

The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings Southwest Bowhunter Members,

We club members have enjoyed our Sundays this summer even if shooting arrows downrange can feel like being in a sauna at times. But that isn't stopping many of us. It's a ritual that once the archery bug bites, we keep challenging ourselves to shoot a tighter group, hit the mark at a longer distance, and to do this with friends - some of whom have been coming out to the range for decades!

I've learned something new just about every time I show up and it has made me a better archery shooter, for which I am thankful.

So, if you haven't come out in a while, we'll be waiting for you to help you if needed or just to shoot alongside you.

Take care.

Rick



Rick Bielke



August Meeting Minutes

Date: August 1, 2021

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

Attendees: Rick Bielke, Butch Lacey, Keith Parsels, Ebb Dierdorff, Brian Hendon, Kelvin Drapeau.

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

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Account has \$10,100.00.

OPEN ISSUES/OLD BUSINESS:

Dates and format for the upcoming season's shoots was discussed:
(Please note: rangefinders are allowed unless otherwise specified)

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Rick Bielke

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October 30: Haunted Canyon (Night 3D) Shoot - Shotgun Start. Twenty (20) targets. Binoculars, flashlights, spotlights welcome. Refreshments to be served in concession stand.

November 13: Turkey Shoot - Twenty (20) 3D targets, two (2) arrows each from different spots. First place in each division will receive a frozen turkey.

December 11-12: Hunt for Charity – Sixty (60) 3D targets, three (3) trails. Camping on site. Concession stand snacks, drinks, lunch both days.

February 19 & 20: Walk The Trail – Sixty (60) 3D targets, three (3) trails. Camping on site. Concession stand Saturday and Sunday, Tri-Tip Dinner Saturday evening for \$10.00 each. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards.

(March 5 – 6: Blythe Shoot)

April 9: Animal Round – Twenty-eight (28) paper animal targets.

May 28: Memorial Day Shoot – Forty (40) 3D targets, two trails. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

Work Parties: Trail Maintenance will begin November 14th (cleaning brush and limbs from East & West River Trails) and continuing throughout the week. General range maintenance (cleaning concession stand, repair and clean restrooms, target repair, etc.) will be on Saturday, January 15th. Debbie will supply homemade chili lunch with all the fixin's. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pea Gravel: Brent Redger has agreed to donate 5 tons of rock. Club is willing to purchase another 5 tons for \$125. We need some of our younger members to volunteer to help spread the gravel once it's delivered. Scotty Colby has 60 to 80 bales of straw to donate, however, we need someone to pick it up.

Items from the floor:

Youth Group: We now have an officially USAA sanctioned youth group sponsored by SWBH. The board of directors for the youth group will be the same as for SWBH. The youth group will have its own bank account to support purchases of JOAD targets, equipment, etc. This account will be supplied by funds from student lessons and donations. It was noted that the club bylaws will have to be amended to reflect the addition of the youth group.

Evaluate what we charge for shoots. It was noted that we should charge enough for our named shoots (not Sunday Fun Shoots) to at least break even. Our Memorial Day shoot with a \$10 individual entry fee actually lost money. Had we not had the raffle, we wouldn't have broken even.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.

****Next meeting will be September 5th****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



DEBBIE'S DISSERTATION

by Debbie Elliott

Several years ago, my husband gave me my very first bow for Christmas. He knew I had shot archery in college, and really wanted me to get back into it. Maybe I'd even start hunting. However, I had nowhere to shoot. I guess I could shoot in my driveway, but being the social animal that I am, I needed to find a place to shoot and a club to join. I knew of a few clubs in California, but I didn't want to have to drive for three hours one way just to go to a club meeting. Then, one day, I saw a flyer for a shoot called Walk The Trail – *right here in Yuma!* I went to the event and met a lot of *super-nice* people. I started asking questions about the host club, Southwest Bowhunters, and how to go about joining the club. I joined on the spot.

During my time in the club, I have watched it grown from having only one or two large events a year to having a large event almost every month from October through May. This has only been possible due to the hard work of an incredibly dedicated group of officers and core volunteers. Our membership has grown considerably, and there are more than a few dollars in the treasury. Now we even have a youth archery program (JOAD) thanks to the hard work of Keith Parsels.

I urge all members to become more active in Southwest Bowhunters. We always need volunteers to help plan events, for setting up and taking down courses, helping with event registration or running the concession stand, (*Many hands make light work.*); and don't forget elections are coming up in December. Consider running for an office! There are so many ways to become involved.

