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# The Broken Arrow



## President's Message



*Fritz Hoff, President*

Season's greetings fellow archers,

As December has arrived and our winter season begins, It has been nice to see an increase of old and new faces back out on the range.

Our annual Hunt for Charity 3D shoot had a good turnout and was once again a very fun course to shoot. I would like extend my thanks to Butch and his crew for once again giving us a fun and challenging course. My thanks to Desi and Lisa for running the kitchen and providing us with delicious meals for the weekend, and a big thanks to all the archers who came out and participated in the shoot, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

2025 will be upon us in only a few weeks and that means it's time for the start of the 2025 OTC deer season and I wish everyone heading out the best of luck. It also means that our big shoots will be coming up as well starting the first weekend in February with the High Noon on the Gila, followed by Walk The Trails the next weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

See you on the range,

Fritz Hoff



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Debbie Elliott

**Treasurer:**

Kelvin Drapeau

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## Scotty's Scribbles

Hello everyone,

It's been a great year at SWBH as we finish it off with our charity shoot.

I personally want to thank everyone for the past two years and for all your help in everything that we did around the range. As many of you know, it wasn't easy, although we had a lot of fun. We set some goals that we accomplished and some that are still in sight.

My time as an officer for the club the past two years has been a great experience. I thank each and every one of you for the help in making that time special for me. As our newly elected officers take the reins, please give them all your support as our club moves forward.

I hope to see you all in the weeks to come as our new year kicks off.

As always, shoot often and shoot straight. I'll see you all at the range.

Sincerely,

Scotty Covey, Vice President



## General Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 3, 2024**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

***Type of Meeting:*** General Members

***Meeting Facilitator:*** Fritz Hoff, President

***Attendees:*** Ed Bernard, Rick Bielke, Scott Covey, Kelvin Drapeau, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Rick Gaudet, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Butch Lacey, Larry Lee, Austin Magdaleno, Nicholas Muños, Brent Redger, Melissa Short, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, David Wetherholt, Jennifer Wight.

- I. Call to order:*** The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by President Fritz Holtz.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:*** Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Bryan Herndon; seconded by Scott Covey. Motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Kelvin reported that we have \$8,378.72 in the main account; \$453.72 in the JOAD account, for a total of \$8,832.44.

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

- a) **Concessions/Kitchen Captain** – David began a discussion about the possibility of adding a position with regards to the kitchen. We have a target captain, is there anything in the bylaws that prevents us from having a Kitchen/Concessions Captain? Motion was made by Bryon; Motion seconded by Austin. Motion carried. Debbie will check the bylaws to see if this is allowed.
- b) **Updating the Field Course** – David reported that we have an 'in' at YUCO Gin, and suggested that when we get the new bales that we place those out on the field course. The old bales are so worn that arrows are 'blowing right through them'. Mike Edwards of Sakata suggested that we put down a gravel trail along the field course to make walking easier. He says that he may have a supplier of such gravel, we would just be responsible for spreading it. David noted that we will not be able to acquire the bales until the end of the cotton harvest season.
- c) **Articles of Incorporation/501(c)(3):** David reported that he has submitted the for 1023EZ to the IRS. Now we wait.
- d) **More on the Grant** – David reminded everyone that if you get any labor, merchandise, materials or cash donated to help improve the range, to get an invoice from the person/company who donated. We can use any materials, labor or money as our portion of the 50/50 grant.

**V. New Business:**

- a) **Membership Drive** – Debbie reminded members that all memberships will expire on January 1, 2025, so please renew your memberships ASAP. We still have the individual memberships at \$25, Family memberships at \$50 that includes two adults and up to four kids under 18 that all live in the same household, and Kid's individual membership for \$15. This year, we are introducing a "Gold Pass" at \$200 that includes an individual membership and all 'Sunday Funday' shoots for the entire year – a savings of up to \$60! Debbie will be purging names from the membership list by the end of January, so renew your membership soon!
- b) **Elections** – Congratulations to the 2025 SWBH Officers:

**President – Fritz Hoff**

**Vice President – David Wetherholt**

**Secretary – Debbie Elliott**

**Treasurer – Kelvin Drapeau**

**Target Captain – Jesus Juarez**

**VI. *Items from the floor:***

- a) Honda Quad** –Mike Barker has a 2012 Honda Ranger quad for sale and is in great shape, Mike wants \$3,500 for it or we can give him our old quad and he will only charge us \$2,500. Mike is willing to wait to get payment. Butch moved that the club trade him the old quad and \$2,500 for the newer Ranger, Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike will be paid after the Walk The Trail event in February.
- b) Field Archery days** – Bryon Green suggested that on days when we have Field Archery shoots, that those who want to shoot 3D targets can volunteer to set up and take down the 3D targets in the canyon. Kelvin reminded 3D volunteers to be careful when loading the targets into the trailer so as not to damage them.
- c) Rick Bielke** nominated Uschi House for a Lifetime Membership, explaining that she has been in the club and active for 35 years. Butch motioned that she be given a Lifetime Membership; Bryon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**VII. *Adjournment:*** Fritz asked if there was any further business to discuss. Scott moved that we adjourn the meeting; Debbie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44am.

