



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

39th Edition

January, 2024

In This Issue:

- President's Message
- Scotty's Scribbles
- Meeting Minutes
- Debbie's Dissertation
- Board Member Elections
- Upcoming Shoots
- Recipe of the Month
- NASP 11 Steps to Archery Success
- Be a Volunteer

The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Happy New Year fellow archers!

I would like to first introduce myself to everyone, my name is Fritz Hoff, and it is my privilege to be the new Southwest Bowhunters president. Many of you I have met and have shot with over the past couple years, but I am sure there are some that I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, and I look forward to meeting you all over the next year. I am somewhat new to archery, only having been shooting for a couple of years, but it has turned into a passion of mine, and I began to shoot competitively in the Arizona NFAA tournaments this past year. I hope that my passion for archery will help me be an asset to club and look forward to the year ahead as the new president.



President Fritz Hoff

2024 is looking to be a great and exciting year for the club. We have our annual Walk the Trails shoot coming up on February 17 & 18 and we will be hosting the 3rd Leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series on April 13 & 14, as well as the Hoot Shoot at the end of April. It also looks like we will be trying to add a Field or Animal round shoot one Sunday a month this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the range and flinging arrows with y'all. Good luck to everyone on their hunts this winter and good luck on the upcoming elk/pronghorn draw this spring. Also, I would like to thank Keith Parsels for all that he has done for the club as President and the knowledge he has shared with me over the last couple years.

Fritz Hoff

2024 President



Scotty's Scribbles

Happy New Year to all my SWBH people!

OFFICERS -

President:

Fritz Hoff

Vice President:

Scott Covey

Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

Treasurer:

Kelvin Drapeau

Range Master:

Butch Lacey

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Zach Slette

Bryan Herndon

David Wetherholt

Austin Magdaleno

Brent Redger

JOAD Director

Keith Parsels

Contact Us:

Southwest Bowhunters

Street Address

Adair Park Road, Yuma, AZ

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 26084, Yuma, AZ
85367

Phone:

(928) 750-7620

Email:

Info@southwestbowhunters.net

Website:

<http://southwestbowhunters.net>

We can also be found on
Facebook, and Instagram

As we welcome in the 2024 year, we have a lot to do. There are only six weeks until our first of two big shoots coming up. Walk the trails is February 17th & 18th, then we will put ourselves to the test for our leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series shoot scheduled for April 12th & 13th. In addition to the usual three trails, we will be setting up two more trails for this competition. We can use any and all volunteers for the next few weeks as we will be scheduling a couple workdays in the near future.

I would like to welcome our new President, Fritz Hoff as well as our new Treasurer, Kelvin Drapeau to our little but effective circus. Welcome to both of you!!!

As always, any and all suggestions as to what we can do to better our club will be taken seriously. If there any improvements you feel will benefit the club, you may take advantage of your time and fees to accomplish them on your dollar – Ha, ha, ha!!

I hope to see you all at the range shooting and donating your time!

Scotty Covey, Vice President



Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 7, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Scott Covey

Attendees: Ann Bluhm, Dasha Campagna, Scott Covey, Gene Cox, Gail Downs, Kelvin Drapeau, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Rick Gaudet, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Austin Magdaleno, Steve Mischo, Keith Parsels, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, Melissa Toler Short, Jennifer Wight.

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Vice President Scott Covey.
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes were reviewed. Bryon moved to accept the minutes as written; Keith seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- III. **Treasurer's report:** Main Club Account: \$7,964.11; Youth Account: \$1,005.00. Total for both accounts: \$8, 969.11
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Work Parties** - Scott reminded the members that there will be a work party on January 20th from 8:00am - 12:00noon. Brent is going to supply the forklift and front loader to move old bales. The River Trails are in pretty good shape, but there is work that needs to be done on the Canyon Trails. The restrooms need more work as well.

- b) **Bathroom door locks** - In addition to the interior work that still needs to be done on the restrooms, the hardware on the doors need to be replaced with a common key. It is estimated that it will cost approx. \$200.
- c) **Walk The Trail** - Desi Redger will be manning the concession stand for the weekend with help from Tiana and Patrick. Some of the members of Yuma Desert Doves women's hunting group have volunteered to help Desi in the concession stand as well. Gump will be cooking tri-tip for the Saturday night pot-luck. There will be a sign-up list at the February meeting for members who are supplying side dishes.

V. New business:

- a) **Board Member Elections** - There was a special election to fill two vacancies created in the Board since Kelvin, formerly a board member, cannot hold both positions simultaneously, and to replace Bryon Green who resigned from the board to become president of the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club.

Ballots were handed out to all members present. Election Results were as follows:

Austin Magdaleno and Brent Redger.

- b) **Shirts & Hats** - Scott brought up the subject of shirts and hats. We still have a few kids' sized shirts, but no adult shirts and no hats left from last year. Discussion followed, and it was decided that we should order what we did last year. Scott estimated that the cost for shirts and hats to be approx. \$1,000. Bryon moved that we authorize no more than \$1500 for hats and shirts; Tanja seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- c) **Prizes for High Noon on the Gila Shoot** - Desi had sample tumblers with artwork that we could use for the HNG shoot. It was decided that a blue tumbler would be for 1st place, red tumbler for 2nd place, and a silver/white tumbler for 3rd place. Estimates for the tumblers for all divisions/classes would be approx. \$1,000. Gene moved that the club appropriate \$1,000 to purchase the tumblers; Bryon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

VI. Items from the floor:

- a) **Youth Archery Event** - Bryon reminded the club that the YVRGC Youth Archery & Shooting Event is scheduled to be held at our range on March 23rd, 2024. The event will be like last year's event with different stations manned by YVRGC and SWBH members. Stations will include archery, BB/pellet guns, and 'glassing'. YVRGC will provide lunch for the kids and volunteers. Members who would like to volunteer should contact Bryon Green.
- b) **Donations** - Debbie reported that she sent out over 100 letters via snail mail to businesses throughout Yuma requesting sponsorships or donations, and only received one response from RV World. Several members requested that she send them a copy of the letter so they can canvas their contacts. Scott asked that each member bring an item that could be used for raffle prizes to the February 4th meeting so we can determine what we need to purchase to fill in holes for the raffles.

