



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings fellow archers,

Fall is officially here and the weather is getting nicer, and I hope you all had a good summer. As we kick off Fall, we also are getting to kick off our archery shoots.

First up is the Haunted Canyon Shoot which is on Oct.24, registration is open online and you will also be able to register onsite. We will begin shooting at dark, so probably around 7:00pm.

We also have a range cleanup day scheduled for Oct 17 th from 8:00am-Noon. We are looking for help clearing the river trails, getting the kitchen ready to go, and clearing a pad for a new Conex box up in the canyon, any help will be appreciated.

We are also in the process of selecting a charity to donate to for our Hunt for Charity shoot coming up on Dec. 12-13. Debbie will be sending out an email for you to nominate a charity and then will send out an email for members to vote for which charity we will be donating to this year.

Big thanks to all the members who went to represent SWBH at the Yuma Outdoor Youth Expo and helped out there.

I'm looking forward to cooler temps and seeing you all at the range.

See ya on the range,

Fritz Hoff



Fritz Hoff, President



Vice President's Message

A big "Thank you" to members who showed up to support the City of Yuma's Youth Expo! We had at least 9 members present helping



Bryon Green, Vice-President

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with archery, BB guns, fishing, lunch, and our own booth. Well done.

Work Day is coming up on Oct. 17th and I hope plenty will show up to help. We need both river trails groomed up, kitchen organized and cleaned up, and the office cleaned/straightened up. Any and all help is appreciated.

Lastly, it looks like the weather is finally breaking and we can enjoy shooting a little later in the morning. Hope to see you at the range.

Shoot straight and often.

VP Bryon



Southwest Bowhunters General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2026

Time: 9:00am

Type of Meeting: General

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by President Fritz Hoff.

Members in attendance: Rick Bielke, Ebb Deardorff, Debbie Elliott, Bryon Greene, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Lauren Hutchinson, Jesus Juarez, Butch Lacy, Austin Magdaleno, Nathan Villapudua.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: There were no minutes due to absence of secretary.

Treasurer's report: \$12,123.83 in main account; \$269.92 in youth account. Total in both accounts, \$12,393.75. This amount includes the \$1,186.24 paid for the new griddle paid on 9/3/2026.

Old Business:

1. ***Work Party, Oct. 17th*** – Bryon reported that we will be cleaning the two river trails, installing the new griddle in the kitchen, moving broken bales, constructing a pad for the new canyon Conex Box, and conducting general cleanup on and around the range. Kelvin is providing two hedge trimmers, and Brent is providing equipment to move the cotton bales. Bryon asked that everyone who can, to please plan on coming to the range on

Saturday, Oct. 17th to help. Please note, the range will be closed to shooters on that day.

2. ***Haunted Canyon*** – October 24th. Debbie reminded everyone that online registration is now open. Day of event registration will be from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Costume contest for kids 12 and under will begin at 5:30. Shotgun start will begin at 6:30.
3. ***Survey for Hunt for Charity*** – Bryon asked Debbie to reorganize the survey by sending out a letter with NO survey; just asking for suggestions for charitable organizations to whom we will donate proceeds from the Hunt for Charity shoot. From those suggestions, we will then have a survey based on only those suggestions. The charity that gets the most votes will get the donation.

New business:

1. ***Upcoming road construction on Adair Park Road*** – We have been informed by Ronnie at Sprague's that the county will be closing Adair Park Road from November 30 through December 11th to construct a new culvert where the big dip in the road currently is. The county has promised to grade the 'back way' to the facility so that there is still access to the facility during construction. As soon as a map is available, Debbie will be emailing it to all members.

Items from the floor:

There were no items from the floor.

Attendance Drawing: Edward Bernard's name was drawn for the \$80 attendance pot, but he wasn't in attendance, so the attendance pot will increase to \$85 for next month's meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

**** Next meeting will be November 1st ****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Ahh, fall is in the air... well, sort of. The highs are still in the low 100s, but the mornings are cooling off nicely. Morning walks can begin a little later now, and it's nice enough in the evening to sit out on the deck to watch the sunset. But, best of all, archery season is beginning again!

