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President's Message

Greetings Southwest Bowhunter members,

I read this article from Essential Outdoorsman and am sharing it. This is my message to you this month. Please read it and take with you the notion that our archery club is successful because of the few. Volunteer when you're able. Look around yourself and you see the future of our club.

Shoot straight,

Rick



Rick Bielke

Why Did Your Local Archery Club Die?

(reprinted from <http://essentialoutdoorsman.com>)

By CJ Turner - April 4, 2021

To make it simple, because of you! Many local archery clubs opened in the 80s-90s as bowhunting grew as a whole. 3D archery became a great way to spend a weekend with your friends practicing and competing to become better at archery and ultimately, bowhunting. In the last decade they are failing and closing at a rapid rate.



Why is this happening? Are there too many competing hobbies? Is archery dying in general? Is bowhunting less popular?

Well, as a matter of fact, bowhunting and competitive archery numbers have continued to rise over the past several decades. So,

what could be the cause? Sure, some of the blame for your local club disappearing could stem from those new bowhunters being crossbow shooters, less interested in spending all summer practicing. Or maybe all of the local shooters are now ultra-competitive and would rather travel to a large, organized tournament than the local club down the road. I won't deny that SOME potential 3D archers may fall in those categories, but that is a very small piece of the pie.

The real reason is that as a person who shoots 3D, you just expected the club to be there, as it has been for decades. You didn't volunteer to take over for the aging club members. You didn't spur excitement about upcoming shoots and help advertise. You didn't bring in competitive organizations to draw a larger crowd. You didn't talk to local businesses about the potential advertisement possibilities. You didn't invite your friends and family to spend a weekend together.

The older generation that started many of these long-lasting clubs have gotten to an age where it is more difficult to keep up... and if no one is stepping up... the club dies.



Luckily, here in Central Illinois, I have seen a strong rebound by some of these clubs as young men and women have caught the drift. Locals that love 3D and the time spent with friends and family have found that by taking a little responsibility, they could make their local club their own and carry on the tradition of the club for the next generation. For example, some amazing volunteers in our area are now invested in refreshing and evolving Wolf Run Bowhunters in Roodhouse, IL. Once a few found out the club was in trouble we rallied to save it, grow it, and protect it. We continue to attract more shooters each year and the future is much more promising than just a couple short years ago. The shooters were there already. They just didn't know about the club, or were not excited about the club, because no one told them about it. Archers are everywhere, and if you can set up a situation that is exciting for folks to come and spend some time... it will grow. Just remember, if you are going to a local shoot and loving it, ask if there is anything you can do for them. It may be that all they need is for you to keep coming out and spread



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the word, or it may be more serious than that. Just remember, if you don't ask now, you may be asking yourself later, "what happened?".



April Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2021

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

Attendees: Rick Bielke, Uschi House, Butch Lacey, Bambi Lacey, Keith Parsels, Jess Stuart, Bryan (Gump) Herndon, Ray Lagunas, Ryan Lagunas, Kenny Marler, Jacob Hernandez, Desi Redger, Tiana Redger, Dustin Covey, Zach Slette, Ebb Dierdorff, Victor Aguirre, Rae Aguirre, Ed Bernard, Mike Bernard

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00.
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes from the last meeting were approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Account has \$12,543.31. Last purchase for 60.00 on finger savers for the kids bows.
- III. **Open issues/Old Business:**

April Hoot Shoot. Members voted for the night shoot to be held on the 24th, (Saturday). No concessions. 20 target setup. Regular member/non-member prices. Targets will be left up for Sunday. SHOTGUN START, 1/2 hour after sunset. Set up will include some free kid targets that we saw at the Blythe shoot. Rules the same as the last night shoot. Overnight camping is approved. Rick made a motion, Butch 2nd, Passed.

Range Maintenance: The west side of the range has heavy equipment staged there. County has begun trenching behind the 70 yd target. Pillow targets will still be up on Sundays but discretion on how many based on equipment left on site. Members voted on all the work that has been proposed and a \$2000.00 cap on expenses. Kelvin will donate the use of a pressure washer and Bambi will donate the use of a spray paint system. The goal is to fix and improve our facilities and Conex boxes. Motion made by Zach, Gump 2nd, Passed.

