



The Official Newsletter for
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Hello fellow Archers.

The summer is almost here, and we are wrapping up what has been a great winter/spring season. I feel that the High Noon on the Gila event was a success and everyone I talked with who came down to our range had nothing but good things to say about our range and our members. I want to thank everyone to volunteered to help put this event together and for all the hard work and effort they put in. Events like this aren't possible to put on without our great members.



Fritz Hoff, President

I would also like to thank all the those who came out to participate in the tournament and to just enjoy flinging arrows on the fun courses. Your support for the club makes it possible to continue to put on these great events.

The Hoot Shoot is coming up at the end of April and I hope everyone can come out and do a little night shooting to end out our event season.

Fritz Hoff

President



Scotty's Scribbles

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to summer. As you may have heard, our Sunday 3D course will be starting a little earlier. Kelvin will be closing the sign-up sheets by 10:00am. Of course, the targets won't be picked up until later, allowing all shooters to shoot that have paid by 10am to finish.

As we head into our break from any/all meetings, I want to thank each and every one of you for a great year at SWBH. From our October shoot through our April, Arizona 3D Championship shoot, we were busy, and we made it all happen. Thank you!!!

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Again, if any members of the club have any ideas for upgrades or improvements for the range that you would like to do, please take it upon yourselves to round up a few people you need and 'Get-er-done!' Any and all upgrades are welcome.

To those who donated your time for me at the range when called upon, as well as all the meetings through this past year with the added 3D Championship shoot, I feel very blessed to have you. Thank you.

As we move into the next archery season, I look forward to what's in the future for our club, new ideas I'm sure to see coming.

Until next time, shoot often, shoot straight, and may you 'Robinhood' a fellow shooter.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Members

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff, President

Attendees: Kristy Arndt-Lachcik, Rick Bielke, Ann Bluhm, Ebb

Deardorff, Kelvin Drapeau, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Shaun Lachcik, Nicholas Muñoz, Keith Parsels, Brent Redger, Tim Reese, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, David Wetherholt.

- I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Fritz Holtz.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by David Wetherholt; seconded by Kelvin Drapeau. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Kelvin reported that we have \$17,083.88 in the main account; \$270.70 in the JOAD account, for a total of \$17,994.84. There is still one check outstanding for SWBH's 1/3 cost of the 2nd and 3rd place 3D Championship awards.
- IV. Open issues/Old Business:**
 - a) High Noon on the Gila** - Debbie presented the Income-Expenses-Net Profit report for the AZ 3D Championship Series – Total

Expenses: \$4,972.68; Total Income: \$10,026.00; Net Profit: \$5,052.32.

- b) **Target inventory** – Butch reported on the targets and inserts we need to purchase for the upcoming season. Total for Rinehart targets and inserts \$5,498 plus shipping. Morrell bag targets: it's more cost effective to purchase four (4) bag targets than two (2) bag targets, since when you buy four (4) targets, shipping is included - \$654.88, as opposed to two (2) targets PLUS shipping - \$644.58. He also recommended that we purchase four (4) small Kirsch – an Austrian company – 3D targets to be used for the Sunday Fun Shoots to evaluate how they hold up to heavy usage. The four targets he wants to purchase will cost \$448 and includes shipping. Debbie moved that the club allot no more than \$8,000 for the purchase of all the targets; Fritz seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- c) **Garmin Chronograph** – At the April meeting, members expressed the need for a new Chronograph, and reported that the Garmin Xero® C1 Pro Chronograph would be a good choice as it uses state of the art technology and is very accurate. It retails for \$599. The item was tabled at the April meeting. Today, we revisited this item. Gump moved that the club invest up to \$700 to purchase the Garmin Xero® C1 Pro Chronograph; David seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- d) **Restroom update** – Fritz reported that Scott has indicated that he is going to talk to some contractor friends of his to get quotes for toilets, etc. Scott will report back when appropriate.
- e) **Hoot Shoot Recap** – Kelvin stated that we made \$140 from shooter registrations and that we cleared a little over \$200 from the Snack Shack.

V. *New Business:*

- a) **AZGFD Shooting Range Development Grant** – David Wetherholt explained that the grant is a matching grant; in other words, if we apply for and receive \$5,000 from AZGFD, we need to supply a matching amount that will make total amount \$10,000. The ONLY thing we cannot use the money for is to purchase targets. The \$5,000 that we supply may consist of cash, donations, or donated time and/or materials. He has applied for and received the grant for another entity and will take on writing the grant for us as well. The club officers and board members are entertaining suggestions from our members for projects that the money can be applied to. We need to select a project,

work up a budget, and submit the application on or before January 15th, 2025 in order to be considered for the grant.

- b) **“Cameras in Use” signs** – Kelvin has suggested that we purchase signs stating that the range is under surveillance to be posted in various locations. He stated that Harbor Freight has them for about \$4.00 each, and will purchase some.
- c) **Motion sensing lights** – Fritz reported that the board has approved the purchase of six (6) more motion sensing solar lights at \$50.00 a pair to be placed in key places around the range. Since this is a purchase of less than \$250, the board has the authority to approve the purchase without going through a membership vote.

VI. *Items from the floor:*

- a) **3D Archery/Bowhunting education class** – David Wetherholt reported that the City of Yuma would like to work with SWBH to provide the public with a class about 3D archery and/or bowhunting. The course would be held from July 22nd – 25th for people ranging in age from 8 years old to 100. Class size would be capped at 18 students. The classes would be held indoors at the Joe Henry Optimist Center Gym. Maximum indoor shooting distance of 18 meters (19.685 yards).

