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# The Broken Arrow

## President's Message

Bowhunters and Target archers! We are having several exciting upcoming events such as Ladies Day coming up on May 8th (Mother's Day), and I hope to see our Ladies there in large numbers!

As we go into the summer months, we are looking at several different events to get everyone together. We also have additional work we need to do on our range so we will be looking to come up with ideas to fix up a few remaining areas to make the grounds even better than ever. If you have any ideas, please bring them up our upcoming meeting on May 1st.

Also, Debbie works diligently to keep our website updated you don't want to miss out on special events and changes that occur, and this is a great way to get those updates. We may even have some surprise items via these updates, so you won't want to miss them! You can now register and join SWBH online at <http://southwestbowhunters.net>

The instruction class is doing well, adults and young students have come out on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. There is not a fixed fee requirement for a set term. The instructional fee is \$10 per hour. Special arrangements can be made for one-on-one. For instruction on other days, my email address is [southwestbowhunters@gmail.com](mailto:southwestbowhunters@gmail.com)

Shoot straight and often,

Keith C. Parsels, President

USA Archery Level 3 Coach



President Keith Parsels



## Meeting Minutes Date: April 3, 2022

**Type of Meeting:** General

**Meeting Facilitator:** Keith Parsels

**Attendees:** Keith Parsels, Debbie Elliott, Jes Arnold, Mike Bernard, Kelvin Drapeau, Syd W. Muzzy, Ed Bernard, Uschi House, Rick Bielke, Butch Lacey, Scotty Covey, Jen Wight, Desi Redger, Brent Redger, Zach Slette, Tiana Redger, Jessica Arnold, Aileen Toler, Rae Erickson.

## OFFICERS -

**President:**

Keith Parsels

**Vice President:**

Butch Lacey

**Secretary/Webmaster:**

Debbie Elliott

**Treasurer:**

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We can also be found on  
Facebook, and Instagram

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:59am.

- I. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** There was no March meeting, thus there are no minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Account has \$13,678.52.

II. **Open issues/Old Business:**

- a) **Walk The Trails:** Debbie reported that we had 127 Participants this year. We grossed \$7,129 and netted \$6,679. This was the best WTT in a long time!
- b) **YVRGC Youth Outdoor Clinic** - Butch reported that there were 457 kids that registered for the event, and that the line for the archery portion was long from the time the event opened until the organizers told them to shut down.
- c) **Yuma Desert Doves/Women on the Wing Shooting Field Day** - Debbie reported that on the same Saturday morning, a shooting event was held at the Gary Ware Memorial Shooting Park for women only. Twenty women - the maximum number allowed - showed up and learned about muzzle loaders, rifles, shotguns, and archery, and how to safely handle all the equipment associated with all shooting sports. Debbie manned the archery portion of the event, and all the ladies really enjoyed it. In fact, we gained another member because of this event.

III. **New Business:**

- a) **3D Target Purchase:** Butch reported on target inserts and new targets that we need. The total for the new inserts will be \$508. We will be purchasing a new Standing Elk for \$1,318 and a new Bedded Buck will cost \$502. Also, due to be replaced are the squirrel, chucker, raven, vampire bat, lynx, armadillo, and sun bear. The total for everything is \$4,745.99. Motion to approve the funds to purchase targets and inserts was made by Kelvin, Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.  
Butch also asked the club for their opinion on whether to allow members-in-good-standing to piggy-back their own target purchases on club orders to get the club price. A motion was made by Rick to allow members-in-good-standing to piggy-back their own target purchases on club orders to get the club price; Seconded by Zach. Motion passed.
- b) **Hoot Shoot:** Does the club want to sponsor a Hoot Shoot in April? If we do host it, how much do we want to charge? Discussion ensued. The members finally settled on April 30<sup>th</sup> for the shoot, \$10 for adults 18 years of age and over, 17 years of age and under will be free. Rick and Kelvin will set up 20 targets in the canyon. The sun will set at 7:19pm, at which time the shotgun start will begin.

