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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone,

2025 is here and I am excited to see what this new year has in store. We have our leg the of the Southwest 3D Championship coming up on the weekend of February 8 & 9, followed up by my personal favorite, the Walk the Trails shoot on President's Day weekend February 15 and 16. I hope everyone will get the chance to come out and enjoy these events.



Fritz Hoff, President

We have a had few changes this year to our executive board with David Weatherholt being elected to the Vice President position as well as Jesus Juarez taking on the position as target Captain and Bryon Greene being placed on the Board. I would like to take a minute to thank Butch Lacey for his time and dedication during his time as Target Captain as well Scotty Covey for all of his contributions to the club during his time as VP.

I hope everyone has a great year,

See you all at the range,

Fritz Hoff



Vice-President's Message

Hello members:

I am incredibly excited to take on the role of Vice president of the club. A little bit of background on me, I am a native Ohioan who moved here a little less that 3 years ago. I am an avid hunter and archer who has always enjoyed not only hunting, but competition archery as a sport.



David Wetherholt,
Vice President

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As your new vice president of Southwest bowhunters I hope to usher in a new era of improvements to not only our shoots, but also the physical range as well. My first order of business is going to be to apply on behalf of the club for AZ game and Fish's shooting range grant to hopefully take care of our bathrooms which are in desperate need of renovation. I will also be taking a more active role in the club's social media to increase our reach among archers in the surrounding areas.

Please feel free to reach out to me about anything you need or any ideas on how we can improve this club.

Sincerely,

David Wetherholt, Vice President



General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 5, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Monthly Meeting

Call to order: Fritz Hoff called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

Attendees: Edward Bernard, Scott Covey, Debbie Elliott, Kelvin Drapeau, Rick Gaudet, Bryon Green, Rhonda Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Tom Kendrat, Jordyn Kennedy, Butch Lacey, Larry Lee, Shannon Mohamed, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, Melissa Short, Liam Weight, Zach Slette, Aileen Toler, Kal Wilson, Mark Wright.

Old Business:

- a) **501(c)(3) Update** – Kelvin reported that the IRS sent us a letter and has denied our request for change from 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). He is going to forward the letter to David Wetherholt who has overseen this endeavor to see what we need to do to reapply.
- b) **Membership clarification** – Fritz reminded the members that the board had agreed unanimously to raise the Family dues from \$40 to \$50 as of January of 2025 at the February 2024 Board meeting, and the club had also voted and agreed to raise the dues at the February 2024 General Meeting. Since there was some confusion at the December 2024 meeting about the change, the

board has decided to continue the \$40 Family rate until January 31st, and charge \$50 for Families from that date on.

- c) ***Raffles for the “Big” shoots*** – Debbie reminded members that we need to order a bow *soon* to raffle off at Walk The Trail. She wanted to clarify whether or not we want a ‘bare’ bow or a ‘bow package’ so she can get it ordered. The general consensus wants a ‘bare’ bow for the raffle. She also asked that the membership seek out other donations for the raffle.
- d) ***Kitchen Captain (Desi)*** – At the December General Meeting, it was suggested that the club create another executive position for ‘Kitchen Captain’, much like the position of ‘Target Captain’. Debbie checked in the Bylaws to see if this would be possible, however, there is no provision in the Bylaws that would allow for this to be done. The Bylaws would have to be revised by the Board. Desi who has been running the concession stand for the last several shoots, will be designated as ‘Honorary Kitchen Captain’ – a voluntary position - and will be tasked with buying supplies and selling items in the concession stand as well as setting prices. In addition, Kelvin reported that there was an incident involving another member who objected to the price of an item that was being sold at the last meet, which resulted in the price being reduced. This should not be tolerated. The Board has determined that if this happens again, the member will be asked to either bring their own food, eat somewhere else, or pay the predetermined price.

New business:

- a) ***Board vacancy*** – Fritz reported that we now have a vacancy on the Board that needs to be filled since former board member David Wetherholt is now our Vice President and asked for nominations from the Board to be presented to the general membership for a vote. Nick Munoz and Bryan Green were nominated. Their names were presented to the membership for a secret ballot vote. Bryon Green was elected to the Board.
- b) ***Lifetime Member Nomination*** - David Wetherholt nominated Zach Slette for a life membership. Zach has been very active in the club for years, acting as president for several terms, always helping at work parties and is always helpful and welcoming to new members or anyone needing help or advice about bows or shooting. A motion was made by Gump to elevate Zach’s

membership to a Lifetime membership; Seconded by Bryon. Motion passed.

Items from the floor:

- a) Fritz reported that Richard Cardeñas donated several hay bales to the club for use on the range.
- b) Scott reported that there will be more of the cement blocks delivered and placed on Friday, Jan. 10.
- c) Bryon Green reported that since there hasn't been any rain for over a year that all the water tanks for the wildlife in the area have had to be filled by hand. YVR&GC, Water for Wildlife, and AZGFD are looking for volunteers to help with this task. Contact any of the above organizations or Bryon Green for more details and dates.
- d) Kelvin is looking for volunteers to help cut carpet for target butts on Saturday, Jan. 11th starting at 9:00am.

Adjournment: Fritz asked if there were any other items from the floor. There were none. Fritz moved that the meeting be adjourned; Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

****Next scheduled meeting will be February 2nd, 2025****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers and a very Happy New Year to you all!

I am really excited about all the improvements that are happening at our archery range!

