



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone,

2025 has come and gone and all in all it was a productive year for the club. We finished off the year with our Hunt for Charity shoot, and we had a good turnout. I hope everyone had a good time. I would like to thank all those involved in helping to set up and take down, and the ladies in the kitchen who kept us fed.



Fritz Hoff, President

2026 is going to be getting off to busy start with the first shoot of the year being High Noon on the Gila, the first leg of the Southwest 3D Championship. This two-day shoot is coming up January 31 - February 1. Registration is open online only and I hope everyone comes out to participate. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help out with this event, feel free to contact Debbie, Bryon, Butch, or myself.

Then, 2 weeks later, we will be back at it with the ever popular Walk the Trails shoot, a Southwest Bowhunters tradition. Mr. El Gumpo will once again be cooking us up one of his fantastic meals for Saturday night. This will be taking place on Presidents Day weekend Feb. 14 – 15.

We will be having another bow raffle this year. We will be raffling off a new Matthews Lift from Sprague's Sports. Tickets will be \$10 each, and only 250 tickets will be sold. Once all the tickets sold, we will draw a winner.

Elk and Antelope draw has officially opened, and I want to wish everyone the best of luck in the draw. Wishing everyone good luck to those out chasing deer and javelina this month and congrats to those of you who filled their tags.

Have a great and safe 2026!

See ya on the range,

Fritz Hoff



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Vice President's Message

Congrats to Nick Munoz and the other 11 people who harvested and reported in southwest AZ. According to AZGFD's harvest tracker, only 12 deer were reported across 41, 43a, 44b, 44a, 44b, 45a, 45b, & 45c. From my own hunt, I can only say that they weren't moving and were almighty difficult to find. On the bright side, we were blessed with a wet fall and winter that have the washes full of vegetation and the drinkers almost all full. Hopefully this bodes well for the '26 herd numbers.



Bryon Green, Vice-President

I'd like to give a shout out to Scott Covey for all the work he has put in to the club, most recently acquiring cabinets for the Hangry Archer and getting them painted. He also helped load all the trash from around the club, including the wood pile from the old tree stand, and took it to the dump for us. Thank you, Scotty.

I look forward to seeing you all at the High Noon on the Gila shoot. Any assistance we can get setting up on Jan 29th and 30th would be greatly appreciated. Two weeks after that we'll have the annual Walk the Trails shoot and all the fun that includes.

As always, if you have any concerns, question, or suggestions for the club feel free to reach out to any officer or board member.

I hope you all are having a great start to the new year and that it continues. Be well.

VPB



Southwest Bowhunters General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 4, 2026
Time: 9:00am

Type of Meeting: General

Meeting Facilitator: Fritz Hoff

Attendees: Robert Baker, Edward Bernard, Michael Bernard, James Billingsley, Walker Brown, Gene Cox, Vince DiCataldo, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Rhonda Greene, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff,

Lauren Hutchinson, Jesus Juarez, Austin Magdaleno, Schannon Mohamed, Tim O'Kelly, Zach Slette, Jeremy Turner, Adam Foreman, Ethan Sprankle, Kaleb Lukes

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Fritz moved that the minutes from the March meeting be approved; Austin seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Main account has \$4,229.76; Youth account has \$269.92.

Open issues/Old Business:

- a) **High Noon on the Gila** – Fritz reminded everyone that we need volunteers for this event. We also need sponsors to either donate product or money. Debbie mentioned that signups are lagging and encouraged members to sign up for our leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series as well as the other legs. We need to support our sister clubs!
- b) **Walk The Trail** – Sponsors / volunteers are needed for the shoot. Remember, this is our main fundraiser for the year! The club needs donations of product for the raffle; the club will again spend \$250 on prizes to supplement the donations.
- c) **Kitchen Cabinets** – Scotty reported that he was able to pick up new cabinets for the kitchen for \$150. They are delivered and will be permanently installed sometime after the High Noon on the Gila event.
- d) **Shirts/Sticker** – The club still has some SWBH window stickers, but needs to order some more shirts in XL, XXL, and 3XL. In addition, the online ordering site will be re-opened next week for a limited time for those who want to pre-order shirts and/or sweatshirts.
- e) **Bow Raffle** – Sprague's has agreed to selling us a Matthew's Lift for \$759, out the door (MSRP for that bow is \$1439). There will be only 250 tickets printed; the drawing will be held when all tickets are sold.
- f) **Hunt for Charity** – Kelvin reported that he delivered the \$250 donation to Amberly's House.
- g) **Membership Renewals** – Debbie reminded everyone that memberships from last year are expired and must be renewed. The gate combination has been changed; new combo will be on your 2026 membership card.

