



The Official Newsletter for
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

While spring officially started in March, I don't really believe it's here until April.

It's always sometime in April when I take that deep breath of air that really feels like spring. You know the air I'm talking about. It's just a bit warmer than the last breath, and while you can't quite put your finger on why, somehow, it just tastes like warm sunshine, fresh grass, and the promise of summer. With that breath, that first real taste of spring, I let go of winter and embrace the coming summer here in Yuma.

Spring is usually about 3 weeks long, just like fall.

Many of our winter visitors have left and many are packing to leave soon. We will miss them. They volunteer and help fill in the gaps when needed. They are an important part of our group.

We have many things going on with Southwest Bowhunters this year, all are connected by a common thread. Getting the range ready for next year when we join three other organizations to offer a leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series. Plans are being made to remodel the restrooms to make them handicapped compliant. New targets are another area that is being looked at, along with range cleanup and maintenance. We can do this if we all work together, which I know we can. I have seen it over the years.

Shoot straight and often.

Keith Parsels



President Keith
Parsels



Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2023

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Keith Parsels

Attendees: Robert Baker, Michael Bernard, Edward Bernard, Rick Bielke, Ann Bluhm, Scott Covey, Gene Cox, Vince DiCataldo, Gail Downs, Kelvin

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Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

I. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Keith motioned that the minutes be approved as read; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Account has \$12,874.52 as of 3/11/23, and after paying for the ATV repairs.

III. **Open issues/Old Business:**

a. **Bow Press Parts** – Keith reported that the new adaptors for the bow press have been received. These adaptors are designed to accommodate “beyond parallel limb” bows.

b. **ATV Repairs** – Keith reported that the repairs to the ATV have been completed. The total cost of the repairs was \$496.38, and covered the rebuilding of the carburetor, repair of the leaking gas tank, and replacement of leaking valve stems in the tires.

c. **Memberships/Renewals** – Debbie reported that we now have a total of 74 paid memberships. She also reminded attendees that in order to be able to vote, you must pay your dues. Dues run from January 1 to December 31, with no pro-rating.

d. **AZ 3D Championship Series** – Scott reported that he, David and Debbie had a conference-call meeting with the organizers of the AZ 3D Championship Series. The meeting went well, and we are going to be the second of four legs of the shoot. Members of our club who volunteer to help will NOT be allowed to shoot our leg of the competition. The dates for our leg of the series will tentatively be March 9 & 10, 2024. A member asked if volunteers would be able to shoot the course for score the day before the actual shoot. Debbie will check on that.* We should have the date positively nailed down by this coming Tuesday or Wednesday.

IV. **New Business:**

a. **Dogs at the range** – Keith reported that there was a recent incident at the range where an unfamiliar dog was brought by his owner, unleashed, to roam free. There was an altercation between said dog and a member's dog. To prevent this from happening again, Keith recommended all dogs should be leashed. Discussion followed. Michael motioned that dogs should be leashed when we have archery events; motion was seconded by Jen. Motion Passed.

b. Field Archery – It was suggested that the club hold a Field Archery round in leu of one of the Sunday 3D Fun Shoots. Discussion about a date followed. Michael motioned that we hold a Field Archery shoot on April 9th in leu of the scheduled Sunday 3D Archery shoot; motion seconded by Edward. Motion Passed.
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 3D TARGETS SET UP FOR THAT SUNDAY.

c. Kitchen Food – Keith pointed out that there was some food left from the previous shoots, and that we need to shut off the freezer and refrigerators for the summer. He recommended that members cook and eat the leftover food and sodas after one of the Sunday Fun Shoots.

d. Target and Mid-section Order – Butch reported that he will start inventorying the and assessing the condition of the targets and replaceable inserts in the coming weeks. Kelvin has volunteered to help. Butch will report his findings at the next meeting.

