



The Official Newsletter for
Southwest Bowhunters, Inc.

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The Broken Arrow

President's Message

Greetings fellow archers,

March has come and is about over, as is winter. We have had an awesome beginning to the year and the club has had some amazing turnouts for our shoots this winter. I would like to thank all our members and all our visiting archers from all around who came out to support Southwest Bowhunters. You all are the reason we are able to continue to put on these events. We are looking forward to doing it all again next season.



Fritz Hoff, President

We have had a few changes in our leadership over the last month. Bryon Greene will now be the club's new Vice President, and Nick Munoz will be filling his vacated board position. I would like to thank David Wetherholt for all his time, dedication, effort, and commitment during his time as Vice President. Thank you Dave!

On some final notes I would like to remind everyone that we still have one more shoot on the schedule for this season, which is The Hoot Shoot coming up on April 26th. This is a night shoot so bring your flashlights and lighted nocks.

We will be working on some range improvements over the next few months, Kelvin will be working on building our new carpet target butts for the practice range, and volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. He has set the first work party day for March 29 at 8:00am.

Nick Munoz is going to begin working on a plan for cutting/clearing a new river trail for the club. Once a plan is set, the club will publish a work party date.

I hope everyone has a great spring and I wish our winter visitors safe travels home.

See you on the range, Fritz Hoff



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Vice President's Message

Greetings fellow arrow flingers,

To begin, thank you for having the confidence in me to make me your Vice President. I think we have a great group of officers and Board Members, and I look forward to working with them for the continued success and growth of the club.

I think everyone enjoyed the target set-up last Sunday; the added shots left from the youth event provided for some fun shots. Having said that, we are already making plans for next year's shoots, to include an expanded trail system. Stand by for more changes.



Bryon Green, V.P.

My thanks to everyone that assisted in any way, shape, form, or fashion with the Youth Archery and Outdoor Clinic. The kids had an absolute blast, and I heard nothing but praise from all the parents. We had 22 participants, and a total of 24 volunteers including Desert Doves and AZGFD. This type of event cannot be successful without the dedication of this awesome group of volunteers, and from the heart of my bottom, "Thank you very much."

See you on Sunday.

VPB

General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Type of Meeting: General Monthly Meeting

Call to order: Fritz Hoff called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Attendees: Edward Bernard, Rick Bielke, Gene Cox, Kelvin Drapeau, Debbie Elliott, Rick Gaudet, Bryon Green, Rhonda Green, Bryan Herndon, Fritz Hoff, Uschi House, Austin Magdaleno, Nick Muñoz, Syd Muzzy, Keith Parsels, Tim Perea, Brent Redger, Desiree Redger, Brennan Reese, Zach Slette, Kal Wilson.

- I. Treasurer's Report:** There is \$18,500.99 in the General Account; \$453.72 in the youth account. Total for both accounts: \$18,954.71. We owe \$529.13 for our ¼ share of the Southwest 3D Championship Series buckles. This will be paid on Monday.

II. Old Business:

A) Recap of recent shoots – Debbie

1) **High Noon on the Gila:** We made \$1,896.50 from online registrations (after Stride Events took their cut). We made another \$225 on walk up Registrations, and ~\$700 on food.

Total Registrations:	\$3,038.50
Food:	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
Total:	\$3,738.50

2) **Walk The Trail:** Online registrations: \$602 (registrations, mulligans, doe tags and dinners); Walk-up registrations: \$2,872.00 (registrations, mulligans, doe tags and dinners). Registrations total: \$3,474.00.

Expenses: \$3,576.47. Sales & Donations: \$6,805.00. Net: \$3,228.53

Registrations Total:	\$3,474.00
NET Sales Total:	<u>\$3,228.53</u>
WTT Net Profit:	\$6,702.53
High Noon Net Profit:	<u>\$3,738.50</u>

TOTAL FOR BOTH SHOOTS: \$10,441.03

B) **Thank You** – Fritz thanked everyone for the time and effort they all put in to make this season such a success. This was the most successful tournament season that SWBH club has ever had. He stressed how this wouldn't have been possible without our volunteers.