Memorial Day Fun shoot: Members voted on a one-day shoot (Saturday), 29th. 40 targets, two trails set up in the canyon. Water stations will be out and two port-a-pottys donated by Gump will be set downrange. NO shotgun start. Pay and shoot. Range will be opened for business at 6:00 am for early birds. Member fees will be \$10.00 a person and \$15.00 for family. Non-member fees will be \$15.00 per person and \$20.00 for family. Gump proposed that 50% of all donations be given to a military charity. Ray Lagunas mentioned a charity called *Right Turns for Veterans*. They help with housing for vets in need. Donations from the Saturday shoot does not include the Sunday donations. No concessions. Overnight camping is approved. Volunteers appreciated to help with collection of fees and setup of the canyon. Practice target lighting will be on. Format to remain the same as last year. This year is Competitive. Dustin carried a motion and Zach 2nd. Passed.

IV. New Business:

Club Ball Caps: Rick brought up caps for sale. The design and color and type were presented. Salty Dog would make them. Member price of \$20.00 and non-member price of \$25.00 Rick has the pre-order sign-up roster. At the end of the meeting, please sign up if interested. Zach motioned, Gump 2nd, Passed.

V. Items from the floor:

Kids age divisions: Lots of grief on age bracketing. Ex: WTT shows a 12-year-old matched up with a 17-year-old. Many complaints that the age differences are too wide, and this isn't fair. Jacob offered the solution of making Pee-Wee 5 year and younger, Cub, 6-9 years, Youth, 10-13 years and Young Adult 14-17 years of age. Young Adult division can shoot the lower trails. Members agreed with solution.

Zach motioned, Jacob 2nd, Passed.

****NOTE** All future registration forms and flyers,
announcements need to reflect this change.**

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

****Next meeting will be May 2nd****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



HOOT SHOOT Night Shoot

On Saturday, April 24thth, SWBH hosted a night time shoot dubbed the “Hoot Shoot”. Registration began at 5:00 pm and the shoot started with a “shotgun start” at sunset, 7:15 pm. Over 25 participants lit up the 20 targets that were set up in the Canyon Course.

Also, there were novelty targets set up for the kids and some brave archers dared to tackle Lum-Ring targets at 20, 30, and 40 yards... with the range lights turned OFF! In the end, Bryan (Gump) Hendon and Brent Redger tied for bragging rights.



DON'T BREAK THE BANK: 5 BUDGET BOWS FOR NEWCOMERS

(reprinted from <https://stepoutside.org/>)

Get started in archery without emptying your wallet.

By **Trent Jonas**



Image Courtesy of Mission by Mathews

If you're a newcomer to archery, you've probably started looking around at equipment and may be experiencing a little sticker shock. If you're not careful, taking up archery can quickly become a pretty expensive undertaking. Fortunately, it doesn't have to be. Take bows: With a little footwork, you can find plenty of quality bows for less than \$500 and avoid breaking the bank. For example, these five budget bows are perfect for newcomers.

BEAR WHITETAIL LEGEND COMPOUND BOW

The Whitetail Legend Compound Bow, from Bear Archery, one of the biggest names in the industry, is an excellent beginner bow for those who want to hit the ground running—in the field or on the range. The Whitetail Legend is a single cam bow that can deliver arrows at speeds of 320 feet per second, which is more than enough to take down most big game animals and penetrate any target. At 32 inches, from axle to axle, this bow is easy to handle and maneuver, and it won't hinder your movement in the woods, on a stand, or in a blind. To make things even better, the Whitetail Elite comes equipped with a dampening system to reduce vibrations and shock, as well as several premium accessories like a sight and a static stabilizer.

