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Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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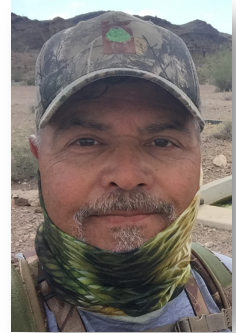
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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings club members,

As Debbie prepares the first newsletter in 2020, my wishes as your President are to make our club stronger in bringing in more members and making archery fun. Whether you're a target shooter a hunter or anything in between let's help each other enjoy our passion.



I encourage you to be active in adding your stories to our newsletter. Debbie Elliot, our Secretary will post it for you. Please also volunteer when you can. Our range always needs some kind of work and it's all for your benefit.

In closing, I pledge to be respectful of our by-laws and honor those who have kept the SWBH club a Yuma tradition as we bring in a new year.

Sincerely,

Rick Bielke
Southwest Bowhunters, President

January Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Monthly, General

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Bielke

Attendees: Keith Parsels, Butch Lacey, Zach Slette, Dustin Covey, Scott Covey, Kelvin Drapeau, Bob Kelley, Ed Bernard, Bryan Herdon, Adam Foreman, Aileen Toler, Rae Erickson, Rick Gaudet, Tom Davis

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by president Rick Bielke.
- II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes were reviewed. Motion by Rick Bielke to approve the minutes; seconded by Zach Slette. Motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** There is \$3,862.12 in the Club Account.
- IV. **Open issues/Old Business:** Work party is scheduled for Sunday, January 12. There are 11 people signed up to help. Debbie is cooking chili and cornbread muffins for all those who participate for the entire four hours

Officers

President:

Rick Bielke

Vice President:

Butch Lacey

Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

Treasurer:

Keith Parsels

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(8:00 - 12 noon). Rick reminded the club that we could use more volunteers.

V. New business:

The following items were discussed and approved:

- a. A rental/purchase of a hedge trimmer for the range.
- b. A quote of approx. \$300.00 for outdoor lighting repair/replacement.
- c. The club bank account will have three officers' signing a new bank signature card. Those officers are Rick Bielke, Butch Lacey and Keith Parsels.
- d. The club voted Garth Holman, Zach Slette, Kelvin Drapeau and Bryan Herdon to the positions of Members at Large on the SWBH Board of Directors.

VI. Adjournment:

Rick B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Zach Slette. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary

Heavy Rains Take a Toll on Adair Archery Range

Heavy run-off from December rains caused a lot serious damage to our range. Keith Parsels arrived one morning to find a small canyon had formed behind the bales on the range that were in some places were as much as three feet deep! All the water from the surrounding hills eventually found its way down to the catch basin on the southwest corner of the range, taking yards of dirt with it.



However, Yuma County came to the rescue and sent a front-loader tractor to fill the holes and smooth out the back portion of the range. It only took a few hours of scraping, and the range was as good as new.

Thank you to all Yuma County workers and supervisors who were involved in repairing the damage caused by last year's rain!



SWBH Holds Work Party



Twenty members of SWBH met early on a cold January 12th morning with one goal in mind: spiff up the range in preparation for the February 15-16 annual Walk The Trails Archery Tournament. This was the first organized work party of the year, and club members were able to accomplish many much-

needed tasks such as repairing the bales on the field archery range, putting covers on the bag targets, clearing brush on the river trails, installing and repairing the range lights, even cleaning and repainting the bathrooms!



As an added bonus, Debbie Elliott cooked up 2 ½ gallons of chili with all the trimmings. Aileen Toler brought delicious blue cornbread, and Rae Ericksen supplied the cookies for dessert. Nobody left hungry, and the range really looks sharp!



Members who participated in the clean-up were Rick Bielke, Butch Lacey, Keith Parsels, Debbie Elliott, Adam (Kahn) Foreman, Kelvin Drepeau, Ken Conway, Bob Kelley Zach Slette, Mike Rust, Ed Bernard, Mike Bernard,

Louie Tevis, Robert Baker, Dustin Covey, Rick Gaudet, Tom Davis, Rae Erickson, Aileen Toler and Michelle Garcia. Thanks to everybody who helped to keep our archery range one of the finest in the southwest!



Note: More photos available at <http://southwestbowhunters.net>

Upcoming Events:

• Walk The Trails

Our biggest event every year is held at Adair Park Archery Range in February: Walk The Trails. This year, the event will be held on February 15th & 16th, 2020. Shooting begins at daybreak Saturday until dusk and Sunday starting at daybreak and ending at 12 noon. This is a 60 3D target, three trail event with a couple of novelty targets and a smoker round thrown in for good measure. Saturday night dinner features a fantastic tri-tip dinner (for a nominal fee), with side dishes and desserts supplied by our club members. The concession stand will be open for lunch both Saturday and Sunday, serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and other snacks. There is dry camping on-site or lodging in Yuma, about 15 miles away. On Sunday, before awards are announced, we will have a huge raffle!

Become a part of the tradition and join us at Adair Park February 15th & 16th!

Volunteers Always Needed

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 tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Rick at (928) 750-6279.

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



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