He stated that the Recreation Director, Pheobe Desposito would like to meet with the board to discuss the overall plan and to address any further questions/concerns. Debbie will contact Ms. Desposito and coordinate with the board members.

- b) **Pheasants Forever/Women on the Wing Yuma Desert Doves Chapter 50/50 raffle** – Tanja Eiben explained that the Yuma Desert Doves is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle in which the winner will receive 50% of the sales of the tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each. See Ann Bluhm or Tanja for tickets or more information.

VII. *Adjournment:* Fritz asked if there was any further business to discuss. Tanja moved that we adjourn the meeting; Kelvin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49am.

****Next scheduled meeting will be September 8th, 2024****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

It's hard to believe, but Summer is already here! Daytime temps are pushing 100°, most of our "Snowbird" friends have returned to their homes far away, and things here at the range are starting to quiet down. Well, kind of. I'll get to that later...

High Noon on the Gila, the 3rd Leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series was a HUGE success, despite a few scoring glitches. I have received more positive feedback than I expected, both from local archers and those who attended from other ranges. The ONLY negative I received was that The Baja Lion taco truck ran out of food and left before all the shooters were off the course!

Congratulations to all who participated in the shoot. Results for both the High Noon on the Gila and the final scores for the AZ 3D Championship Series can be found [here](#). The prizes for the winners were awesome! The tumblers for the High Noon on the Gila winners turned out better than I could have



imagined, thanks to Sonja Schrauner and Sunny Days Epoxy. I also hope everyone got to see the Championship Belt Buckles provided by Arizona Archery Enterprises, Inc. (AAE). They were absolutely stunning!

A HUGE shout out to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this shoot a success, and to all our wonderful sponsors who donate money and products; everything from raffle prizes to porta-potties. We couldn't do it without you!

Speaking of raffle prizes, congratulations to Tim Reese who won the Elite EnVision bow raffle.

Our last event of the season was the Hoot Shoot (Night) 3D Fun Shoot. It's a fun, laid back kind of event that everyone seems to really enjoy, and since it's *REALLY* a fun shoot, there were no Mulligans, no doe tags. It's always cool to see all the lighted nocks flying through the night sky! Results for the Hoot Shoot may be found by [CLICKING HERE](#)

As I mentioned at the beginning of my column, things are 'kind of' quieting down on the range. We will be remodeling the restrooms and the kitchen in the concession stand this summer, along with our usual maintenance of targets and courses. There is also work being done to

secure the range from vandals and gun shooters. Our new gate is installed, and BLT Sand & Gravel is donating 24 concrete blocks to place around the perimeter of the range along Adair Park Road to deter folks from circumventing the gate. Thank you, Kenny Marler and Brian Thomas!!! So even though we aren't having any big shoots until The Haunted Canyon in October, there is *always* something going on at the range.

This will be the final Broken Arrow until September and I wish everyone an enjoyable and healthy summer.

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Upcoming Events –

Bow Disciples Challenge

May 18th & 19th at Lake Henshaw Resort 26439 Highway 76 Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070 (Archery range is located behind the campground)

Come shoot 3 epic courses at The Bow Disciples Challenge II, hosted at Bear State Bow Hunters. Each course will be unique and include 20 high quality Rhinehart 3D archery targets.

Ramona VFW Course: This course will feature 20 targets primarily ranging between 15 and 45 yards.

Bow N Arrow Shop Course: This course will feature 20 targets primarily ranging between 35-75 yards.

Bow Disciples Course: This course will feature 20 targets primarily ranging between 60 and 100+ yards.

Kids Course: This course will feature 10 targets ranging between 10 and 20 yards.

For more information and to register:

<https://www.bowdisciples.com/products/bow-disciples-challenge-ii>

1-day Pass: \$40; 2-day Pass: \$60; Family Pass: \$100

Sunday Fun Shoots (ongoing)

Every Sunday 7:00am 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:

VENISON BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

In need of a recipe to change up your breakfast routine? Look no further than this venison breakfast sausage! This breakfast staple is a flavorful alternative to traditional sausage. We are using both ground venison and ground pork (the pork fat does wonders for these sausages, trust me on this one). The ingredients are SO easy, I bet you already have them all on hand. What is the best venison to pork ratio for sausage? Learn that and delicious flavoring ideas in this Venison Breakfast Sausage recipe.



AUTHOR: MISS AK

YIELD: 12 SAUSAGES

Ingredients

- 1 lb. ground venison
- 1 lb. ground pork
- 1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. avocado oil, grass fed butter or ghee

Instructions

1. Add the venison, pork, vinegar, garlic powder, onion powder, thyme, fennel, nutmeg, allspice, salt, and pepper, to a food processor, or a large bowl. A food processor is best if you have one.
2. Mix well for about 20-30 seconds until the mixture is relatively smooth. Shape the sausage mixture into patties, using about 2-3 tablespoons per patty.
3. To cook the sausages, heat a skillet over medium heat. When it's hot, add the oil/butter. Fry the patties for about 5 minutes per side, or until the sausage is cooked through and browned all over.
4. Serve them immediately or cool the sausages and freeze them on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Transfer the frozen patties to a zip-top freezer bag, container, or vacuum seal them, and they'll keep for about 3 months.
5. When you're ready to heat them, microwave for 30-second intervals until hot or cook on the stovetop in a skillet.



THE FAR SIDE



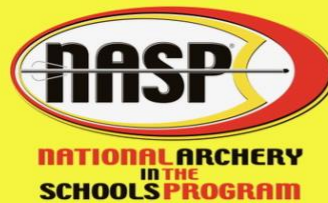
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"C'mon! Look at these fangs! Look at these claws! You think we're supposed to eat just honey and berries?"

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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