I was fortunate enough to go on a hunt in New Mexico with a nephew from the Midwest last month. It was a private-land archery hunt for both elk (either sex) and mule deer bucks. Being from the Midwest, my nephew, Jeffery, had never hunted the way we do 'out west'. His idea of hunting is sitting in a tree all day, hoping some unsuspecting animal wanders to within bow range – not the spot and stalk methods we are used to.

Our guides were fantastic, and quite patient. But when we saw a group of bucks about two hundred yards away, and the guide told Jeffery to get behind the telephone pole and move from bush to bush until he got in close enough for a shot, the look on his face was priceless – a 'deer in the headlights' kind of look. Here's a guy in his 60s, about 6' 3" tall, a little on the portly side, who has never put a stalk on an animal in his life, being told to hide behind a telephone pole, then crawl from bush to bush with his bow in tow for a little over 100 yards... priceless. Needless to say, the deer busted him. However, he now has a new appreciation for the way we hunt here in the west. Although neither one of us tagged out, we were constantly surrounded by big deer, bugling bulls and mewing cows. What a great hunt!

I hope that everyone who got drawn this year had great experiences in the field, as I did. I keep reminding myself and friends that there *is* a reason it is called *hunting* and not *killing*! So, whether you tag out or not, enjoy the experience and time spent with friends and family.

Now down to business:

We have a work party scheduled for October 17th from 8am – 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers to help with trail clearing and maintenance, installation of the new griddle in the kitchen, setting a pad in the canyon for the new Conex storage unit, general cleaning and maintenance of the clubhouse, restrooms and eating area, and many other projects. Whatever your stature or skillsets, we have a job for you! Be at the range at 8:00am, and we will be working until about noon. Best of all, all volunteers will be fed lunch.

Our Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot is going to be on October 24th. Register online or onsite the day of the event from 4pm til 6pm. We will be having our 12 and under costume contest with prizes for the Cutest, Scariest, and Most Original costumes at 5:30, and the shotgun start will be 30 minutes after sunset (about 6:30pm). Tell everyone to bring their brightest flash and flood lights, and lighted nocks for a spooky and fun-filled night.

Finally, I have been informed of some upcoming construction on Adair Park Road that is scheduled to begin on November 30th through December 11th. The County is going to close the road during that time to put in a new culvert at the big dip in the road that always floods when we

have heavy rains. Members will have to detour and come in ‘the back way’ to the range during that time. The County has assured us that they will be grading the dirt road to make it more accessible before they begin the construction. Watch your email for precise directions for that route as soon as the County makes them available.

As always, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



SWBH Members Volunteer for the Youth Expo at the PAAC

On Saturday, October 4th, the City of Yuma Department of Parks & Recreation hosted the 2026 Youth Outdoor Expo for kids and their families at the Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex (PAAC).



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new shade structure at the archery range at the PAAC.

Approx. 100 youth and their parents attended and participated in several different outdoor-oriented undertakings such as fishing, archery, BB gun shooting, interactive activities, and more in a safe and fun environment.

The free event started at 8:00am with the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the new shade structure on the archery range and ended at noon with a raffle for the participants with outdoor-themed prizes. A lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and juice was provided by the City’s Parks & Rec Dept. and served up by Southwest Bowhunters’ own Desi Redger.

Several SWBH members volunteered for the event instructing young archers, teaching both safety and shooting technique. Some of the youngsters enjoyed the archery component so much that they kept coming back to shoot again and again!



SWBH Members instructing Outdoor Expo participants in the finer points of archery.

Although the wind howled most of the day, the participants all had a great time discovering that there is more to life than just staring at a screen and playing games on their electronic devices.



