



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Dear Southwest Bowhunters Membership,

I would like to start out by giving thanks. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for a very successful 2022 year, to Debbie Elliott for her great help, and I would just like to give thanks for being a member of what I believe is the best, most vibrant, successful and fun Archery Organization in all of Arizona.



President Keith Parsels

In the past few years, I feel that as I look around the group, I see a group of innovative and flexible individuals that see the needs of our community and are willing to take chances and risks to ensure that we are part of the solution in solving our archery community needs. I challenge each of you to be an example to the young archers in Yuma, and to be a mentor to those new to the sport.

The expectation that every Southwest Bowhunter can engage in every event is absurd. We are all professionals who lead busy lives, we have differing talents and interests, and we all have other commitments. We must respect and acknowledge that. As I look at the membership, everyone can - and many do - give in all the ways that they can. I urge *everyone* in the club to become as active as possible.

In the year 2024, we are poised to be the greatest archery organization in Southern Arizona as we voted to join with three other archery organizations as part of the AZ 3D Championship, sometimes referred to as the Triple Crown Events.

In the last few years as an officer, I pledged to you that we would do several things:

- 1) We will have fun
- 2) We will change more lives than we ever have, and
- 3) We will grow to be known as an influential and life-changing organization in the community.

To do these things, I needed, and received, the support of each

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member.

I thank you all for what you've done, and what great things I anticipate that you will do over the course of this coming year. Together, there is no doubt that we *ARE* a gift to the sport of archery in Yuma and in Arizona.

Thank you.

Happy Hollidays,

Keith C Parsels

President 2022

USA Archery Level 3 Coach



Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2022

Type of Meeting: General Members

Meeting Facilitator: Keith Parsels

Attendees: Jessica Arnold, Robert Baker, Frank Bergwal, Scott Covey, Gene Cox, Vince DiCataldo, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Rick Gaudet, Fredrick Hoff, Keith Parsels, Nathan Perez, Michael Rosner, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, Kal Wilson.

- I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:55.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Debbie moved that the minutes from the October meeting be approved; Vince seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**
- III. Treasurer's Report:** There is a total of \$7,416.75 in the account.
- IV. Open issues/Old Business:**
 - a.** Haunted Canyon: Forty-one registered shooters. We made a little more than \$1,000 on registration and the kitchen sales. Overall, a big success!
 - b.** Turkey Shoot: November 19th – 20 targets, two arrows each, both arrows count for score. Debbie will be purchasing the \$25 gift cards for 1st place awards (in lieu of frozen turkeys). It was

suggested that we have a novelty shoot where people shoot at a metal target, and those who are successful get a raffle ticket for a drawing for a frozen turkey. Participants could shoot as many times as they want. At the end of the shoot, one of the tickets would be drawn for the prize. Jessica moved that the club have the novelty shoot; Scotty seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

- c.** Hunt for Charity: December 10-11th. This shoot will consist of 60 targets on 3 courses. We will have a work party in preparation for this shoot and the Walk The Trails shoot on December 3rd from 8:00am til 12:00 noon. Debbie is making her “famous” chili and cornbread muffins for lunch for all participants who work the entire 4 hours.
- d.** T-shirts: We have received quotes from Salty Dog for the following (minimum number ordered applies):
 - Short sleeve, no pocket, 1 color: \$9.50
 - Long sleeve, no pocket, 1 color: \$12.50
 - Short sleeve with pocket, 1 color: \$13.50
 - Long sleeve with pocket, 1 color: \$15.50
 - Ladies short sleeve, no pocket, 1 color: \$11.50
 - Ladies long sleeve, no pocket, 1 color: \$12.50

Discussion about whether we should consider adopting a new logo for the shirts. David has submitted several, both multi-color and one color, to be considered. Debbie will post those in the December newsletter. The shirts will be pre-order only for club members, with a limited supply to be sold at the Walk The Trail shoot.

- e.** Elections will be held at the December 4th meeting. Nomination forms are available online. Please consider running for an office!
- f.** YVR&GC Youth Outdoor Experience will be held in March. The archery and 22cal rifle events will be held at our range.

V. New Business:

- a.** This past week, Debbie received an email from Mike Lee, the president of the Usery Mountain Archers, asking if SWBH would be interested in hosting a fourth leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series. He explained that there used to be a fourth leg, but the club that hosted it pulled out when Covid-19

hit. Each shoot consists of four ranges, 20 3D targets each and a 'Fun Range'. We would have to come up with a name for our event, be responsible for advertising and registration, and we would be responsible for the cost of awards of our event—typically plaques. We would have to develop a fourth range and parking for a lot of participants. Our members would not be able to shoot in this event, as we will need all hands-on deck to volunteer to make this happen. At the end of the series, our club would be responsible for ¼ of the cost of the Championship Awards (approx. \$200). Mike expressed a willingness to come and look over our facility, and to possibly help with the first shoot. The Championship Series has a shoot once a month starting in February. Since it is getting too hot for events in Yuma in May, we'd be hosting our event in January starting in 2024. Debbie asked if the Club would be interested in hosting this event, and the consensus was an enthusiastic "yes".

