The Broken Arrow

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President's Message

Greetings fellow archers,



Fritz Hoff, President

Another month has gone by and the weather has definitely gotten better. We had some rain last weekend and our monthly meeting got postponed unit Nov 8th, I will be out of town on a shoot, so Mr. Greene will be running the show, I hope everyone will attend.

I hope everyone had a great time at the Haunted Canyon Shoot. I heard we had a good turn out and everyone enjoyed themselves.
Next up is our Hunt for Charity shoot on the weekend of Dec. 12 th -13 th . Amberly's Place will be our charity recipient this year. This is always a great shoot that I look forward too, the weather has cooled down, good food at the snack bar, get to spend a couple days flinging arrows with y'all. Looking forward to seeing the target setup Butch and his crew has instore for us. Plus this shoot gives you a chance to get your bows dialed in before January OTC deer opens and archery javelina starts.

I hope everyone has a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving. Good luck to those who are heading out on rifle deer hunts.

Aim small, miss small. See you on the range.

Fritz Hoff

Southwest Bowhunters General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2026
Time: 9:00am

Type of Meeting: General

OFFICERS -

President:
Fritz Hoff

Vice President:
Bryon Green

Secretary/Webmaster:
Debbie Elliott

Treasurer:
Kelvin Drapeau

Range Master:
Butch Lacey

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Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:59am by Vice President Bryon Green.

Members in attendance: Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Rhonda Green, Adam Guiterrez, Bryan Herndon, Schannon Mohamed, Nicholas Muños, Robert Reyes, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, Kal Wilson.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion was made by Kelvin Drapeau to accept the minutes from the last meeting; Seconded by Bryan Herndon. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: $12,472.77 in main account; $269.92 in youth account. Total in both accounts, $12,697.69.

Old Business:

1. ***Work Party, Oct. 17th*** – Bryon reported that we had a good turnout for the work party. The West River Trail was trimmed and all cuttings were removed. The East River Trail is trimmed, but we still need to remove the trimmings. The kitchen was cleaned and the new griddle is installed, and the office clean-up was started.

2. ***Haunted Canyon*** – October 24th. Debbie reported that we had 23 paid participants. The kitchen sold out almost all the food, however, barely broke even. It was noted that the kitchen had to restock all the perishables which accounts for some of the costs, however, the cost of meat and other items have risen substantially, so the profit margin is suffering. It was suggested that we raise the prices of certain food items in order to continue to make a profit. After discussing this, it was agreed upon that the concession stand should raise prices by an amount appropriate for the items in question.

3. ***Survey for Hunt for Charity*** – Due to the rain-caused delays of the November meeting, and the need to begin advertising the Hunt for Charity shoot, the Board decided to continue with Amberly's Place as the charity for this year's shoot. We will begin the survey for the 2027 charity selection after the first of the year.

4. ***Walk the Trail – February 13th – 14th:*** Since this is our annual fund-raising event, we need to begin acquiring donations for the raffle and auction. Members and Board Members are encouraged to donate items to be raffled off. Richard Sprague

of Sprague's Sporting Goods, and Bruce Marshall of Bow-N-Arrow Shop are once again going to donate items from their stores. If anyone knows of any other business who would like to donate goods or services to the club to be raffled off, please contact Debbie or Fritz as soon as possible.

New business:

1. ***Shirts for upcoming shoots:*** Kelvin reported on the number of shirts we have on hand, and we need to reorder several sizes. Since the 40th Anniversary shirts are now outdated, we need to decide one of the two other designs we already have, or come up with a new design. Bryon will contact Scott to see if he will be available to help with the ordering again this year.

2. ***Elections:*** Elections for all offices will be held at the December meeting. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Target Captain, and five Board of Trustees members will be on the ballot. If you know of someone who wants to run or you wish to fill one of the positions listed, please let Debbie know by no later than December 1st so she can have the ballots ready by the December 6th meeting.

3. ***Upcoming road construction on Adair Park Road –*** The county will be closing Adair Park Road from November 30 through December 11th to construct a new culvert where the big dip in the road currently is. The county has promised to grade the 'back way' to the facility so that there is still access to the facility during construction. As soon as a map is available, Debbie will be emailing it to all members.