V. Items from the floor:

a. Targets are usually placed on the canyon course mid-week. Rick reported that there have been incidences of people coming to the canyon course during the week and shooting the 3D targets without paying. This is taking a toll on the targets. He suggested that if members see other members or non-members using the canyon course before the Sunday shoots, to ask them to leave. Kelvin will start putting targets out on Sunday morning instead of mid-week to avoid any conflicts.

b. Tanja reported that the Yuma Desert Doves/Women on the Wing Banquet will be held on April 15th at the Elks Lodge #476 in Yuma. Yuma Desert Doves/Women on the Wing is a local group that promotes women hunters and mentors women who are new to hunting. This event helps to cover some of the expenses associated with that goal. SWBH has hosted and assisted with several of the intro to shooting sports and archery for women events in the past. Doors open at 4:30pm; Cocktail Hour 5:00 – 6:00pm; Dinner starts at 6:00pm. Prices start at \$75.

VI. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael; seconded by Robert. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34am.

****Next meeting will be April 2nd, 2023****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



A Message David

Hello Members:

I am a new board member with Southwest Bowhunters, and I am looking to bring my expertise to the club through videography, photography, and social media marketing. I have already made several videos involving the club that you can find on our website www.southwestbowhunters.net under the videos tab. They feature some of our members at the various 3D Archery shoots that we have hosted as well as our Sunday Fun Days. My plan with this is to bring our club into the 21st century, as most marketing is done through social media and e-commerce.



David Wetherholt

Originally from Columbus Ohio, I moved out to Yuma AZ for a job just over a year ago and being the avid archer that I am, I began searching for a place to shoot whenever I wanted. I looked online at the website, and social media and couldn't really find a whole lot about the club. I thought it was a dinky little range out in the middle of nowhere with not much to offer. I decided on a whim to drive out and check it out during the week and was surprised to find quite a large range with covered shooting pads and decided to show up on Sunday to check it out. I was completely shocked to discover that every single weekend the members set up a full canyon course to shoot quality 3D targets with quite a few people. The members that greeted me treated me like family from the outset and explained "just wait until we set up the river trails".

From this moment on I decided I wanted to help the club as much as possible to get the word out about the features and amenities that the club has to offer not only to the residents of Yuma, but to the rest of the region. I truly believe that we have one of the best archery ranges in the region and have the capability of hosting some very impressive events! My videos will continue, and I will work to reach out to contacts not only in the community but also around the country to find out what is possible for some of our events!

Please feel free to check out the videos, and if I can do anything else to help, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

David Wetherholt

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YVR&GC and SWBH Host the 2023 Youth Archery Clinic -by Bryon Green

Question: What do you get when you combine volunteer mentors with a passion for the outdoors, with youth looking to learn about outdoor activities? Answer: A most excellent experience for all involved!

That is exactly what happened with the 2023 Youth Archery Clinic sponsored by the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club (YVRGC) and Southwest Bowhunters (SWBH) on March 4th. Twenty-two volunteers/mentors from YVRGC, SWBH, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Yuma Police Department (YPD), and Firearms Unknown came together at the SWBH Adair archery range to teach 40 local youth about archery, BB Gun safety and marksmanship, and the art of glassing wildlife from a distance.



The Archery Station was very popular with participants.

Over 15 youth at a time received instruction and were able to shoot recurve and compound bows. Some youth enjoyed the archery so much, they didn't put down their bows until lunch time.



Is that a Dinosaur??

Youth received instruction on BB gun safety and marksmanship from YPD, USFWS, and YVRGC/SWBH volunteers. The event used two inflatable, 2-gun ranges to ensure the safety of the youth and capture the BBs for future use.

The glassing station was set up with spotting scopes and long-range binoculars on tripods, as well as scoped rifles (bolts removed) on Death Grip tripods. The youth were able to spot javelina, deer, wild boar, velociraptor (Yes, they exist!), wolf, and fox 3D targets placed up to 600 yards down the canyon on numerous ridgelines.