No other items from the floor.

VII. *Adjournment*: Gene moved that the meeting be adjourned; Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 am.

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEB. 4TH ****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Wow! Where did 2023 go? 2024 is here, and with a new year, Southwest Bowhunters is seeing some changes.

First, we have a new President in Fritz Hoff and a new Treasurer in Kelvin Drapeau. I'm really looking forward to working with both of these movers and shakers over the upcoming year. And oh, what a year it will be!

Walk The Trail is only a few weeks away – Feb. 17th & 18th – and there's a lot to do in preparation. We will be having at least one work party in January, and another one in March before the 3rd Leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series on April 13th & 14th. The 'Shoots Committee' has been working diligently behind the scenes but will need volunteers soon to help pull it all together. Please consider donating your time and talents for these two major shoots!

One of the biggest draws for WTT is our raffle. Every year, we rely on our local merchants and friends of SWBH to donate goods, services, or even good ol' cash, and this year will be no exception. If every member was to procure one item from a business or company with whom they regularly do business, we would have the best and largest raffle ever! Remember, our Walk The Trail shoot is our club's main funding source, so we will need all hands on deck!

The Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club will once again be holding their Youth Outdoor Event at our range in March. We hosted this event last year and it was a huge success. Dozens of kids from the area will be introduced to archery, taught how to safely shoot BB guns, and even how to 'glass up' wild game. Lunch will be provided by YVRGC for all the participants and volunteers. This is a super fun event and I encourage all our members to check it out!

We will also be hosting the third leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series on April 13th & 14th. This will be a major undertaking that promises

to draw a very large crowd of participants. Again, this will be an all-hands-on-deck event. More on this event in next month's newsletter.

Last, but certainly not least, congratulations to our two newest board members: Austin Magdaleno and Brent Redger. We look forward to working with you throughout the year!

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Congratulations to the New 2024 Board Members

Elections were held at the January 7th meeting to fill two vacancies in the executive board. Congratulations to Austin Magdaleno and Brent Redgar!



Skeleton Crew

There are 4 main bones in every organization.

The Wishbones Wishing someone would do something about the problem.

The Jawbones Doing all the talking, but very little else.

The knucklebones Those who knock everything.

The Backbones Those who carry the brunt of the load and do most of the work.

Which one are You?



Upcoming Events –

Walk The Trail

Presidents' Day weekend Feb. 17th & 18th. 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 pot-luck dinner, and awards are presented on Sunday afternoon. GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, TOO! [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or in person on Saturday.

Blythe Bowmen Annual Invitational

March 2nd & 3rd. Minimum 30 targets double staked plus hunt trail. Novelty shoots for youth and adults. Lighted practice range. Awards to 3rd place in each class. Register at the range at 8:00 am, or pre-register by February 26th and save \$5. Email: blythebowmen@yahoo.com for more information.

High Noon on the Gila

April 13th & 14th. This will be the 3rd leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series.

Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)

Every Sunday 8:00am to Noon. Members \$5, Non-Members \$8. If you'd like to pay for one or several weeks in advance online: <https://form.jotform.com/232566947773169>

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:

The Easiest and Most Delicious Venison Backstrap Recipe

The backstrap (or deer loin) is one of the most popular prime cuts of venison. This roasted venison backstrap recipe is easy and delicious.



AUTHOR: MISS AK

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 25 MINUTES

YIELD: 4 SERVINGS

CATEGORY: DINNER

METHOD: OVEN

CUISINE: FRENCH AMERICAN

Ingredients

- Deer backstrap (or venison loin) – I usually cut each whole backstrap into 2 pieces for my family of three and each piece is about 1.5 lbs. and feeds 4.
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme
- 2 tsp. fresh, rosemary
- 1 small lemon (zested and a bit of juice)
- About 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F. While the oven heats, cover your backstrap in 1 teaspoon of the sea salt and let it sit wrapped in a paper towel. Brining the meat to room temp helps with even cooking and the salt draws out the moisture.
2. Finely mince the garlic, thyme, rosemary and then combine with the lemon zest, remaining salt and pepper.
3. When the oven is preheated place the venison loin on a baking sheet or in a roasting pan and drizzle on the olive oil and roll it in the herb garlic mixture.
4. Roast for 12-18 minutes, depending on the size and thickness of your backstrap, and pull the meat out of the oven when it reaches an internal temperature of 115°-125°F.

5. Let it rest on a cutting board for at least 10 minutes before slicing and serving. I like to slice a small piece of lemon and squeeze lemon over the meat. Enjoy!



THE FAR SIDE



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.





**NATIONAL ARCHERY
IN THE
SCHOOLS PROGRAM**



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...

Please...

**CLEAN UP
AFTER
YOUR PET**



We Value and Support Our Sponsors:

