



The Official Newsletter for
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Hello fellow archers,

September is here and another summer is coming to a close. I hope everyone had a good and safe summer and that everyone is ready to start flinging some arrows in some cooler temperatures. I am excited to get this new season started off and to seeing everyone back out on the range. We will be kicking off our seasonal shoots with the Haunted Canyon Shoot, which is always a blast, towards the end of October. Followed by our Hunt for Charity, High Noon on the Gila, and Walk the Trails.



Fritz Hoff, President

Archery hunting season has kicked off and congratulations to those who tagged out during early archery deer. Early elk is starting and to those who drew a tag, good luck and happy hunting.

Lastly, I would like to thank our members who helped keep the range going through this hot summer, setting up the targets for our weekly fun shoots, and maintaining the range.

I look forward to see you all at our monthly meeting on September 15th.

Fritz Hoff, President



Scotty's Scribbles

Welcome back everyone!

Now that it's cooling off, I am hoping to see you all at the range during our Funday/Sundays.

We will be starting off the season with our annual Haunted Canyon Shoot, set for Saturday, October 26th. We will follow that with our December shoot – that should be just in time for everyone to get the rust off their hunting setups for the January OTC season.

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At our meeting in October, we will schedule our yearly Range Day Clean-up. If possible, we'd like to have as many hands as possible. We will be clearing up the River Bottom Trails, as well as our target range and lower half of the Canyon Trail.

Our 2nd annual High Noon on the Gila is scheduled for Feb 8th & 9th, followed by the annual Walk The Trail shoot *the very next weekend!* There are a couple members that will be camping on site those couple weeks, and you are all more than welcome to do the same as well.

As always, if anyone has any ideas that may – or may not – benefit our club or the range, please speak up so your ideas can be discussed, or take it upon yourselves to get a team together and make it happen.

Until next time, shoot often and shoot straight.

Scotty Covey, Vice President



General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Members

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff, President

Attendees: Rick Bielke, Scott Covey, Gene Cox, Kelvin Drapeau,

Tanja Eiben, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Jesus Juarez, Butch Lacey, Nicholas Muños, Keith Parsels, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, David Wetherholt, Jennifer Wight.

- I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by President Fritz Holtz.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Scott Covey; seconded by Bryon Green. Motion passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Kelvin reported that we have \$7,843.01 in the main account; \$470.70 in the JOAD account, for a total of \$8,313.71.
- IV. Open issues/Old Business:**
 - a) **Range Security** – Scott reported that he will set up a day that Nick can bring a forklift to move the concrete barricades and the large timbers that were donated by the County. Once these are in position,

the problem of people driving around the barricades should be alleviated.

- b) **Back-to-Back Shoots** – Fritz reminded everyone that the High Noon on the Gila is on the 8th & 9th of February, and Walk The Trail is the very next weekend, February 15th & 16th. We will only need four (4) trails for High Noon on the Gila, and we can leave most of the targets up as Scott will be spending the week in between at the range in his trailer. We will be needing many volunteers to help with registration, concessions, raffles, and running novelty shoots, so please consider helping in any way you can!
- c) **Bathrooms Update** – Gump stated that he could probably get some new toilets and a urinal donated, and he and Scotty plan on gutting the old bathrooms and redo the plumbing, drywall and installation of the fixtures. Scott believes we can do the whole job for under \$1,000. He will report back next meeting.
- d) **Haunted Canyon Shoot:** Debbie reminded everyone that the Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot is on Saturday, October 26th. Online registration is now open. The shoot will consist of 20 targets including some novelty targets, as well as the Costume Contest for kids 12 and under. Desi is going to be selling ‘Walking Tacos’ in addition to the Hot Dogs & Chili Dogs from the concession stand.

V. *New Business:*

- a) **Work Party** – Scott spoke about the need to have a work day before the December ‘Hunt for Charity’ shoot, and asked the members for input as to what date(s) would work. It was suggested that November 2nd would work for most people, and more of our Snowbird friends will have arrived by then.
- b) **SWBH “Gold Card** – Fritz and Scotty reported on a concept that was brought up at the Board meeting about creating a new level of membership - The Gold Card - for an annual fee of \$200. This will cover membership dues, and ALL Sunday Fun Shoots for the year, January 1 – December 31. This works out to an annual savings of approx. \$100 if you were to shoot all the Sunday Fun Shoots during the year. Bryon made a motion to create this new membership level; Gene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. *Items from the floor:*

- a) **Targets** – Butch reported that all the targets we ordered in the spring have arrived and been inventoried
- b) **Shirts** – Scott is looking into making an order for shirts and hats. He states that the company he uses can turn orders around in about a week. Scott will have numbers for the next meeting, at which time the club can discuss and vote on funding.

