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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings fellow Archers,

Well, summer has come to an end, the weather is getting nicer, and we are coming up on the time of year when our archery shoots begin. We will be kicking off our season with the always fun Haunted Canyon shoot on October 25 followed by the Hunt for Charity event on the weekend of December 13-14. We will also be hosting the 1st leg of the Southwest 3D Championship series, our date will be the weekend of Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st, followed by Walk the Trails held on Presidents Day weekend.



Fritz Hoff, President

Over the Summer we completed the bathroom remodel, worked on improving access and target locations in canyon and began work on clearing a new trail on the river bottom. Big Thank You to all those who put in their time and effort into getting these projects done and going.

I'm looking forward to getting the season started and to seeing everyone back on the range and at the upcoming shoots.

See you on the range,
Fritz Hoff



Vice President's Message

Happy end of Summer (technically).

We kept a pretty large number of Sunday shooters throughout the Summer and added some new members, which makes for a successful season at the club. The season ended with some storms that did a fair amount of damage at the range, but thanks to the dedication of the membership, we were able to make quick repairs and didn't have to close the



Bryon Green, Vice-President

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range at all. That cleanup is continuing, but the practice range and the canyon remain open for the Sunday fun shoots.

We received out new targets: a sheep, the cinnamon bear, and the iron deer. The iron deer will be used for some money shoots during the tournaments and the Walk The Trails shoot. We are currently in really good shape regarding all of the targets we have.

Big member shout outs to Scotty for all his work and efforts getting the restrooms completed, and to Jesús for all his help with the post-storm cleanup. Another shout out to Kelvin for his continued assistance with almost everything and being there almost every Sunday to take care of fun shoot money.

Get off your backside, get to the range, and have some arrow-flinging fun with great people.

Congrats to those who have filled tags, condolences to those who didn't, and good luck to those still hunting.

VPB



General Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Monthly Meeting

Call to order: Fritz Hoff called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Attendees: Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Green, Rhonda Green, Brian (Gump) Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Jesus Juarez, Austin Magdaleno, Nicholas Muñoz, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, Zach Slette.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$5,318.45 in the General Account; \$269.92 in the youth account. Total for both accounts: \$5,588.37.

Old Business:

- A. Bathroom Update** – Final cost of bathroom remodel: \$8,825. All work is finished and in use.
- B. Kitchen update** – New shelving will be put in soon. Hot water is in but we still need to install primary and secondary filters.

New business:

- A. Work Party:** The recent rains have made a mess of the range. There will be a work party scheduled for October 11th, from 8:00am to 12 noon. Desi will be cooking hamburgers for all who participate
- B. High Noon on the Gila:** Plans are beginning for the 2026 Southwest 3D Championship Series. We are going to ask to host the 1st leg of the series, tentatively January 17-18. More information will be available after the Zoom meeting this evening.
- C. T-Shirts:** There have been complaints about how the logos on the shirts are too thick and cause the wearer to sweat. The multi-color

shirt logos are inherently thicker, so it was suggested we go back to one-color logos. Prices will be announced as soon as known.

D. Rebar placement: Bryon will be putting out rebar for the larger targets in the Canyon Course the week of any upcoming shoots.

E. Youth Outdoor Expo: Bryon reminded everyone about the upcoming Youth Outdoor Expo, sponsored by the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, is going to be on September 27th, and he needs volunteers from our club. This year, the Expo will be held at the PAAC.

F. Haunted Canyon: The annual Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25th. There will be 20 targets set up and the Concession Stand will be serving up walking tacos, hot dogs, chips, soda, Gatorade, and water.

Items from the floor:

A. The hours that the Snack Shack will be open for the High Noon on the Gila shoot will be Saturday, 7:00am – 2:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Sunday, 7:00am – 2:00pm.

B. Hunt for Charity will be held December 13th – 14th. A portion of this shoot benefits Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center in Yuma.

Adjournment: Fritz asked if there were any other items from the floor. There were none. Bryon moved that the meeting be adjourned; Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Summer is (finally) winding down, and we have finally started receiving our much needed – though late – monsoon rains. While the wildlife will benefit from this life-giving moisture, the range is another story. The rain filled up the 'trout pond' behind the beginners' bales, and the parking lot, main range, restrooms, kitchen and picnic area were totally flooded. However, thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers, most of the damage has been cleaned up. A special thank you to Kelvin, Lauren, Schanon, Austin, Jen, Nick, Gump, Rhonda, Bryon and Desi for spending their Saturday morning scrubbing, scraping, digging and just cleaning in general, and an EXTRA SPECIAL thank you to Desi for fixing a great lunch for everyone who helped.

I apologize for being temporarily M.I.A. as I have been dealing with a shoulder replacement, and now that I am getting back to normal (whatever that means), my husband is dealing with an injury that I will temporarily need to attend to. Hopefully, the 2025/26 archery season will

be a little better. Thanks to all who have been covering my hiney for the past several months. You have no idea how much you all mean to me!

As always, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work, Baby!! by Bryon Green

SWBH teamed up with the City of Yuma, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, AZ Game and Fish Dept., Yuma Desert Doves, Yuma P.D., Yuma County Sheriff's Dept., and Yuma Fire Dept.



Fishing for 'the BIG ONE'!

to bring the Youth Outdoor Expo '25 to Yuma at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC) on September 27th. It was a Huuuuuuge success!! Over 70 youth and over 100 people total attended this event.

Youth caught catfish with YVRGC volunteers, shot BB guns under the mentorship of YPD, YCSO, and USFWS law enforcement officials, learned to shoot bows under the expert tutelage of City of Yuma Parks & Rec. archery program staff; played on a YFD ladder truck; and made quail calls with the Yuma Desert Doves.