C) **Bathroom Update – Fritz:** The board has decided to pay someone to complete the plumbing and drywall in the restrooms. Gump is going to acquire a new urinal for the men's room.

D) **Carpet Butts – Kelvin / Fritz:** Kelvin is going to start making more target butts from carpet remnants. We have a source for the carpet but needs volunteers to help cut out the pieces and press them together. Fritz suggested that we pick a date to have a work party to build the butts, and March 29th was selected.

III. New business:

- A) *Hoot Shoot*** – Debbie reminded everyone that the Hoot Shoot 3D Night Fun Shoot is coming up on April 26th. Registration is available online or in person starting at 4:30pm. Shoot begins at 7:30pm. Flyers are available online with more information.
- B) *New River Trail*** - Nicholas Muñoz asked the club if they would be interested in developing a new trail in the river bottom. It would take a work party and some loaned equipment to accomplish this. Discussion followed. Bryon moved that we develop another river trail; Seconded by Fritz. Motion passed.
- C) *Sunday Funday Shoots*** – It seems that the once-a-month field archery shoots aren't quite as popular as expected, but we don't want to discontinue them completely. Kelvin proposed that we have a field archery shoot once every two months. If enough members want to continue the field archery shoots, they will be given access to the targets and can set them up on the course. It was also suggested that we use the River Trail(s) for one Sunday shoot per month instead of always using the Canyon Course. Bryon moved that we use the River Trail once a month for our Sunday shoots; Zach seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- D) *Broadhead Targets*** – Fritz informed the club the Rinehart has several blemished broadhead-rated buck targets available for sale at a discounted price. He pointed out that these targets could be used to tune broadhead arrows, would only be available to club members and only in the weeks before deer hunting season starts. He also stated that there are a few more inserts needed for the targets for next year. Bryon moved that the club authorize up to \$2,500 to purchase the broadhead targets and new inserts for existing targets; Austin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- E) *Board vacancy*** – Fritz reported that David Wetherholt has resigned as Vice President due to personal reasons. We need to fill that position ASAP. Fritz nominated Bryon Green for Vice President. No other nominations were put forth. A voice vote was called for; the vote was unanimous. Bryon Green is now the Vice President. With Bryon becoming VP, that leaves a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Fritz

nominated Nicholas Muñoz to fill the Board vacancy. No other nominations were put forth. A voice vote was called for; the vote was unanimous. Nicholas Muñoz is now on the Board of Directors.

IV. Items from the floor:

A) Bryon asked if the club has a heavy drag that can be used to smooth out the River Trail pathways. Kelvin acknowledged that we do, but that it is so heavy that he doubts that the ATV will be able to drag it. The club will explore possible alternatives to using the ATV as a tow vehicle for the drag.

V. ***Adjournment:*** Fritz asked if there were any other items from the floor. There were none. Bryon moved that the meeting be adjourned; Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26am.

****Next scheduled meeting will be APRIL 6th, 2025****

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Elliott, Secretary



Debbie's Dissertation

Random thoughts and happenings

Greetings fellow archers!

Welcome to the 50th edition of The Broken Arrow! I have to admit, I never thought I'd get to say that. This newsletter has been a labor of love for me, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy putting it together.

This has been a very successful year for the club as a whole and for many of our competitive members. Now that our 'big shoots' are behind us, many are going to competitions around Arizona and even several other states. More on that later in the newsletter.

Earlier this month, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club held its 3rd Annual Kids' Outdoor Experience at our range, and coming up on April 26th is our annual Hoot Shoot 3D Night Fun Shoot. The shoot will feature 20 3D targets on the Canyon Course and start at 7:30pm, so bring your lighted nocks and flashlights, and join us for an evening of fun! There

will also be a long-distance challenge with a 50/50 pot for those who feel brave. Hope to see you there!