**\*\*Next scheduled meeting will be January 5<sup>st</sup>, 2025\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## **Debbie's Dissertation**

**Random thoughts and happenings**

Greetings fellow archers!

As we enter the Holiday Season, what better time than to reflect of how fortunate we all are to have the blessings that we have. I for one am grateful for having friends and family who support me in all my endeavors. Not everyone is lucky enough to have a spouse who is so supportive of my hunting addiction and puts up with me running off to meetings or tournaments, leaving him to 'fend for himself'.

I'm also very grateful for the officers, membership and volunteers that make this club so unique. Thanks to SWBH, I have met many wonderful people who share my love of archery, hunting and the outdoors. I am looking forward to celebrating another series of successful shoots and wish success for everyone who hunts this season.

As for the new year, I am looking forward to continuing as your secretary and working with my fellow officers, both returning and new, as we make Southwest Bowhunters bigger and better than ever!

So, until next month, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## SWBH Archers Compete in AZ State Field Archery Championships by Mike Rust

The Weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> proved to be quite successful for SWBH archers at the 2024 Arizona State Field Championships, held in Oro Valley, near Tucson.



Participants enjoyed a beautiful and a challenging course.



Mike Rust won a silver medal!

Ken Conway: Men's Olympic Recurve (70+ yrs) – Gold Medal

Mike Rust: Men's Freestyle Compound (60+ yrs) – Silver Medal

The Field Round was shot on a beautiful, but very difficult, desert course. Distances shot were metric compared to yardages we're familiar with. Target scoring was different as well. Normally, Field Rounds are scored 5-4-3, whereas the International Field Round is scored 6-5-4-3-2-1.



Competition began at 10:30am and I was on the last team that walked off the course around 5:30pm!! It was an extremely long, exhausting day...



## **WORLD HISTORY: Archery Used to be Required by Law for English Men.**

(reprinted from [historyfacts.com](http://historyfacts.com))

Throughout the Middle Ages, English men were required by law to practice longbow archery – a mandate that was in place for longer than you might expect. Early laws encouraged practicing archery directly: King Henry I, who ruled England from 1100 to 1135, declared that deaths

accidentally caused by practicing archers didn't count as murder or manslaughter. During the reign of Henry III, the 1252 Assize of Arms required that able-bodied men of a certain means between the ages of 15 and 60 be equipped with a bow and arrows and know how to use them – although residents of England's royal forests had to practice with blunt arrows to protect the king's game.

In 1363, King Edward III, who was in the midst of the Hundred Years' War and convinced that archery skills were "almost wholly disused," declared that able-bodied men must practice archery on holidays. The Archery Law, enacted that same year, further demanded practice on Sundays (Sundays so that it could be enforced by the Church). Edward also outlawed, on pain of imprisonment, watching or participating in "vain games of no value," a wide net that included handball, football, hurling stones, and cockfighting

Subsequent kings laid down similar acts: Richard II banned several games and required serfs and peasants to practice the longbow, and Edward IV set minimum imports for equipment. Henry VIII, after introducing several bans on games and tighter enforcement procedures earlier in his reign, passed on of the most notorious pro-archery laws of all in 1541: It nullified all previous acts, banned even more non-archery sports, and exempted wealthy people. In addition to requiring men under 60 (and, to a lesser extent, their make children) to own a certain amount of archery equipment, it empowered employers to garnish the wages of any servants who didn't have it. The 1541 law was still on the books in bits and pieces until the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but England's Betting and Gaming Act of 1960 finally nullified the last of the country's longbow mandates.



AZ State Championship participants: Larry Butterfield (front), Mike Rust (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Doug Althoff (far left), Chris Dwyer (Far Right)





## HAUNTED CANYON

Goblins and Goolies and Ghosts, OH MY! With Halloween just around the corner, the mood was set at the Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot at the SWBH Archery Range Canyon Course on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The evening kicked off with the annual Costume Contest for kids under 12, with prizes handed out for the scariest, the cutest and the most original costumes. The winners each got a \$25 Visa Gift Card and bragging rights for the year.



As soon as the sun went down and the canyon got dark, the air horn blasted to signal the beginning of the shoot. Flashlights lit up the night and the lighted nocks went flying.

In all, there were 35 participants, some from as far away as Blythe. Jeremy Turner scored highest for the men's compound with a 194, Holly Almanza scored highest for the women's compound with a 170, for men's traditional, Mike Campbell scored 45, women's traditional, Melissa Short scored a 97. For the Youth divisions, Andru Turner scored a 180 for the boys, and Autumn Scott scored 89 for the girls.



