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# The Broken Arrow

## President's Message

Hello Southwest Bowhunters!

Wow it's November. This year went fast!

The other day I was looking at news articles on my computer and one popped up that interested me. It stated that a certain animal, because of global warming, has migrated in greater numbers farther north than normal. My first thought was red fox, cottontail rabbit or maybe even whitetail deer.



President Keith Parsels

So, this article piqued my interest quite a lot and I read on. But, No!! As I continued reading the article it became clear they were talking about those pesky, buzzing, biting, blood sucking mosquitos! Sorry, I thought to myself, we have enough of them critters. I for one is glad they are migrating north, supposedly because of global warming, and since when are they considered critters?

Seriously though, the past few months have been very busy, both for the club and as the President of SWBH. Scotty our Vice President has some great plans for the upcoming AZ 3D Championship Series shoot next year. Each day is a new challenge which he's ready to take on for the future and the betterment of SWBH. I am still committed to working to the best of my capabilities for the remaining time in office, with the support of your board of directors, to Preserve, Promote and Protect bowhunting and field archery at our range and to support you, as valued members.

As time moves forward so must SWBH. Modern times are scary to some of us older members, but we realize that if SWBH is going to exist in the future we must adapt. We do have a website and we are on Facebook. As an organization, we may need to improve our presence and participation in the social media world. Our secretary, Debbie, does a great job continuing to review our website to make it as easily accessible as possible, while providing fresh and relevant content to our members.

I would like to see SWBH become a more member involved organization. When members are involved, they feel more invested in SWBH, and the future of SWBH. In the past few online posts, you may have seen an ad which asks members if they would be interested in assisting SWBH in some way or another with ongoing activities. Having SWBH members on committees and participating within SWBH will create a more diverse

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organization, better in tune with exactly what our members desire from SWBH.

I'm wishing you all a great thanksgiving!!

Shoot straight and often,

Keith Parsels, President



## Scotty's Scribbles

Hello everyone!

It is I again. If you were not at the last meeting, you missed a chance to volunteer for many projects and/or changes that we will be making at our local range. Our first work party is in the books, but much remains to be done. There is still time to contact me for the list of projects we have put together. If you elect to help, you may grab one of the many projects and ramrod it at your discretion, or just volunteer to help us with them.

We had our official 3D Championship Series rules meeting. We should be distributing them as soon as the updated rules are published. The club has elected to set up four tournament courses and two fun courses. Each tournament course will have 20 targets and the fun courses will have up to 20 targets each.

We are still in search of donations for the two major shoots for the 2024 season – Walk The Trail over Presidents' Day Weekend, February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg of the 3D Championship Series on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you know of anyone or any businesses who may be able to act as sponsors of either – or both – events.

Until next time, shoot straight, often, and patiently... unless, of course, you are shooting against me. In that case, shoot often, patiently, and 8's.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 1, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Type of Meeting:** General

**Meeting Facilitator:** Keith Parsels

**Attendees:** Rick Bielke, Ann Bluhm, Scott Covey, Ebb Dierdorff, Kelvin Depreau, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Bambi Lacey, Butch Lacey, Keith Parsels, Desiree Redger, Zach Slette, David Wetherholt, Jen Wight.

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by President Keith Parsels.
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were reviewed. Bryon moved to accept the minutes as written; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- III. **Treasurer's report:**

Main Club Account: \$6,331.11; Youth Account: \$1, 505.00. There is one outstanding check for the electric bill from last month - \$103.
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Work Party** - Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 8:00am - 12 noon. Scotty asked how many folks were planning on attending. Thirteen people volunteered. He has a list with the tasks that we want to work on and asked that members step up and take the lead for each of the tasks. Butch volunteered to lead the team for the two river trails. Debbie will take on the kitchen. Debbie reminded everyone that if they sign in and work all four hours, lunch will be provided.
  - b) **Haunted Canyon Shoot** - October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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. Debbie has placed flyers in Sprague's Sports, Cal Stores, and Firearms Unknown, and handed out flyers to members to hang in their workplaces or other businesses that they deem appropriate.
  - c) **Bathroom update** - Butch stated that the work on the doors will begin on Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Gump will have the porta-pottys from Mayflower delivered prior to the work party.
  - d) **Gates** - Scotty has a friend who will make gates for the driveway. He also says that the county will build a berm along the south side of the range along the road. He noted that people who really wanted to get in would probably just drive over it, but it would probably keep the honest people honest. Discussion ensued about what kind of lock to put on the gate and who would receive keys. Debbie suggested that we put a 4-digit combo lock on the gate and when members paid their dues and received their membership card, the combination would be on the card.
  - e) **Raffle prizes and monetary donations** - Debbie has drafted a generic letter to send to local businesses. She will make the letter available in a Word format that can be edited to anyone who knows of a specific business that they would like to approach. Scott suggested that we sell course sponsorships for the 3D Championships at two levels: a \$500 sponsorship that would include two banners, mention on the flyer, as well as Facebook and Instagram and be featured on the Podcast as well as the 3D Championship Website. The second level would cost \$250 that would include the two banners and the flyers only. He will pursue that idea further.

