



The Official Newsletter for
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Hello Southwest Bowhunters!

I'm always glad that summer has come to an end. It means our members who left because of the weather will be returning.

There's plenty going on with our group during the fall and winter months to keep us busy! October kicks off our best part of the year; we will be having our Haunted Canyon event October 28th, as well as tournaments all over AZ. Come on out and enjoy what SWBH has to offer the new and the seasoned archers.



President Keith Parsels

I would like to welcome our new members and invite them to attend our monthly meetings, if you've ever thought about becoming more involved, come to the meetings that are held on the 1st Sunday of every month, or just walk up to someone on a Sunday and say, "I would like to help with something". We would love to have you share your thoughts and ideas. If you're interested in helping out with our work parties, or the shooting events let us know. We always need dedicated people, and we'd love to have your help!

To those members that are the foundation of the club. I would like to say thank you. It's meant a lot to me working with you for 6 years. As our members continue to work together as they have, we will make this group the premier archery organization in the state of AZ.

Shoot straight and often,

Keith Parsels, President



Scotty's Scribbles

Hello everyone! If you don't know me by now, my name is Scotty Covey and I have been your vice president this past year, 2023.

As you may be aware, Southwest Bowhunters has been awarded the 3rd leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series. We will need all hands on deck

OFFICERS -

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Keith Parsels

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We can also be found on
Facebook, and Instagram

for cleaning and setting the trails up, since we will be needing six trails and possibly one fun trail for the shooters.

If you've been out to the range over the summer months, you have some minor happenings. The club is in the process of upgrading the southern trails with real dirt, hoping to keep some of the dust off the shooters. We will begin our work parties soon to get ready for our upcoming shoots.

Butch and Rick will be needing some volunteers as the new bathroom project will begin in late October. While that is going on, we will have Porta Potties in place to help the unfortunate.

With all that being said, I welcome any ideas and/or criticisms that may benefit our club.

I have a lot of new ideas that I feel will be good for all to enjoy our range. But it is "OUR" range, so please jump on board and let's all get this range to be the best in the state. Get those from out of town to come down and shoot with us.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 10, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Scott Covey

Attendees: Rick Bielke, Ann Bluhm, Scott Covey, Max Daeschler, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Nick Heatwole, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Bambi Lacey, Butch Lacey, David Wetherholt

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Vice President Scott Covey.

- I. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were reviewed. Bryon moved to accept the minutes as written; Butch seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- II. **Treasurer's report:**
 - Main Club Account: \$6,321.11
 - Youth Account: \$1,505.00
- III. **Old Business:**
 - a) **AZ 3D Championship Series update** – The Schedule for the 2024 Arizona 3D Championship Series is as follows:
 - 1) **Cactus Classic** – Feb 17th & 18th @ Usery Mtn. Archers, Mesa, AZ

- 2) **Rumble in the Rocks** – March 23rd & 24th @ Triangle T Guest Ranch, Dragoon, AZ
- 3) **High Noon on the Gila** – April 13th & 14th @ Southwest Bowhunters, Adair Range, Yuma, AZ

The Cactus Classic has always been on President's Day weekend, which is the same weekend as our Walk The Trail shoot. We will **not** be changing the date of our shoot.

- b) **Haunted Canyon Shoot** – October 28th. There will be 20 targets, kid's (12 & under) Costume Contest. Prizes for Scariest, Cutest, and Most Original costumes. Three classes: Men's, Women's, and Youth (17 & under); Two Divisions: Compound and Traditional. First place only to be awarded. Concession Stand will be open for hot dogs/chili dogs & nachos, and drinks. [Flyer here.](#)
- c) **Bathroom update:** Butch talked to Bruce and everything necessary to proceed with the ADA remodel has been acquired. Work is scheduled to begin the weekend of the 23rd of October. One side will be done at a time. Porta Potties and a wash station will be made available while the work progresses.
- d) **Work Party** – scheduled for the weekend of October 23rd. We need volunteers to help clean up the river trails as well as the canyon trail, general grounds maintenance, and concession stand clean up. An email will be going out the first week of October to all members requesting volunteers.
- e) **Gates** – Scotty reported that after the rains, people came to the range in their vehicles and did donuts in the parking area and broke some of the quiver bases. He suggested we get a couple of pole gates to erect across the entrance to the range. He recognizes that this will not keep everyone out, however, it may keep honest people honest. Debbie drove around some of the other ranges and discovered several old telephone poles laying around and suggested that maybe they could be brought to our range to help deter unwanted guests. Scott will contact Ronny and see if we can acquire the unused poles. It was also suggested that we check with APS to see if they would be willing to donate some of the old poles they have replaced.
- f) **Dirt** – Scott reported that more dirt will be delivered soon for the new parking lot across from the range. As soon as the road repairs from the rains is completed and things dry out some more, deliveries will begin again.