Zach moved that SWBH become the 4th leg in the AZ 3D Championship series; Jessica seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

Debbie will be reaching out to Mike this week to get further details and to set up a time he can visit our facility.

VI. *Items from the floor:*

a) There were no Items from the floor.

VII. *Adjournment:* A motion was put forth by Jessica to adjourn the meeting; Vince seconded the motion. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.

****THE NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 4, 2022****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Haunted Canyon 2022 a Huge

Success

On Saturday, October 29th, the Canyon Course became the spooky site of the Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot. The event started at sundown, and it was said that all the ghosts and ghoulies were out in force. Undead Fred, zombies, bats, ravens... they were all there!



There were some real cuties and original costumes too. Elsa the Snow Queen (AKA Norah), a lumberjack (AKA Calvin), several T-Rexs, and even the Cool-Aid Pitcher (AKA Kayden) made appearances.

As soon as the sun went down and the horn was sounded, the real fun began. Forty-one archers went into the darkness, armed with only their bows, arrows, courage and flashlights, and braved the Haunted Canyon and all its challenging obstacles. The sound of arrows



bouncing off steel targets and rocks echoed throughout the canyon, yet when all was said and done, the archers prevailed! Hopefully we will keep all the zombies and ghouls at bay until next year!

The top three archers this year were for the men, Derek Courter with a score of 199; for the women, Uschi House with a score of 162; and for the youth, Kendra Juarez with a score of 133. Congratulations to everyone!

For more photos, check out the [Gallery](#) on the website, and click the back arrow to see most recent photos.



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

The SWBH archery season is now in full swing. We hosted the third annual Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot in October, our Gila River Swamp Gobbler Turkey Shoot in November, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Yuma County Food Bank, and we now are preparing for our next shoot in December, The Hunt for Charity with proceeds going to Amberly's House.

Each and every shoot relies on the volunteers who give generously of their time and energy, but the burden seems to be taken up by only a few dedicated, yet aging, club members. A club can only be as successful as their volunteers who take time out of their busy days to chip in to set up and take down targets, help with concessions and take registrations, run novelty shoots, and donate raffle prizes. I know I'm sounding like a broken record, but *we need more volunteers!* Please consider helping with a big event, or even just setting up and taking down targets on Sunday. Your help will be greatly appreciated, and you'll feel good knowing you helped keep Southwest Bowhunters a first-class club!

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Arizona 3D Championships May be Coming to Adair Archery Range

The Arizona 3D Championship Series is a series of three shoots hosted at different sites throughout Arizona. Originally there were four sites in the series, with the top three of the four scores being added up to determine a champion. However, after Covid-19, one of the sites decided to call it quits.

Southwest Bowhunters has now been approached to consider being the fourth site. The President of the Usery Mtn. Archers, one of the organizers of the series, contacted our club to see if we may be interested in taking on this challenge. And what a challenge it would be! (See details in the November minutes.)

The SWBH club members are enthusiastic about taking on this event. Our first event would be held in January of 2024, so there is a substantial amount of time to prepare for this undertaking.

For more information about the AZ 3D Championship series, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Upcoming Events -

- **Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)**

Every Sunday 8 to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8.

- **Work Party – Range Maintenance**

In preparation for our upcoming two-day shoots, we are having our annual work party to spruce up the range on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2022, from 8:00am to 12:00pm. **All** SWBH members are urged to attend. Lunch will be supplied to those who participate for the whole four hours. There are tasks for all abilities and skill levels, so **PLEASE** plan to attend!

- **ANNUAL HUNT FOR CHARITY SHOOT**

Our Annual Hunt For Charity Shoot will be held December 10th & 11th, and consists of sixty (60) targets on three (3) trails. Pins (adults, young adults & youth) and medals (Cubs & Pee Wees) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class. Dry camping onsite is available, and motels are less than 15 minutes from the range. Lunch is available on Saturday and Sunday. Adults: \$25.00; Families: \$45.00; Youth (17 yrs. & Under) \$15.00 Proceeds go to [AMBERLY'S PLACE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER](#) in Yuma.