For the conclusion, the youth were provided a free pulled-pork sandwich lunch plate courtesy of Village Inn Pizza Parlor. Numerous door and raffle prizes were handed out thanks to Sprague's Sports, CAL Ranch, Village Inn Pizza Parlor, Melissa Short/Wealthcare Advisory Group, Corona Optique, and Firearms Unknown. In addition, Mayberry Sanitation Services donated plenty of... er... facilities.



Waiting to see who wins the raffles.

Everyone, including the volunteers, had a great time and the most often asked question was, "When are we going to do this again?"

I cannot thank the volunteers enough for the time and effort they put into this event. Kudos to all!!



SWBH Mentor at Women's Beginning Shooting Clinic



Dan, Stan and Esai giving safety instructions at the beginning of the clinic.

On Saturday, March 25th, Yuma Desert Doves/Women-on-the-Wing chapter joined forces with mentors from the Yuma County 4-H Shooting Sports and Southwest Bowhunters to introduce women to various shooting sports.

Twenty-one women who had little to no experience with firearms or archery met up at the Gary Ware range, (a private range) in Dome Valley,

to learn to safely shoot muzzleloaders, shotgun clays, archery and pellet guns, along with 22LR's. Mentors from the YC 4-H Shooting Sports included Dan Urquidez, Stan Gourley, Esai Duran, Joann and Charlie Schickle, and mentors from SWBH included Debbie Elliott, Pheobe Desposito and Jen Wight.



Debbie gives last-minute archery instructions.

When all the ladies had completed their time at the



Competing for the Canyon Cooler tumbler

various stations, lunch was provided by YDD-WOTW chapter, the ladies were treated to a double-elimination shoot-off using 22LRs. Each participant was given five chances per round to hit and move a ground bouncing target further than the others. It was a close match, but in the end, participant Nancy won the prize – a tumbler provided by Canyon Coolers. Lunch and drinks were provided by YDD-WOTW chapter.



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

WOW! What a year we have had here at Southwest Bowhunters. We've broken attendance records at each shoot we've held this season, the Sunday Fun Shoots are seeing more archers than I can ever remember, and we have been chosen for one of the four legs of the AZ 3D Championship Series.

This year, we've been working with AZGFD to introduce women to the sport of archery, as well as partnering with YVR&GC and the Girl Scouts to get young people off their electronic devices long enough to see that there *are* fun things to do in the great outdoors such as archery and other shooting sports.

Our competitive season started with the Haunted Canyon Night Shoot in October where we had more than 30 shooters, and more than a few zombies, ghosts, and goblins.

Next up was the Swamp Gobbler Turkey shoot. Even though it is held at the beginning of the holiday season, we had a great turnout, and winners walked away with \$25 gift certificates.

Following the Turkey Shoot, we held the annual Hunt For Charity Shoot that benefits Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center in Yuma. Again, we had close to 40 people shooting for a great cause.

In February, we held our flagship, two-day Walk The Trail Shoot. Over 150 people tested their skills on the three 3D trails. We had a bunch of great raffle prizes; one of the raffle prizes was a brand-new ready-to-hunt bow set up!

On April 9, instead of a Sunday 3D shoot, we will have a Field Archery shoot, and we will be hosting the Hoot Shoot 3D Night Fun Shoot on the 29th.

There are several projects that we have been tackling this year as well. The ATV that we use for setting up and taking down the targets needed a carburetor rebuild, the leaky gas tank was repaired, and the valve stems in the tires were replaced. In order to be ADA compliant (and to fix the leaks), our bathrooms are being remodeled as I write this.

And last but not least, Southwest Bowhunters made the list of "12 Awesome Archery Ranges" on [OUTDOORS WIRE](#), a column featured in USA Today Sports section.

None of these shoots, repair projects, or notoriety could have happened without our volunteers. Thank you to the many of you who have stepped up to make SWBH one of the best archery ranges in all the southwest – and now the nation!

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Upcoming Events

Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)

Every Sunday 8:00am to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.

April 9th -Field Archery

8:00 to Noon. 14 targets, two times around. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO 3D fun shoot this week.

