



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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President's Message

Greetings fellow club members and friends,

Thanks to all who helped and supported our annual Walk the Trails shoot last month. I was javelina hunting and came up with goose eggs, but am thrilled that many of you really had a blast. The trails, kitchen, registration, dinner, and all the niceties you enjoyed were made possible by our officers and volunteers contributing the time and labor for your shooting pleasure.



Rick Bielke

Don't forget the February 28th Field archery shoot! We're working on the targets and it should be challenging to those like me who have never shot this type of contest.

March 6th-7th has our friends from Blythe, CA holding their big shoot. It's a really cool and fun event. Dry camping and local lodging are the ticket to a great weekend. We will forego a club meeting in March due to participation for the Blythe shoot.

Looking for some donations on youth bows or any bow that a kid or novice can start with. Please see me or Butch about this.

Ok, thank you and let's all be safe and enjoy our great Arizona weather!

Rick Bielke
SWBH, President



February Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2021

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General membership

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

OFFICERS -

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Rick Bielke

Vice President:

Butch Lacey

Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

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Keith Parsels

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Attendees: Debbie Elliott, Kelvin Drapeau, Mike Bernard, Ed Bernard, Gene, John Olson, Jessica Stockton, Joshua Arnold, Bryan Hendon, Tiana Redger, Butch Lacey, Rick Bielke, Uschi House, Keith Parsels, Syd Muzzy, Scott Covey, Zach Slette, Desi Redger, Brent Redger.

I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:59am by Rick Bielke

II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Rick moved that the minutes from the January meeting be approved. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Keith Parsels reported that there is \$7,642.47 in the bank account at this time.

IV. Old business:

a) **WTT shoot** - please sign up as a volunteer if you're not going to shoot. Debbie passed a sign-up sheet around for volunteer positions. Please make sure that if you're not shooting, you sign the list to help out!

b) **Club Shirts:** If you have pre-ordered a shirt, you may pay and pick up today, next Friday evening, or Saturday until noon. After that they will go on sale to the public on a first come, first served basis.

c) **WTT Auction:** We are auctioning off 4 re-bagged pillow bag targets. Bids start at \$35.00 (A new bag cover costs the club \$35.00, so just getting that covers our cost). Anything above that goes to the club.

d) **Range Lights:** The lights are on! Friday and Saturday for WTT our newly installed lights will be on for your shooting pleasure. We could even have a night light contest like the one Blythe has. Up for discussion. Zach moved that the club have a Novelty Shoot of some type on Saturday night @ \$1.00/arrow for a 50/50 pot. Ed seconded the motion. Motion Passed

e) **Blythe Bowmen Invitational** - March 6th & 7th. Let's support them by attending!

V. New business:

a) **Website renewal:** \$311.76 due on April 2nd. Discussion: Rick feels that the website has done a lot to reach members and non-members alike. Debbie moved that the club allocate the \$311.76 to continue the website for the upcoming year. Rick seconded the motion. Motion Passed

b) **Lighted Range:** Now that we have good lighting for night shooting, do we want to open one night a week for an hour or two (maybe Friday or Saturday) and charge \$5.00? Maybe start some type of league? Discussion: We could do something like this however, we would need

a reliable volunteer to run the league and make sure the lights were turned on and off each evening. Item will be carried to next meeting.

- c) **Field Archery February 28:** We need to construct new bow racks on the Field Archery range. Rick explained the rationale for the racks. John has gotten quotes for materials from both Home Depot and Lowes and it appears that all 28 can be replaced for between \$350 and \$400. Keith said that we are only going to be using 14 targets and that not all the stands at those targets need to be replaced. Ed Bernard moved that the club allocate the funds not to exceed \$400 to repair the bow racks for the Field Archery targets. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. *Items from the floor:*

- a) **WTT Dinner:** Gump was asked when dinner would be served on Saturday night. Dinner will be served at about 6:30pm, and will consist of Tri-Tip, beans, cole slaw and home-made peanut butter cream pies and chocolate cream pies for dessert.

VII. *Adjournment:*

Rick moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Walk The Trail a Huge Success!

Saturday, February 13 was the first day of the 2021 Walk The Trail Archery Shoot, and oh, what a day it was! After a spectacular sunrise, almost 100 participants registered to walk the three trails at Adair Archery Range. The shoot consisted of 60 3D targets set over three trails: 30 targets on the Canyon Trail and 15 targets on the East River Trail and the West River Trail. There were many very challenging shots and hard to find targets, and many arrows were lost or destroyed. However, in spite high winds in the canyon that caused considerable arrow carnage, everyone

reported having a great time.

More than a dozen groups of people chose to dry camp at the range on Friday and Saturday nights, and a few even stayed until Monday.



Camping at the range.

There was plenty of fun, food and refreshments, and everyone raved about dinner on Saturday night. **Bryan (Gump) Hendon** cooked up his famous tri-tip dinner with cole slaw, beans, and tortillas for dinner, and for dessert, **Desi Redger** and **Bella Whitson** cooked up some of the best pies ever!

Jessica Stockton and **Jacob Hernandez** ran the raffle on Sunday afternoon, and a lot of lucky people went home with some awesome prizes. A **HUGE** thank you to the owners and managers of



Kicking back Friday night before the big day.

businesses that donated prizes to our raffle: **John Sneed** of *Sportsman's Warehouse*, **Richard Sprague** of *Sprague's Sports*, **Sheila Kidd** of *Salty Dog Printing* (all in Yuma), and **Bruce Marshall** of *Bow N Arrow Shop* of Lakeside, CA. Without these fine sponsors, Walk The Trails could never be as successful as it is.

