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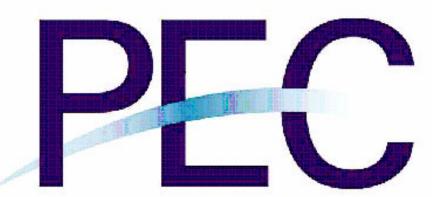
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2005 Club Officers:

Board Members:

President:	Cal Struchen	393-2448
Vice President:	Dave Mason	435-2612
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Treasurer:	Randy Beelner	395-7492

 Craig Waite
 363-6314

 Art Foster
 373-0609

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 448-4430

Meetings:

Club Meeting:

Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30 PM at G.O.T. in Cedar Rapids. (Great Outdoor Traditions)

Note from the President:

Let me start off by thanking everyone who helped make targets and move-in to the Riverside Round House for the Winter Archery League. I would like to extend special thanks to John Lampe and his neighbor Rod Haitht for the use of an enclosed Penske truck with rear lift. That vehicle definitely made the move much faster and easier.

There are still a couple openings on the Monday night bow hunter league, the Tuesday night bow hunter league is currently at capacity, and the Thursday night target league has quite a few openings. If you have not yet joined a league and are interested, be sure to contact me.

Please remember the upcoming club events:

January 28 – Foul Weather Shoot at the Riverside Round House February 5 – 300 Round Inv. at the Riverside Round House February 19 – Indoor 3-D at the Riverside Round House

Your participation in the leagues and scheduled shoots is vital to balancing our annual budget and completing our new indoor range.

There will be a work week day Saturday, February, 4 8:00 to whenever at the club. The focus of this work day will be the cutting of the small maple tress on the white range. Our forester has asked that in order to help promote growth of the hard woods that we remove many of the sapling maples in that area of the grounds. So bring your chainsaw or other cutting tools. If cutting is not your talent, you're help is still needed. We are trying to get a chipper so we can chip the trees as they are cut. We'll need plenty of people to help drag the trees to the chipper. Lunch will be provided so plan to come and spend a few hours furthering our conservation efforts.

There are also preparations being made to work on the inside of the new building some time this winter. Watch The Shavings and web site for more information.

Be safe, shoot straight,

Cal

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Club Dues:

It's that time of year again. Club dues of \$50.00 for the 2006 year need to be paid to Randy as soon as possible.

Club Key:

Locks on the club grounds will be changed February 1st. Randy will be able to give you a new key to the club grounds after this date once your dues are paid. Best time to get your new key will be before or after the next club meeting. Please be considerate to everyone at the meeting and talk with Randy before or after the meeting.

Membership Drive:

As an incentive to help increase membership in the club, the board has decided to have a membership drive. Any current club member that sponsors 5 people to join the club in 2006 will receive 50% off their club dues for 2007. Any current member that that sponsors 10 people to join the club in 2006 will receive a free membership for 2007. Be sure that when a new member joins that they put your name on the application as their sponsor.

Waltonian Archers Policies and Procedures:

Art Foster has completed the clubs Policies and Procedures document. This document is a list of items from the old by-laws that could not be brought forward into the new by-laws but still apply to the functioning of the club.

All members are encouraged to review this document. A copy of which will be posted on the club's web site.

Any questions or comments about this document should be referred directly to Art Foster.

Cedar Rapids Deer Hunt:

The Cedar Rapids Deer Hunt has been very successful. The number of deer harvested as of Friday, January 13 was reported at 289. Hopefully with the success of this years hunt we have proved that a bow hunt can be a safe and economical solution to reducing the deer herd in Cedar Rapids.

Work Day:

February, 4 will be a work day at the club. Focus of the work day will be the removal of small maples in the white range. This is being done at the request of our conservation officer. Removing the small maple trees will help promote future growth of the white oaks in that area of the grounds. We will start at 8 AM and work until whenever. Lunch will be provided. Watch the web site for cancellation information should the weather get too foul.

Firewood Sales:

The club is going to start advertising the sale of firewood.

The costs will be:

\$30.00 a truck load to come in and cut yourself.

\$50.00 a truck load to come in and pick up wood that is already cut.

Free to club members that come in and cut two loads, one for you and one for the club.

Jacket Order:

Lynn would like to be able to order club jackets but we must have a minimum number of members interested before an order can be placed. If you would like to order a club jacket, contact Lynn Carter 393-6478. Once we have reached the minimum number to order an order will be placed.

Bow building Class:

Dave Mason is still looking into the possibility of a bow making class. The class would be held in late spring early summer. If you would be interested in attending a class to make your own long bow, contact Dave Mason (319) 435-2612.

