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# The Broken Arrow

## President's Message

Greetings fellow archers,

October is here and the weather is finally starting break which means it's time to get ready for our upcoming Shoots. In just a couple weeks we will be kicking it off with the Haunted Canyon night shoot on the 26<sup>th</sup>, I hope see everyone out there.

We also have our other shoots coming up in December and February and there will be plenty of prep work that needs to be done around the range prior to our shoots. I am hoping we are able to get volunteers to help out with our range clean up days, with the first being in the first part of November. If you are able, I hope you can come lend a hand.

I'd like to say congratulations to those members who were able to tag out during the earlier seasons and good luck to those heading out for the upcoming rifle seasons. Good luck and straight shooting to all the archers heading out to any of the many upcoming archery tournaments throughout the state.

See you on the range,

Fritz Hoff, President



*Fritz Hoff, President*

## Scotty's Scribbles

Welcome cooler weather!

As it cools down, I'm hoping to see more of you at the range.

I would like to say congratulations to some of our members that were able to get their tags filled: Gage and Brenan Reese, Debbie Elliott, as well as a first-time big game harvester, Dayzen Silva. So as not to leave out those that still have hunts scheduled, good luck!

## OFFICERS -

**President:**

Fritz Hoff

**Vice President:**

Scott Covey

**Secretary/Webmaster:**

Debbie Elliott

**Treasurer:**

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Facebook, and Instagram

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is our annual range clean-up day. We will also be attacking the restroom upgrades at that time. All those willing and able to donate some of their time, please do so.

As you all know, it's that time of year where we look at our elections for the upcoming year. Start think of that one person who you think may want to be a new officer. Nominations will be opening soon.

The Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot is in a few weeks, so get your gear ready and your flashlights warmed up. It should be a good time; hope to see everyone out there.

Until next time, shoot often, shoot straight, and feel free to not out-shoot me.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



# General Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 6, 2024**

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

**Type of Meeting:** General Members

**Meeting Facilitator:** Fritz Hoff, President

**Attendees:** Rick Bielke, Scott Covey, Kelvin Drapeau, Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Austin Magdaleno, Efrain Morales, Jr., Nicholas Muños, Brent Redger, 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 Bryan Herndon; seconded by Austin Magdaleno. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Kelvin reported that we have \$7,806.16 in the main account; \$453.72 in the JOAD account, for a total of \$8,295.88.
- IV. Open issues/Old Business:**
  - a) **Haunted Canyon, Oct. 26** – Kelvin stated he won't be at this shoot due to a prior commitment. Desi will be making "Walking Tacos" for the shoot. Debbie will be buying the rest of the supplies for the concession stand for this shoot.

- b) **Range Clean-up/Work Party** – The work party will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am to 12 Noon. Kelvin has been working on cutting carpet to make new butts for targets (Thank you to Big Bob’s Flooring Outlet in Yuma!) and will need people to help cut and assemble the carpet. Gump is going to call Willy for Roll-off for cotton bales for the range. Since no one has really been down in the river bottom since last year, someone will need to take the ATV down to see how much brush needs to be cut in order to determine if we need to rent a chipper like last year.
- c) **Shirts and hats:** – Scott says that Sean & Dundee can turn them around in a week. Discussion ensued about whether we should change the artwork on the hats and (maybe) shirts. David Wetherholt has a ram that he has drawn that would make a nice patch to be adhered to the new hats. No decision was made on changing the artwork on the shirts. Bryon Green moved that the club authorize up to \$1,500 for new hats and shirts; Austin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

## V. *New Business:*

### a) **Prizes for High Noon on the Gila** –

- **Adult Prizes** - Scott wanted to determine what the club wanted for prizes for adults for High Noon on the Gila – Do we want to go with the same dipped tumblers, or do we want engraved tumblers? It was decided that we go with engraved tumblers.
- **Kids’ Prizes:** It was determined that kids will receive plaques again this year. There will be two new divisions for Cub and Youth shooters: There will be a ‘beginning’ division which will be for kids with Genesis-type or otherwise ‘bare’ bows, and an ‘Open’ division for those who have sights, stabilizers, etc., therefore there will be four more plaques required than last year. TFR will sponsor the plaques for the kids’ prizes.

- b) **Raffle Prizes** – Debbie asked that the club develop a Donations committee to procure prizes for the two big shoots: High Noon on the Gila and Walk the Trail. She also asked if the club wants to try to get Bow N Arrow Shop to sell us another bow at cost like last year, and it was suggested that we contact Willow Creek Archery for a really high-end bow to raffle off. Tickets will be sold at High Noon on the Gila and Walk the Trail shoots, with the winner being drawn at the conclusion of Walk the Trail.

