



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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January, 2022

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings from the President!

We have planned some wonderful shoots this coming year, the first is coming fast the "Walk the trails" in February, and I would like to thank our former President Rick Bielke and all the members who have come out to assist in making the last year a great year for southwest Bowhunters.



President Keith Parsels

I extend a hearty invitation for more of our members to come to assist in some small way. It appears we will have a few shoots to be put on in the 2022 year. All members and non-members are welcome at any time to come by and visit. You really don't need an invitation, but just in case . . . I am sending out an invitation to all members of this Group, as well as out of state visitors, whithersoever dispersed, to return to your roots and come back to attend a meeting and Sunday shoots or help in some set up work. You do not know what you are missing, and we miss all of you being at the Range with us! We are also looking forward to seeing our out of state members coming back. We need you and want to see you here in the Range.

The Youth /Adult JOAD group has been approved and added to the bylaws and will be meeting starting January 8th, for 10 weeks on Saturday mornings. Ages 7 to 107 are welcome to start learning.

Shoot straight and often.

Keith C. Parsels



December Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:17am

OFFICERS -

President:

Keith Parsels

Vice President:

Butch Lacey

Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

Treasurer:

Jessica Albert

Range Master:

Ebb Dierdorff

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Attendance: Joshua Arnold, Rick Bielke, Ken Conway, Gene Cox, Ebb Dierdorff, Kelvin Drapeau, Vince DiCataldo, Rae Erickson, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Uschi House, John Lloyd, Keith Parsels, Zach Slette, Aileen Tolar.

I. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** There was no meeting held in November.

II. **Treasurer's report:** \$10,500

III. **Old Business:**

a) **Turkey Shoot.** Lagging attendance. Did we break even?

According to Keith, we made a little more than what it cost to purchase the turkeys. Since there were only 18 paid participants, there were two turkeys not awarded, and those were donated to the Crossroads Mission in Yuma.

b) **Christmas Shoot.** Should it be held since it is "post-Covid", the holiday season, and people have other things to do?

The executive board and officers chose to cancel the Hunt for Charity this year since the turnout for the Turkey Shoot was so poor. A reassessment of how many shoots to have and when to have them will be made at the next meeting. Keith moved that we donate \$200 to Amberly's House since the charity shoot had been cancelled. Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c) **January Work-Party.**

January 15, 2022, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Debbie will cook home-made (from scratch) chili for participants who sign in and work from 8 – 12. Please make sure you sign up to volunteer, so she knows how much chili to make!!!

IV. **New business:**

a) **Review changes to Bylaws / Vote on revised Bylaws.**

Rick explained the changes in the Bylaws, and the reasons we needed to update them. Rick moved that we accept the new bylaws as presented; Gump seconded. Motion Passed.

b) **Election of new officers.**

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V. *Items from the floor:*

- a) Keith talked about security on the range. The range is being used for gun target shooting when no one is there shooting archery during the week, and recently, both drags were stolen. There is grant money out there to make improvements in security and other projects on the range, but we need someone who has grant-writing experience, and the time and inclination to take on this task. Contact Keith or Debbie for more information.

VI. *Adjournment:* The meeting was adjourned at 9:37.



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Sitting here at my computer, I'm trying to come up with some cute or clever way to encourage everyone to enjoy the holiday season while poking some fun at political correctness. The point is, we should all enjoy the positive aspects of the Holiday season. Regardless of your secular or spiritual beliefs, this is the time of year that we get to appreciate and enjoy friends and family. The holiday season is upon us, so I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah, a Fabulous Festivus, or a wonderful... whatever you choose to celebrate. It is great that we all have the freedom in this country to choose what we celebrate and how we choose to do so.

Earlier this month, Keith Parsels, Robert Baker, and I took on the task of moving hay-bales purchased this fall to increase the number of shooting stations on the 'beginner's range' and to accommodate shooters who bring their own block targets



Keith & Robert on 100-yard range.

to shoot at on the 100-yard range. We now have nine 10-meter shooting lanes for our traditional and beginning archers.

The *Walk The Trail* shoot is right around the corner. This is our largest club fund-raising event every year, so save the dates: February 19th and 20th. We will need volunteers for the shoot itself. If you would be willing to put in a few hours during the shoot to help in the concession stand, registration, or running one of the novelty shoots, please contact me at info@southwestbowhunters.net.

In preparation for this shoot, we will be having a Work Party on Saturday, January 15th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. I am asking everyone who is physically able and/or has the time to please volunteer to help. Everyone who stays and works the whole four hours will receive a homemade chili feast with all the fixin's, free of charge. I cooked this up last year and all the volunteer workers enjoyed a good hot meal after clearing the trails, setting up the kitchen and prepping the facilities for the shoot.

We are also looking into grants to make our range more secure and to spruce it up some. If anyone has grant-writing experience, a little extra time and the inclination to help us out, please let either Keith or me know so we can get this endeavor underway.