Until next month, stay safe and shoot straight.

Debbie Elliott, Secretary



YVRGC Hosts Youth Archery and Outdoor Event at SWBH Range



Range is ready for the kids.

On March 15th, the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club hosted the 3rd annual Youth Archery and Outdoor Event at the Southwest Bowhunters' Archery Range at Adair Park. Over 30 kids participated in the event.

Many local groups and organizations were on hand to make this

event

possible. Yuma Desert Doves Women on the Wing showed the kids how to make quail calls and volunteers from the Gun Club and Southwest Bowhunters taught the kids range safety and archery. There was a glassing station to teach kids how to spot game using binoculars, and there



Learning to make quail calls.

was a BB Gun Alley for kids to

try their hand at target shooting. As an added bonus, Arizona Game and Fish had a booth with several different examples of animal skulls, pelts and several outdoor I.D. handouts.



AZGFD brought pelts and skulls.

Each participant got a free lunch, courtesy of Village Inn Pizza Parlor, all the kids got to go home with a raffle prize and



"Glassing" station.

there was one winner each from an Archery shoot-off and a BB gun shoot-off.

A huge thank you to Sprague's Sports, CAL Ranch Stores, Village Inn Pizza Parlor, Arizona Game & Fish Department, and all the volunteers for getting these kids outdoors and learning new skills and hobbies!



Lunch line and raffle prizes for the kids.



Mike Rust Schools the 'Kids'

On Saturday March 15th, Papago Archery hosted a Metric 900 Round in Tempe, Arizona.

For those of you unfamiliar with the metric 900, all distances are metric, not yardages. Therefore, archers shoot 30 arrows from distances of 60, 50 and 40 meters. A perfect score would be 300 points from the (3) respective distances totaling 900 points.



Welcome to Papago Sports Complex!

The 2025 tournament saw extreme shortages of competitors due in part to numerous 3-D tournaments going on throughout the Phoenix area, as well, Ben Avery is hosting a Western Shootout Warm-up to be held late May in Redding, California and lastly, many people were returning from a week at the Las Vegas Invitational.



L to R: Brian Cronin, Mike Rust, George Hamrock

Total participation this year was down to just over 40 shooters compared to

over a hundred participants in years past!

Southwest Bowhunters' only representative, Mike Rust, won Gold in the Men's Compound 50+ division, Brian Cronin won Silver, and George Hamrock won the Bronze. Mike normally shoots in the 60+ division but was the only one registered for that division this year. Therefore, the directors of the shoot moved him to the 50+ division, where he dominated.



Congratulations, Mike!!

Several others from SWBH were expected to attend, but had to decline go to other obligations.

Congratulations Mike on a great shoot!



Upcoming Events –

Bear Ass Shoot

March 23rd, hosted by the Bear State Bowhunters at the beautiful and cool Lake Henshaw Resort in Santa Ysabella, CA. Venue camping or cabins. For reservations: Lake Henshaw Resort (760) 782-3501 or <https://www.lakehenshawresort.com/>

Ramona Valley Inn Hotel: (760) 789-6433 or reservations@ramonavalleyinn.com

3rd Leg - SW 3D Championship Series:

Rumble in the Rocks

March 29th & 30th. The Desert Archers will be hosting the 3rd leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series at Triangle-T Guest Ranch (Texas Canyon) in Dragoon, AZ. For more information, contact

https://desertarchers.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Championship-Series-Rules_2025-1.pdf

Hoot Shoot 3D Night Fun Shoot

April 26th. 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 rangefinder. Shotgun start at dusk. No awards, just good ol' fashioned, arrow-throwing FUN!! Onsite dry camping available or motels just 20 minutes from the range.