MARTIN SABER ELITE RECURVE BOW

Archery newcomers who prefer to start with a recurve bow will appreciate the performance and features offered by the Saber Elite form Martin. One of the best things about the Saber Elite is that it's customizable on order. So, when you order one, you select the draw weight—which ranges from 29 to 50 pounds—the finish for the risers, and whether you prefer a left-handed or right-handed bow. The Saber Elite is equipped with a vibration dampening grip, a soft rubber arrow shelf, and integrated vibration escape modules which all help to ensure quiet, smooth shots.

MISSION MXR COMPOUND BOW



Image Courtesy of Mission by Mathews

The compact—30 inches, axle to axle—Mission MXR Compound Bow is another great starter bow that will not put a dent in your wallet. Designed around the company's proprietary Crosscentric Cam technology, the Mission MXR packs a lot of punch into a petite package, generating arrow speeds up to 324 feet per second. Because it's made with high tech materials, the MXR can deliver this kind of power while offering a thinner, more ergonomic grip that helps to reduce torque and increase your comfort in handling and shooting the bow. Several optional accessories, like sights and an on-board quiver, are also available for the Mission MXR.

BARNETT WHITETAIL HUNTER STR CROSSBOW

If you prefer to start out with a crossbow, the Barnett Whitetail Hunter STR is a great place to begin—even if the only thing you plan to hunt is targets on the range. The Whitetail Hunter is a compound crossbow that delivers bolts at a blistering 375 feet per second while maintaining a compact, manageable profile. The bow ships with a scope, two arrows, a lightweight quiver, a rope-cocking device, and wax to keep the string and cables lubricated.

ELITE EMBER COMPOUND BOW



Image Courtesy of Elite Archery

At just over 31 inches, axle to axle, the Ember compound bow from Elite Archery is an excellent bow for a beginning archer to start with. In spite of its compact design, the 3.6-pound Ember can deliver arrows at up to 310 feet per second, which is enough to bag a cube target, a turkey, or a deer. The riser is

made from caged aluminum and uses cam bearings instead of bushings to ensure smooth performance. It's no wonder that Elite refers to its bows as "the world's most shootable."



Upcoming Events -

- **Memorial Day Shoot**

Start: Any time after 8:00am, May 29, 2021

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**

Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.



Featured Recipe:



STEVEN RINELLA Nov 27, 2018

I discovered turkey schnitzel while filming a backcountry turkey hunt in Montana. Our cameraman and director, Mo Fallon, took a look at our supplies, which included a dead turkey, salt, panko breadcrumbs, oil, and a lemon. He hatched a plan. We sliced the turkey breasts into thick slabs and then flattened them thin as a magazine between two rocks. The result was turkey magic.

Since then, I've shown the recipe to several turkey hunting fanatics and they've become total believers; one has foresworn all other

turkey recipes in favor of this one. Keep in mind, too, that these breaded wild turkey cutlets are fantastic on sandwiches.

SERVING SIZE 6

INGREDIENTS

- 1 wild turkey breast half, boneless and skinless
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 eggs beaten with a little water
- 2 cups panko breadcrumbs
- Vegetable oil
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

METHOD

1. Cut the turkey breast half crosswise into 6 pieces, roughly 4-5 ounces each.
2. One at a time, place the pieces between two layers of plastic wrap.
3. Using a rock, hammer, meat mallet, or any other heavy solid object, pound the breast pieces until they are about 1/3 inch thick.
4. Season the turkey breast slices with salt and pepper.
5. Put the flour, beaten egg mixture, and breadcrumbs in separate plates or baking dishes.
6. Dredge the turkey pieces in the flour, then dip them in the egg, and finally coat in the breadcrumbs.
7. Meanwhile, heat 1/3-inch oil in a heavy-bottomed pot or Dutch oven over high heat.
8. Fry the schnitzel till golden brown on one side, turn, and brown the other side until cooked all the way through.
9. Drain on a plate lined with paper towels. Season with salt.
10. If eating by the campfire, squeeze a lemon wedge over the meat, then just eat it with your hands. If you're in a more civilized setting, serve with a knife and fork.



**why couldn't the green pepper
practice archery?**



...because it didn't habanero



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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