



The Official Newsletter for
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President's Message

Hi there fellow archers,

Well, February has certainly been an exciting and fun month here at Southwest Bowhunters. Walk the Trails shoot was a great success and I hope everyone had a great time, I know that I did. I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated and supported the club. I especially would like to thank everyone who helped to set up and kept the event running as smoothly as possible.



President Fritz Hoff

High Noon on the Gila will be our next big event coming up in April and I know there will be a lot to do as we get ready to host the 3rd leg of the AZ 3D Championship series. We will be needing help to get things ready and setup over the next month or so. So if you have some free time and want to help out, it will be much appreciated.

Congratulations and good luck to those you who got drawn for this year's Elk/Pronghorn season.

Fritz Hoff

President



Scotty's Scribbles

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to March! With only weeks until the 3D Championship shoot and there is still plenty to do. This will be discussed at our monthly meeting.

There will be another workday scheduled on March 30th. Trails will be lined out at that time; all hands on deck, please!!

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We hit a snag with the BLM property, but with work and favors called in, we have approached YPG for use of some of their bordering property for the High Noon on the Gila courses.

A big shout out to all the WTT volunteers and to SWBH staff for a great shoot. I want to thank the Reese Family as well for all their help!

Until next time, shoot often and shoot straight.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



Walk The Trail 2024 Final Results

Adult Male Freestyle

1 st – David Wetherholt	599
2 nd – Ray Gonzalez	598
3 rd – Shawn Pate	578

Adult Female Freestyle

1 st – Tracy Seifert	441
2 nd – Diane Gonzalez	414

Senior Male Freestyle

1 st – Eric Eikenberry	609
2 nd – Gustavo Mendez	588
3 rd – Ron Seifert	529

Silver Senior Male Freestyle

1 st – Glenn Kneller	587
2 nd – Mike Edwards	548
3 rd – Michael Rust	536

Master Senior Freestyle

1 st – Ebb Dierdorff	377
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Adult Male Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – James Visser	624
2 nd – Leo Arvaldo	597
3 rd – Jasson Ksiazek	594

Adult Female Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – Brianna Cully	561
2 nd – Whitney Tramel	542
3 rd – Jessica Courter	518

Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – Jose Cruz	641
2 nd – Mike Yerkey	578
3 rd – Fritz Hoff	545

Senior Female Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – Susie Forrester	409
2 nd – Joanne Lacey	296

Silver Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – David Sullan	557
2 nd – Edward Bernard	523
3 rd – Rod Fitzpatrick	509

Silver Senior Female Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – Uschi House	472
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Master Senior Male Bowhunter Freestyle

1 st – Greg Gonzalez	540
2 nd – Kal Wilson	522
3 rd – Keith Moya	466

Adult Male Traditional

1 st – Eric Todd	412
2 nd – Michael Ford	359
3 rd – Nick Heatwole	297

Silver Senior Male Traditional

1 st – Jim Cropp	269
2 nd – Michael Pratt	226
3 rd – Gary Dawson	170

Silver Senior Female Traditional

1 st – Teri Schwindt	170
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Master Senior Male Traditional

1 st – Morris Bray	291
2 nd – Frank Bergwall	261
3 rd – Tom Kondrat	199

Young Adult – Boys (14-17 yrs)

1 st – Oliver Todd	550
2 nd – Andrew Turner	427
3 rd – Samuel Todd	383

Young Adult – Girls (14-17 yrs)

1 st – Mianna Bravo	421
2 nd – Kendra Juarez	339

Youth Boys (10-13 yrs)

1 st – Hunter Ford	209
2 nd – David Stephenson	161
3 rd – Raydon Dawson	129

Youth Girls (10-13 yrs)

1 st – Mia Reed Wright	186
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Cub Boys (6-9 yrs)

1 st – Kason Rodriguez	111
2 nd – Easton Lachcik	50

Cub Girls (6-9 yrs)

1 st – Blayke Magdaleno	229
2 nd – Evangeline Reuben	141



General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2024

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff

Attendees: Frank Bergwall, Mike Bernard, Ed Bernard, Rick Bielke, Scott Covey, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Rick Gaudet, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Austin Magdaleno, Syd Muzzy, Keith Parsels, Brent Redger, Tim Reese, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, Kal Wilson.