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Scouts and the Club Grounds:

At the November club meeting we got the paperwork rolling on the clubs Venture Crew charter. This venture crew will focus on archery and promote scouting values. The club grounds will be used as the group's main meeting area. The Venture Crew will be a Co-Ed Venture Crew for young people ages 14-20. 5 young people and 5 adults (one female) are needed to get this Venture Crew started. As part of the Boy Scouts of America the Venture Crew will be covered under the Boy Scouts insurance when participating in Scout sponsored events such as meetings, shoots or community service days out at the club. The cost to charter the crew is \$25.00 a year. Each member of the crew will pay a yearly registration fee of \$10.00 and about \$2.50 a year to be covered under the Scouting insurance policy. Although focused on archery, members of the Venture Crew are able to earn multiple awards for participation in activities other than archery. This gives members the opportunity to experience, learn and grow in other areas. The crew is organized by the members with adult guidance. This structure gives members a greater sense of ownership and helps to promote organizational values. So far Cal Struchen, Carl Mally and Diane Mally have stepped forward to get the crew started. We are still looking for 2 adults to help get things underway. If you know of someone between the ages of 14 and 20 or an adult that would be interested in joining the Venture Crew, contact Cal Struchen 393-2448.

Safety Notice:

The big tree stand at the top of the hill is still closed. We will try to get it repaired this spring.

Successful Hunts:

No successful hunts have been reported since the last issue of The Shavings.

If you have any successful hunts, be sure to provide information to the Vice President and Shavings editor. You may be eligible for a pin. Also, remember to send your hunting pictures to Lynn and he will get them posted on the web site.

Social:

At the November club meeting it was decided that we would be having an Awards Banquet on April 22nd. This will be a pot-luck event.

Ways and Means:

Waltonian Archer's apparel is available.

There are currently hats, T-shirts, sweat shirts, and patches in stock.

If you are interested in these or other items with the Waltonian Archers logo, contact Lynn Carter 393-6478.

Fund Raising Committee:

In an effort to help raise funds for the new building a Fund Raising Committee is being formed. Anyone interested in joining the fund raising committee should contact Cal Struchen. Your help and support in this fund raising venture is greatly needed. It is going to take the help of all club members to make the completion of the new building a reality.

New Members:

Please help us in welcoming the following new club members:

Roger & Sue Reid Brian & Karla Allen Shaene Duffy Dave & Chris Hagerman

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Waltonian Archers Online:

www.waltonianarchers.net

Have pictures of game taken with a bow or other club related pictures? Submit them to our web master Lynn@waltonianarchers.net for posting on our web site.

Shavings Editor:

To help reduce copying and mailing cost we would like to send The Shavings via email. If you would like to have your copy of The Shavings sent to you via email, send an email to the shavings editor b.struchen@mchsi.com.

If you have anything you think should be added to the Shavings, corrections that need to be addressed, information you would like to share, contact Brian Struchen at (319) 363-4398 or email b.struchen@mchsi.com.

2006 Shooting Fees:

The following are shooting fees that will be used during 2006. These fees were discussed and voted upon at the November club meeting.

Indoor Tournaments: \$8.00 Adults

\$4.00 Kids

Re-shoots half price

Outdoor 3-D Tournaments: \$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Kids

Re-shoots half price

Outdoor Tournaments: \$8.00 Adults

\$4.00 Kids

Re-shoots half price

Outdoor Leagues: \$4.00 Adults per week

\$2.00 Kids per week

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2006 Shoot/Work Day Schedule:

January		
22	12PM	Vegas 450 Round *
28	7AM - 1PM	Foul Weather 3-D

February		
4		Work Day
5	12PM	300 Round Inv. *
19	7AM - 2PM	Indoor 3-D *

March			
	5	12PM	Club Indoor 300 Round Inv. *

April	
8	Work Day
22	Work Day
22	Awards Banquet pot luck

May			
	6		Work Day
	7		Work Day
20	0	7AM - 3PM	Silver Broadhead
2	1	7AM - 1PM	Silver Broadhead
2	1	9AM	Silver Broadhead Field

June			
	11	9AM	Club Target 900 Round Invitational

July		
2	9AM	Club Field Inv.
8		Work Day
15		Work Day
22	7AM - 3PM	Rendezvous 3-D
23	7AM - 1PM	Rendezvous 3-D

August			
į	5	7AM - 3PM	Traditional
(6	7AM - 1PM	Traditional

September		
16	10AM	Clout
16	5PM	Old Timer's Night, Game Feed, Candle Light
17	7AM - 1PM	Deer Slayer Inv.

This schedule is subject to change if needed.