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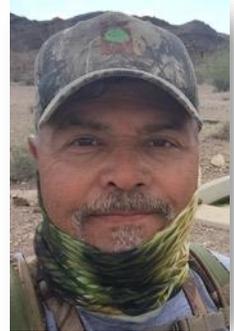
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President's Message

Hello members and friends,

The new year is here with our election of officers now behind us. Electing me as your president for another year shows we all share the same goals for our club. Hey, we had a great year all things considered. I'm ready, willing and able to represent.



Rick Bielke

Growth is essential to any club. Our membership has grown and with growth there is a need to expand our shooting lanes to accommodate youth. I am open for suggestions on this.

Vigilance. The archery range has been used by others as a firearm practice area. This is unacceptable and I ask all of you to report any shooting of firearms on our range to the Sheriff's office. See something, say something.

Hope to see all of you this year.

Regards,

Rick Bielke



January Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3, 2021

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General membership

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

Attendees: Josh Arnold, Michael Bernard, Edward Bernard, Rick Bielke, Dustin Covey, Vince DiCataldo, Kelvin Drapeau, Allen Drapeau, Ebb Dierdorff, Debbie Elliott, Ray Erickson, Tiffany Graham, Bryan (Gump) Herndon, Uschi House, Bambi Lacey, Butch Lacey, John Olson, Keith Parsels, Heather Redden, Tiana Redger, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, Bruce Riggins, Zach Slette, Jessica Stockton, Aileen Toler.

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Rick Bielke

OFFICERS -

President:

Rick Bielke

Vice President:

Butch Lacey

Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

Treasurer:

Keith Parsels

Range Master:

Ebb Dierdorff

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Garth Holman

Zach Slette

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We can also be found on
Facebook, Instagram, and
MeWe.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting: There was no meeting last month, so there were no minutes to be approved.

III. Treasurer's Report: Keith Parsels reported that the club has \$8,492.76 in the bank account, however, \$911 of that is incumbered for the Rinehart targets and inserts. We will be charged when they ship the order later this month.

IV. Open issues/Old Business:

a) Walk the Trails –

i. The trails are still in pretty good shape from the December Charity Shoot, but volunteers are still needed to clear a few more shooting lanes before the February Shoot.

ii. Discussion was held about the Saturday night dinner. With Covid-19 still prevalent, it was decided that a potluck for side dishes and desserts wasn't a good idea. It was decided that the club will purchase bulk, pre-made, side dishes and desserts, to limit the number of people involved with the meal. Bryan (Gump) Herndon has again graciously volunteered to cook up his tri-tip roasts as our main course, and Desi, Tianna, and "Grandma" have volunteered to make pies. The price of the dinner will remain at \$10.00/plate.

iii. Discussion was held pertaining to the possibility of serving some sort of breakfast. After sharing ideas from a full-on, made-to-order breakfast, to *breakfast burritos*, **it was decided that the club should purchase individually** wrapped, pre-packaged pastries to sell, as well as offering coffee and hot chocolate for breakfast.

b) Shirts – Orders were taken for new club shirts. Debbie is going to research pricing from local and online printers. We are going to use the same logo as we used for previous shirt orders. Colors are also going to be explored.

c) Range Lights – Rick reported on the progress of the installation of the new range lights. The first pole was connected via extension to test and focus the light. Now we need to rent a trencher to complete installation of the conduit for the permanent wiring and hook up the rest of the lights next week. He was quoted \$110/day for a trencher. Ed Bernard moved that the club authorize \$110 for rental of the trencher. Zach seconded the motion. Motion **PASSED**.

d) Election of officers for 2021 year:

There were no new nominations for any of the executive offices. Each of the previous year's officers were willing to hold their office if the club supported them. Each office was voted on by voice vote, and all were approved unanimously. Officers for the 2021 year are:

PRESIDENT: Rick Bielke

VICE PRESIDENT: Butch Lacey

SECRETARY: Debbie Elliott
TREASURER: Keith Parsels
TARGET/RANGE MASTER: Ebb Dierdorff

V. *New business:*

e) New bags and pillow targets –

- i) Rick and Butch discussed the need to replace four (4) of our old Morrell bags with new ones, and to buy covers for the rest of them. The cost will be \$644.81. Kelvin moved that the club approve the funding for the repair/replacement of the bags. Josh seconded the motion. Motion **PASSED**.
- ii) What does the club want to do with the old bags that cannot be repaired; should we sell them outright or raffle them off in February? Discussion followed and Kelvin moved that we raffle the old targets off at the WTT event; Ed Bernard seconded the motion. Motion **PASSED**.

