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# The Broken Arrow

## President's Message

Club members,

As I write this one thing comes to mind. We survived the last three months of closure due to that virus pan... whatever.

So, the month of May had a successful and challenging shoot held on Memorial weekend (1st ever). I wish I had taken some photos, but we had targets set up from the West cross (Kenny's) which started the trail. We will plan another Memorial shoot next year.



The club's Sunday trail shooting hours are 7:00-10:00 a.m. as summertime is here. 3D targets will be up, as well as the bag targets. All of you archery-tag folks need to start honing your aim and testing your equipment now; come August /September it's on.

We must mention one of our favorites has moved with her family to a new life. Michelle Garcia, we already miss your spunkiness and friendship. Maybe Richard will get orders back to Yuma one day!

Lastly, I am forever grateful to the men and women who volunteer their time and effort to keep our club thriving. If you truly like this club and what it stands for, you know who I'm talking about. If you don't, get back into coming out to the range. You will not be sorry!

Let's see what July brings us.

Stay healthy and safe.

Rick Bielke

## June Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 7, 2020

**Type of Meeting:** General

**Meeting Facilitator:** Rick Bielke

**Attendees:** Rick Bielke, Uschi House, Debbie Elliott, Kenny Manler, Adam Foreman, Scott Covey, Keith Parsels, Zach Slette, Brian Herndon, Butch Lacey, Bambi Lacey, Frank Bergwall.

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:56 am.

## Officers

### President:

Rick Bielke

### Vice President:

Butch Lacey

### Secretary/Webmaster:

Debbie Elliott

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II. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Since we haven't had a meeting since March, there were no new minutes.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Keith reported that we have \$5,829.88 in the checking account - \$820 was from the Memorial Day Shoot. We paid \$162.49 for utilities, and we will have insurance due in August in the amount of +/- \$800.

#### IV. **Open issues/Old Business:**

a) Memorial Day Shoot was a success. We had 27 paid participants and made approx. \$820.

#### V. **New business:**

a) **Memberships:** If you haven't paid your 2020 membership dues, please do so now. Club sustains itself with events, trail shoots, and dues. Also, remember to pay for Sunday 3D shoots!

b) **Target Inventory:** The last inventory was conducted in January. We need to assess which targets need replacement parts so we know what to buy. At last count, we had 78 targets; it was noted that the Baboon target and the Raven target may be damaged beyond repair.

#### c) **Saturday Target Setup:** Discussion -

1) Rick wants to determine when the targets for the Sunday shoots will be set up - Saturday night or Sunday morning - and how many targets are we going to set up for these shoots. Adam Foreman, our course co-manager, is willing to set up the course with 12 targets on Saturdays, late afternoon, with the help of volunteers. If volunteers cannot make it to help set up, they are to let Adam know a minimum of 24 hours in advance.

2) Since it gets so hot during summer/fall months, the club will invoke new "Summer Hours" to shoot 3D targets on Sundays: 7:00am - 10:00am. The gates to the Canyon Trail will be closed at 10:00am No one may begin shooting after that time so that the targets can be picked up and stowed.

d) **Dumpster:** Rick brought up the fact that the dumpster hasn't been emptied for months and is overflowing. Consequently, the trash barrels are getting full and there is nowhere to dump them. He has talked to Ronnie from the county about getting one that can be dumped along with the others on the other various ranges. This would cost approx. \$80.00 a month. Brian stated that the dumpster was 'donated' by his friend who has a disposal company, and that he would look into getting it dumped in a timelier fashion. Rick suggested that we pay to have him empty it. Brian will follow up.

#### VI. **Items from the floor:**

- a) It has been noted that the Traditional Shooters do not have a table at their end of the range. Keith says that a table might make them more comfortable and lead to more shooters coming out to the range. It was decided that we would have to chain and lock it to one of the shade supports so it wouldn't "disappear". Zach motioned that the club purchase a picnic table that can be used for that purpose. Butch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Keith will look into the cost of a picnic table before the next meeting.
- b) Keith discussed the need for the county to come and remove the tumble weeds that are growing in what was "The Swamp". Rick and Keith will contact Ronnie at the county to see when this can be done.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:51am .

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Elliott, Secretary

## Memorial Day 2-Day Fun Shoot a Great Success

The 2020 Memorial Day holiday weekend witnessed the debut of the SWBH 1<sup>st</sup> annual 2-Day Fun Shoot at Adair Range. This was a no-frills shoot - no scorecards, no concessions, no prizes, no shotgun start, no Mulligans or doe tags - just good ol'-fashioned arrow flinging.

Twenty-seven non-club members made the journey to the range; many of whom had driven from Covid-19 locked down CA, and the most common comment, "I'm SO glad you guys had this shoot... I really needed this!" Participants could shoot the course as many times as they wanted both days. Even the weather cooperated; it was under 100° both days!

There were 20 3D targets in the Canyon Course, some of which were quite challenging. My favorite was the first target, the bedded elk from "Kenny's Cross" at 50 yards.

The club grossed about \$820 for the two days, so when all was said and done, the Memorial Day 2-Day Fun Shoot was a resounding success, and the club is anticipating making this an annual event. >>>...DE...>

## SWBH Member Places in Arizona 3D Finals

On May 29 and 30, the Apache Bowhunters Archery Club hosted the third leg of the Arizona 3D Championship Series in Globe, Arizona. Southwest Bowhunters' secretary, Debbie Elliott (a last-minute entry), was able to pull out a third-place finish in the "Known Hunter Women" class. This class allows competitors to use rangefinders to determine the distance of the target.



Debbie Elliott (left) with her 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaque.

This class was quite competitive and the ladies in the class were quite interesting. The first thing that two of the competitors said during the

introductions was “We are nurses and we both work with Covid-19 patients, but we’ve been tested extensively, and we’re not sick!” Wow! What a way to break the ice!

The competitors’ meeting was to begin at 5:30 a.m., but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Native American reservation’s curfew didn’t end until 6:00 a.m. By the time the meeting ended, the competitors made their way to the course, and the horn sounded, the actual shoot didn’t start until 7:00. Luckily, the weather cooperated. There was a cloud cover most of both days, which kept the high temperatures in the mid-90s.

There was a great turn-out, and just the fact that the competitors could get out on a course and shoot at 3D targets after a long hiatus due to Covid-19, made everyone a winner!

## Goodbye, Michelle

We miss you already!!!

## Weather’s Getting Hot, But Sunday Shoots Continue

Every Sunday morning, SWBH target masters Khan and Ebb set up 14 3D-targets on the Canyon Range and hang the bag targets on the regular archery range for those brave-of-heart individuals who don’t mind the heat. A \$5.00 donation per person helps us cover the cost of repairing and replacing targets.

Also, for all you traditional shooters, there is a brand new picnic table under the shade on the trad range.

The ranges open at 7:00am and close at 10:00am. Hope to see you there!



## 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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