



President's Corner

June 13, 2016

The State Target was a big success with 85 shooters. Everyone was gotten through the line with plenty of time to eat and get back to the shooting line. We only come up short of brats and cooked about the right amount of every other menu choice. The weather cooperated and everyone was happy with the shoot. Thank you to the members who helped with setup and teardown as well as kitchen and registration.

Thank you to Marv Findley for his gift of a zero turn mower. Marv has made a number of major equipment donations to the club which has made it possible for us to keep grounds maintained and set up shoots.

We purchased a number of animals from the auction of targets at the Hitaga club which is now closed down. We had a limited amount of funds but ended up getting about 17 animals.

The Aiming for a Cure shoot is going on this weekend. Weather is not cooperating and turnout is light.

We will be running the Rendezvous in July. We need help setting up, tearing down and running the shoot. Unfortunately all of our 3D shoots this year have been setup and torn down by a tiny handful of members. Sometimes as few as two or three. This situation cannot continue and we cannot keep our club going without more help.

If anyone knows a source of free or cheap fill dirt please let me know. We will try to repair the road up the hill.

Several of the officers and board members are ready to step aside. It is important to have people in these positions to keep the club going. And it is necessary to get some new people involved. Please consider getting involved in the club. The club cannot continue with a tiny handful of members setting up shoots and doing maintenance. It takes everyone's help to be successful.

So anyway, good shooting and I hope to see you out there.

Carl Mally

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WORK BY MEMBERS AT THE WALTONIAN ARCHERS CLUB

When you joined the Waltonian Archers you agreed to accept the responsibility to help work and maintain our organization.

Our organization has many jobs including cleaning and mowing of our many ranges and targets. We have 70 plus targets, as well as the gate area and flats that require weekly mowing. The pavilion area also requires mowing, sweeping and pick up each week. Our ranges are the backbone of the club. Mowing and trimming of the grounds is essential. The WALC is a premium among the many clubs in the State of Iowa. Our ranges provide us with the opportunity to be self-sufficient. We do not get any funds from outside sources. We are able to maintain our grounds by the many events we sponsor, the dues we collect, and donations from club individuals.

The events we sponsor consist of archery shoots either indoor or outdoor. The events may be shooting with a bow and arrow, shooting 3D animals or shooting multiple target styles and every event requires a lot of preparation. We host local level, state level and at times district level events. As a member you are expected to assist in all levels of preparation.

As a club we have available many pieces of mechanical equipment such as hand tools, riding mowers for mowing larger pieces of the ground like the gate area, flats and pavilion, larger pieces are available to maintain the roads and other needed areas. Only thru participation of all individuals can we do the entire job. All working together makes a strong team... Remembering, there is no I in TEAM.

All of the events require many hours of preparation. Preparation means mowing, trimming, Placement of the targets and animals on the ranges as well as the planning and registration for the event. Events held indoors require repair of the backstops and bales and lighting and cleaning of the facility and floors.

The Waltonian Archers of Linn County have a reputation of being a QUALITY organization holding QUALITY events. We can only maintain our reputation by our members sharing in the labor to accomplish our goal.

The Waltonians have a beautiful indoor range with a large kitchen attached. The indoor facility is well lighted, heated, and has new indoor bathrooms. In the kitchen we serve both breakfast as well as dinner at our invitational events. Again a lot of time and planning goes in to preparation and planning of the food we serve. Our kitchen and food service is known state wide. When participants come to the Waltonians they can expect quality service.

Thru shooting fees and dues as well as money made in the kitchen we are able to pay our taxes, utilities and associated costs of all events. If we had to pay for the **labor**, utilities, maintenance and upkeep of the grounds the cost would range in the thousands. With 100 members, the current fee for dues would not begin to cover those costs.

Unfortunately in the past few years we have come to a point that only a handful of individuals are absorbing the duties of keeping up the club.

We are asking ALL members to accept an assigned work duty, not just a few. You as a member may be assigned a duty of possibly mowing, cleaning, planning or possibly running an event. This is a private organization and if you wish to be a member, you are expected to SHARE in the workload. As a member you have an equal share in the grounds and facilities. If we continue to have only a few sharing the load, we may be forced to change some of our policies.

We are a family organization and have a strong youth program. Again because of a small group of people who are dedicated to the teaching and sharing of their coaching skills, this program is very successful.

Our leadership has been at the helm for an extended period of time. Most have been there to help for many years. It is time that as a club member you consider sharing some of your skills in the form of leadership. We need individuals to step up and share in planning, preparing and share your knowledge with the club. Only with a team effort can we continue to be a leader in the field of archery. Please contact any member who is involved in the role of a planner, board member, officer, or someone who you see always helping if you believe you can assist. No special knowledge is needed, just someone with ideas to make a project work smoother or better.

Remember with the power of many workers the load is spread out. Consider what we have as a Waltonian and what it would cost if you were to join an organization where the help is not volunteer.

Submitted by *Marv Findley*

A proud club member of many years



Events Calendar

July 11, 9am start, Club Target Shoot
July 15, 7pm Club Membership Meeting
July 25,26, The Rendevous 3D Shoot
August 15,16 Foster Traditional 3D Shoot
August 19, 7pm Club Membership Meeting
Sept 16 7pm Club Membership Meeting
Sept 19,20 Deer Slayer 3D Shoot
Sept 19, 1pm Clout Shoot
Sept 19, 5:30pm, Game Feed
Sept 19 at dark: Candle Light shoot

Joke of the Month

The cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh Amarillo theatre. When the usher came by and noticed this he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The cowboy groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager. The cowboy just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle. In a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police. The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's you're name?" "Sam," the cowboy moaned. "Where ya from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice Sam replied.... "The balcony."

Submitted by *Carl Mally*

Ways and Means

Gayla Lewis, 1-563-212-3457, Silverbay13@gmail.com

Pre-order a beautiful embroidered WALC t-shirt or jacket and help us put together a minimum order.

New Item: Kitchen aprons \$12. Embroidered Arrow Head Apron \$15. Club gets 50% of price. Club kitchen workers will be wearing these during our shoots.

Contact Gayla for details.



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