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

- a) **Plumbing for restrooms** – Gump is going to be checking on plumbing supplies for the restroom remodel with a local plumbing supply company.
- b) **Solar lights** - It was suggested that we purchase more solar light fixtures for night security, much like the ones we purchased last year.
- c) **Targets** – It was suggested that we investigate purchasing “blem” targets from Rinehart and/or Morrell in order to save money. They are guaranteed to be structurally sound with only minor cosmetic blemishes. Example: “Rinehart Signature Jimmy Big Tine Deer” target, usually \$399.99, blemished is \$259.99.
- d) **Water jugs** – Members are requested to save their 1-gallon water bottles to be used for one of the novelty shoots at the High Noon on the Gila and Walk the Trail shoots.

**VII. *Adjournment:*** Fritz asked if there was any further business to discuss. Gump moved that we adjourn the meeting; Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

**\*\*Next scheduled meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## **Debbie's Dissertation**

### **Random thoughts and happenings**

Greetings fellow archers!

I don't know about you, but it seems that this has been one of the longest, hottest summers I can think of. Maybe I'm just getting older, but the cooler days are really appreciated, not only because we can spend more time outside, but hunting season is upon us. I'd like to congratulate all you who harvested this fall. I just returned from a successful antelope hunt in Wyoming, and I'm really looking forward to my archery bull hunt next month!

As mentioned before, we have a lot going on as our archery season progresses – Haunted Canyon, Oct. 26; Hunt for Charity, Dec. 7 & 8; High Noon on the Gila, Feb. 8 & 9; Walk the Trail, Feb. 15 & 16. These events

are our main events for the season, and we will need ‘all hands on deck’ to make them successful.

We also have our first and largest work party of the season on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am to Noon in preparation for our big shoots. No matter your expertise or physical capabilities, we can - and will - find something you can help with. Our volunteers are what make this club so successful, and this season will be no different. And, I have it on good authority that Brian (Gump) Herndon is supplying pizza for lunch for all who work the entire time!

And, before I forget, our membership drive will begin next month. Remember, memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. New for the 2025 year, we are now offering a “Gold Membership” for \$200 for individuals, which includes all your Sunday Fun Shoot fees for the entire year. That’s a saving of up to \$50.00 per year!

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



## City Opens New Archery Range at PAAC

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On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Yuma Parks and Recreation opened a much-anticipated new archery range at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex located at 1700 E 8th St. in Yuma. The construction of the new range



Ribbon cutting ceremony for new archery range located at the PAAC in Yuma.



Yuma Parks & Rec’s and SWBH board member David Wetherholt instructs a budding new archer on correct archery form.

was made possible by a shooting range development grant totaling \$85,000 from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The new range consists of target butts placed in 10-yard increments starting at 20 yards all the way out to 80 yards and will accommodate open public shooting, lessons, tournaments and special events. The range is open to the public at no cost Wednesday through Sunday except when special events or tournaments are not being held.

For more information or schedule of events, contact the Yuma Department of Parks and Recreation at 928-373-5200. To read more articles about sports in Yuma, visit <https://www.yumasun.com/sports/> and become a Yuma Sun subscriber.



## SWBH President Competes in ABFAA Tournament

Fritz Hoff, current SWBH President, competed in the Arizona Bowhunters and Field Archery Association (ABFAA) State International Championship that



ABFAA State International Championship participants preparing for competition.

was held on October 12 – 13 at the FITA range at Ben Avery shoot facility in Phoenix, AZ. The shoot was hosted by Corner Archery and consisted of 10 targets, ranging from 20 to 65 yards in five-yard increments, three arrows per target, 2 rounds, 60 arrows total. Scoring was X, 5, 4, 3, with X's counting towards the tie breaker. Fritz said that "...I didn't personally shoot my best on this one (but) I shot a 251 with 3Xs."

Fritz, just the fact that you competed makes you a winner! Congratulations!!



## Upcoming Events –

### Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is a themed novelty fun shoot, consists of twenty (20) 3D targets, and takes place in the Canyon Course. Bring your FLASHLIGHTS, SPOTLIGHTS, HEADLAMPS, etc., and LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!! Binoculars are welcome. Beware of the ZOMBIES!!!

Refreshments and food available at concession stand.

There will be awards for 1st place in the following categories:

- Men's and Women's Compound
- 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

Costume contest for KIDS 12 & UNDER! Prizes for the SCARIEST, CUTEST, and MOST ORIGINAL COSTUMES.

Novelty targets for both kids and adults on lighted range.

Registration begins at 4:00pm; Kids costume contest - 5:00pm; Archers' meeting - 5:30pm; Shotgun Start - 5:51pm (sundown).

Adults - \$20; Families - \$40; Youth (17 & under) - \$15. [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or in person on day of event.

## Range Clean-up & Work Party

Our Annual Range Clean-up & Work Party will be held on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am – Noon. We have tasks for all ages, abilities, and skill sets, so please consider volunteering! Lunch will be served for all four-hour participants.

## Hunt for Charity

Our [Annual Hunt For Charity Shoot](#) consists of sixty (60) targets on three (3) trails. Pins (adults, young adults & youth) and medals (Cubs & PeeWees) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class. Dry camping onsite is available and motels are less than 20 minutes from the range. Lunch is available on Saturday and Sunday. REGISTER ONLINE or in person on Saturday. Proceeds go to [Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center](#) in Yuma.