April 29th - Hoot Shoot Night Fun Shoot

The fun starts when the sun goes down! Registration from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Shooters' meeting at 6:45 pm. Shotgun start at 7:18 (sunset). No awards, no concession stand, no Mulligans or doe tags. Just good, ol' fashion arrow slinging. Binoculars welcome – no range finders. Lights must be hand-held (no vehicle lights); lighted nocks are encouraged. Let's light up the night!!! Adults (18 & over) \$10; Youth (17 & under) FREE.

Archery Lessons

Ten-week class \$90.00. Classes are held on Saturday mornings. Price includes the Explore Archery medals. Join USA Archery and JOAD and receive the JOAD awards pins for qualifying scores. Open to all beginning archers ages 7 and up! We also offer lessons by the hour on Saturdays for \$10



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

CHICKEN-FRIED WILD TURKEY

My husband and I love to go to a small hole-in-the-wall restaurant that serves Chicken Fried Steak as their house specialty. It is amazing how many variations of this dish actually exist. It is fun to prepare and fun to eat and of course, we're not really worried about calories and fat intake on this dish. With Spring Turkey Season right around the corner, I felt that this recipe would be appropriate.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1-2 lbs Turkey Breast
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1½ C Canola Oil

SEASONING SPICE BLEND (DIVIDE IN HALF)

- 2 tsp Onion Powder
- 2 tsp Garlic Powder
- 2 tsp Black Pepper
- 1 tsp Kosher Salt
- ½ tsp Cayenne Pepper
- 1 C Flour for dredging

EGG WASH

- 3 Eggs
- 1 C Buttermilk

GRAVY

- ½ lb Bacon 1" slices
- ¼ C Bacon Fat
- ½ C Flour
- ½ Spice Blend from above
- 1 qt Half & Half
- 2 T Chicken Base

GARNISH

- 2 T Chives, chopped
- Bacon Slices, cooked

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare spice blend and divide in half, use half for seasoning cutlets and reserve the other half for seasoning the gravy.
2. Remove fascia from turkey breast, slice into 2 oz medallions, lightly pound into thin cutlets, season with half the spice blend, reserve.
3. Prepare egg wash, reserve. Mise en place gravy ingredients. Slice bacon into 1" strips, render fat, reserve bacon crisp for garnish. Reserve bacon fat for gravy.
4. Heat canola oil in large cast iron pan. Dredge seasoned cutlets in flour, knock off excess flour, dredge floured cutlet in egg-wash, then dredge back into flour.
5. Place coated cutlet into hot fat, turn once, remove, reserve. Once all cutlets have been cooked, pour off fat and reserve, wipe out pan.
6. Prepare gravy by adding bacon fat and what little fat is left from frying meat. (Total fat ¼ c) Add flour to hot fat,

add the second half of spice blend, add half & half and chicken base, bring to boil, adjust flavor and consistency.

7. Serve gravy under steak top with bacon pieces and chopped chives.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Use pheasant, grouse, or hog for turkey.

Substitute sausage and sausage fat for the bacon and bacon fat for gravy.

Use avocado oil instead of canola, or all bacon fat.

Substitute milk or combination of buttermilk for half & half.

COOKING OPTIONS:

Use breadcrumbs in place of second flour dredging.

Use Jaccard to tenderize meat before dredging.

NOTES:

Don't smother meat in gravy for too long because it will ruin the coating.

Serve with smashed potatoes topped with gravy.



"No, it's not COVID-19. Someone superglued suction cups to your body while you were drunk last night."

Volunteers Are Always Welcome

The Southwest Bowhunters Archery Range at Adair Shooting Park would not exist if it weren't for the efforts of our member volunteers. Range upkeep and improvements are made possible by the generosity of several of our club members and many local businesses who donate time, money, and materials.

Please consider volunteering to help maintain and improve our facility, and we can **ALWAYS** use help with setting up and running our fun shoots and tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Keith at (928) 750-7620.



Reminder: Alcohol is NOT permitted on the range at any time. Your safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation!

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