Thank you letter from Pheobe Desposito

Hello,

Thank you, Southwest Bowhunters, for your participation and support at this year's Youth Outdoor Expo. This was my first year hosting this event, and your support helped make it the amazing day it was.

I want to thank the club for their donation. Thank you for handling the purchasing, prepping, and cooking of the food. We were able to buy food and serve everyone at the Expo this year (Over 100 kids and their families).

I also want to thank you for the 3D targets. The kids always love these, and we appreciate you bringing them out, letting us use them, and helping to teach the kids how to shoot. Please pass along my thanks to all the volunteers who came out this past weekend. The clubs' help did not go unnoticed. The Expo was a huge success, and the kids really enjoyed themselves.

I am already inspired and fired up for next year! I would love to have you and your group participate again. I will be reaching out around the same time next year. However, I already reserved the date, so mark Saturday, September 25th 2027, on your calendars.

I really enjoyed working with you, and I look forward to next year.

Warmly,



Pheobe Desposito 

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

Haunted Canyon 3D Night Fun Shoot

October 24th, 2026 – Adair Park Archery Range, Yuma

This is a Halloween-themed novelty fun shoot, consisting 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.

COSTUME CONTEST FOR KIDS 12 & UNDER! PRIZES FOR THE SCARIEST, CUTEST AND THE MOST ORIGINAL COSTUMES.

Novelty targets for both kids and adults on lighted range.

Registration begins at 4:00pm; Kids costume contest - 5:30pm; Archers' meeting – 6:15pm; Shotgun Start – 6:30pm.
Adults (18 -54) - \$20; Seniors (55 & Up) - \$15; Families - \$40; Youth (17 & under) - \$15. [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or in person on day of event.

Arizona State 900

November 8, 2026 - Ben Avery Archery Range, hosted by [Corner Archery](#) [State 900 Rules](#)

Arizona State Animal Field Round

November 15, 2026 - Tucson Mountain Park, hosted by [Desert Archers](#) [Animal Round Rules](#)



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

Dove Egg Rolls

This recipe is by David Kuhn, a terrestrial wildlife specialist for the AZGFD Yuma region. His recipe won the Yuma Dove Cook-Off in 2023.



Ingredients

- 10 – 15 dove breasts,
diced into ¼" to ½" cubes

Dice the Vegetables to same size as the dove cubes.

- 1 cup mushrooms, diced
- 2 cups cabbage diced
- 1 cup carrots, peeled and diced
- ½ cup green onions, diced
- 1 can water chestnuts, diced
- Hoisin sauce to taste
- Sesame sauce to taste
- Teriyaki sauce to taste
- ¼ Tbsp garlic Powder
- ¼ Tbsp onion powder
- ¼ Tbsp ginger powder
- Ground pepper to taste (optional)
- Canola oil for frying