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

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Bryan H. moved that the minutes from the February meeting be approved; Syd seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

II. Treasurer's Report: Main account has \$16,756.69; Youth account has \$1,005.00.

III. Open issues/Old Business:

a) High Noon on the Gila Bow Raffle: Debbie reported that Bruce Marshall, owner of Bow N Arrow Shop in Lakeside, CA, has offered to sell us a high-end "ready to hunt" bow package for \$1,500. This package consists of the following:

- Bow: Elite Envision
- Sight: Spot Hog Fast Eddie
- Arrow Rest: RipCord Drive
- Stabilizer: Hot Rodz, front & back
- Phil Sling
- Total Peep
- Quiver: Trophy Ridge
- Whiskers for string

Tickets would be made available for \$10.00 each, with a limit of 250 tickets to be sold. Debbie will produce the tickets. Sales will be made by members; Debbie will investigate the legalities of selling tickets online (some states forbid the sale of raffle tickets online, i.e.: CA), and she will also see if Bruce will sell tickets in his store as well. This item requires a vote of the membership. Mike B. moved that the club authorize \$1,500 from the treasury for the purchase of the bow for raffle; Austin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

- b) **Raffle prizes:** Scott asked the membership to supply raffle prizes as was done for the Walk The Trail shoot. The club also usually authorizes \$250 from the treasury to supplement the raffle prizes available at our large shoots. Since this is over the \$200 limit, this requires a vote of the membership. Scott moved that the club approve the use of \$250 to supplement raffle prizes for the upcoming High Noon on the Gila shoot; Bryan H. seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c) **Gates update:** Scott reported that the posts for the new gate have been set, the gates are hung, and will be painted next week. We will be using a combination lock to secure the gates, and members will receive the combination. Members are directed to NOT share the combination with ANYONE and to lock the gate behind them after entry and upon exiting the range.
- d) **Work Party:** Fritz reminded members that there is going to be a work party on March 30, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Volunteers who work the entire four (4) hours will be served lunch at the conclusion of the work party.
- e) **Update on High Noon courses:** Scott reported that we have run into a few snags in using the 'old course' for High Noon on the Gila. Since this is BLM land, we would be required to pay a use fee. In addition, since a large number of people would be using the property, we would be required to take out a \$1,000,000 insurance policy in order to use the land. Since this is not viable, the course committee has come up with a 'Plan B'. Scott has gotten permission from YPG to use some of their land further up the canyon for course two, we will use the Field Archery Course for course three, and the upper portion of the West River Course for course four. The two fun courses will still be set in the two River Courses.
- f) **Porta Potty report:** Gump reported that we will have a handicapped porta-potty and a wash station delivered for the High Noon on the Gila shoot.
- g) **Rumble in the Rocks:** Debbie reminded everyone that the 2nd Leg of the AZ 3D Championships is March 23rd & 24th in Dragoon, near Tuscon. She emphasized that everyone who could attend do so.

IV. *New Business:*

- a) **Dirt Deliveries:** Scott reported that we have a dump truck that will be delivering three loads of dirt free of charge. He asked that the club provide funds to pay for the fuel that the vehicle will be using, approximately \$800. Mike B. moved that the club approve \$800 to cover fuel for the dirt deliveries; Austin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

b) *Advertisements/Sponsors on scorecards:* Debbie reported that the Blythe Bowhunters sell ad space on their scorecards; different prices for different sized ads. She checked to see if we can do the same for the High Noon shoot without breaking any AZ 3D Championship Series rules and found out that doing so is entirely allowed. She proposed that SWBH follow suit. When ad prices are finalized, a copy will be mailed to all members.

V. *Items from the floor:*

a) *Kids' Outdoor Experience:* YVRGC will be holding their annual Kids' Outdoor Experience at our range on March 23rd. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, mentor, and clean up afterwards. YVRGC will be supplying lunch to all volunteers and participants.

VI. *Adjournment:* Fritz asked if there were any more items from the floor. Brian H. moved that we adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.

****THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 7th,
2024****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary

Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Walk The Trail 2024 is now in the books. What a fantastic shoot. We had 131 registered competitive shooters, and a few who just came out for fun on Sunday. Thank you for supporting us!

The courses were fun and interesting, the raffle was better than ever, and the target auction saw lots of competitive bidding. I can't say enough about our volunteers that make everything come together each and every year. Like any big family, there are a few disagreements or differences in opinions, but we always work through it to reach a common goal. A huge thank you to the following folks who volunteer to make this event the best: Butch and Ebb for designing and setting up the trails, and Kelvin, Bruce and Frank for helping to set targets; Desi, Lisa, Monty and Patrick for manning the concession stand all weekend; Gump, Shawn, Monty, Patrick and Mike for cooking and serving up the *delicious* Tri-tip, beans, coleslaw and macaroni salad for the Saturday night dinner; Dasha and Steve for helping with registration and scoring, David for the great videos and for running the games; Bryon G. for running the raffle, the auction and for handling the awards; Scotty and Kelvin for selling all our bling; Austin

and the boys for being ‘on-call’ the entire weekend; our wonderful sponsors who donate money and merchandise to use in our raffles. I know I’ve left out someone, and I sincerely apologize if I did! I honestly don’t know how we could do this without everyone’s help.