4. ***Youth Small Game Camp – Nov. 21st:*** SWBH has been providing archery instruction for the event for many years. Bryon Green is going to be bringing the targets to the event, but he needs volunteers to help with set-up and archery instruction. Kids' archery will start at around 9:00am and go until about 4:00pm. Contact Bryon Green if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Items from the floor:

There were no items from the floor.

Attendance Drawing: Kal Wilson won the $85.00 attendance pot and generously donated it back to the Hunt for Charity event for Amberly's House. The attendance pot will be $50 next month.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Gump; seconded by Shannon. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

**** Next meeting will be December 6th ****

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Wow! It's already November. This year has sure gone by fast! The holidays are right around the corner, the temperatures are coming down, and deer season starts this weekend. Good luck to everyone with a tag!

As we all know, the next big holiday after Halloween is … THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY! On November 10, we celebrate 251 years of the finest fighting force in the world. To all of our Marine Corps brothers and sisters, past and present, I wish you a very Happy Birthday. Semper Fidelis! God bless America and our beloved Marine Corps!

The very next day, November 11th, we celebrate Veterans Day, a day dedicated to honoring all the men and women who have served in our nation's Armed Forces. I always like to include our First Responders in my appreciation. While our military serves and protects our country around the world, our First Responders are here at home protecting our families and communities. Knowing our loved ones are being looked after back home allows our military members focus on their missions overseas. To all our Veterans and First Responders, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! Your sacrifices, dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed.

And finally, we have Thanksgiving! Food, football, family, and hopefully a little time to relax. Does it get any better than that?

As we head into the holiday season, I hope everyone takes a moment to appreciate the good things in life, especially our families, friends and the wonderful people who make our community special.

As always, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary

Work Party



L to R: Jerry Galiley, Bryon Green, Lauren Hutchinson, Brent Redger, Colby Redger, Brian (Gump) Herndon, Kiana Herndon, and Nathan (Brown) Brown.

October 17th marked the first work party at the range for this season. About a dozen members showed up to clear trails, paint and install a new griddle, clean the clubhouse, and work on other projects that need attention.

While Debbie and Kelvin worked on the clubhouse, Jerry, Bryon, Lauren, Gump, Kiana, and Nathan (Brown) Brown cleared trails and hauled several trailer loads of brush. "Brown" climbed up some of the leaning trees and chain sawed them into manageable pieces, while Brent operated the heavy equipment to haul out huge sections of tree trunks and smooth out the trails.

After several hours of working around the range, Desi Redger and Rhonda Green grilled up burgers for the hungry and very appreciative crew.

Although we didn't have the turnout we had hoped for, a lot was accomplished. Thank you to all those who volunteered this time around – we couldn't do it without you!!



Desi Redger and Rhonda Green grilling up some lunch for the work crew.

Haunted Canyon Fun Shoot

On Saturday, October 24th, SWBH hosted the annual Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot. The weather was perfect, and the festivities began with the kid's costume contest.



L to R: Most Original – Calder S.; Scariest – 1st place - Colby R., 2nd place - Chief T.; Cutest – Violet T.

Twenty-five-dollar gift cards were given to the winners of each category. This year, Calder S. won the Most Original category. Colby R. won the Scariest category with Chief T. a close second, and Violet T. won the Cutest category, hands down!

At 6:32 (end of legal shooting light) the horn sounded off and the 20+ shooters started flinging their arrows into the darkness – well, maybe not quite so dark due to the abundance of flood lights, flashlights, and lighted nocks.



VP Bryon Green takes aim at a well-concealed turkey.



Lisa and Desi still wearing their prison garb!

Since this was a fun shoot, no prizes were awarded; just bragging rights, but all participants had a great time.

As the shooters were tallying their scores, Desi and Lisa of *Desi's Hangry Archer* - who had busted out of the State Penitentiary just for this occasion - were serving up hot dogs, nachos, walking tacos, and drinks for the participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

2026 Corner Cup

December 4th, 5th, 6th – hosted by CORNER ARCHERY – Ben Avery Indoor range. For info: https://www.cornerarchery.com/2026-corner-cup

Hunt for Charity

December 12th, 13th – hosted by Southwest Bowhunters Adair Park Archery Range. Click Here for more info.

Walk The Trail

February 13th & 14th – hosted by Southwest Bowhunters at Adair Park Range. See website for details. Click Here for more info.