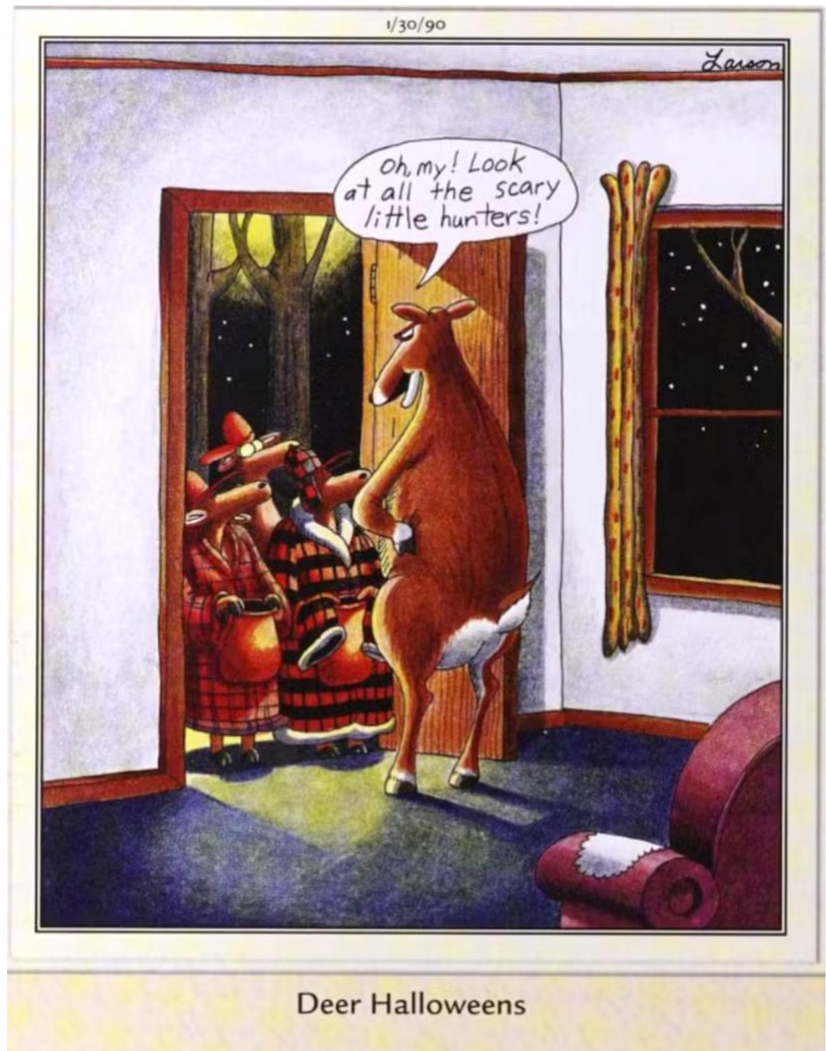
- Egg roll wraps
- Duck sauce for dipping

Cooking Instructions

1. Place the raw, diced meat into a large mixing bowl, and add the diced veggies. (When dicing the ingredients, the goal is for them to all be the same size as the cubes of dove.) I usually combine an equal amount of all the ingredients; I've never measured exactly. You can add more veggies to help stretch the dove meat, if need. Add more meat or veggies, if you like one over the other.
2. For the hoisin, sesame and teriyaki sauces, I add just enough to provide a light coating on all ingredients. Note: Sesame oil is very strong, so a little goes a long way. (I lean toward adding a little more teriyaki sauce than hoisin, since hoisin can be a stronger flavor) Add the sauces to the same bowl, and then stir well.
3. Lightly sprinkle the garlic, onion and ginger powders on top of the mixture, and then stir well. If you'd like, add ground pepper
4. In a large, deep skillet pan, add the canola oil. The oil should cover half of the egg roll, so that's about ½" to ¾" of oil in the skillet. Set to medium heat or slightly higher.
5. Once the oil heats up, make the egg rolls. (Don't let them sit long before frying, as the wraps may. Get soggy.) Fill a small glass with water. It will be used to wet your finger when "glueing" each wrap closed. Lay out an egg roll wrap and put a couple of spoonfuls of ingredients onto it. Don't overload it or the wrap will be difficult to close. Fold the wrap like a burrito and use a wet finger to seal the edge.
6. Once you've filled a few egg roll wraps, place them in the hot oil with the glued seam facing down. Use tongs to check on the frying process. Look for a golden-brown color before flipping the roll and frying it on the other side. Depending on how hot the oil is, frying could 3 to 5 minutes preside, per roll.
7. Once both sides are cooked, place them on a plate lined with paper towels to soak up the remaining oil.
8. Serve the egg rolls with a side of duck sauce for dipping. The inside of the egg roll may be very hot after frying, so be careful when you take your first bite!



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.



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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**

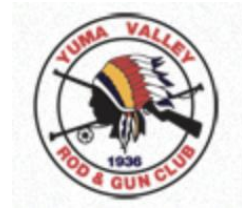
Reminder: Alcohol is NOT permitted on the range at any time. Your safety is paramount. Thank you for your cooperation!

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