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 9:20am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are gearing up for the upcoming hunting and archery competition seasons, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of our "Snowbird" friends again.

Last year was one of the most successful seasons for SWBH ever. For the first time, we hosted the 3rd leg of the AZ 3D Championship Series, as well as all our regular shoots. Thanks to these successful shoots, the club was able to purchase several new targets and make improvements to the range.

This year – sadly - the AZ 3D Championship Series is no more. However, thanks to the efforts of our Shoots Committee and the committee members of three other archery clubs in Tucson and Phoenix, the new **Southwest 3D Championship Series** was born. The Series will consist of the following shoots:

- Southwest Bowhunters "High Noon on the Gila" – Feb. 8 (& 9)
- Huachuca Mountain Archers & Bowhunters "Fort Huachuca Challenge" – March 1 & 2
- Desert Archers "Rumble in the Rocks" – March 29 & 30
- Stick Snipers "Stick Snipers' Classic" – April 26 (& 27)

This year, there are four legs to The Series, and shooters must compete in at least three of the four legs to be eligible for the Buckle. This will

allow those of us hosting a shoot a chance to be in the running for The Series grand prize.

Walk The Trail will still be held on the third weekend of February, so we will be asking all our members for help in all aspects of both shoots; everything from set up to tear down, concessions, running novelty shoots, and more. We are also looking for donations of items for our raffles for both the High Noon on the Gila and Walk The Trail shoots.

Our first shoot of the season will be the Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot. As usual, we will be having a costume contest for the kids 12 and under with prizes for the Scariest, Cutest, and Most Original costumes. The shoot will consist of 20 targets set up in the Haunted Canyon, and for those brave enough, on-site dry camping will be available. (See website for more details.)

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at the range again!

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



SWBH Masters Score Big at Indoor Championships

The 2024 Az State Masters Indoor Championships held on June 22nd was an opportunity for Southwest Bowhunters to make its mark that we have serious competitors...

Syke Sekor: (Gold) in the Men's Recurve 70+ division

Ken Conway: (Silver) Men's Recurve 60+ division

Mike Rust: tied for Silver in the Men's Compound 60+ division, but received Bronze to having fewer 10's.

The Gold medal winner beat our scores by only 2 points; 544 to 542.

Mr. Syke has bragging rights to bring to the JOAD program. You can still win the State Championship at 92 years young! Syke was the oldest competitor at the meet!!!

Congratulations, gentlemen!!



Ladies Night at the Range

On the (hot) evening of Friday, June 14th, SWBH hosted women from the Yuma Desert Doves/Women on the Wing Learn to Hunt Program at the range for an introduction to archery. Everyone caught on fast!

They started on regular targets, then



moved on to 3D targets.

For the grand finale, clay “pigeons” were placed on stands - the first two ladies who could break a clay would win a door prize!

Great shooting ladies!!!

Upcoming Events –

Haunted Canyon 3D Night Shoot

Saturday, October 26th, 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.

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:

PEPPERED DOVE BREAST

★★★★★ 5 from 13 votes

BY [HANK SHAW](#)

While I do this with doves, there's no reason you can't use the breasts off any bird from grouse size on down. Non hunters would want to use quail or Cornish game hen breasts.

COURSE: APPETIZER,
LUNCH, MAIN COURSE
CUISINE: FRENCH
SERVINGS: 4 SERVINGS
PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES
**TOTAL
TIME:** 35 MINUTES



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound dove breasts, from about 16 birds
- Salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1/3 cup brandy, or sherry or Madeira or Marsala
- 1/2 cup low sodium stock, or glace de viande
- 1 tablespoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1 or 2 tablespoons green peppercorns
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

INSTRUCTIONS

- Salt the dove breasts well and keep them in the fridge until the last minute. Heat up 3 tablespoons of the butter in the pan over medium-high heat.
- When it's hot, sear the dove breasts for 2 minutes, only on one side. Move them to a plate to rest while you make the sauce.
- Add the minced shallot to the pan and sauté until soft and slightly browned, about 3 minutes. Add the brandy and use a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits. Let this boil 1 minute.
- Pour in the stock, black pepper and green peppercorns, and boil it all furiously until cooked down by half, about 2 minutes.
- Return the dove breasts, uncooked sides down, to the pan and swirl in the cream. As soon as the cream starts bubbling, drop the heat to low. Swirl it all to combine. Add the final tablespoon of butter to the center of the pan and swirl until it melts and combines with the sauce. Serve with bread or potatoes.



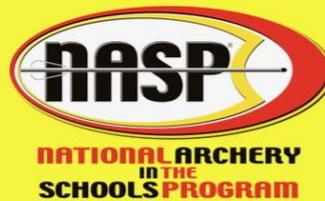
IT IS TO LAUGH...



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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