**V. New business:**

- a) **Rebar for Targets** - Scotty noted that we seem to need some more rebar for the targets and for the number signs that need to be built for the 3D Championship, and asked the club if anyone had a lead on some or if we should just buy a bag of them. Ebb said he will take care of the rebar needs.
- b) **PVC for signage on course** - We need to make signage for each of the 8 courses. The other clubs that host the 3D Championship have PVC signs made from a, 3/4" pipe, 4' high, w/90 degree elbow, then a 1' long piece with an endcap, from which a target number will be hung from two hooks. Butch expressed concern that PVC is expensive. Debbie suggested that if anyone knew of a landscape company that may have old PVC laying around, please contact them. Keith said that the farm where he shoots may have some laying around, and he would check on that. Debbie will price some new PVC for info.

**VI. Items from the floor:**

- a) Tanja Eiben reported on the Hunt-Her Optics Workshop - Part 2 that was held at our range on Saturday, September 30. Scott Covey, Kris Warren, Gump, Kelvin and Tanja set up 11 targets around the Canyon Course and taught a dozen members of the Yuma Desert Doves beginning hunting group how to 'glass up' animals in the field. Tanja reported that it was quite successful and thanked the club for allowing this to be held here, and especially thanked those who helped to set it up, mentor, and make it so successful!
- b) **Shirts** - We still have some shirts left from the last order; mostly kids sizes and small and medium adult sizes. Do we want to sell these at the Haunted Canyon Night Shoot? Discussion followed, and it was agreed to sell what we have at the Haunted Canyon Shoot, and then we will order more shirts for the WWT and #D Championship Shoots.
- c) **Volunteers** - Scott noted that no one volunteered to be the lead for any of the projects for the work party, so he will simply assign people to different tasks. "DON'T (COMPLAIN) about what you are assigned!!!!!!"

VII. **Adjournment:** Gump motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

**\*\* THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup> \*\***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



# Debbie's Dissertation

## Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

As I mentioned last month, a lot has been going on at the range. October 21<sup>st</sup> saw members of the club volunteering their Saturday morning clearing brush from the River Trails, moving bales on the Canyon Trail and the Range, cleaning and constructing countertops in the concession stand, putting new covers on the bag targets, even cleaning the workroom! When noon rolled around, everyone who volunteered for four or more hours was treated with hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda. Thanks to volunteers like these, SWBH Archery Range is one of the finest in the whole southwest!

The Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot was, again, a huge success. You can read all about it in the article in this newsletter. Thanks to *everyone* who donated their time and energy to make this shoot fun and safe.

Elections for the 2024 slate of officers will be held at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Target Captain are now being accepted. Please consider nominating someone - or yourself - for one of these positions. Submit names with positions to me or Keith any time BEFORE December 1<sup>st</sup> so I can print ballots in time for the December meeting.

Our next shoot is right around the corner - **Hunt For Charity** on December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be three (3) courses and 60 3D targets. This is one of my favorite shoots of the year as the proceeds go to [Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center](#). If you're not familiar with the work they do, you should check them out. I was amazed at how victims of abuse are cared for, and at how much our community supports this organization. We are certainly lucky to have family advocacy center like this in our town.

Speaking of shoots, **Walk The Trails** is February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, and **High Noon on the Gila**, the third leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series which we are hosting, is April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. More on both of these shoots to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

Until next month, shoot straight, stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## October Work Party

On Saturday morning, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m., the silence at the SWBH Archery Range was broken by the sounds of hammers, saws, clippers, brooms, chainsaws, and woodchippers, as sixteen SWBH volunteers

came out to help spruce up the range, trails, and buildings at the first work party of the season.



*Kelvin feeds the woodchipper.*

One group worked to clear brush from both river trails. The club rented a woodchipper, and used the chipped brush to enhance some of the trails that had been submerged during the Gila River floods earlier this year. Kelvin masterfully operated the woodchipper, while Scotty, Robert, Bryon, Jennifer, Nick, Ryan, Fritz, and Dustin cut and dragged the brush into piles.



*Scotty & Dustin working on the river trails.*



*L to R: Ebb, Butch, & Bruce working on restroom door.*

Bruce, Butch, and Ebb worked to install new doors on the restrooms in preparation for the remodel to make the restrooms ADA compliant.

Uschi and Ann cleaned the picnic tables and swept and washed the entire outdoor eating area.



*Ann cleaning the picnic area.*



*Volunteers enjoying lunch after a job well done!*

Debbie and Keith worked to clean up the kitchen and started installing new stainless-steel shelving to make serving the food more efficient.