New Business:

- a) **40th Anniversary Shirts** – This is SWBH’s 40th anniversary. We are looking for appropriate artwork for commemorative shirts. If you have ideas for the design, please submit them to one of the board members before the February meeting.
- b) **Next Meeting Date Conflict** – Since the first Sunday in February is February 1st, and the High Noon on the Gila shoot is still going on, the Board has decided to reschedule the next meeting for the following Sunday, February 8th.

Items from the floor:

- a) **This Month’s Attendance Drawing:** The monthly attendance prize was \$30. Juana Urbina’s name was drawn; however, she was not in attendance. Therefore, the pot will roll over to next month and increase to \$35. Remember, you must be in attendance to win!

Adjournment: Fritz asked if there were any further items from the floor and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Austin; seconded by Gump. Motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

**** Next meeting will be FEEBRUARY 8TH ****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie’s Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers and Happy New Year!

I trust you all had a happy holiday season. I was fortunate enough to harvest a “TOAD” of a mule deer in December, so not only did I have a great Christmas, but my freezer is full of delicious meat!



Now that the holidays are over and all the decorations have been stored until next year, it’s time to get back to the business of Archery. On January 31st – Feb. 1st, we are hosting the 1st leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Buckle Series – *High Noon on the Gila*. We will need all hands on deck to make everything run smoothly. We will need sponsorships from local businesses to help fund this shoot, so if you know of anyone who will be willing and able to donate, have them contact me or any of the other officers. In return, their names and businesses will be announced throughout the event, and they can display their banners and/or show off their products all weekend.

The 2nd leg, *The Buck Lewis Shoot* is hosted by Huachuca Mtn. Archers & Bowhunter’s Club on Feb. 28th – March 1st. The 3rd leg, *Rumble in the*

Rocks, hosted by Desert Archers, on March 20th – 22nd and the 4th and final leg, will be the Bullseye Bonanza hosted by Blythe Bowmen, on April 11 – 12, at which time the winners of the Series will be announced. I highly urge you all to support these shoots in order to keep the Series running.

Our final BIG shoot is our annual club fundraiser, *Walk The Trail*, on Presidents' Weekend, February 14 – 15th, 2026. We will have 60 targets on three (3) trails, Saturday night Potluck dinner for \$10.00, and our huge raffle on Sunday before the awards presentations. In addition, there will be food available for breakfast and lunch from Desi's Hangry Archer (formerly known as the Snack Shack), as well as free, on-site dry camping.

Check out the calendar on our website for information on more shoots in southwest AZ and So. Cal. at <https://southwestbowhunters.net>.

Oh, and while I'm thinking about it, should any our readers compete in any local shoots or tournaments, or you should have an exceptional hunt, please considering taking a few pictures and writing a couple of paragraphs for The Broken Arrow. I am always looking for content, and who better to contribute to our newsletter than our members!

I wish you and yours a very happy, healthy New Year!!

As always, stay safe and shoot straight,

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



IN OTHER NEWS...

SWBH T-Shirts and Sweatshirts Pre-sale on Now!

Southwest Bowhunters' T-Shirts and Sweatshirts are available online for pre-order for a limited time only! We are offering two different logos again – the Ram's Head design and the Desert design are available on both the T-shirts and the sweatshirts. Check them out at <https://pci.jotform.com/form/220626695078060>

Registration Now Open for Walk The Trail

Southwest Bowhunters' Walk The Trail shoot is February 14 – 15, 2026. Registration is now open at

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/220626695078060>

Bow Raffle

SWBH is pleased to announce that we will be raffling off a Mathews Lift bow, valued at \$1,439. The raffle is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Sprague's Sports here in Yuma. Tickets are \$10.00 each. There will only be 250 tickets sold, and the drawing will take place as soon as all the tickets are sold. Tickets may be purchased from any of the club officers, or at Village Inn Pizza Parlor.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

High Noon on the Gila

January 31st – February 1st, 2026. The first leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series. Registration is **online only** until January 30th at <https://www.strideevents.com/events-series/southwestern-3d-championship-series/series>

Walk The Trail

February 14th – February 15th, 2026. The WALK THE TRAILS shoot is held on Presidents' Day weekend each year. This is a two-day event (Saturday and Sunday) that consists of three courses for a total of 60 3-D targets. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.