Which brings me to another important group of people: our sponsors. Thank you to Sprague’s Sporting Goods in Yuma, Bow N Arrow Shop in Lakeside, CA, R.V. World in Yuma, Village Inn Pizza in Yuma, Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club in Yuma, and TFR Communications in Yuma for your donations of product, funds, time, and facilities that made this shoot so successful.

High Noon on the Gila is our next endeavor. This is the 3rd and Final Leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series. The Championship consists of three shoots: Cactus Classic in Mesa, Rumble in the Rocks in Dragoon, and High Noon on the Gila here in Yuma. If it sounds like a big deal, that’s because it is! The winner of the AZ 3D Championship Series will win a beautiful *huge* belt buckle. But you don’t have to be competing for the championship to shoot High Noon on the Gila. Like our other tournaments there will be prizes for the top three in each division – and the prizes are NOT pins! Check out [THE RULES](#) to see the divisions, as they are a little different from our usual tournaments. There will be no less than six courses (two fun courses and four competitive courses), vendors, food, and raffles. High Noon on the Gila will be held on April 13th & 14th. [ONLINE REGISTRATION](#) for the shoot is now available.

Again, we will be relying heavily upon our members to volunteer for set up, to run, and to tear down and clean up after the event. If you wish to volunteer, contact me or any of the officers.

So, until next month, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary

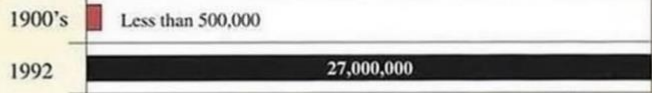


UN-ENDANGERED SPECIES

North American wildlife is thriving due to the successful conservation efforts brought forth and funded by hunting sportsmen and women. In fact, NO species has become extinct due to sport hunting. Here are some facts on North America's un-endangered species:



White-tailed deer



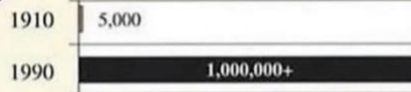
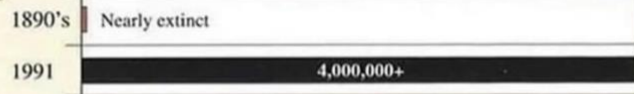
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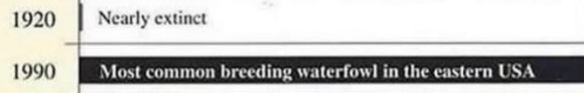
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Pronghorn Antelope



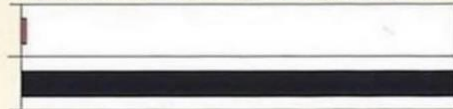
Canada Goose



Wood Duck



All game and many non-game animals have increased in numbers due to the conservation efforts of sport hunters.



Thank You, North American Hunters!



SOURCES: USF&WS, Wildlife Management Institute, Whitetail Unlimited, Duck Unlimited and National Wild Turkey Federation.

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Upcoming Events –

Rumble in the Rocks

2nd Leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series

April 23rd & 24th

Shoot Location:

The Triangle T Guest Ranch

4190 E Dragoon Rd

Dragoon, AZ 85609

There will be on-site concessions selling breakfast and lunch.

High Noon on the Gila

April 13th & 14th. This will be the 3rd Leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series. Anyone can compete for prizes at High Noon on the Gila, but only those who have competed in all three shoots in the Arizona 3D Championship Series will be competing for the grand prize: the big, beautiful BUCKLE! For more information about rules and classes, [CLICK HERE](#). To register online: <https://form.jotform.com/240276529085158>

Bear-ass Shoot

April 24th Located in the cool mountains by Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, the Bear Ass 3D shoot is a shoot like no other! Many of the targets are bears: little bears, big bears, honey bears, polar bears... you get the picture. On-site camping is available, and concessions will be serving lunch. For more information:

<https://www.bearstatebowhunters.com/>

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. Call Keith at (928) 750-7620 for more information or to set up an appointment.



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

DOVE MEAT FILLED CHILI POBLANO RELLENOS

You have options with this recipe. First, chiles. My pick is the poblano, traditional and easily obtainable in most supermarkets. You can use a regular green bell pepper. As for the meat, I used dove because I wanted to make this dish a hat tip to the Desert Southwest, where we were hunting doves. But you can use any meat whatsoever.



