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President's Message

Hello All,

April is here and that means it's time for High Noon on the Gila. I hope everyone is as excited as I am for us to have the opportunity for our club to host this event. I hope all our members will come out and shoot the courses and have a good time flinging some arrows. The club and our members have done a great job getting our range and courses ready and have done a lot of improvements around the range. I would like to give my thanks to everyone who has been putting in all the hard work.



Fritz Hoff, President

April also marks that time of the year when the temps begin too warm up and our friends from the North begin to head home. Thank you for coming out and shooting with us this winter, and I wish you all safe travels home and hope to see you all next year.

Fritz Hoff

President



Scotty's Scribbles

Hello Everyone,

First off, I'd like to wish everyone a belated Happy Easter.

I also want to thank everyone that showed up for the workday. This was the last one until fall unless someone comes up with something they want done.

The AZ 3D Championship is approaching fast, and we will need to lend a hand to our target captain in setting up some courses. Anyone that helps, thank you in advance.

To all our members, the range is looking really good. If there is anything you would like to see changed or maybe added, please feel free to speak up or act on it.

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Again, anyone who is willing and able to help with the 3D Championship or the Hoot Shoot in April, I encourage you to do so.

Until next time, shoot often and shoot straight.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2024

Time: 9:00

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff

Attendees: Ed Bernard, Rick Bielke, Alissa Cleary, Brett Cleary, Ken Conway, Scott Covey, Ebb Deardorff, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Tanja Eiben, Bryon Green, Amanda Heatwole, Nicholas Heatwole, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Tom Korndrat, Butch Lacey, Ryan Lohr, Austin Magdaleno, Nick Munoz, Syd Muzzy, Keith Parsels, Tim Perea, Brent Redger, Tim Reese, Aileen Toler, David Wetherholt, Jen Wight.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Kelvin moved that the minutes from the March meeting be approved; Bryon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

II. Treasurer's Report: Main account has \$13,529.67; Youth account has \$471.98.

III. Open issues/Old Business:

a) High Noon on the Gila Bow Raffle: Scott asked the membership for volunteers for the shoot. We need people to help set the final courses on Wednesday and Thursday, folks to help during the shoot, and especially to help clean up everything on Sunday afternoon.

Debbie reminded that everyone who wants to shoot the competition courses must register online prior to Friday, April 12 at 6:00 pm. Those who register for the competitive will automatically get to shoot the fun courses. Those who want to shoot ONLY the two (2) fun courses are welcome to register on Friday from 1:00pm to 6pm, Saturday from 7:00am to 4:00pm, or Sunday from 7:00am to 10:00am.

c) Restrooms: Doors and locks have been replaced. Still waiting on plans to decide what materials need to be purchased. In the

meantime, we will have eight porta-potties and a hand washing station for the High Noon on the Gila shoot, in addition to the permanent restrooms.

IV: New Business:

- a) **Cotton Bags:** We need new bags to cover the cotton bales. Tim will look into getting some.
- b) **Target inventory for May meeting:** Butch reported that he will start the inventory as we collect the targets after the High Noon shoot.
- c) **Clean-up after the shoot:** Scott reiterated that we need volunteers to help pick up targets after the shoot, in addition to folks to help with general cleanup of the range after the participants have left.

V. Items from the floor:

- a) **Kids' Outdoor Experience:** Bryon reported that the YVRGC held their annual Kids' Outdoor Experience at our range on March 23rd. Although there were only 18 kids that showed up, the kids and their parents had a great time. He also stated that he was really impressed with our club and the number of volunteers that showed up to help run the Experience.
- b) **Banding for Target:** Ed reminded the club that we need to band the bales for the targets. Scott stated that we have some banding supplies in the Conex boxes, but we don't have a banding tool. Scott will look into acquiring one.
- c) **Laptop Computer:** The club has an old, old Apple computer, and an old laptop that cannot function as needed. Debbie has been researching computers and prices, and has found a couple for under \$500 that will fill the bill. David moved that the club appropriate up to \$550 to purchase a new PC laptop computer; Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- d) **Women on the Wing/Yuma Desert Doves - Pheasants Forever:** Tanja reported that the Yuma Desert Doves is holding their 3rd Annual Banquet on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Elks Lodge on W 32nd Street. Tickets are \$75 for a single ticket which includes dinner, 1yr membership in Quails Forever/Pheasants Forever, and 5 door prize tickets; \$115 for a couple which includes two dinners, 1yr membership in Quails Forever/Pheasants Forever, and 10 door prize tickets.