Kids learn to shoot arrows at the archery range.



Expert mentors teach participants to safely shoot BB Guns.



Bryon Green calls raffle ticket numbers as kids eagerly wait to see if they are the lucky winners.

Your SWB board members and volunteers helped with every aspect of the event. Kudos to all involved!!

Once again SWBH has proven to be an organization of great mentors.

Special thanks to Sprague's Sporting Goods and CAL Ranch for donations.



Too Much of a Good Thing

Monsoon Rains Hit SWBH Archery Range

September and October have brought with them the monsoon rains, and the condition of the range has suffered because of it. Water flooded the practice and over-filled the 'trout pond' behind the beginner bales and backed up into the parking lot,



The 'Trout Pond'.



The Canyon Trail after the rains.

restrooms and kitchen. This made for a ton of clean-up work for volunteers. After the September meeting ended, some of the members stayed around to assess the damage and come up with a plan of attack for the October 11th workday. Hopefully, the range will be up to snuff in time for our upcoming season!



Newly remodeled bathrooms flooded as well.



SWBH Archers do Well at ABFAA State Classic 600

By Fritz Hoff

Over the weekend of Oct. 11-12 several members of Southwest Bowhunters headed up to Phoenix to compete in the Arizona Bowhunters and Field Archery Association's (ABFAA) tournaments hosted by Corner Archery at Ben Avery Shooting Facilities FITA range. On Saturday we competed in the ABFAA State Classic 600. All 4 of us took podium finishes.

Bowhunter Freestyle (Senior)

1st place Fritz Hoff 514 6X

Freestyle (Silver Senior)

1st place Martin Honra 573 14X

2nd place Don Mugavaro 548 7X

3rd place Mike Rust 541 13X



Freestyle (Master Senior)

1st place Larry Butterfield 582 16X
2nd place Steve Dockray 522 9X
3rd place Mike Edwards 395 5X (Mike had a bow failure and had to drop out mid-tournament.)

**Freestyle (Adult)**

1st place Adam Stringham 587 22X
2nd place Paeton Keller 584 14X
3rd Place Jesus Juarez 572 14X

On Sunday we competed in the ABFAA State International. This tournament is a 60-arrow shoot consisting of 2 ends of 10 targets ranging from 20 to 65 yds, 3 arrows per target with 5,4,3 scoring, 300 being perfect score.

Bowhunter Freestyle (Senior)

1st place Fritz Hoff 259 11X

Freestyle (Master Senior)

1st place Larry Butterfield 285 19X
2nd Place Steve Dockray 266 11X
3rd place Mike Edwards 265 13X

**Freestyle (Adult)**

1st place Paeton Keller 292 39X
2nd place Jesus Juarez 280 15X
3rd place Jon Browning 271 14X

Mike Rust had a 4th place finish shooting a 260 8X coming up just 5 points short of a third-place finish.

All in all, it was a good weekend for all of us who went to represent Southwest Bowhunters at the ABFAA tournaments this weekend.



Upcoming Events –

Haunted Canyon 3D (Night) Shoot

Saturday, October 25th. Registration begins at 4:00pm and closes at 5:30pm. Let's light up the night! Bring your flashlights, spotlights, head lamps, lighted nocks – and beware of zombies, and goblins and ghouls (“Oh, my!!”). Costume contest for kids 12 and under starting at 5:45pm. Prizes for Scariest costume, Cutest costume and Most Original costume. Shooter's meeting at 6:00pm. Shotgun start at 6:15pm. [Click HERE for Flyer](#). Registration on site or [ONLINE](#).

Hunt for Charity

December 13th and 14th, 2025. This is our annual charity shoot that benefits Amberly's Place Family Advocacy Center. 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. For classes and more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

High Noon on the Gila

January 31st – February 1st, 2026. The first leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series. More information TBA in the near future!



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

CROCK POT VENISON FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES

This is a creative way to use up some of your venison roasts. However, if you don't have venison, a beef roast will work just as well. Any slow cooker recipe that makes my life a little easier is a winning recipe in my book. This sandwich is a true favorite around here!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 – 3 lb. venison roast
- Dash of kosher salt
- Dash of freshly ground pepper
- 1 oz. Au Jus packet
- 2 cups water

- 2 cups reduced sodium beef stock
- 1 tbsp beef bouillon
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 4 ciabatta bread rolls
- Mayonnaise
- Provolone or Swiss cheese slices

DIRECTIONS

1. If you have a 2 in 1 slow cooker with stovetop settings, brown roast directly in the slow cooker. If you don't have one, brown the roast on all sides in a skillet with olive oil, salt and pepper and then transfer to your slow cooker.
2. In your slow cooker, add venison roast, Au Jus packet, water, beef stock, and beef bouillon. Stir well to combine.
3. Cook on high setting for 4 – 6 hours or on low for 8 – 10 hours.
4. When meat is tender and can easily be shredded with a fork, remove it from the slow cooker and finely shred.
5. Add meat back into the slow cooker to absorb some of that tasty Au Jus.
6. Meanwhile, add butter and onions to a skillet and sauté over medium heat until browned.
7. Put it all together by piling meat onto a ciabatta roll, careful to not get too much juice with the meat. Add mayonnaise to your roll and top with the onions and cheese. Toast under a broiler until the cheese is melty and bread is crusty
8. Add Au Jus to a serving bowl and serve it up next to your toasty sandwich. ENJOY!



IT IS TO LAUGH...



Deer Halloweens

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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