IV. **Items from the floor:**

- a) **Bow Raffle:** Does the club want to hold another bow raffle, only this time, online? What kind of bow package and how many tickets do we

want to sell? Debbie will research different bow packages and how much they will cost, then the club will need to decide how much profit we want to make to determine how many tickets to sell. This item will be carried over to the next meeting for more discussion.

- b) **Crossbows:** It has been noted that someone is using a crossbow on the range during the week, however, he is using his own crossbow block target. The question was asked: Are we going to allow crossbows on the range at all? After discussion, it was decided that if the crossbow user supplies his own target and doesn't shoot at our bales, it will be allowed.
  - c) **Master's Division:** Syd Muzzy brought up the need for a "Master's" division for our competitive shoots. The Master's division would be for archers who are 70 years of age and up allowing for a fairer competition. Everyone agreed that this would be acceptable. Debbie will adjust the score cards to reflect this new division.
  - d) **Pins & Trophies:** Keith pointed out that we are running out of pins and trophies. The last time he ordered pins, they cost a little over \$700 but they will likely cost around \$1,000 this time around and trophies will probably cost about the same. Debbie mentioned that kids seem to prefer trophies over pins, and most of the club agreed. We have enough trophies for the kid's divisions for a few more shoots. It was decided that Keith should order more pins for awards.
  - e) **Garden Wagon:** Scotty suggested that the club purchase a new garden wagon to make moving the bag targets quicker and easier. Keith will research this idea.
- V. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Debbie to adjourn the meeting. Zach seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Elliott, Secretary

**\*\* Next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> \*\***



## Debbie's Dissertation

### Random thoughts and happenings

Spring has arrived in the desert. The wildflowers are blooming, the weather is still bearable, and most of our snowbird friends are headed north for the summer. By the time you are reading this, Easter and Passover have come and gone. I hope the Easter Bunny was good to you all!

As the days get longer and the weather heats up, we will be changing our Sunday Morning Fun Shoots starting time from 8:00am to 7:00am

starting in May. That being said, we could sure use some young(er), strong backs to help with the set up and take down of the bag targets and 3D targets each Sunday.

In addition, we are having a “Hoot Shoot” night 3D shoot on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun shoot with no awards, and you can bring whatever type of flashlights or flood lights you have laying around the house or garage to light up the targets. Water will be supplied, limited concessions, and overnight dry camping will be available. Register at the range on the evening of the event starting at 5:00pm through 6:30pm, or online at <https://form.jotform.com/220967015721049>. The cost is \$10.00 for adults 18 and over, and FREE for kids 17 & under. We will have 20 3D targets in the canyon, and a shotgun start at 7:17pm. I hope to see you all there!

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

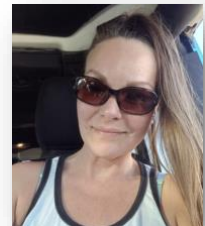
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## A Good Time, with Great People

By Jennifer Wight

Hi everybody, my name is Jen and I'm new to Southwest Bowhunters and the Yuma area. I'm also new to archery. I picked up a bow for my very first time just last month after meeting Debbie Elliott.



Debbie had an archery station set up at a learn to shoot event put on by the Yuma Desert Doves. There was a couple of hay-bail targets and a 3D turkey target. With Debbie's patience and instruction, I nailed that turkey target in the kill zone, and I was hooked!

It was a little intimidating signing up with a club to be a part of a sport I'm brand new to, but the fact that the club has equipment for new members to use before investing in equipment was a huge factor in me giving archery another try, and I'm so glad I did.

Everyone at Southwest Bowhunters have been so welcoming and happy to share their archery knowledge. I've really enjoyed my lessons, walking the trails, and shooting 3D targets with you all is such a blast!



## Elliott Places 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BTB 3D Open

On Saturday and Sunday, April 9 & 10, the annual Break the Barriers 3D Open was held in the foothills above Fresno, CA. Approximately 800 archers from all over the U. S., both professional and amateurs, participated this year. There were two courses with 51 targets each, and each of the two courses is between three and four miles in length and meander through the hills. This year, they had four super-sized, custom made targets, and shooting distances that ranged from 3 yards to 101 yards.



