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# The Broken Arrow

## Y.V.R.& G.C. Youth Day Camp a Huge Success

The Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club held a Youth Fishing and Outdoor Sporting Clinic at Mitry Lake on March 23, 2019. The event hosted 864 registered kids and approximately 40 volunteers.

Southwest Bowhunters provided volunteers and equipment to allow approximately 350 youngsters to experience the exciting sport of Archery. Volunteers from SWBH included Rick Bielke, Heather Radden, Butch Lacey, Pheobe Desposito, Bryan Herndon and Keith Parsels.



A HUGE turnout!



Pheobe, Keith, Butch and others teaching the fine points of archery.

water troughs with channel cat catfish for the kids to catch.

SWBH is proud to be able to take any opportunity to introduce young people to the joys of the outdoors and outdoor sports. This was an extremely popular and successful event that showed kids that there is more to life than TV and electronic games.



"I gotta bite!"

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## Member Highlight: Pheobe Gaia Desposito

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A young lady walked into an Archery class in 2015 offered by the City of Yuma and took a step that would change a few lives, the class was called, "Bulls Eye Bound". I was one of the instructors at the time. Pheobe didn't really impress me with her shooting at that time, but I found out later we had kindled a quiet fire in her. Later that year, she again signed up for a class at the convention center, which was a required class for the upcoming tournament in July. I was amazed at her questions and need to understand what the processes were. She understood the muscle groups that needed to be used and progressed very quickly. (I found out later that she was in training to be a ballerina from a very young age), On the day of the City Tournament that year, she seemed a bit nervous. At the command to shoot, she put the arrow dead center... and *continued* to place all the arrows within the yellow. The Southwest Bowhunters first place \$200.00 award went to her that evening.

The next year, Pheobe again came and took the classes, and again won 1<sup>st</sup> place. The third and last time I saw her she told me she couldn't afford to shoot in the City Tournament but asked if she could come to watch. I said yes. I decided to pay her entry fee. When she came to the shoot and was



Pheobe (right) wins \$200 prize in City Tournament.

sitting in the stands, I showed her the roster with her name on it and told her to get ready to shoot. I saw panic in her eyes, but I knew she would do well. A little apprehensive, she joined the other archers on the front row. The first two shots were in the red, but she rallied and at the end had won the grand prize again.

She came out to the Southwest Bowhunters archery range at Adair Shooting Park once or twice, then, we didn't see her again for a few years. Then - as some things sometimes happen - seven months ago, I went to vote. Pheobe was sitting at the table checking voter IDs. She remembered me and I told her, "It's about time you came out and shot with us again, and it's time to get active. You're a natural. The next weekend when I was in the canyon shooting the 3D targets, I got a text message from the vice president that only said, "Ballet". When I had finished shooting and had left the 3D range, he again said, "Ballet" and pointed. There was Pheobe! I went over and gave her an enthusiastic greeting. From then on, she has been at the range every weekend except when at a competitive shoot. Not only has she excelled in 3D archery, but she also joined USA Archery for Olympic Style, and NFAA for Field Archery. She is a member of both the local Yuma JOAD and the Southwest Bowhunters Youth Archers. As her coach now, I try to find her

as many venues for her to shoot all styles - 3D, Field and USA Archery competitions. Our goal is for her to go to the Nationals in Arizona next year.

All of this because a 16-year-old girl wanted to try an archery class! Now it's four years later and she's 20 years old. As we were driving back from a shoot in Tucson (she had just won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her division, and her sixth JOAD pin), I told her, "Nothing happens by accident. You were meant to do Archery. It's now become part of your life. Just make the commitment!" She assures me she has. She plans to practice more when we get back. At the next JOAD shoot in August at Ben Avery Shooting Park in Phoenix, **she's** going to win 1<sup>st</sup> place!



Excellent form.

## Range Snack Shack Gets a Major Overhaul

After years of neglect, the SWBH Snack Shack finally got a dose of much-needed TLC. Thanks to the efforts and donations of time and materials, club president, Keith Parsels, and members Butch Lacey, Kelvin Dupree, and Eb, transformed the snack shack from a dark, dingy old shack, to a bright and shiny kitchen. Work began in April by tearing out old cabinets,



Keith Parsels admiring the new walls and lighting Fixtures

shelves and refrigerators. First, after the demolition work was finished, Keith purchased materials (and donated them), and completely rewired the entire building, adding a new breaker panel, and breakers, wire, conduit, and light fixtures. Next, Butch donated and installed new drywall for the walls and ceiling. Eb donated and installed two huge pieces of stainless-steel sheet metal to act as a splash guard behind and beside the griddle. Finally, the new interior walls were painted by Kelvin.

There is still more work to do, such as adding new shelving, cupboards, and countertops for food prep areas, however, that will have to wait until the weather cools off later this year.

Anyone who wants to help by volunteering time or donating materials is urged to contact Keith Parsels for more information.

## 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. 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!*



