



The Official Newsletter for
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings fellow archers,

May is here and the summer season is about to begin. I want to thank everyone for making our winter shoots a big success, we couldn't have done it without the support of our members. The club has completed some of our bigger projects over this winter, the kitchen and leach line are done, so I give a big Thank You to all those involved in getting those projects completed.



Fritz Hoff, President

We are now in Summer mode and our Sunday Fun Shoot hours are now 6:30am to 11:00am, but if temps get to hot we may shut down a little earlier on those Sundays. As discussed at the last meeting we will also be starting the Saturday night shoots which be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting with first one being May 16th, then June 20th, July 18th, August 15th and September 19th. I hope to see you all out there.

If your looking for some archery shoots in the north country, I have found a few that I'd like to share.

- Clints Well Shoot hosted by Huntin Hard Archers - May 22-24
- Fathers Day 3D Shoot (formally Morman Lake Shoot hosted by Full Draw Bowhunters – June 19-21
- Hike to Hunt 3D archery challenge – July 17-19
- Sunrise 3D shootout – July 2-4

I hope everyone has a great summer. OTC archery deer opens August 21 st , good luck to those who go out for the early season, and good luck for those putting in for the draw.

See you on the range,

Fritz Hoff



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Vice President's Message

We had a great season and are going into the next one sitting well, financially. And, though we have a little touch-up work to do, the restrooms and kitchen upgrades are pretty much complete.

I'd like to give a big "Thanks" to Scotty for all the kitchen and bathroom work, and to Butch, Bambi, Rick, and Uschi for getting the leach line installed. Also, "thank you" to Nick and Sun Rentals for the heavy equipment donations. Without volunteer help and donations, the club would not be in the good condition it is at this point.

All in all, I'm pretty happy with where we are as a club and hope you are as well. Moving into the heat of 'almost Summer' and 'actual Summer', I can only say, "Stay cool and keep shooting!"

VP Bryon



Bryon Green, Vice-
President



Southwest Bowhunters General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 3, 2026

Time: 9:00am

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff

Attendees: Rick Bielke, Scott Covey, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Rhonda Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Lauren Hutchinson, Austin Magdaleno, Robert Reyes.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Bryon moved that the minutes from the April meeting be approved; Scott seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Main account has \$18,384.95 in main account; Youth account has \$269.92. Total: 18,654,87

I) Open issues/Old Business:

- a) **Summer Sat. Night Shoots:** We will be hosting Saturday Night Fun shoots once a month on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting May 16th. Subsequent dates: June 20th, July 18th, Aug.

15th, and Sept. 19th. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each shooter.

b) *Target Set-ups for Sunday Fun Shoots:*

Since gas is so expensive, targets will be set up on Sunday mornings instead of Saturday afternoons.

c) *New Storage Container* – When we purchase our new storage container, it was suggested that we place it in the canyon next to the shade structure to store the targets we use for Sunday fun shoots. We will be responsible for leveling a pad for the container.

d) *Kitchen remodel* – Bryon reported that the kitchen painting is completed and cabinets are in place. He still has a little touch-up painting on the floor, but other than that, it is all finished.

II) New Business:

a) *Haunted Canyon* – Will be held on October 24th, the Saturday before Halloween. Same format as last year with kid's costume contest prior to the shoot.

b) *Meeting Schedule* – This will be the last general member's meeting until August 30th.

c) *Newsletter* – Debbie asked the members present if they want her to continue to publish The Broken Arrow. The members present said they enjoy reading it and would like it to continue. Debbie asked that members contribute articles to help keep the content fresh; hunting articles, competition articles, upcoming events, and recipes are all good content for the newsletter.

d) *Thank You!* – A HUGE thank you to the following members who helped complete the leech line from the kitchen: Butch, Bambi, Rick, Uschi, and to Sun Rentals who donated the use of the backhoe.

Items from the floor:

a) The new 5' Sasquatch target is here and out on the range.

b) Scotty suggested that we start a 3D buckle series between SWBH and Tucson club. We are committed to the Southwest 3D Championship Series for one more year. Huachuca is rumored to be backing out and no one has heard from Desert Archers since the Series ended. Fritz volunteered to contact Becky to find out what Desert Archers' status is.

c) *Monthly Attendance Drawing* – Walker Brown's name was drawn for the \$50 attendance prize; however, he was not present. The prize will increase to \$75 for the August meeting.

Adjournment: Fritz asked if there were any further items from the floor and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by

Scotty; seconded by Austin. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.

