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Southwest Bowhunters

Renew Your Membership Today!

Each January, SWBH members need to renew their membership dues, both individual and family. While that date has come and gone, it's still not too late to renew.

Club membership dues allow the SWBH club to make improvements to our archery range at Adair Park. Our latest project is a remodel of the concession stand, replacing, repairing and painting drywall, updating lighting fixtures and electrical panels, repairing and replacing cupboards, and even updating the refrigeration system. This is in addition to the day-to-day upkeep of the bales and targets, both paper and 3D.



JOAD participants at the range.

Furthermore, your dues help support our youth JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) program by making it possible to purchase bows, quivers, arrows and targets for the student participants to use during training sessions.

So, even though our 'official' renewal date is January of each year, it's *never* too late to renew.

Weather Doesn't Dampen Walk The Trails 2019 Shoot

The 2019 Walk The Trails 3D Shoot is in the books, and even though the weather was threatening to the west of the mountains, we once again had great event. Seventy-seven registered shooters partook of our three fun, yet challenging, courses; the Canyon Course, East River Course and West River Course.

The object of the event is to find all of the targets, shoot from where you first see them, and score as best as you can. However, if you should miss

finding a target, you cannot backtrack to take a shot. Should this happen, the shooter must take a zero for that target. In addition, rangefinders are not allowed.

The Canyon Course with 30 targets, at first glance, seems to be pretty easy. Targets are usually easy to spot, however, upon closer inspection, there are some very technical shots. Should a shooter miss a target and hit a branch or rock, that arrow is usually destroyed. There were several casualties this year!



Some of the many arrows found after the event. Are any of them yours?

The two River Courses with 15 targets each, more closely simulates real hunting scenarios. Participants must walk slowly down the trail while looking left and right at every opening in the brush, as there may be a target lurking deep in the brush. Many targets are very well hidden, and again, there are some very technical shots that many times result in lost or broken arrows. As mentioned earlier, should you miss seeing a target and walk past it, you cannot backtrack to take the shot.

This year, we added several new targets including a hanging bat, a couple of pheasants, and several smaller 3D animals. You just never know what might be found as you Walk The Trails!

To view the results of this year's Walk The Trails event, go to our Website, <http://southwestbowhunters.net>, and from the drop-down menu, click on the "Our Shoots" tab, then WTT 2019 Scores.

Sunday Shoots

Every Sunday, SWBH hosts fun shoots. 3D targets are set up every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month, when there is a Field Archery shoot.



Kickin' back with friends after a Sunday Fun Shoot

All Sunday shoots are open to the public. The 3D shoots cost \$5.00/person, Field Archery shoot (every 3rd Sunday) is \$10.00. Come out and bring your friends and family members.

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Volunteers Needed

We REALLY need help setting up the Field Archery range on Saturday, March 16th, for the upcoming Sunday shoot. PLEASE come out to the range on Saturday to lend a hand!

SWBH will be presenting a demonstration shoot for the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club the second weekend in April. This event will be open to the public and is free of charge. If you are interested in promoting archery and helping with this event, call Keith Parsels at (928) 750-7620.

*Remember: No alcoholic beverages allowed on the range at any time. Safety is paramount.
Thank you for your cooperation!*