*Supersized targets: Cobra, Dragon, Ogre, and Yeti.*



*L. to R.: Kay Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Gabrielle Garrett (1<sup>st</sup> place), and Debbie Elliott (3<sup>rd</sup> place).*

Debbie Elliott shot in the Bow Hunter Freestyle, Female, Silver Senior class, and garnered the bronze medal for her division. “I wasn’t pleased with my own personal performance, but it was good enough that I was able to share the podium with two amazing Silver Senior archers.”

## NEW FEATURE: CLASSIFIED ADS!

Beginning with the June edition of The Broken Arrow, members may advertise their **archery-related** items for sale in the newsletter FREE OF CHARGE.

### How to place a classified ad in the newsletter

SWBH Members in good standing may submit Classified Advertisements to the newsletter at no cost. E-mail to [info@southwestbowhunters.net](mailto:info@southwestbowhunters.net) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Place “Classified Ad” in the subject line.



**Classified Ads run for ONE month.** If you wish to repeat an ad for another month, re-submit the request by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Classified Ads are for Archery-related items only.** Non-archery-related items for sale will not be accepted.

**Please include the following in your Classified Ad:**

**Subject/Title** – This should be 2 or 3 words and will appear in bold.

**Description** – This can be a few sentences, but no more than a paragraph. Abbreviations are not recommended unless they are well-known acronyms.

**Price** – A specific dollar amount and any qualifiers.

**Contact Information** – This should be a name AND a phone number and/or an e-mail address.



## Upcoming Events -

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**  
Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.
- **“Hoot Shoot” (3D Night) Fun Shoot**  
Twenty 3D targets set up in the canyon. Bring your flashlights or flood lights and light up the night! Registration starts at 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Shotgun start at 7:19pm (sunset). Water supplied. No concessions, no prizes; just a lot of night-time fun! Dry camping is available for free. Cost: \$10.00 for Adults (18 yrs. and over); FREE for kids 17 yrs. and under. Online registration is also available:  
<https://form.jotform.com/220967015721049>
- **Mother’s Day “Ladies Shoot Free” on May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Just like the regular Sunday Fun Shoot, but all ladies 18 and above shoot for free! Bring the hubby and the kiddos and have a great Mother’s Day morning on the range!
- **Archery Lessons**  
Lessons are held on Saturday mornings and are \$10.00 per hour. Open to all beginning archers ages 7 and up! Special arrangements can be made for one-on-one. For instruction on other days, please email [southwestbowhunters@gmail.com](mailto:southwestbowhunters@gmail.com)



# From the Hunters Kitchen

## PLEASANT PHEASANT

READY IN: 40mins  
SERVES: 4

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 boneless skinless pheasant breasts

### MARINADE

- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- ¼ cup onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons honey
- ¼ cup rice vinegar

### REMAINING INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup flour
- 2-4 tablespoons butter
- ½ - 1 cup chicken broth
- ¼ cup cilantro



### DIRECTIONS

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- Marinate the pheasant breasts overnight (or for as long as possible) in your favorite marinade, or mix the soy sauce, garlic, onion, honey and vinegar for a yummy Asian-inspired marinade.
- Remove pheasants from marinade, and coat in flour. Do not rinse off marinade or allow to drip off, so that the flour makes a nice coating on the pheasant.
- Heat a frying pan with butter, and place coated pheasant in pan.
- Allow to brown on each side, then add 1/4 cup of chicken broth, or enough to create some liquid on the bottom. Add cilantro.
- Cover and allow pheasant to cook for 4-6 minutes per side, until cooked through. Don't let all the chicken broth cook off, or it could burn. Add more if necessary.
- Once done, take pheasant out of pan, and add chicken broth, a little at a time, scraping the bottom of the pan to create a gravy.
- Serve with rice, or noodles.

#### Variations:

Instead of chicken broth, use chicken noodle soup and some water.

Or use your favorite marinade.

Or, after browning and adding liquid (or soup with some water), put it in a 350-degree oven for 20-30 minutes - then proceed as directed.



## 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!*

**AND...**



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