4th Leg - SW 3D Championship Series:

Old Pueblo Shootout

May 3rd & 4th. Stick Snipers will be hosting the 4th leg of the Southwest 3D Championship Series at Tucson Mountain Park Archery Range, Tucson, AZ. For more information, contact

https://desertarchers.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Championship-Series-Rules_2025-1.pdf

Bow Disciples Challenge III

May 17th – 18th Sponsored by Bow Disciples, hosted by the Bear State Bowhunters at the beautiful and cool Lake Henshaw Resort in Santa Ysabella, CA. Venue camping or cabins. For reservations: Lake Henshaw Resort (760) 782-3501 or

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Archery Lessons

Ten-week class \$90.00. Classes are held on Saturday mornings. Price includes the Explore Archery medals. Join USA Archery and JOAD and receive the JOAD awards pins for qualifying scores. Open to all beginning archers ages 7 and up! We also offer lessons by the hour on Saturdays for \$10.00 per hour. Call Keith at (928) 750-7620 for more information or to set up an appointment.



From the Hunter's Kitchen:

WILD BOAR LOIN WITH ASPARAGUS

★★★★★ 5 from 2 votes

This recipe combines springtime veggies and a perfect meat for spring — wild boar tenderloin. The only hard part is making the sauce, and that isn't so much difficult as it is time-consuming. And the sauce can be made up to a day ahead. After that, this dish comes together very quickly. This recipe would also be good with pheasant breast, lamb, venison, or even sturgeon. A word on the medium-cooked pork. This boar had been frozen for some time, which will kill any trichinae parasites should they be present (this is a remote possibility, but better safe than sorry). Should you have fresh pork, be sure to cook it to at least 140 degrees, which will kill the parasite; I cook mine to about 145-150 degrees, which is a blush of pink.



SERVINGS: 4 PEOPLE
AUTHOR: [HANK SHAW](#)
PREP TIME: 30 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- Kosher salt
- 1 pound asparagus

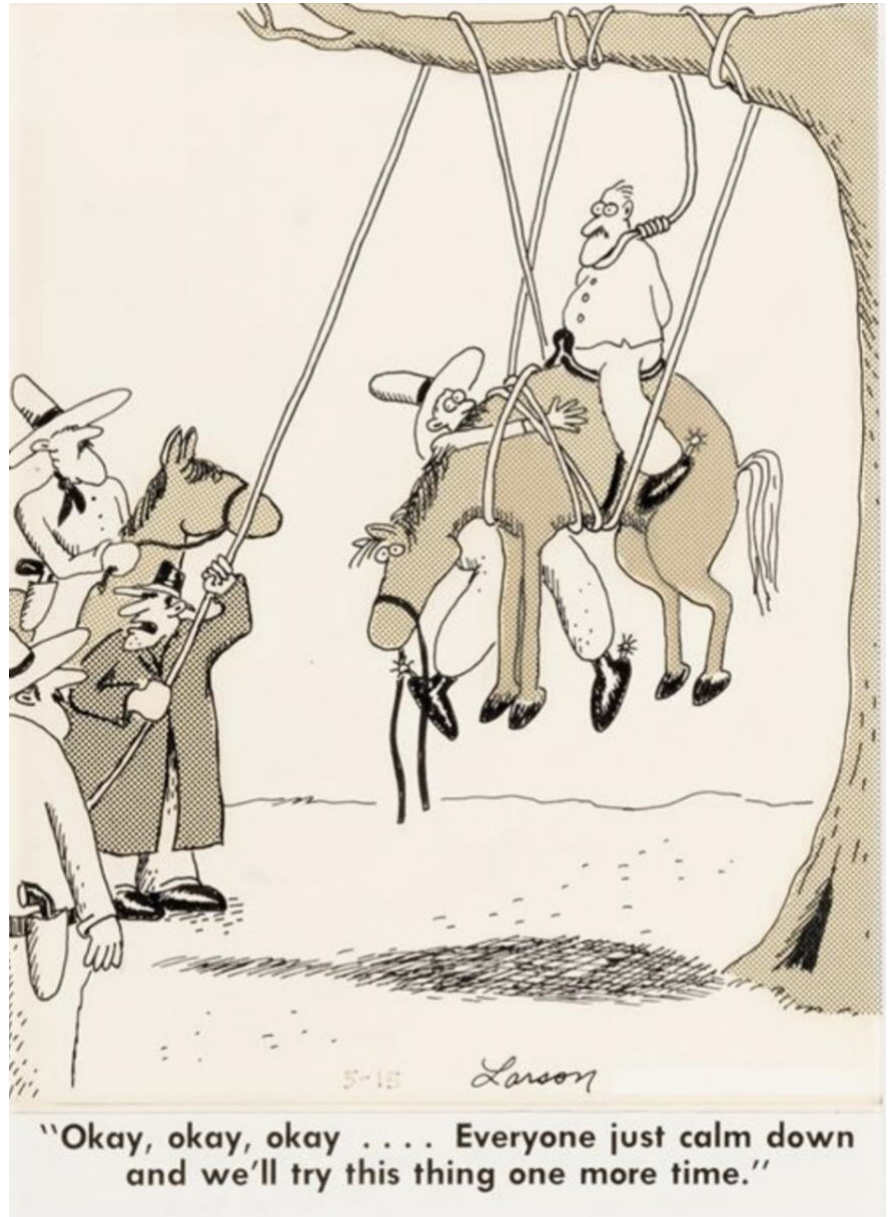
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 green garlic stalks
- 3 green onions