VI. *Items from the floor:*

- a) Keith explained that we will be having a Field Archery Round, but we need to hold off until the end of the month (February). It will be held in place of the normally scheduled Sunday Fun Shoot. Date is tentatively February 28th.
- b) Butch wants to try to add bags to our order at the 2020 price as the price has increased for 2021. This was continued to next month to give Keith time to call the company and explore the possibility of retaining the 2020 price.
- c) Zach reported that one of the cotton bales on the north half of the range had been burned. On Saturday afternoon, December 26th, witnesses saw two side-by-sides roll up and start shooting their bows. Before they left the range, they were seen to be spraying something that looked like spray paint on the cotton bale and drove off. Then, witnesses saw that the 30-yard cotton bale was on fire. The witnesses drug the bale off the pallet and tried to extinguish the fire, but only had a little water with them at the time. They did not get the license plate numbers but said the side-by-sides were red in color, and the two men who set the fire looked to be in their late 30s - early 40s.

Debbie volunteered to post the incident on social media, and to write an article for the next newsletter.

- d) There were no more items from the floor.

VII. *Adjournment:* A motion was made by Debbie to adjourn the meeting; Butch seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 by Rick Bielke.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



SWBH Elections 2021

Congratulations to the new (returning) officers!

President: **Rick Bielke**

Vice President: **Butch Lacey**

Secretary: **Debbie Elliott**

Treasurer: **Keith Parsels**

Target/Range Master: **Ebb Dierdorff**

The re-election of all of the 2020 officers is a testament to the successful year that Southwest Bowhunters has had. We saw two new shoots – the Memorial Day Shoot and the Haunted Canyon Night Shoot, new lights were installed on the main range, and our club has a new Traditional/Beginner range area south of our main range that has three 9-meter lanes and one 18-meter lane.

We are all looking forward to another super-successful year!



New Lights Installed and Ready for Use

Way back in September of 2020, the club began working to install new lighting on the main shooting range. The old lighting was less than adequate, so the club voted to allocate funds to make it happen.



Kelvin Drapeau fires up the trencher.

The project was put out to bid, but the bids were much higher than anticipated, so with the generous donations of manpower, time and materials,

we were able to accomplish this goal and save money at the same time.

We'd like to offer special recognition and a debt of gratitude to Butch Lacey and Ebb Dierdorff for their hours of labor and fengling that saved the club \$2,000 from the original contractors' bids, Kelvin Drapeau for running the trencher, and Ed Bernard for taking photos. Great job, guys!!



Ebb Dierdorff supervises Kelvin as he trenches for the wiring to the lights



Adair Archery Range Vandalized

On Saturday afternoon, December 26th, witnesses saw two side-by-sides roll up and start shooting their bows. Before they left the range, they were seen to be spraying something that looked like spray paint on the cotton bale and drove off. Then, witnesses saw that the 30-yard cotton bale was on fire. The witnesses drug the bale off the pallet and tried to extinguish the fire, but only had a little water with them at the time. They did not get the license plate numbers but witnesses said the side-by-sides were red in color, and the two men who set the fire looked to be in their late 30s - early 40s.



All that remained of the 30-yd bale was a pile of ashes.

Anyone with information about this incident or the two men who perpetrated it is encouraged to report it to info@southwestbowhunters.net.



Get Ready to WALK THE TRAIL!

SWBHs biggest fundraiser, the annual **WALK THE TRAIL** Archery Tournament will be held on February 13 & 14, 2021 (Valentine's Day AND a three-day weekend!). Three trails with 60 3D targets. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The concession stand will be open both Saturday and Sunday with coffee, hot chocolate, and assorted pastries for sale for breakfast, and for lunch, burgers, dogs, chips, sodas; and once again, Desi, Tiana and Grandma will be baking home-made pies to sell by the slice or whole pie. Bryan (Gump) will cook up his delicious tri-tip dinner Saturday night for \$10, and there will be a HUGE Raffle with great prizes on Sunday. Dry camping is available on-site, or you can stay in motels 15 miles away.

Don't miss out on this great archery event!! See [flyer](#) or email: info@southwestbowhunters.net



Upcoming Events -

- “Walk The Trail” 2-Day Shoot
February 13 & 14, 2021. Sunup to sundown Saturday, Sunup to 12:00 noon on Sunday.

- **Field Archery Fun Shoot**
February 28, 2021 (in place of regular Sunday Fun Shoot)
- **Blythe Bowmen's Annual 2-Day Shoot**
March 6 & 7, 2021 at Blythe Archery Range at the west end of Eighth Street in Blythe, CA.
- **Memorial Day Military Appreciation Shoot**
Shotgun Start at 9:00am, May 29 – 30, 2021
- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**
Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.