I'd like to close with a request: please consider submitting something to the newsletter – share a hunting experience, photos (with explanations), favorite wild game recipes, archery competitions you've entered – anything archery or hunting. It doesn't have to be long; a few paragraphs will do. *You* may not think your story is interesting, but I'm sure others will!

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.



RANGE NOTES

A lot has been going on at the range this summer:

Yuma County's runoff mitigation project back in May. Areas effected by rain waters were cleaned out and tons of riprap was brought in to prevent more erosion.

Several dozen yards of donated pea-gravel were spread around the driveway and parking areas as well as in the shooting areas to keep down dust and prevent mud from puddling after rain.

The club purchased another Conex box. Volunteers painted it and the other three Conex boxes. The Club House was also painted.

Sixty donated hay bales were stacked behind the range targets to stop errant arrows.



UPCOMING EVENTS -

Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)

Every Sunday 7 to 11am. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.

Haunted Canyon Night Shoot

Sundown, October 30, 2021



FEATURED RECIPE:

Venison Roast: Simple, Easy and Delicious

Make the most of your deer or elk harvest by slow cooking your venison's toughest cuts

Venison roasts are often labeled tough and boring, which usually leads them to the meat grinder. With the right recipe, these overlooked cuts of venison can be tender and very good table fare.

Serves: 8

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 5-8 hours



(Photo courtesy of MissHomemade.com)

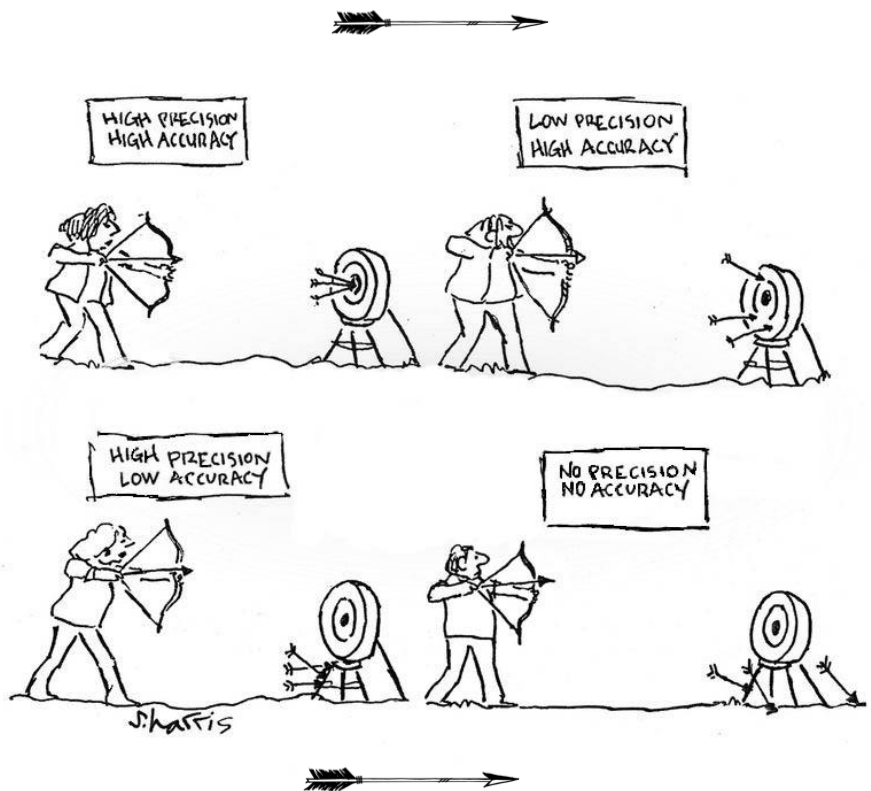
Ingredients:

- 2 (10 ¾-ounce) cans cream of mushroom soup
- 5 tablespoons dry onion soup mix
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced (optional)

- 3- to 4-pound venison roast

Directions:

1. Spray a large slow cooker with vegetable oil. Add the cream soup, onion soup mix, beef broth, garlic powder, onion powder and parsley together, whisking until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Fold in the mushrooms.
2. Place the venison roast into the slow cooker and spoon some of the mixture over the roast. Cover and cook on high for 5 hours (8 hours on low). If the roast is frozen, cook on high for 8 to 10 hours; or until meat falls apart. If you don't have a slow cooker, just bake the roast at 275 degrees for 4 to 5 hours or until tender.
3. Serve over buttered noodles, cooked rice, mashed potatoes, or bread slices.



Volunteers Are Always Welcome

The Southwest Bowhunters Archery Range at Adair Shooting Park would not exist if 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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