First, a huge shout-out to Kelvin Drapeau, Bryon Greene, Micheal Rust, Ed Bernard, Nicholas Munoz, Kenny Marler and Scotty Covey for volunteering their time and muscles to place more security blocks around the perimeter of the range, and an even bigger thank you to Sun Rental for donating the use of the forklift and BLT for donating the blocks!!

Next, another huge thank you to Yuma Winnelson Company for an awesome donation of toilets and plumbing supplies to be used in the updating of our restrooms. This has been on the list of 'Things To Do'

for far too long, and now we can finally cross this off our To Do list in time for our upcoming shoots.

Finally, congratulations to the newest members of the Executive Council: VP – David Wetherholt, Target Captain – Jesus Juarez, and incoming Board Member – Bryon Green. In addition, Desi Redger is now officially the Concessions Manager, a position not to be taken lightly.

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

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Archery Range Improvements by Scott Covey

A few good men lent out a hand on January 10, 2025, to do some small upgrades at the range.



BLT delivered the blocks bright and early.

Thanks to Sun Rentals and BLT companies for making this project a success. We obtained another 24 concrete barriers and installed them along Rifle Range Road, above the retention basin south of the trad/lessons range to help slow the people driving around the range and into areas that



Kelvin and Scotty preparing to unload blocks.

need not be accessed by vehicles. A few guys also took the liberty to clean up the walk back target area as well – It looks great!



Blocks placed strategically around the parameter of the range.

I want to personally thank all that helped make this project possible: Michael Rust, Kenny Marler, Bryon Green, Nick Muñoz, Ed Bernard, Kelvin Drapeau, and of course our four-legged mascot, Scout. Thanks guys! It's your devoted Labor that makes our range LEGIT!!



Ten Facts About Archery

1. It is believed that bows and arrows have been used for at least 25,000 years based upon the discovery of arrowheads in Africa.
2. Archery is considered to be one of the oldest sports in the world.
3. The word archery is derived from the word arcus, a Latin term that means bow and arrows.
4. Archery has been an Olympic sport almost from the beginning. Its debut in the summer Olympics occurred in 1900. In 1924 it was discontinued, and it was reintroduced in 1972.
5. The bag that archers use to hold their arrows is called a quiver.
6. Splitting the arrow of a competitor is called a 'Robin Hood', in reference to the legend archer Robin Hood who won a competition by splitting his opponent's arrow with his own.
7. In 1457 King James II banned golf in Scotland because he believed men were wasting time playing golf when they should have been practicing their archery skills.
8. The very first compound bow was made 500 years ago.
9. The first country with organized archery competitions was England in the 1500s.
10. Archers shoot according to their dominant eye and because of this a right-handed person may shoot with their left hand and vice versa.



Upcoming Events –

High Noon on the Gila

February 8th & 9th – The first of four legs in the Southwest 3D Championship series. Anyone can compete for prizes at High Noon on the Gila, but only those who have competed in three of the four shoots in the Southwest 3D Championship Series will be competing for the grand prize: the big, beautiful BUCKLE!

Walk The Trail

Presidents' Day weekend Feb. 15th & 16th. 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 potluck dinner, and awards are presented on Sunday afternoon. GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, TOO! REGISTER ONLINE or in person on Saturday.

Blythe Bowmen Invitational

March 1st & 2nd. Minimum 30 3D 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 7:00am. Dinner on Saturday night starting at 5:00pm. Concessions both days. Great Raffle prizes!!

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 MOZZARELLA STUFFED MEATLOAF CAKES

Here is a great recipe for ground venison. What I like most – besides the taste – is that this that any leftovers can be vacuum sealed and frozen individually for the days you just don't want to cook! Makes 12 cakes.



Ingredients

- 2 lbs ground venison
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- 2 eggs

- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce (or your preferred brand)
- ½ cup ketchup
- ½ diced onion
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder

Directions

1. Mix all ingredients except ketchup into a large ball.
2. Spray cupcake tray with non-stick spray and fill each with a portion of the venison mixture to the top.
3. Push thumb into middle of each 'cake' to the bottom. Fill hole with mozzarella cheese and then cover with extra meat mixture.
4. Lightly layer top with ketchup.
5. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes, no more!
6. Enjoy!



IT IS TO LAUGH...

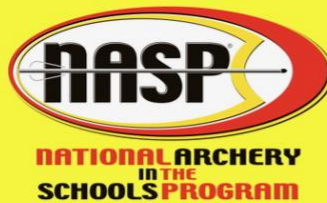


I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE. THE LAST TWO YEARS YOU SOLD ME WERE QUITE DEFECTIVE.

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

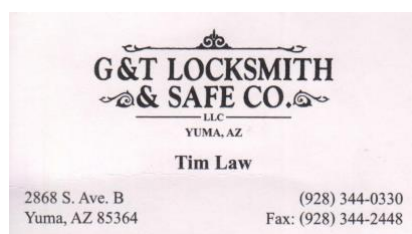
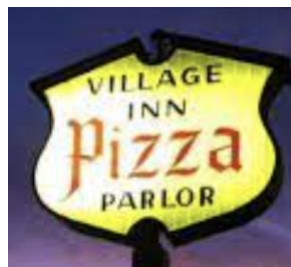
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- 2 Nock**
- 3 Draw Hand Set**
- 4 Bow Hand Set**
- 5 Pre-Draw**
- 6 Draw**
- 7 Anchor**
- 8 Aim**
- 9 Shot Set-Up**
- 10 Release**
- 11 Follow Through & Reflect**

Reminder: Alcohol is NOT permitted on the range at any time. Your safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation!

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