## Hunt for Charity 2024 Results

On December 7 & 8, the 2024 Hunt for Charity was held at the Southwest Bowhunters Archery Range at Adair Park. The mornings started out a little on the chilly side, but thanks to Desi and Lisa there was hot coffee, cocoa, and home-made cinnamon rolls for sale to warm everyone up from the inside out. Desi also made some delicious chili for lunch, so no one went hungry after shooting.

There were 41 registered shooters for this event, and as usual, Butch and the target crew did a masterful job of placing targets in a manner that tested everyone's hunting and shooting abilities. Many arrows were offered up to the archery gods, but all in all, everyone had a great time!

A portion of the proceeds from this shoot are donated to Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center in Yuma.

The results of the Hunt for Charity are below:





## High Noon on the Gila

February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – The first of four legs in the Southwest 3D Championship series. Anyone can compete for prizes at High Noon on the Gila, but only those who have competed in three of the four shoots in the Southwest 3D Championship Series will be competing for the grand prize: the big, beautiful BUCKLE!

## Walk The Trail

Presidents' Day weekend Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Sixty (60) 3D targets on three (3) trails. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class. Dry camping is available onsite, and motels are just 15 minutes from the range. Saturday night is our BBQ and potluck dinner, and awards are presented on Sunday afternoon. GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, TOO! REGISTER ONLINE or in person on Saturday.

## Archery Lessons

Ten-week class \$90.00. Classes are held on Saturday mornings. 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! We also offer lessons by the hour on Saturdays for \$10.00 per hour. Call Keith at (928) 750-7620 for more information or to set up an appointment.



## *From the Hunter's Kitchen:*

## AWARD WINNING VENISON CHILI

Venison chili. I mean, man. The pressure is on. The stakes are high. Your expectations are up. And quite honestly, they should be. One of the most common recipes people make with ground deer meat is chili. But if we're being honest, the recipes I've found on Pinterest and the internet leave me a little underwhelmed. And subbing venison directly for beef is *\*fine\** for chili. Sometimes. Alas, I venture to bet that if you're cozying up to a big bowl of chili at the end of the day...fine isn't what you're going for.



The foundation of this chili is one I and my family have used in a church chili cookoff...and taken home the blue ribbon. If you've ever been to any sort of church potluck, cookoff, luncheon, or picnic, you know this isn't something to be taken lightly.

Learn how to make award-winning venison chili with ground deer or elk meat you have in the freezer. It's simple, flavorful, and well-balanced.

- AUTHOR: MISS AK
- PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
- COOK TIME: 1 HOUR
- TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES
- YIELD: 6–8 SERVINGS

4.8 Stars from 44 reviews

### Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 green bell peppers, diced
- 1 lb. ground venison
- 4–5 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp. cinnamon (optional)
- 1 and ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 3 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 orange, juiced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 and 1/2 cups venison or beef stock\*
- 28 oz. diced tomatoes, drained
- 15 oz. black beans, drained and rinsed
- 15 oz. kidney beans, drained and rinsed

### Instructions

1. Begin by heating the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
2. Add the onion and peppers and cook until the onions start to brown on the edges, about 5-7 minutes. Then, add the venison and brown.
3. Once the venison is browned add the garlic, chili powder, cumin, paprika, cinnamon, salt, and pepper. Sauté for 1-2 minutes and then add the tomato paste. Cook for an additional minute, incorporating the tomato paste.
4. Then, deglaze the pot with Worcestershire sauce, orange juice, and lime juice. Scrape the bottom of the pot and add the stock, tomatoes, and beans.
5. Stir well and bring the chili to a boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat to low, cover partially with a lid and let the pot simmer for at least 30 minutes but up to all day. If you're cooking longer than an hour, be sure to cover the chili fully with a lid so all of the liquid doesn't evaporate.
6. Ladle up generous portions, top with your favorite chili toppings, and serve.

### Notes

- For flavor interest, try swapping out the venison/beef stock with 12oz of your favorite beer. A lager or stout work best but a pumpkin ale is always fun in the fall.



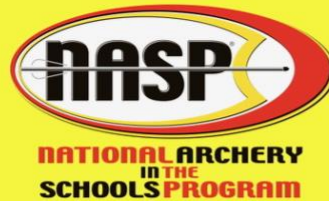
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## Volunteers Are Always Welcome

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.



## 11 STEPS TO ARCHERY SUCCESS

- 1 Stance**
- 2 Nock**
- 3 Draw Hand Set**
- 4 Bow Hand Set**
- 5 Pre-Draw**
- 6 Draw**
- 7 Anchor**
- 8 Aim**
- 9 Shot Set-Up**
- 10 Release**
- 11 Follow Through & Reflect**

*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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