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



IN THE NEWS:

Below is a reprint from the December 6th edition of The Yuma Sun, spotlighting one of our Southwest Bowhunters members, Ken Conway. Ken is one of the instructors for the USA Archery Southwest Bowhunters JOAD Youth Archery group.

Parks and Rec Employee Wins Medals in Huntsman World Senior Games

By JAMES GILBERT SUN STAFF WRITER Dec 6, 2021

City of Yuma employee Ken Conway took silver and bronze medals after competing in a recent multi-sport senior competition that drew participants from all over the world.

Conway, who instructs archery, leads stargazing events and kayak tours for the Parks and recreation Department, took part in the Huntsman World Senior Games, which were held Oct. 4 through Oct. 16 in St. George, Utah.

Huntsman bills itself as the world's largest event of its kind for athletes aged 50 or older. Their 2019 event drew approximately 11,000 competitors from 34 different countries.



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Conway's performance qualifies him to participate in the Senior Nationals next May in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Despite that, he said that he felt "satisfied" with his score. "I had scored higher in practices," Conway said.

Challenging weather conditions – a sandstorm also canceled one day's scheduled rounds – which may have played a factor. "And there was perhaps a little bit of 'tournament tension' there," he added.

Conway competed in American 900 Round target archery two-day event, shooting 30 arrows at 60 yards, 50 yards and 40 yards, each day.

He earned a bronze medal for his age group in the equipment category and a silver medal in the 3-D hunter simulation event.

In the 3-D event contestants shoot at life-size foam animal targets from 28 stations along a trail, firing two arrows from each site.

This year's competition attracted 150 archers from around the world, including two California state senior champions and former Olympian Ed Eliason.

The current record-holder in Conway's age category is four-time Olympian and two-time Olympic medalist Rick McKinney, who has also provided color commentary during Olympic archery coverage.

In preparation to compete in this year's Huntsman Games, Conway trained for two hours a day, seven days a week, for six months, shooting over 100 arrows every day, at distances out to 80 yards.

He has already begun his training for the national competition.

"My goal is to improve my score and medal at Senior Nationals," Conway said.

A Level 2 certified USA Archery coach, Conway currently teaches the city's beginner archery class on Saturday mornings at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC).

The six-week class is an introduction to the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program. All necessary equipment is provided for participants in this class.

Conway is certified in archery skills development, equipment tuning, and safe sport practices designed to prepare young archers to compete at state and national tournaments.

Interested archers of all abilities, ages 8 and older, should watch for future City of Yuma Parks and Recreation archery programs.

The Huntsman games and medals were just part of what made the trip so memorable for Conway and his wife.

They also attended the launch of NASA's Lucy spacecraft, which is the first space mission to study the Trojan class of Jupiter asteroids.

Additionally, Conway was among the astronomers recruited by NASA to use high-powered telescopic equipment to observe and then measure the size of the asteroids Lucy was sent to study.



Upcoming Events -

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**
Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.
- **Work Party**
Saturday, January 15th, from 8:00 am – Noon. All four-hour volunteers will get free lunch!
- **Walk The Trails Shoot**
Saturday and Sunday, February 19th & 20th
- **Archery Lessons**
Ten-week class \$90.00. Classes are held on Saturday mornings starting January 8th. 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!



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From the Hunter's Kitchen

Venison Schnitzel

"I don't have a clue where my Dad got this particular recipe, but he used to build it during hunting season when we had fresh venison (elk, antelope, mule or whitetail deer), 'hanging and aging'. I still make it when the opportunity presents itself." – *By Clint Wigen*



Prep: 30 mins **Cook:** 25 mins **Total:** 55 mins **Servings:** 4

Ingredients

- 2 pounds venison tenderloin
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons bacon drippings
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup dry breadcrumbs
- ½ cup crushed buttery round cracker crumbs (such as Ritz Crackers)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Directions

- **Step 1**
Cut tenderloin into 1/2-inch steaks. Slice each steak in half horizontally, from the smallest toward the largest side, until there is only a very small section keeping the two halves connected. Slice a few small scores on the outer edges of each steak to prevent them from curling up when frying.
- **Step 2**
Preheat oil and bacon drippings in a large heavy skillet over medium high heat. In a large shallow dish, combine flour, salt, and pepper. In a separate shallow bowl, beat together egg and

milk. In another shallow dish, combine breadcrumbs and cracker crumbs.

- **Step 3**

Dredge the steaks in the seasoned flour, and using a meat mallet, pound them down to just slightly less than their 1/4-inch thickness. Dip the steaks in the egg mixture, then coat each steak on both sides with the crumbs. Set aside on a clean plate. When all steaks are evenly coated, place prepared steaks gently in a single layer into the hot oil.

- **Step 4**

Fry steaks for 2 to 3 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle each steak lightly with lemon juice.



It is to laugh...



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 Keith at (928) 750-7620.



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

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