- e) **Chronograph:** Dustin reported that Garmin has a very accurate chronograph that is very small – about the size of a GoPro – and costs about \$600. Debbie asked if our old chronograph still works, and Kelvin said it just needs new batteries. Since we are so close to the High Noon shoot, this topic was tabled until the May meeting.
- f) **Award Tumblers:** The tumblers are done and waiting to be picked up.
- g) **Kids' Outdoor Experience:** Bryon reported on the YVRGC annual Kids' Outdoor Experience held at our range on March 23rd. Although only 18 kids and their parents attended this year, there were nothing but positive comments about the event. Bryon also commented on how impressed he was with the number of volunteers from our club who attended. There were actually more volunteers than participants, and he thanked everyone for their efforts.

VI. **Adjournment:** Fritz asked if there were any more items from the floor. Jennifer W. moved that we adjourn the meeting; Jesus J. seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27am.

****THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 5th, 2024****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Ready or not, here it comes! The AZ 3D Championship Series is almost here!

On March 30th we had a great turnout for our last work party of the year. Fourteen members arrived bright and early to help clear trails, set targets, pull weeds, grade



and level the parking lot and camping area, move dirt on to

range, and reset bales that had blown over during the last series of winds and storms. A special shoutout to all that participated: Bryan (Gump) Herndon, Tim Reese, Brennan Reese, Gage Reese, Brent Redger, Scotty Covey, Kelvin Drapeau, Michael Rust, Michael Edwards, Ed Bernard, Austin Magdeleno, Nick Heatwole, and Willy Ware. Southwest Bowhunters' Archery Range is looking better than ever, thanks to our terrific members who so willingly donate their time, equipment, and talents.

By the way, I was walking the River Trails last weekend. This time last year, I was really worried that all our salt cedar trees were dying. However, thanks to the heavy fall and winter rains that lead to the Gila River flooding, everything is lush and green again. I'm sure you'll notice the next time you shoot down there!



As our desert archery season winds down and our snowbird friends begin migrating to distant lands, we still have one event scheduled this year – the annual “Hoot Shoot (Night 3D) Fun Shoot”. The Hoot Shoot will be held Saturday night, April 27th, with registration beginning at 5:00pm, shooters' meeting at 7:00pm, and the shotgun start will begin at 7:30pm. This is a Fun shoot, so there are no mulligans, no doe tags, no scoring, and

no prizes – Just good ol' fashioned arrow-slingin' fun. Bring your brightest flashlights, your lighted nocks, and your binoculars; lets light up the night! Archers 18 and over - \$10.00; 17 and under – FREE. There is dry camping available onsite if you are so inclined. I hope to see you all there!!

Before I close, I just want to remind you again of how fortunate we are to have such a great facility and great members. A club like Southwest Bowhunters is only as good as its membership, and ours is one of the best!

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



UN-ENDANGERED SPECIES

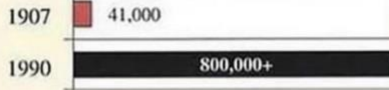
North American wildlife is thriving due to the successful conservation efforts brought forth and funded by hunting sportsmen and women. In fact, NO species has become extinct due to sport hunting. Here are some facts on North America's un-endangered species:



White-tailed deer



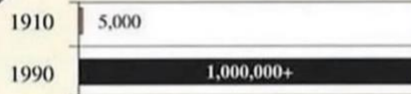
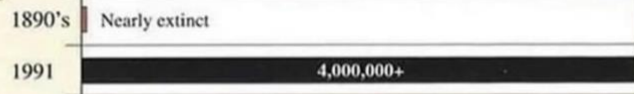
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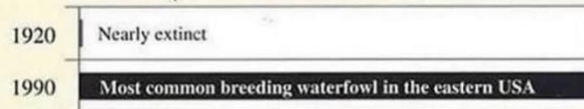
Wild Turkey



Pronghorn Antelope



Canada Goose



Wood Duck



All game and many non-game animals have increased in numbers due to the conservation efforts of sport hunters.



Thank You, North American Hunters!



SOURCES: USF&WS, Wildlife Management Institute, Whitetail Unlimited, Duck Unlimited and National Wild Turkey Federation.

HUNTING IS CONSERVATION!

Upcoming Events –

High Noon on the Gila

April 13th & 14th. This will be the 3rd Leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series. Anyone can compete for prizes at High Noon on the Gila, but only those who have competed in all three shoots in the Arizona 3D Championship Series will be competing for the grand prize: the big, beautiful BUCKLE! For more information about rules and classes, [CLICK HERE](#). To register online: <https://form.jotform.com/240276529085158>

Hoot Shoot (Night 3D) Fun Shoot

April 27th. Registration – 4:30 pm – 6:45 pm; Shooters' meeting at 7:00 pm; Shotgun start at 7:30. No Mulligans. No doe tags. No prizes. Just good ol' fashioned arrow-slinging fun! No flashlight restrictions. Bring your lighted nocks, brightest flashlights – Let's light up the night! Adults, 18 & over - \$10.00; Youth, 17 & under – FREE. Online registration available at <https://form.jotform.com/232845888774174>