Dry camping is available onsite, and motels are just 20 minutes from the range. Saturday night is our BBQ and pot-luck dinner, and awards are presented on Sunday afternoon. GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, TOO! REGISTER ONLINE, by 'Snail-Mail' or in person on Saturday.

Buck Lewis Shoot

February 28 – March 1st, 2026. The second leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series hosted by the Huachuca Mountain Archers and Bowhunters Club, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Registration is **online only** at: <https://www.strideevents.com/events-series/southwestern-3d-championship-series/series>

Rumble in the Rocks

The 3rd leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series, hosted by Desert Archers, on March 20th – 22nd, 450 N Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745. Registration is **online only** at: <https://www.strideevents.com/events-series/southwestern-3d-championship-series/series>

Bear Ass Shoot

March 22, 2026. Bear State Bowhunters located at Lake Henshaw Resort, 26439 Highway 76 Santa Ysabel Ca. 92070.

Bullseye Bonanza

The 4th leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series, hosted by the Blythe Bowhunters, Blythe, CA. Registration is **online only** at: <https://www.strideevents.com/events-series/southwestern-3d-championship-series/series>

Hoot Shoot 3D Night Fun Shoot

April 25th, 2026. This is a 20 target, unmarked shoot. Bring your flashlights, floodlights, or whatever you have to light up the night. Remember to bring your binoculars and rangefinders. Shotgun start at 7:30pm. No awards, just good ol' fashioned, arrow-flinging FUN!! Onsite dry camping available or motels just 15 minutes from the range.

Bow Disciples Challenge

May 15 – 17th, hosted by Bear State Bowhunters at Lake Henshaw Resort 26439 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel CA 92070; sponsored by Bow Disciples. More details TBA.



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

VENISON PASTA FAGIOLI

Serves 6 to 8.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz ditalini pasta
- 1 to 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 cup diced carrot
- 1 cup diced celery
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. ground venison
- 1 tbsp Italian seasoning
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp crushed red pepper flakes, plus more for serving (optional)
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp black pepper



- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 15 oz can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15 oz can tomato sauce
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup reserved pasta water
- Grated Parmesan cheese, for serving (optional, omit for dairy free)

Instructions:

1. Cook the ditalini according to the package directions until al dente, about 10 minutes. Before you drain the pasta, reserve about 1 cup of the pasta water to add to the dish if needed
2. Meanwhile, warm the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook for 5 minutes longer. Add the garlic and venison and cook, stirring occasionally, until the venison is browned, about 8 minutes.
3. Add the Italian seasoning, red pepper flakes (if using, salt, pepper and the red wine vinegar and cook for 2 minutes longer. Add the beans, tomato sauce and chicken broth. Bring the mixture to a boil, lower the heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Add the cooked pasta and stir to incorporate. If the mixture is looking a little thick, add some of the reserved pasta water and let it simmer for about 5 minutes to incorporate.
5. Serve while hot in a big bowl with plenty of Parmesan cheese and red pepper flakes, if desired.

Notes:

- This dish pairs well with crusty bread or a side salad for a complete meal.
- Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days.



IT IS TO LAUGH...



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."



Volunteers Are Always Welcome

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 fun shoots and tournaments. For more information on how you can help, call Fritz at (928) 345-8042.



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- 3 Draw Hand Set**
- 4 Bow Hand Set**
- 5 Pre-Draw**
- 6 Draw**
- 7 Anchor**
- 8 Aim**
- 9 Shot Set-Up**
- 10 Release**
- 11 Follow Through & Reflect**

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

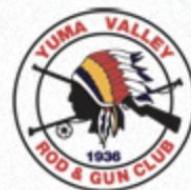
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