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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

As you probably know, at the end of this year my term as President will be ending. Our Bylaws require that the president can only serve two consecutive terms. Leaving my position as President will leave a lot of projects that I had hoped to accomplish unfulfilled.

I have enjoyed my tenure as your president, and I appreciate having had the opportunity to work with you. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have provided me during my term in office.

I will miss working with the membership in building a stronger business; most people forget we are a corporation. I am looking forward to starting a new phase of my assistance to the Southwest Bowhunters. I am hoping to serve the organization in a lesser position. I was tasked not too long ago by the club after being asked by Adair Inc. to get our youth group incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. which will take a lot of effort.

There are so many people I would like to thank; I can't mention them all here. Special thanks to Butch and Ebb for the Kitchen remodel - that was a big one, and to Kelvin and United Rentals for the equipment to clean up the grounds. I've gotten to know many people that have donated time, effort and pitched in to help at a moment's notice. I would really like to thank the members of the SWBH Youth Group and other groups that have come out to our range for instruction. The one legacy of my tenure I hope will survive is the certification of our members with USA Archery as instructors, and our involvement of the Youth of Yuma.

Thanks again. It's been a pleasure working with you, I don't plan on going anywhere... just not directing traffic.

Best regards,

Keith C. Parsels
Southwest Bowhunters, President

PS. I'm still going to be the grounds keeper. :-)



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SWBH Introduce The Yuma Desert Doves to Sport of Archery



One of the main objectives of Southwest Bowhunters is to promote the sport of archery. On the evening of November 8th, in conjunction with AZGFD, SWBH hosted the Yuma Desert Doves and allowed them to experience what archery is all about. The Yuma Desert Doves are a group of ladies who love the outdoors and have an interest in all shooting sports. Many of the ladies have already participated in

their first-ever dove hunt, and many of them are signed up for a HAM (handgun, archery, muzzle loader) Javelina hunt in February!

Keith Parsels, Debbie Elliott, Pheobe Desposito, and Josh Arnold served as mentors explaining the different bow styles and



how to safely

shoot a bow. After a great dinner of deli sandwiches, chips, sodas and cookies for desert (thank you Catherine Thompson of AZGFD!!), the ladies were fitted with a bow, given instruction and allowed to hone their skills shooting at targets.



When everyone was feeling confident in their shooting skills, we

decided to have a little friendly competition in which the participants who scored closest to the "X" ring on the target would get to choose from one of the gift certificates that were generously donated by Sportsman's Warehouse and Weezy's Restaurant. By the end of the evening, everyone had made new friends, gained a new appreciation for the sport, and two ladies liked it so much that they purchased new bows the following week!



SWBH 1st Annual Turkey Shoot

With crisp fall mornings and the promise of the holidays just around the corner; can you think of a better time for an archery tournament?

On November 10th, 2019, SWBH held their first ever “Turkey Shoot”. The course consisted of 28 3D targets on the Canyon Course and one novelty target: The Gila River Swamp Gobbler!

Approximately 35 people participated in the shoot in which the winners of each division received a real, frozen, 15-16 lb turkey. This year’s winners of the turkeys were:

- Adult Male Compound
-Peter Lauvick - 254
- Senior Male Compound
-Kelvin Draqueau - 130
- Adult Female Compound
Charlene Sharrar - 224
- Youth Male Compound
Keith Lanahan - 173
- Adult Male Traditional
-Nathanael Mendoza - 93
- Adult Female Traditional
-Pheobe Desposito - 123
- Female Youth Traditional
-Molly Sims - 122

(For a complete listing of all scores, go to <southwestbowhunters.net>)

Molly was also one of several people who successfully tackled the “Gila River Swamp Gobbler”, a 1/8” thick sheet metal target painted like a turkey, with a heart-shaped hole into which brave archers tried to sink their arrows. Those whose arrows survived the shot had their names placed in a bucket for a drawing to win half the monies collected for that novelty shoot. Molly’s name was drawn, and she received \$15.00 in addition to the frozen turkey she won in her division. Congratulations to and we hope to see you again next year!



Molly Sims’ winning shot on the Gila River Swamp Gobbler.

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SWBH Archery Students Compete the “Lord of the Bales” Indoor Combined Recurve/Compound Event

On November 23rd - 24th, two archery students from SWBH competed at the Ben Avery Shooting Park Archery Indoor Range in Phoenix in an ‘unconventional’ competition call the Lord of the Bales Combined Recurve/Compound Shoot. The shoot is unconventional in that everyone is lumped into one category no matter what gender, age or shooting style. Liz Goff and Pheobe Desposito competed by shooting recurve bows. Many of the competitors have been shooting for many years. While neither Liz or Pheobe made it to the finals, they both placed in the top 15: Liz Goff placed 9th, and Pheobe Desposito placed 11th overall. Pheobe has only been shooting for about two years, while Liz has only been shooting for six months - and this was Liz’s first ever tournament!

Congratulations to both Liz, Pheobe, and their coach, Keith Parsels for a very respectable finish!

SAVE THE DATE -

Upcoming Events:

- **A Hunt for Charity**

With the holidays just around the corner, this is the perfect time to remember those who are less fortunate. Every year, the SWBH sponsor “A Hunt for Charity”- a 60 target, three course archery tournament - in order to raise money to help local charities. The shoot is scheduled for December 7 - 8 this year, starting at daybreak Saturday until dusk, and ending at 12 noon on Sunday. There is a fantastic tri-tip dinner (for a nominal fee), with side dishes and desserts supplied by the 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 also dry camping on-site, or lodging in Yuma, about 15 miles away.

Come on out to Adair Park Archery Range to have a great weekend, and to help those who could use a helping hand.

- **Walk The Trails**

Our biggest event every year is held at Adair Park Archery Range in February: Walk The Trails. 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 also a 60 3D target, three trail event with a couple of novelty targets for 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 also 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 Keith at (928) 750-7620.

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



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