers, Inc., 1935-1985*," which chronicles PRA and range history through August 1987, makes not a single mention of the terms "northern range" and "southern range". These terms only came into popular use after PRA inherited responsibility for the Sagittarius 3D Range when the Sagittarius Club folded in the late 1980s. Subsequently, PRA and/or the City apparently found it convenient to distinguish geographically the two ranges now being maintained by PRA as the "northern range" and the "southern range".

However, these two ranges have never been co-equals. The Sagittarius range (northern range), established 15 years later than the Field Archery Range (southern range), never had the great historic significance of the field range dating back to the birth of the sport. The Sagittarius range could never qualify as a regulation field range because the park's topology north of the footbridge didn't permit installing long targets up to 80 yards. Most importantly, as of the 2003 adoption of the LAMP, the City mandated that these two ranges be treated differently as to their use. The Field Archery Range (southern range) has remained a **public** range, available to anyone for archery whenever the park is open. The former Sagittarius range (northern range), however, is no longer open for archery except on 13 Sundays per year when PRA is permitted to extend some of its tournaments into a portion of this decommissioned range.

The main issue under current debate is the status of Pasadena's Public Field Archery Range, extending from Target 1 just north of the footbridge to Target 28 located about 1/6-mile north of the La Loma Bridge. This is the sole area being debated for public use, and it comprises less than 10 acres. The former Sagittarius range (northern range) is a side issue, pertaining solely to the business deal between the City and PRA. It's just an extra park area, no longer designated for public archery, that PRA is allowed to spill into on 13 specific occasions per year in return for the fees PRA pays under its operating agreement with the City.

To summarize: It would clarify the current debate immensely if the City and PRA both stopped using the anhistorical terms "northern range" and "southern range". The big debate is about **Pasadena's Public Field Archery Range**. Only a side issue concerns the **former Sagittarius range**. You should start using these terms to prevent confusing the public about what's being debated.

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**Subject:** Historic Significance of Pasadena's Field Archery Range

*(for inclusion in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting related to the Pasadena Archery Range)*

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

Toward the end of last week, I sent you three letters describing: (1) my own personal experiences in enjoying the Arroyo parks since 1980; (2) the history of the Lower Arroyo's three archery ranges dating back to 1928, 1935, and 1950, respectively; and (3) why the Public Field Archery Range has great historic significance both to the sport of field archery and to the City of Pasadena.

Today I'm sending you a news article I found online from 1958 in *The (Pasadena) Independent Star-News*. This article firmly establishes that the field archery range has been used for family-oriented recreation for at least the past 56 years, and that the field course already had 28 targets as of 1958. It also makes a distinction between the 28-target "Arroyo field archery range" and some additional targets "in the area used by the cooperating Sagittarius Club." And it even supports the numerous analogies that I made in my letters between field archery and golf. Those analogies were already being made 56 years ago, long before any of the current controversies arose.

I'm including an OCR'ed version of this news article below. You can read the source newspaper itself (requiring a subscription) at <http://www.newspapers.com/newspage/31793990/> (first page) and <http://www.newspapers.com/newspage/31794123/> (continuation page).

*from The (Pasadena) Independent Star-News, Sunday, October 5, 1958, pages 3 and 23:*

**JUST LIKE GOLF**

***Family Groups Take to Archery***

A new facet to archery, one of the fastest growing participation sports in the Southland, will be revealed today when local archers inaugurate "family Sunday" at the Arroyo field archery range.

Sponsored by Pasadena's Roving Archers Club, the family day shoot will be held the first Sunday of each month and will be devoted to youngsters and adults in family groups—beginner and advanced archers—strictly for recreational reasons.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the 28 target field course of the Pasadena Roving Archers, a special 4 target short course in the area used by the cooperating Sagittarius Club, plus practice targets set up near the archery clubhouse, will be devoted to family use. There will be skilled bowmen on hand to take family groups along the field course and to help them with archery problems at the practice targets at the clubhouse.

High point of the day long session will be a demonstration of technique and skill by champion archer Joe Freis.

Field archery, an offshoot of regular target shooting, is compared by bowmen to golf. The range consists of a number of targets located at various distances from the shooting position. The features of local topography are exploited. There are uphill and downhill shoots, shots across ravines and ponds, shots that are hemmed in by brush. The archer advances from one target to the next shooting position in his trip around the course.