IV. New business:

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clean up. An email will be going out the first week of October to all members requesting volunteers.

- b) Replacement cotton bales on the field course & range** – Gump is taking care of the acquisition of cotton bales from Yuco. We already have 18 bales, and he says we can have as many as we want.
- c) Build Straw Wall** – we will restack the straw bales on the north half of the range as an arrow backstop.
- d) 10-yard Bales** - it was suggested that we move the 10-yard bales on the main range to the south a few yards to make room for a second set of 20-yard bales, as it gets quite crowded on the 20-yard bales on Sunday. This could be done during the work party in October.

V. Items from the floor:

- a) Sunday Shoots pay online** – Debbie asked the club if they would be interested in an online-pay option that would allow club members to pay in advance for the Sunday Fun Shoots. Discussion followed, and it was suggested to have a multi-week pay option as well as a single week option. Debbie will work on this and will notify the club when the link is up and running.
- b) Rinehart Shipment** – Targets and inserts from Rinehart are scheduled to ship out on Friday and delivered to Sprague's. When they arrive, we will be notified to pick them up. Scott mentioned that we may be able to get a few 2-D foam targets to supplement our target supply. Discussion followed. Questions about 2D foam targets durability were brought up, and Scott said that he'd research it more, and report back to the club next month.
- c) Raffle Prizes & Money Donations** – Debbie reminded everyone that we will be needing twice as many donations of prizes this year, thanks to the addition of the 3rd Leg of the AZ 3D Championship. If each member could acquire one donation of money, gift certificate or product from a local business, we would be in good shape.

VI. Adjournment: Bryon moved to adjourn the meeting; Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCT. 1st ****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Wow! Either we just had one of the hottest summers in recent memory, or I'm just getting old! (Probably a little of both!) Anyway, this week's supposed to be in the low 100° range, and next week, the 90s. Fall is right around the corner at last, and with fall comes our Snowbird friends, and the desert archery season.

We have so much happening this upcoming season; the usual Haunted Canyon in October, the Hunt for Charity in December, and Walk The Trail in February. Also, this year we will host the 3rd Leg of the AZ 3D Championships Series on the 13th and 14th of April. This is our chance to showcase our Adair Range, but it will take everyone pulling together to make it shine. We are having a work party on October 23rd and 24th (details will be emailed in early October), and we can use everyone's help no matter what your skillset is. Please mark that on your calendar.

If you haven't been to the range in a while, you'll notice a few improvements. We have been upgrading the dirt on the river trails and added an area across from our entrance to the range for parking and camping during our larger meets. The improvements to the restrooms to make them ADA compliant are scheduled to start in late October. We will be adding a couple of Porta-Potties and a wash station until the construction is complete, and we are replacing all the old cotton bales with new ones, thanks to the generosity of the people at Yuco Gin, Inc.

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Upcoming Events –

- **Work Party**

October 23 & 24, 8:00am – 12:00 noon. All who attend all four (4) hours on Saturday or Sunday (or both!) get free lunch!

- **Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot**

Saturday, October 28th. On-site registrations begin at 3:00 pm; Shooters' meeting at 5:30pm; Shoot begins at 5:53pm (sunset). Shotgun start. Register online:

<https://form.jotform.com/220967015721049>

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**

Every Sunday 7:00am to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8. If you'd like to pay for one week or several weeks in advance online: <https://form.jotform.com/232566947773169>

- **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 \$10.00 per hour.



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

Chicken Fried Dove Breast

This is a great alternative to bacon-wrapped, jalapeño dove poppers – not that there is *anything* wrong with jalapeño dove poppers. These can be served either as an appetizer with dipping sauces, or a family-style dinner with mashed potatoes and a cream-style gravy. Either way, they are delicious!



Ingredients

- 1 lb dove breasts
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup Louisiana Fish Fry (or your favorite fish breading)
- 2 Tbs baking powder.
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 6 – 8 cups of canola oil

Directions

1. Remove breast meat from bones using a filet knife.
2. Tenderize the meat on one side only – their small, so don't over tenderize them!
3. Season the breasts on both sides using your favorite game seasoning. Allow them to 'marinate' for at least two hours or up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.
4. In one bowl, combine the buttermilk and egg.
5. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, Fish Fry, and baking powder.
6. 'Double dip' the seasoned breasts first in the liquid, then the flour, then back to the liquid, and then again in the flour.
7. Fry two or three at a time in a deep-fryer at 350° F for 2 – 3 minutes or until golden brown. Remove and set aside to drain while cooking the next batch. Allow the oil in the fryer return to 350° before starting the next batch.



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The Zeonions came with the answers to many secrets of the universe. Vern, regrettably, came with thick glasses and his deer rifle.

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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