COURSE: APPETIZER, MAIN COURSE

CUISINE: MEXICAN

SERVINGS: 6 PEOPLE

AUTHOR: [HANK SHAW](#)

PREP TIME: 45 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

FILLING

- 1 pound dove meat, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons lard or olive oil
- 1 cup white onion, roughly chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup tomato puree

- 1/4 cup chopped dates, or golden raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped, or slivered almonds, toasted pine nuts
- Salt

SAUCE

- 3 to 5 chiles serranos, jalapenos or other hot chiles
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 28 to 32-ounce can tomato puree
- 2 tablespoons lard or olive oil
- Salt

CHILES

- 6 to 8 big poblano peppers
- 1/3-pound cheese, either queso para frier or shredded Monterey jack or some such
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 egg for every poblano, separated
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Oil for frying

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make the filling first. Put the dove meat and the onions and garlic in a food processor and pulse it a few times, just to get a kinda-sorta rough grind. You could also chop everything by hand.
- Put the meat, onions, and garlic into a frying pan with the lard and brown them over medium-high heat for 5 minutes or so. Add the tomato puree, spices and salt and bring to a simmer. Simmer for 10 minutes, then add the pine nuts and chopped dates. Cook until the filling becomes a cohesive mass, about 10 minutes. Turn off the heat.
- Make the sauce. Buzz the chiles, onion and garlic in a blender, adding the sauce to combine. Heat the lard in a sauté pan over medium-high heat until it's hot, then pour in the sauce. It will spatter, but stir it vigorously for a minute or two, then turn the heat down. Add salt to taste and turn the heat to its lowest setting.
- Char the skins of the poblanos over a gas burner if you have one. This is the best method because it doesn't cook the peppers too much. If you don't have a gas range, use a grill or a broiler. When the skins are all blackened, put the peppers in a closed environment -- a bag, a bowl with a lid, etc. -- and let them sit for 20 minutes before wiping the skins off with

your fingers. Try not to use water to do this, as it will rinse away some of the flavor of the chili.

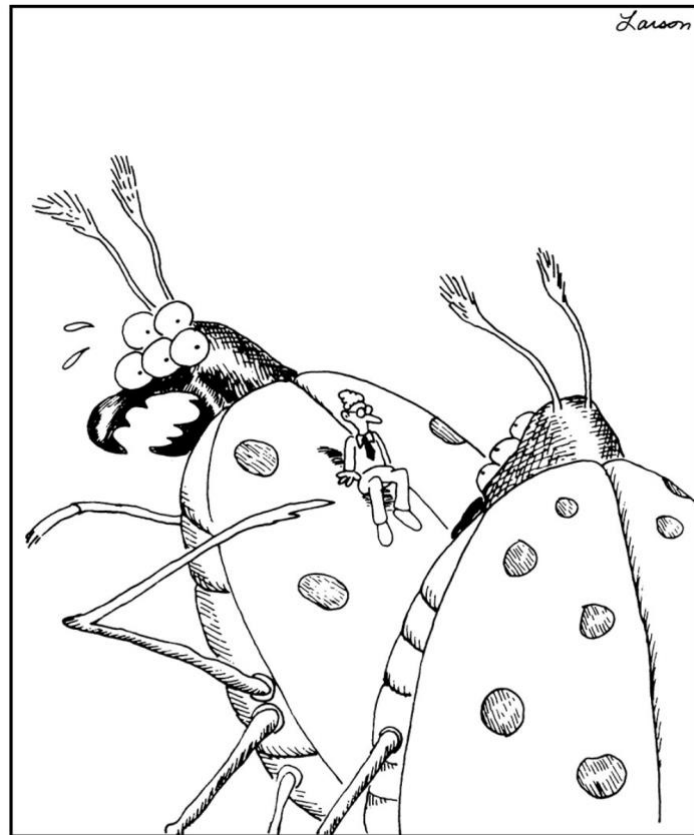
- Now make a slit in each chili from the top to about 1 inch from the bottom. Carefully remove the seeds (you may need a paring knife to cut the seed ball out) and flush the seeds out of the inside of the pepper with running water; yes, this saps some flavor, but it beats picking out every darned seed by hand.
- To make the batter, beat the egg whites with the salt until they just begin to hold a peak. Beat in one egg yolk at a time, then add a tablespoon or two of flour. Set aside.
- Get your oil going. You want it to reach 1 inch up the side of your pot, and you want it to hit 375°F. This will take a bit of time.
- While the oil is heating, stuff your peppers. Lay some cheese into each pepper and then stuff the filling into them. Keep in mind you will need to reclose each pepper, so don't overfill.
- Dust each pepper in the flour, then, when your oil is ready, coat with the batter. Lay a pepper or two in the hot oil seam side up. Fry until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Carefully turn and fry the seam side another 3 or 4 minutes. If you can't get all the peppers fried quickly, set the finished ones on paper towels in a baking sheet, and put the baking sheet in an oven set to "warm."
- To finish, pour some sauce on everyone's plate and top with a relleno. Garnish with cilantro if you'd like.

NOTES

Serve these by themselves or with Mexican rice, along with lots of cold beer.



THE FAR SIDE



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"Get it off me! Get it off me!"

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 Fritz at (928) 345-8042.





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11 STEPS TO ARCHERY SUCCESS

- 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**

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

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