## 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:*

### ELK RAGU

**4.7 Stars (1 Reviews)**

Some of the best dishes take time to reach perfection. Filling the kitchen with rich aromas of wonderfully paired ingredients, elk ragu prepared in a slow cooker is the ultimate dish for early fall. I can promise, it's well worth the wait for you and your guests.



**Prep Time:** 10 min **Cook Time:** 6 – 8 hours **Serves:** 6 – 8

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 – 3 lb elk roast, thawed and patted dry
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 ¼ cups yellow onion, diced
- 1 cup each of roughly chopped carrots and celery
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 ½ cups Zinfandel red wine
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1 can (28 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 1 tbsp thyme leaves
- 1tbsp rosemary leaves, chopped
- 1tsp salt and pepper – more to season if needed
- 1 8.8-oz packages Pappardelle noodles
- 1 cup parmesan cheese, shredded
- ½ cup parsley, roughly chopped

### PREPARATION

1. In a skillet, warm 2 tbsp olive oil on medium heat. Place roast in skillet and brown on all sides.
2. In a separate pan, heat remaining 2 tbsp olive oil over medium heat and add onions, carrots, celery and garlic. Sauté for 5 – 8 minutes until the onions are translucent. Transfer to a slow cooker such as a Crock-pot.
3. Add beef broth, wine, tomatoes, thyme, rosemary, salt pepper and ¼ cup chopped parsley to slow cooker. Mix well.
4. Place browned roast in the slow cooker and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until tender.
5. As the meat finishes, bring a pot of salted water to a boil and cook Pappardelle noodles as directed on packaging.
6. Remove the roast and use a fork to shred the meat. Add the shredded meat back into the slow cooker and give it a good stir.
7. Sample the sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste

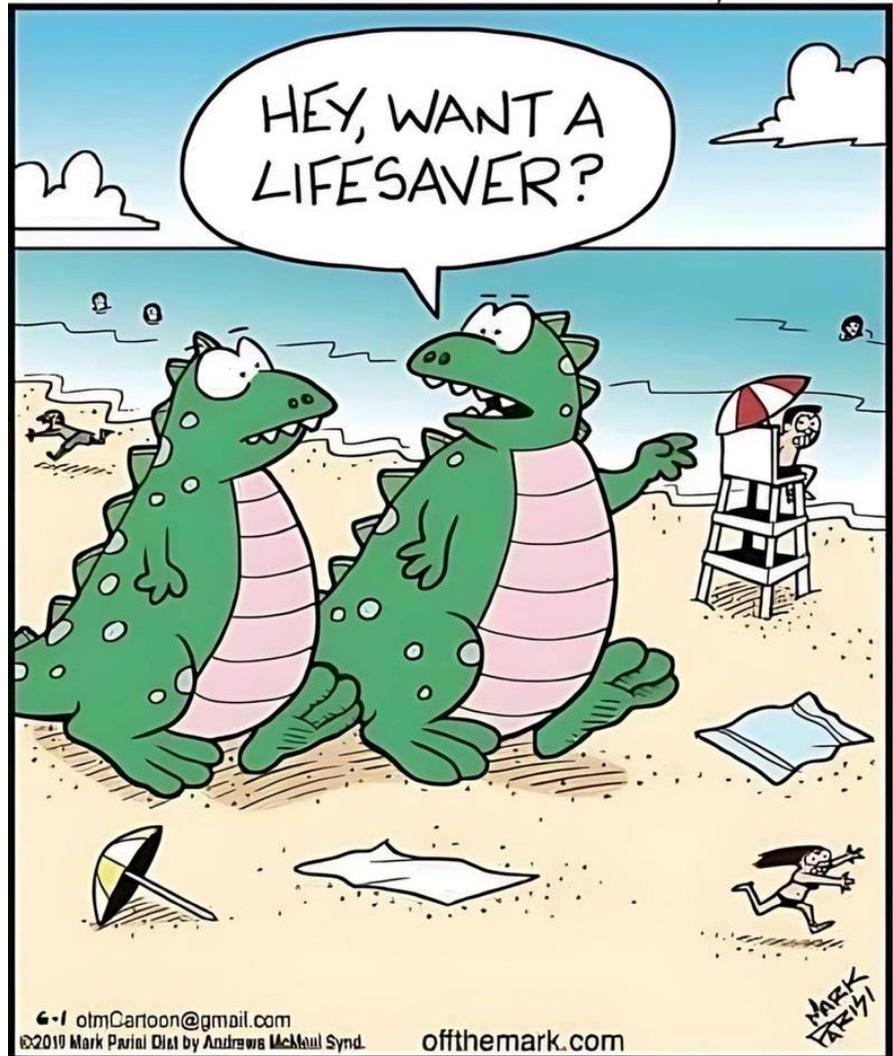
- Place Pappardelle noodles in pasta bowls for each guest and ladle stew meat and sauce over the top.
- Garnish with parmesan and fresh parsley to finish off the plate, then enjoy!



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by Mark Parisi



## 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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