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make the sauce. Get a large pot of water to a boil, and salt it well. it should taste like the sea. Blanch the green garlicks and onions, white part down — hold them by the greens in the boiling water for 3-4 minutes. I suppose you could chop them in half and then blanch the two parts separately, but I have not tried this. After the white ends have been in for 3-4 minutes, toss the rest in and let it all boil for 2 minutes.
2. Remove and dump into a large bowl of ice water to cool. Take the veggies out and chop roughly. Put the green onions and green garlicks into a food processor and buss the hell out of them, scraping down the sides from time to time. It will take a bit of doing to incorporate, but you will eventually get a bright green puree.
3. Now the hard part. Push the puree through a tamis or fine-meshed sieve. This will take some effort. Take your time and keep at it for about 10 minutes or so, or until there are only fibers in the mesh. Save the strained puree for now.
4. Salt the pork pieces well and set aside. Turn on the broiler.
5. Using the tablespoon of olive oil, coat the asparagus well and then salt them. Put one tablespoon of butter in a saute pan set on high heat. When the butter melts, turn the heat down to medium-high.
6. Put the asparagus under the broiler. Saute the boar tenderloin over medium-high heat, turning to hit all sides. You are looking for medium here — just a blush of pink. When the tenderloins are about done, remove the asparagus (the timing should work out.)
7. Pour the green onion/garlic puree into a small pot and add the other tablespoon of butter, set of medium-low heat and swirl to combine. Do not let this boil. Add salt to taste.
8. Let the boar rest while the sauce heats up. The second the sauce begins to bubble, turn off the heat and lay down some sauce on the plate. Top with the asparagus, and then with the tenderloin cut thinly.



IT IS TO LAUGH...



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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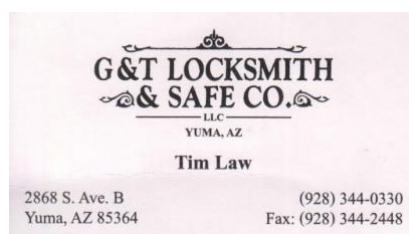
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- 10 Release**
- 11 Follow Through & Reflect**

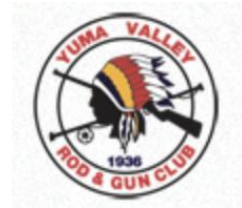
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