After the raffle and the scores had been tabulated, **Debbie Elliott** announced the winners for each division and class ([Click Here](#) for full results).

The club also auctioned off four refurbished and re-covered bag targets. Bidding started at \$35 for each target and got as high as \$100 as participants feverishly tried to out-bid each other!



The "Old Fartz" enjoying the River Courses.

Finally, a **GIANT** shout-out to our volunteers, without whom there would be no WTT: **Rebecca Bedoya** in registration, **Butch Lacey**, **Ebb Dierdorff**, **Kelvin Drapeau** and **Jacob Hernandez** for

setting up and taking down the targets, **Desi Redger**

for taking care of the concessions, **Bryan (Gump) Hendon** and his crew for the FANTASTIC dinner Saturday night, **Jessica Stockton** and **Jacob Hernandez** for running the raffle, **Keith Parsels** for keeping the books and providing moral support, and **Debbie Elliott** for scoring and running the auction. And, last but not least, thank you to **all** the participants!!



Upcoming Events -

- **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 Shoot**
Start: Any time after 8:00am, May 29 – 30, 2021
- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**
Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.



Featured Recipe:

Rich Venison Bolognese Sauce for Pasta

If you prefer not to use wine, just substitute an extra cup of stock. The amount of salt is not specified because it depends greatly on which brand and type you are using. Simply salt to your preferred taste. Remember, it's better to be conservative about the salt you add in - you can always add more at the end, but you can't take it out!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 lb. ground venison
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 28oz/800g can of tomatoes (preferably San Marzano)
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme (stems removed)

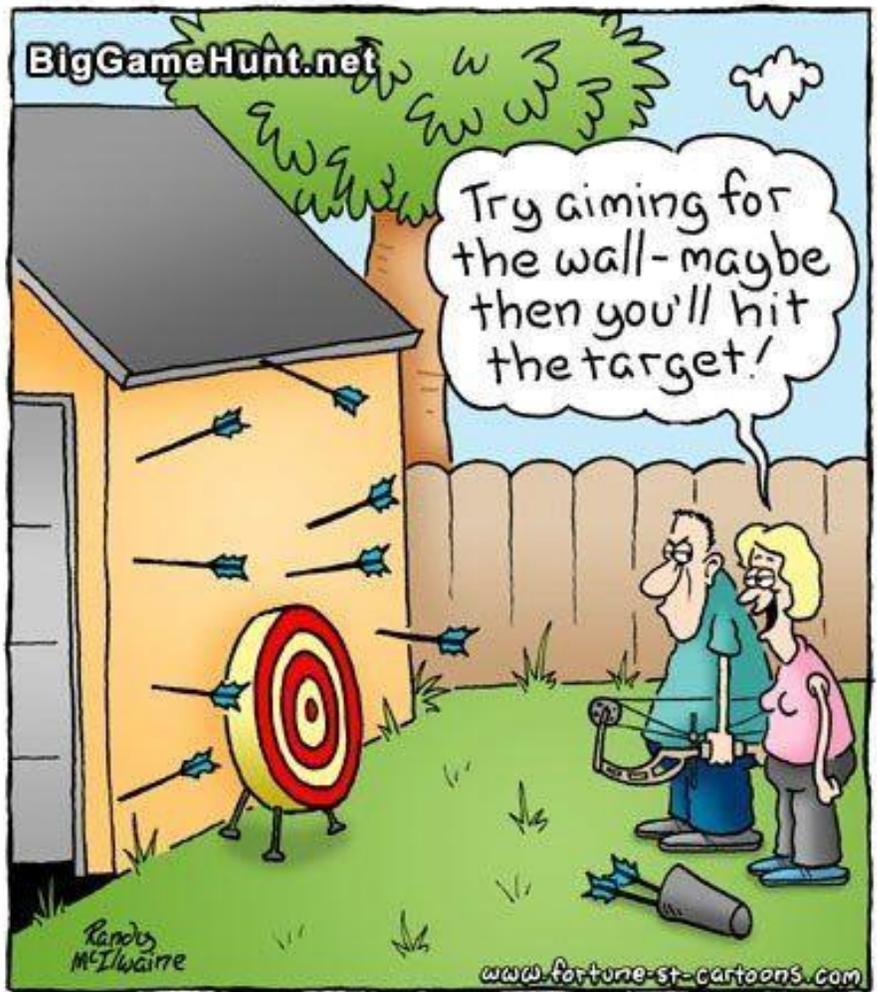
- 2 tsp oregano
- 1 bunch fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 2 c beef or chicken broth
- 1 c red wine
- Salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a heavy based large pot, brown the venison in batches, using about half the olive oil. It's important to not overcrowd the pan, so the meat browns instead of stews, and to lightly salt each batch as you go. Remove to a bowl once browned.
2. Add remaining olive oil to the same pan and brown the onions over medium heat. Once translucent, add carrots, celery, thyme and oregano and cook until vegetables have just softened.
3. Return browned venison to the pan, add tomato paste, salt and stir well to combine. Allow to cook one minute.
4. Add in canned tomatoes, parsley, stock and wine, and stir to combine. Use a wooden spoon to break up tomatoes if necessary.
5. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 1-2 hours until sauce has reduced to desired thickness. You can add salt right before serving if needed.
6. Spoon onto your favorite pasta and top with parmesan cheese if desired.

NOTE: Twisted and hollow noodles designed to capture chunky sauces are really perfect for this, but spaghetti works well too.





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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