Bear-ass Shoot

April 28th. Located in the cool mountains by Lake Henshaw in San Diego County, the Bear Ass 3D shoot is a shoot like no other! Many of the targets are bears: little bears, big bears, honey bears, polar bears... you get the picture. On-site camping is available, and concessions will be serving lunch. For more information: <https://www.bearstatebowhunters.com/>

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:

REVERSE SEARED ELK ROAST

This method works with all large, red-meat roasts, so beef, deer, moose, caribou, etc. It is intended for hind-leg roasts you want to eat rare to medium.



COURSE: MAIN COURSE

CUISINE: AMERICAN

SERVINGS: 16 SERVINGS

AUTHOR: [HANK SHAW](#)

PREP TIME: 15MINUTES

COOK TIME: 2 HOURS, 15 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 2 HOURS, 30 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS

- 5 pounds elk roast (or other large roast)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons cracked black pepper
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Coat the roast with the oil, then massage the salt and spices into it.
2. If you are using a smoker, get it ready. You want to smoke around 200°F and no hotter than 250°F. Wood choice is up to you. If you are using your oven, set it to 225°F.
3. Set the roast in the oven or smoker and insert a probe thermometer into its thickest part. With a roast around this size, you will be shooting for an internal temperature of about 110°F to 120°F. This could take as long as 3 hours to reach, but normally it takes a couple hours.
4. When you hit that temperature, remove the roast and set it on a cutting board. Remove the probe thermometer. Either increase the heat of your oven to at least 500°F and better

yet 550°F or get a grill or pizza oven roaring. 600°F is not too much heat.

5. Return the roast to the screaming hot oven or grill (cover the grill if that's what you are using), and roast for 10 to 15 minutes. If you've hit 600°F, you may only need about 6 minutes. You are looking for a pretty, browned crust.
6. Remove the roast once again and let it set on a cutting board. Re-insert the thermometer, ideally in the same hole. Let this sit until the internal temperature hits at least 127°F, and no hotter than 145°F. In terms of time, no less than 10 minutes and up to 30 minutes is fine. Slice and serve.

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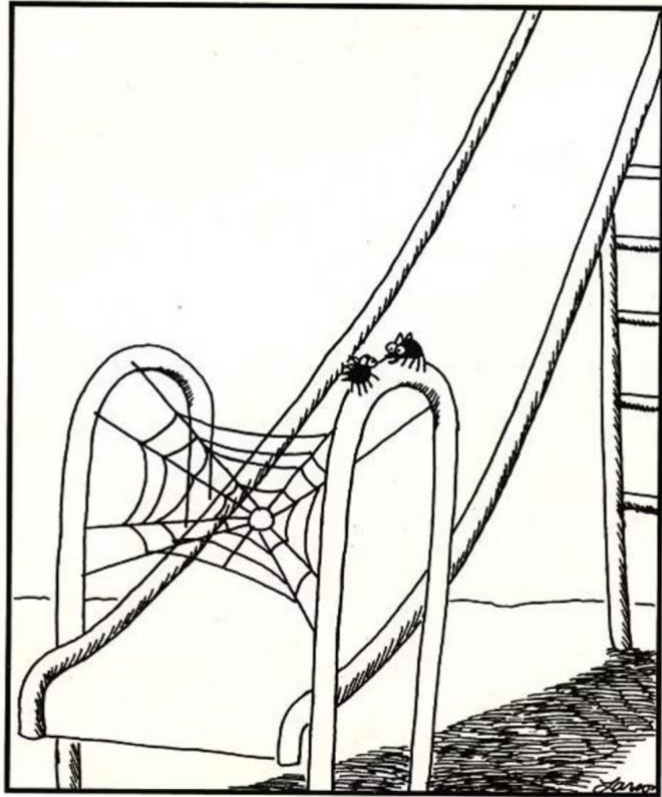
The 5 pounds for the roast is just as an example. See the headnotes for guidance on timing.

Keys to Success

- Cooking large roasts is an art, not a science, because there are so many variables in terms of size, temperature, and time. If you don't have a probe thermometer, err on undercooking your roast. You can always cook it a bit more.
- If time is not an issue, you can drop the smoker temperature to 200°F or lower and get a really nice smoke on the roast before finishing. It's up to you.
- The spices I use are just what I like. Use what you want or skip everything but the salt. You need the salt.
- Leftovers make great sandwiches and are good in steak salads and chopped in tacos, burritos, or enchiladas.



THE FAR SIDE



“If we pull this off, we’ll eat like kings.”

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.





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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!

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