Featured Recipe:

ELK LEEK SOUP WITH FINGERLING POTATOES

(REPRINTED FROM BUGLE MAGAZINE, JANUARY 2021, BY KRISTY CRABTREE)

Comfort food. The name itself evokes image of fat snowflakes falling from the sky, fuzzy slippers and playoff games. We are entering comfort food season, so why not put some elk leek soup on the stove to warm you inside and out during these cold winter days?



When I make this meal, I subscribe to a “less is more” philosophy, which focuses on a simple combination of mildly flavored leeks, buttery fingerling potatoes, hints of thyme and bite-sized chunks of seasoned elk.



This versatile soup is great to make the day before the big game or before an outdoor adventure. Letting it sit in the fridge overnight allows all the flavors to fully mature before reheating and enjoying. Or freeze it, then reheat and pour into a thermos to take with you hunting or cutting Christmas trees.

Don't forget to add a few Parmesan crisps for an extra pop of flavor that complements an already delicious meal.

Kristy Crabtree is neither a trained chef nor a professional huntress—just a woman who loves to hunt and to showcase the harvest using simple steps and everyday ingredients.

PREP TIME
15 min

COOK TIME
90 min

SERVES
4 – 6

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs elk stew meat, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 leeks, trimmed and finely sliced, about 2 cups
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp flour
- 1 fresh sprig of thyme
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 cup water
- 10 fingerling potatoes, cut into 1-inch rounds

PARMESAN CRISPS

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp butter

PREPARATION

Season the elk meat generously with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper. Heat a stock pot over medium heat and add oil. Add the meat and brown for 2 – 3 minutes. The meat will stay the tenderest if you do this in batches to not overcrowd. Remove the meat and set aside in a bowl.

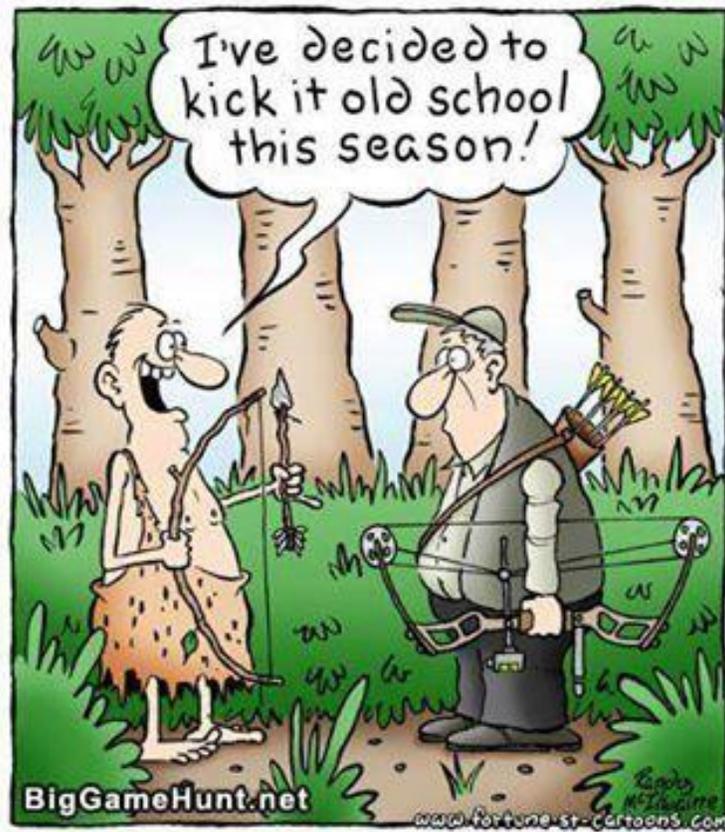
Add the sliced leeks and garlic to the pot and cook until the leeks have softened, about 10 minutes. Return the meat to the pot and sprinkle with the flour, stirring to combine. Add the beef broth, water and a sprig of thyme. Cover the pot partially with the lid and reduce the heat to low, cooking for 45 minutes.



After 45 minutes, add the cut fingerling potatoes and continue cooking until tender, about 30 minutes.

While the stew is cooking, add butter to a non-stick skillet and melt over medium heat, then spread out the grated Parmesan cheese to create a round pancake shape. Fry the

cheese for one minute or until browned, then flip with a spatula. Continue cooking for one minute until hardened. Remove from heat. When the cheese has cooled, break the Parmesan pancake into smaller crisps and serve with fresh parsley.



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 tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Rick at (928) 750-6279.



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

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