An established method of scoring has evolved for field archery and rules have been developed. The Pasadena Roving Archers maintain a 28 target field course in the Arroyo.

There will be no target fee on this initial family Sunday, according to Walt Powell, spokesman for the club. Family groups are urged to bring picnic lunches and make a day of it at the archery range.

Pasadena's field archery ranges are located in the lower Arroyo Seco off Arroyo Boulevard, between Colorado Street and California Street. There is an access road down from Arroyo Boulevard that is marked "Casting pool and archery ranges." The archery facilities are across a small bridge from the casting pool area on the far west side of the Arroyo.

*-----end of newspaper article transcription.*

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**From:** Sam Dolinar <samdolinar@alum.mit.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 06, 2014 3:34 PM  
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**Cc:** Jomsky, Mark; city\_letters@rovingarchers.com  
**Subject:** Historic Significance of Pasadena's Field Archery Range

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

My letter yesterday discussed the history of archery sports in the Lower Arroyo. Today's letter briefly reviews the history of Pasadena's three archery ranges, and then it examines in more detail the great historic significance of Pasadena's Field Archery Range to the sport and to the City.

**Synopsis of the History of Pasadena's Three Archery Ranges**

- There was a Target Archery Range on the east side of the channel for about 50 years from 1928 until the late 1970s, operated by the Pasadena Target Archers (PTA). Nowadays all traces of east-side archery are gone. Target archery activities have been absorbed into the Field Archery Range on the west side.
- The Sagittarius 3D Archery Range (northern range) also operated for about 50 years from around 1950 until 2003. This range was maintained for the majority of its history by the Sagittarius Club and later by the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA). Since 2003, it has been closed to general public use and is only available for PRA tournaments on 13 Sundays per year.
- The Field Archery Range (southern range) has operated for almost 80 years from 1935 to the present. It has had 28 targets for most of its lifetime, and those targets have been in their current configuration for the past 40 years. Since the late 1970s, the Field Archery Range has remained a certified field course while also absorbing target and 3D archery activities when the other two ranges were abandoned or decommissioned. Though maintained by PRA and enjoyed by many of its members, the Field Archery Range has always been a public range, open to any member of the public for archery.

**Historic Significance of Pasadena's Field Archery Range (southern range)**

While all three archery ranges have been a part of Pasadena's historic commitment to supporting archery sports, the Field Archery Range is the Crown City's crown jewel in this respect. The erstwhile PTA range, though seven years older than the PRA range, had roughly the same historic significance as the Brookside Golf Courses: both were old and venerable within Southern California, but not very old relative to their respective sports which had been practiced for centuries in other places throughout the world. The PRA range, on the other hand, dates back to the very beginnings of the sport of field archery. This sport was invented in Redlands in 1934, and was quickly adopted in Pasadena in 1935 under the leadership of legendary local archers Henry and Matilda (Babe) Bitzenburger. Pasadena's Field Archery Range is the oldest surviving range from the early years when this sport was birthed.

Pasadena's Field Archery Range has roughly the same historic significance to the sport of field archery as Scotland's St. Andrews Old Course has to the sport of golf. Golf wasn't invented at St. Andrews, but it was the first place where an 18-hole golf course was adopted, and the consensus among golf enthusiasts all over the world is that St. Andrews is the historic home of golf. As the world's oldest surviving field archery range dating back almost to the sport's inception, Pasadena's range in the Lower Arroyo has a better claim to being the historic home of field archery than any other place on earth. Relocating the Field Archery Range or removing some of its 28 targets would be akin to the Town of St. Andrews relocating the Old Course or eliminating some of its 18 holes. Fortunately, the UK is so protective of its historic golf legacy that Parliament has passed a law ensuring that such a desecration to the history of golf will never happen.

Pasadena's city leaders should similarly take enormous pride in preserving the City's historic recreational sports treasures. They're an important part of Pasadena's unique character, and they contribute significantly to making Pasadena a Great City. When I came to work at JPL in 1980, I already knew of the world famous Rose Bowl as the "granddaddy of them all" among college football bowl games and stadiums. Within a short time after my arrival, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Pasadena was also a groundbreaking pioneer in adopting and preserving two lesser known sports, disc golf in the Upper Arroyo and field archery in the Lower Arroyo. Even though I don't engage in these sports personally (nor college football), I've always been in awe that one city could have created and maintained three "granddaddy of them all" sports facilities, all within a few miles of each other and all within the same Arroyo Seco.

I urge you as current-day city leaders to preserve Pasadena's historic recreational treasures in the Arroyo. Don't overrule the judgment of nearly a century of city leaders who preceded you by starting to dismantle the historic sports facilities that they enabled and supported through all these years. Keep Pasadena a Great City by respecting and preserving its historic recreational sports legacy.

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**Sent:** Friday, December 05, 2014 2:53 PM  
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**Subject:** History of Archery Sports in the Lower Arroyo

(for inclusion in the agenda packet for the upcoming City Council meeting related to the Pasadena Archery Range)

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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

Last night I sent you a letter describing how my personal experiences in the Arroyo parks over more than 30 years have shaped my opinion that **the Lower Arroyo archery range should be preserved**, even though I'm not an archer myself. But beyond collecting personal opinions, you as city leaders also have a duty to research and analyze pertinent historical and technical facts to support a rational basis for your decisions.

My letter today discusses the history of archery sports in the Lower Arroyo, especially the history of Pasadena's Public Field Archery Range (called the southern range in recent parlance).

**Brief History of Archery Sports in the Lower Arroyo**

Pasadena's legacy of archery in the Lower Arroyo is the history of three different archery sports and three separate archery ranges supported and maintained by three different archery clubs. First there was Pasadena's **Target Archery Range**, established in 1928 on the east side of the channel by the Pasadena Target Archers (PTA) for the long-established sport of target archery. Then came Pasadena's **Field Archery Range**, established in 1935 on the west side of the channel by the Pasadena Roving Archers (PRA) for the newly invented sport of field archery. Finally, there was the **Sagittarius 3D Archery Range**, established around 1950 by the Sagittarius Club and extending northward from the Field Archery Range.

While these three archery ranges were historically referred to as the PTA range, the PRA range, and the Sagittarius range, Pasadena's city leaders should never lose sight of the fact that these ranges have always been City-owned recreational facilities open to the public at large. They were not private enclaves of the archery clubs who maintained them. Rather, they have represented Pasadena's historic commitment to providing facilities for the public to enjoy these types of recreation. For a period of nearly three decades from 1950 until the closing of the PTA range in the late 1970s, Pasadena's Lower Arroyo was a mecca for archery sports unrivaled anywhere in the world.

Since the late 1970s, the history of archery in the Lower Arroyo has been one of **consolidation**, not expansion. First the PTA range was closed and many of PTA's members were absorbed into PRA. Approximately ten years later, the Sagittarius club also folded, and PRA absorbed many of its members and activities. Even though the Sagittarius range (northern range) was not closed at that time, as of the 2003 adoption of the LAMP, archery has only been permitted on the Sagittarius range for PRA events on a maximum of 13 Sundays per year. Today, all three archery sports take place regularly within the historic Field Archery Range (southern range).

Though not ideal in the eyes of some archery enthusiasts who'd prefer to have three separate ranges, this consolidation of archery facilities has been practical and beneficial to the City at large. Archery activities that once spread over more than 20 acres on both sides of the channel have now been consolidated into a little less than 10 acres within the confines of the Field Archery Range (not counting the minor extension into the old Sagittarius range for 13 specific PRA events per year).

This consolidation has been possible because a field archery range can host not only field events, but also some types of target and 3D events as well as general archery instruction and practice areas. However, the reverse is not true. The sport of field archery cannot be accommodated on a target archery range, nor on the old Sagittarius range. A field archery range bears roughly the same relationship to a target archery range as a full-size golf course bears to a driving range. Squeezing all three archery sports into less than 10 acres has only been possible because the unique topography of the Lower Arroyo is conducive to a much more compact field course design than the 15 to 30 acres normally recommended by the National Field Archery Association (NFAA).

The fundamental feature that distinguishes a field archery range from a target archery range is that field archery is contested over a 28-target course presenting archers with varying distances and terrain conditions, just like an 18-hole golf course presents a set of varying challenges to golfers. Field archers were shooting at 28 targets at the Lower Arroyo range even before the 28-target course was standardized by NFAA in 1942. The Pasadena range has always had 28 targets except for one decade from 1963 to 1974 when PRA could only maintain 14 targets due to declining membership and resources. The exact details of the earliest 28-target courses are not well documented. However, ever since PRA restored the 28-target course in 1974, the Field Archery Range has remained in the same

configuration for the past 40 years. This is documented by City records and PRA records, as well as historical aerial photos dating back to the 1970s.

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Subject:** FW: Please preserve Pasadena's Public Field Archery Range in the Lower Arroyo

**From:** Sam Dolinar [<mailto:samdolinar@alum.mit.edu>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 04, 2014 11:56 PM  
**To:** Bogaard, Bill; City\_Council  
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Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Councilmembers,

I live in Sunland, but I've worked at JPL for 34 years. During that time, I've been a frequent patron of Pasadena businesses and an appreciative user of Pasadena's fantastic park facilities. Today I'm writing to you in **strong support of preserving Pasadena's historic Public Field Archery Range in the Lower Arroyo.**

My own recreational interests have included walking, jogging, running, and softball, but not archery. I'm not an archer, and I don't intend to become an archer. Theoretically I should be an ally of the archery opponents who hope that you vote to evict the archers from their historic range and deed the entire Lower Arroyo to people whose recreational interests align with theirs and mine. However, nothing could be further from the truth. I'm not that selfish.

I used to run the Rose Bowl loop countless times during my marathon running days 30 years ago. As a reasonably fast runner at the time, I had to be careful when encountering people going in the opposite direction, or when overtaking slower runners, strollers, people walking four abreast, etc., or when being overtaken by cars or bicycles. Somehow we all coexisted amicably, each drawing our own benefit from a splendid place to walk or run.

We also coexisted amicably with the golfers on the other side of the fence. Never did it cross my mind to complain that the City should tear down the fence to give the more numerous walkers and runners like me access to the expansive territory occupied by the less numerous golfers. Never did it cross my mind to calculate that the City was being unfair to allocate 200 acres to at most 288 golfers (the combined maximum capacity of both golf courses), while forcing many hundreds of walkers, joggers, and runners to share the Rose Bowl loop's measly 5 acres. I recognized that golfing was a legitimate activity, too, and I didn't begrudge the golfers their space. I was grateful to have sufficient space for my own preferred activity, and I didn't need more.

Nowadays I mostly walk, or jog slowly. At my slower pace, the tranquil trails of the Lower Arroyo have become more attractive than the bustle of the Rose Bowl loop. I enjoy experiencing the natural beauty of the area when I walk the trails for exercise. As on the Rose Bowl loop, I share space with walkers, joggers, and runners. In the Lower Arroyo, I walk past archers instead of golfers. And we all coexist amicably. I don't begrudge the archers their space just like I didn't begrudge the golfers theirs.

Indeed, the archery range blends quite well with the arroyo's natural setting, and it adds interest to my walks. Walking past the range reminds me of walking past a Boy Scout camp in my youth in Pennsylvania. At my slower pace and without an intervening fence, there are opportunities to observe and chat with archers. I enjoy learning about what they do, even though I don't plan to take up the sport myself.

Pasadena has a longstanding tradition of supporting a diversity of recreational interests. This policy has worked for the benefit of all of your citizens. It has also given your city the prestige of having the best recreational park system in the local area. Why would you want to change that?

You as city leaders have a responsibility to look at the big picture. Devoting 10 acres to archery out of 1000 acres of public parklands citywide is a pittance, especially considering archery's burgeoning popularity. Pasadena's public archery range is a big asset to the city and the entire region. And it belongs in the Lower Arroyo where it's always been.

Sam Dolinar  
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## Buchanan, Rita

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Subject:** FW: Archery in the Lower Arroyo

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask the Council to vote to preserve the historic archery range in the Lower Arroyo.

Archery has taught my 11 year old son focus, posture and responsibility. On Saturday mornings he is hyper-aware of the time because he doesn't want to miss one minute of archery class in the Lower Arroyo. His development in this activity is his greatest individual accomplishment to date, and is a great source of pride.

Though we are not residents of Pasadena, our close proximity in Mt. Washington brings us into town daily. There are also families who drive from as far away as El Segundo and Santa Clarita to work with the excellent volunteer instructors of Roving Archers. While in Pasadena these families no doubt contribute to the local economy, as do we.

The existence of archery range is a wonderful complement to the many activities and events Pasadena has to offer. The classes are comprehensive, safe and a marvelous way to develop skills in young people. It would be a terrible shame to close it down.

Please vote to preserve the archery range. It would be an historical achievement for a beautiful city known for its history.