- **Walk The Trail**

This is our flagship event and is held on Presidents' Day weekend each year. It is a two-day event (Saturday and Sunday) that consists of three courses for a total of 60 3-D targets. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class:

- Master Senior (70 & over) Men's and Women's Compound
- Master Senior (70 & over) Men's and Women's Traditional
- Silver Senior (60 - 69 yrs) Men's and Women's Compound
- Silver Senior (60 - 69 yrs) Men's and Women's Traditional
- Senior (50 - 59 yrs) Men's and Women's Compound
- Senior (50 - 59 yrs) Men's and Women's Traditional
- Adult (18 - 49 yrs) Men's and Women's Compound
- Adult (18 - 49 yrs) Men's and Women's Traditional
- Young Adult (13- 17 yrs) Boy's and Girl's Compound
- Young Adult (13 - 17 yrs) Boy's and Girl's Traditional

- Youth (10 - 12 yrs) Boys & Girls
- Cub (6 - 9 yrs) Boys & Girls
- Pee-Wee (5 & Under) Boys & Girls

Dry camping is available onsite, and motels are just 15 minutes from the range. Saturday night is our BBQ and pot-luck dinner, and awards are presented on Sunday afternoon. *GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, TOO!*

• 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.



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

DEER JERKEY

Zesty deer jerky that you can make at home in your oven. If you have a food dehydrator, you can dry the venison by following the manufacturer's instructions. You can also reuse the marinade for additional batches.

Recipe by MIKE SHELTON

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 6 hrs

Additional Time: 8 hrs

Total Time: 14 hrs 20 mins

Servings: 8



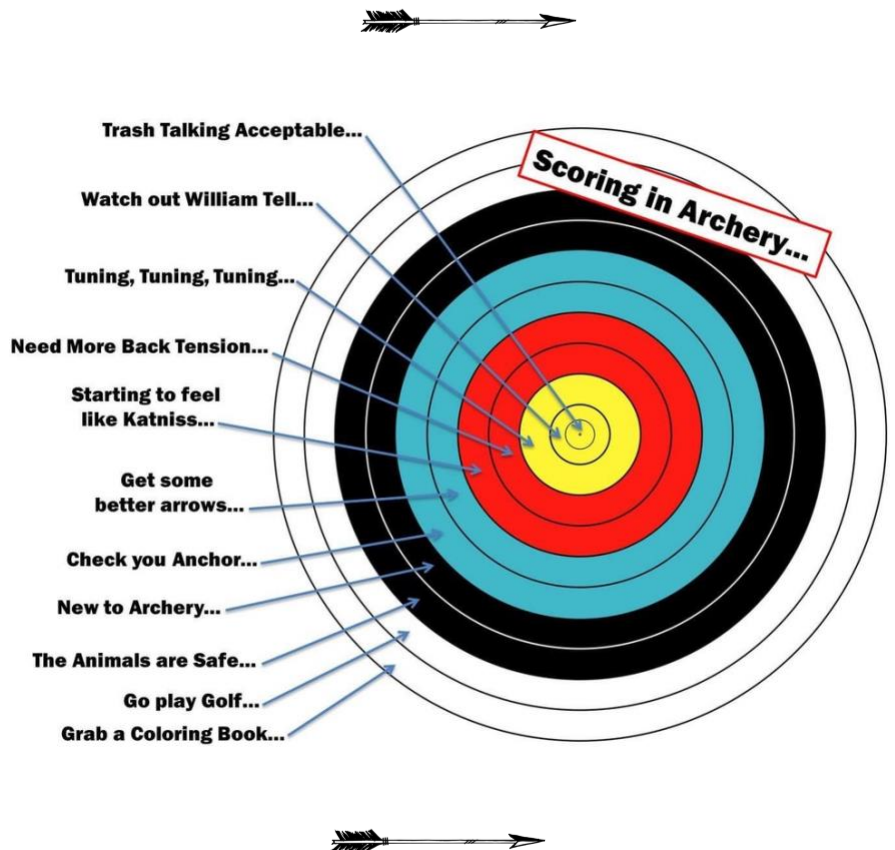
Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons liquid smoke flavoring
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon onion salt
- 1-pound boneless venison roast

Directions

1. Combine soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, liquid smoke, ketchup, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and onion salt in a large releasable plastic bag; set aside.
2. Slice venison into long strips, 1-inch wide and 1/8-inch thick. Add strips to marinade and seal the bag. Refrigerate 8 hours to overnight, kneading occasionally to evenly distribute marinade.
3. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees F (70 degrees C). Place a pan or aluminum foil on the oven floor to catch drippings.
4. Remove venison from the marinade and shake off excess.
5. Arrange venison on a wire rack in a single layer and dehydrate in the preheated oven until desired texture is achieved, 6 to 8 hours.



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 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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