From the Hunter's Kitchen:

Venison Meatballs with Creamy Mushroom Gravy



These tender venison meatballs are simmered in a silky mushroom gravy that's full of rich, savory flavor. It's an easy one-pan wild-game recipe that comes together fast—perfect for busy weeknights or a cozy post-hunt dinner. Serve over mashed potatoes, rice, or buttered egg noodles for the ultimate comfort meal.

- **Author:** Jenn Homa
- **Prep Time:** 20 minutes
- **Cook Time:** 30 minutes
- **Total Time:** 50 minutes
- **Yield:** 4–6 servings

Ingredients

FOR THE VENISON MEATBALLS

- 1 lb ground venison
- 1/2 lb ground pork (adds moisture)
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup finely diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1–2 tbsp oil for searing

FOR THE CREAMY MUSHROOM GRAVY

- 2 tbsp butter
- 8 oz baby bella mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 small onion, diced

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream (or half-and-half)
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh parsley for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. MAKE THE MEATBALLS

1. Combine ground venison, ground pork, breadcrumbs, onion, garlic, egg, Worcestershire, Dijon, smoked paprika, salt, pepper, and thyme in a large bowl. Mix gently with your hands until just combined — over-mixing can make the meatballs dense.
2. Roll into 1½-inch meatballs (about 16–18).

2. BROWN THE MEATBALLS

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add meatballs in batches and sear on all sides until deeply browned. They don't need to be cooked through yet—remove them to a plate.

3. BUILD THE MUSHROOM GRAVY

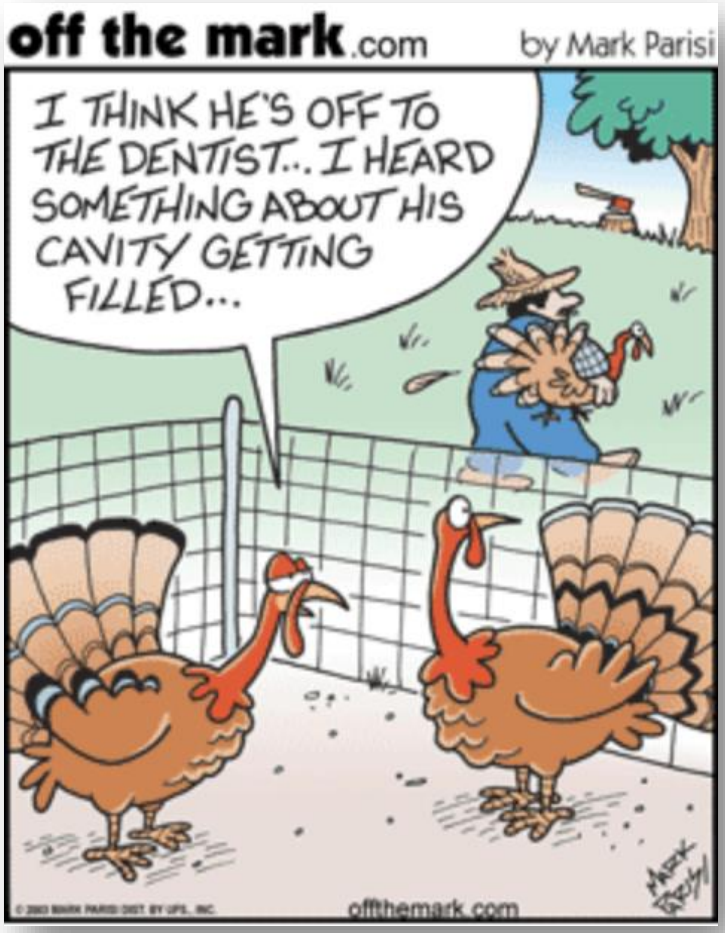
1. Reduce heat to medium and melt butter in the same skillet. Add mushrooms and onions; cook 5–7 minutes until softened and lightly browned.
2. Add garlic and cook 1 minute.
3. Stir in flour to create a roux and cook 1–2 minutes.
4. Slowly whisk in beef broth, scraping up all those browned bits from the pan. Stir in heavy cream, Worcestershire, and Dijon. Simmer until thickened and silky.

4. COMBINE & FINISH

1. Return meatballs to the skillet, nestling them into the gravy.
2. Cover and simmer on low for 10–12 minutes, or until meatballs reach 160°F internally.
3. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.
4. Serve hot over your favorite base and garnish with parsley if desired.