Best regards,

Charles Faithorn  
Los Angeles, CA

Sent from my iPhone



## South Bay Archery Club, Inc.

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September 3, 2014

Mr. Mayor and the City Council of Pasadena,

Archery has been around for thousands of years; it is not likely to disappear. During the last Olympics, according to NBC, it was the most watched of all sports, including swimming, track, and gymnastics.

Where do Olympians who represent the United States come from? Archery clubs well-founded in the art of discipline of archery, like the Pasadena Roving Archers. They're ensconced in educational programs like JOAD—Junior Olympic Archery Development—sanctioned by USA Archery.

Who am I? I'm a National Board Certified Teacher—the top 6% of educators in the country. I've been teaching with the Los Angeles Unified School District since 1976. I'm also president of the 61-year old South Bay Archery Club. We have over 400 archers from age 6 to 96, of every ethnic background shooting nearly every style of archery. We work—as do the Pasadena Roving Archers—with our community, for the healthy benefit of our communities and of the sport.

I heard that some people object to “those kind of people” referring to members of Pasadena Roving Archers. Human? Community-minded? Selfless? Our club just raised over \$1000 through a youth tournament to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and 7 members from Pasadena attended. In February, an El Monte club had a youth tournament that raised a greater amount in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Again, youth archers from Pasadena were also at that event. In addition to archery, we all teach our youths about caring for and about others.

So, ‘those kind of people’? I'm proud to be counted alongside the Pasadena Roving Archers! I deem the antagonism they've experience as inherently selfish and a detriment to the outstanding history of the City of Pasadena; to support their detractors is a disservice and dishonor to Pasadena itself.

Thank you for allowing me to contribute my “two cents”.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Farbman".

Paul Farbman, president

South Bay Archery Club, Inc.

USA Archery Judge and Level 2 Coach

**Jomsky, Mark**

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**From:** John Favre <johnfavre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2014 11:19 AM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** Archery range

Dear Mr. Jomsky:

Please forward the following letter to Council members when the archery range proposal is considered. The letter supports the City proposal but urges review of the execution of the program in one year by the Council.

Thank you.

John Favre

Sent from my iPad

Re: Archery Range

Dear City Council Persons:

I write as a long term resident of Pasadena and neighbor of the range, a regular walker in and around the range, and a participant for the past four years in the discussions concerning the current unsafe conditions on the range as determined by the Pasadena Police Department.

Because of the special value of the range area to the City as a whole, I support the current proposal but urge Council review within one year and regularly as Use Agreements are renewed.

I urge this because the proposal calls for significant changes in City policies expanding and regulating a growing intensive but dangerous recreational use of the range in the midst of the open, natural, and unique gem of the Lower Arroyo Seco Natural Park.

Moreover, although the current reforms--the first in over a decade--were sparked by the realization that the range, with it's growing use by archers from outside City boundaries, had come to violate generally accepted safety standards for an archery range, a host of related problems were uncovered as discussions went forward, including the following:

- 1) Greater danger of arrows going into neighboring yards;
- 2) The belief by Public Works that Council Members intended the 14 target limit in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan to actually approve 28 targets;
- 3) The existence of targets on private property without owner consent;
- 4) The ongoing presence of metal signs apparently 50 years old which cite non-existent Municipal Code sections;

- 5) The ongoing presence of a metal freight container allowed in on a temporary basis 12 years ago;
- 6) The lack of data about the number or residency of users of the range; and
- 7) Reliance by Public Works on a written Use Agreement with the Pasadena Roving Archers which had not been updated for changing circumstances within recent memory, contained inadequate safety provisions, and provided an outmoded and highly-subsidizing fee agreement, and which had actually lapsed.

The current proposal addresses the safety problem by physically separating walkers from archers, as initially proposed in January, 2011 but calls for a new 1500 foot "natural barrier" that still must be approved by the Design Commission, and it also proposes completely new procedures to correct the newly-recognized problems.

The range area has been recognized as a prize area for for local and regional nature lovers, who have been set odds over appropriate uses, and needs policy guidance as competing uses continue to increase. For all of these reasons, I urge the Council to make the range safe immediately and to revisit the optimal way to establish an excellent archery range and nature area henceforward.

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** cityclerk  
**Subject:** FW: Archery

-----Original Message-----

From: Sydney Feeney [<mailto:sydfeeney@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:23 AM

To: Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Archery

Dear City Clerk:

I am writing because I am opposed to the expansion of the archery enterprise in the Arroyo.

Sydney Feeney

Sent from my iPhone