When the work was done, Debbie treated the workers to hamburgers & cheeseburgers with all the trimmings, chips, and soft drinks as a reward for donating their time to help make the range ready for upcoming events. Thank you, *everyone*, for helping to make the SWBH Archery Range one of the best in the Southwest!!



## Officer Elections to be Held at December Meeting

It's that time of year again. According to the SWBH Bylaws, elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Target Captain must be held each year at the December general members' meeting. Officers' terms are for one year. *Please* nominate someone (or yourself) by November 24<sup>th</sup> so ballots can be printed for the December meeting. Send your nominations to [info@southwestbowhunters.net](mailto:info@southwestbowhunters.net).



## Goblins & Zombies Haunt SWBH Archery Range

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Canyon Course became the spooky site for the Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot. The event started at 5:51 (sundown), and it was reported that all the ghosts and ghoulies were out in force. Undead Fred, zombies, bats, ravens... they were all there. There were some real cuties and original costumes, too. Even 'Breakfast' made an appearance!

As soon as the sun went down and the horn was sounded, the real fun began. Thirty-three archers went into the darkness, armed with only their bows, arrows, flashlights and courage, and braved the Haunted



"Breakfast"



Full moon rising over the Haunted Canyon.

Canyon and all its challenging obstacles. The sounds of arrows bouncing off rocks and the moans of archers missing their targets echoed throughout the canyon, yet when all was said and done, the archers prevailed! And no haunted canyon would be complete without a spooky full moon! Hopefully we will keep all the zombies and ghouls at bay until next year!

The top three archers this year were Ryan Lohr for the men, with a score of 188, Uschi House for the women, with a score of 162, Hunter Ford for the young adults with a score of 152, and for the youth, Dayzen Silva with a score of 176. Great in-the-dark shooting!



Shoot Winners (1 to r): Uschi House, Hunter Ford, Ryan Lohr, Dayzen Silva

A huge shoutout to all the volunteers, without whom this shoot would not be

possible. Thank you to Kelvin, Butch, Scotty and Ebb for coming in and setting up the targets, Jennifer for manning the registration desk, and Desi for manning the concession stand. I'd also like to thank the Yuma Sector of the CBP for coming by to showcase some of the work they do to keep all Yumans safe and thank you to all the participants for all your support!



## Upcoming Events –

- **Usery Mtn. Archers 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trail Shoot**

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All Archers start 9:00am; Shooter Meeting 8:30am. Thirty (30) 3D or 2D targets; 1 arrow per target; double scoring. For more information, email: [umacarchery@gmail.com](mailto:umacarchery@gmail.com); Phone: (480) 326-2011; website: [www.userymountainarchers.com](http://www.userymountainarchers.com)

- **Hunt For Charity**

Saturday & Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Sixty (60) 3D targets on three (3) trails. Pins (adults, young adults, & youth) and medals (Cubs & PeeWees) awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class. Dry camping onsite is available and motels are less than 20 minutes from the range. Lunch is available on Saturday and Sunday. **REGISTER ONLINE** or in person on Saturday. Proceeds go to support [Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center](#) in Yuma.

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**

Every Sunday 8:00am to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8. If you'd like to pay for one 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:*

# Reverse Seared Goose Breast



This is a fantastic goose breast recipe if you want to try eating it like a steak. Just be sure to start the cooking very slowly, rest the meat well, then slice thin.

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes

**Cook Time:** 2 hours , 15 minutes

**Total Time:** 2 hours, 25 minutes

**Servings:** 4 servings

Course: Appetizer, lunch, Main Course

Cuisine: American

Diet: Gluten Free

Author: Hank Shaw

## **Ingredients**

- 1 goose breast, both halves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary

## **Instructions**

1. Salt the goose breasts about an hour before you plan to cook them. Keep them in the fridge. Get your smoker or oven to about 175°F to 200°F. For smokers, I use cherry wood here, but use what you have. If you are cooking sous vide, get the water to 130°F and vacuum seal the goose breasts.
2. Cook the goose, skin side up (whether or not the skin is still there) until the interior hits 120°F to 130°F. I use a probe thermometer to determine this. If you are using sous vide, this will take about 2 hours or so. It takes about the same time in a smoker, depending on weather and temperature of the smoker.
3. When you are ready to sear, get some oil, duck fat or goose fat hot, almost smoking. Sear the skin side (again, whether the skin is still there or not) hard for about 3 minutes. I like to put a heavy weight, like a bacon press or a small cast iron pan, on the meat to keep it flat.
4. Remove the goose breast, set it skin side up on a cutting board to rest, and grind black pepper over it. Sprinkle some rosemary on it, too. Slice very thin and serve.







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- 1 Stance**
- 2 Nock**
- 3 Draw Hand Set**
- 4 Bow Hand Set**
- 5 Pre-Draw**
- 6 Draw**
- 7 Anchor**
- 8 Aim**
- 9 Shot Set-Up**
- 10 Release**
- 11 Follow Through & Reflect**

## 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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