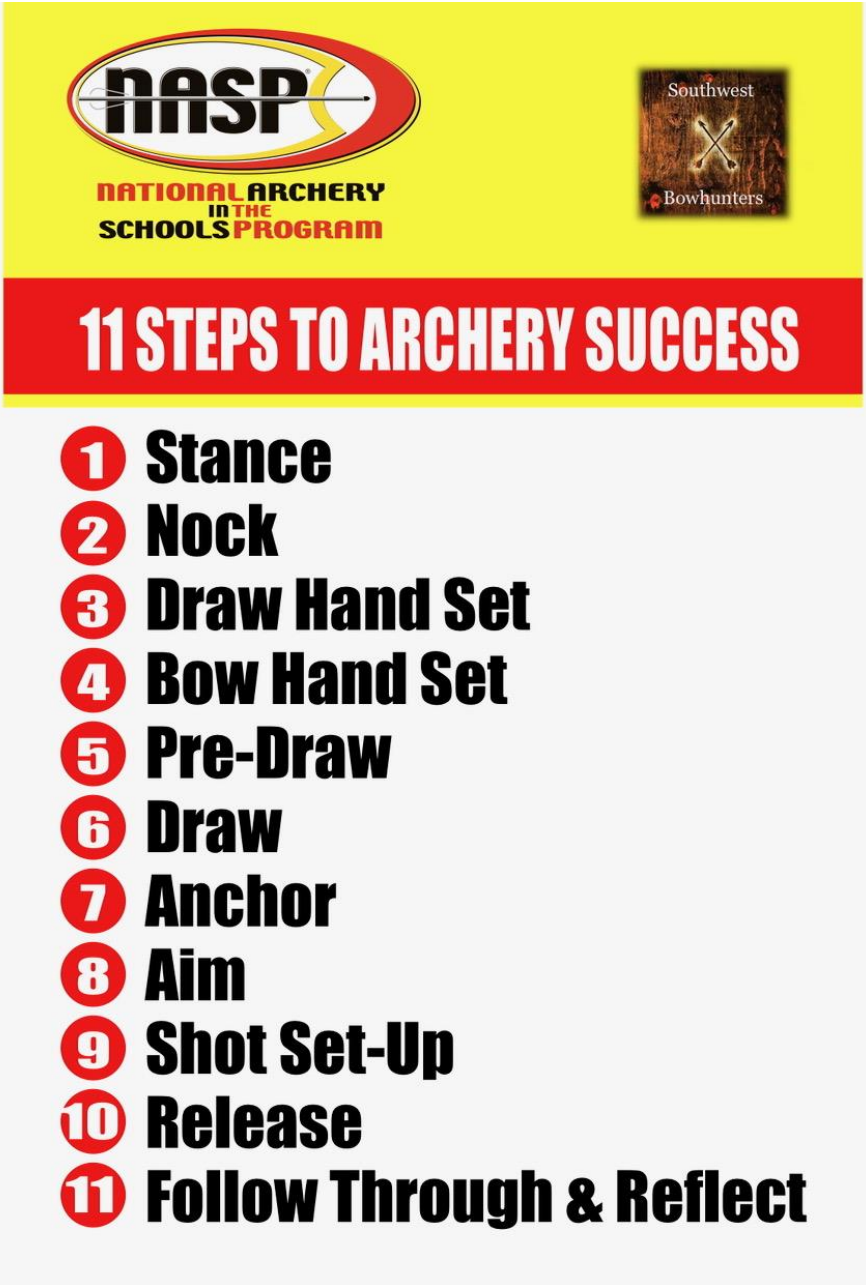


IT IS TO LAUGH…



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 fun shoots and tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Fritz at (928) 345-8042.



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

and…



We Value and Support Our Sponsors:





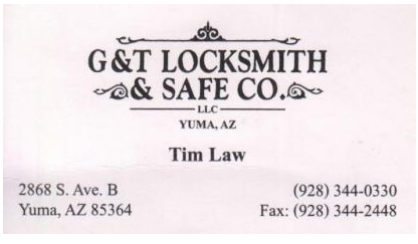








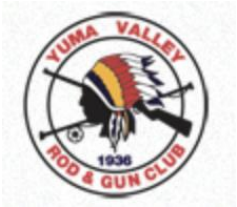







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