**** Next meeting will be August 30th ****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

First, I must apologize for the lack of a monthly newsletter. Sometimes, life gets the best of us. Honestly, I write the newsletter as a labor of love, but lately I've had a writer's block, and I just haven't had the drive that I usually have. Consequently, I am asking all my readers for some help. I know many of you are active on Facebook and other social media outlets. I've seen your postings of hunts, competitions, and life events in general. So, the next time you have something to post that relates to archery competitions or hunting, send me a copy of your posting with text and photos. Your efforts will help keep the newsletter fresh and interesting. I thank you for your assistance in advance.

Next, some sad news. Our long-time, unofficial club mascot – Scout – has crossed over the rainbow bridge. Scout was always the first to greet you when you arrived on Sundays with tail wags and snuggles. Over the years, he – like all of us – slowed a little, but he was always there. I am really going to miss you, Scout. I know I'll see you on the other side.

Finally, we have made quite a bit of progress on our recent remodel projects. The bathrooms are finally finished and the kitchen looks fantastic! There is still a little work to do in the way of touch-ups for the kitchen, but what an improvement! And, thanks to our tireless volunteers, Butch, Bambi, Nick, Rick and Uschi – as well as one of our sponsors, Sun Rentals, for donating the use of the heavy equipment – our leach line from the kitchen is now complete and operating. Thank you to all our volunteers and donors who make our range the 'Best in the Southwest', and I urge members to support our sponsors!

As always, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS –

Bow Disciples Challenge 4

May 15th – 17th, hosted by Bear State Bowhunters at Lake Henshaw Resort 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel CA 92070; sponsored by Bow Disciples. For more information or to register:

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

36th Annual Clint Wells 3D Shoot

May 22nd – 24th: Long Valley, AZ (turn off SR87 at FSR 141, about 1 mile south of the Mustang Gas Station in Happy Jack, AZ). For flyer and details:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=25909530588726759&set=a.130481053725066>

Bison 100 3D Archery Challenge

June 5th – 7th: Narbona Pass, NM (Just over the AZ border). [Click here for details and flyer.](#)

Father's Day Shoot

June 19th – 21st: Perry Lake, AZ. Sponsored by Full Draw Archers. Competitive Shoot: Saturday June 20, 2026. 7:30 a.m. Shooter Meeting; 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start. 1st Flight 15 Targets / 2nd Flight 15 Targets. Competitive Shooters can add fun courses for only \$10. 12-10-8 scoring; Double Scoring.

Sunrise 3D Shoot

July 2nd – 4th: Sponsored by the White Mtn. Apache Tribe. Sunrise Park Resort, Greer, AZ

Hike to Hunt 3D Challenge

July 19th: Sponsored by Hike to Hunt, LLC. at Camp Raymond, Flagstaff, AZ. This event includes various challenging 3D archery courses set in scenic terrain, designed to enhance your hunting skills, and provide a fun experience for participants of all skill levels. Sign up through Stride Events: :

<https://www.strideevents.com/events/hike-to-hunt-flagstaff-az/2026/register>



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

ALL PURPOSE VENISON MARINADE

This all-purpose venison marinade is perfect for tenderizing and flavoring whatever cut of venison you're working with, and it uses simple ingredients. This recipe makes enough for 1-2lbs. of meat.



- **Prep Time:** 5 minutes
- **Total Time:** 5 minutes
- **Yield:** 4-6
- **Category:** Sauce/Marinade

Ingredients

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- ½ lemon, juiced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced and smashed
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ¾ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

Instructions

1. Add all the ingredients to a jar with a lid or a bowl.
2. Shake or whisk together vigorously.
3. Use as desired (makes enough for 1-2lbs. of meat).

Notes:

I highly recommend letting your meat soak in the marinade in the refrigerator for at least an hour, but the longer the better.

To make kebabs – Simply thread bite-sized chunks of meat onto a skewer with vegetables of your choice. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, rotating to all sides over medium-high heat on a grill or grill pan. Let rest and enjoy!

This marinade will work perfectly for any cut of meat making them perfectly tender and delicious. I have used this marinade on other wild game as well (antelope, deer, elk, and bear), it's perfect for the non-tender and tender cuts of meat.



IT IS TO LAUGH...



“Well, Mr. Ruffles, this is quite a conundrum. Bark at me and risk waking the baby, or deny your instincts? Tick-tock, Mr. Ruffles, tick-tock.”



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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- 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**

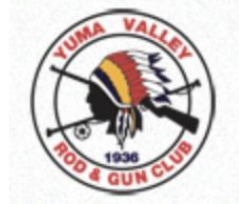
Reminder: Alcohol is NOT permitted on the range at any time. Your safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation!

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