



The Shavings



Waltonian Archers of Linn County Newsletter

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Presidents Note

Is everyone ready for spring! I personally can't wait to get outdoors without my coveralls, face mask, hat, long johns, wool socks, boots and mittens!

We have a lot of outdoor projects that we will be able to accomplish soon if we can get a bunch of folks to help out. Most of them aren't a lot of work if we all pitch in together. Heck, we usually have a lot of fun while we do them. We won't mention how funny it was when I got my shiny new truck stuck in the mud on the white range while trying to make setting up for the Cabin Fever 3-D easier. Yeah, Cory Townsends biceps with Cal Struchen's come-along and Al Fullers Chevy and a long cable and tow strap had to pull my Ford out. It didn't get things set up any faster or easier, but there was a whole lot of laughin' and ribbin' going on at my expense! I'm just glad Dave Hagerman wasn't there to see it after I got a picture of his Dodge Dually gettin' pulled out of a snow bank by a Dan Perra's Jeep at the Indoor 3-D shoot this year. So watch for e-mails, check out the website, come to a membership meeting, read the Shavings or you may get a phone call for upcoming projects. It sure feels good to stand back and look at how nice we've made our club when we're done!

Have Fun,

Al 

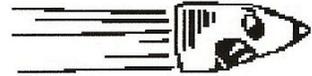
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Successful 2 Date

Our Indoor leagues have finished up for the winter and they have been a great success considering the challenges with the weather! The road and parking lot was a real challenge at times, but we have a plan in place to deal with the ice and snow next year! So bring it on weatherman! If anyone has any thoughts on how to improve the leagues or make them more fun, we're always looking to improve!

Our Indoor 3-D went very well. It looked pretty nice with the logs and the trees for looks. We have gotten a lot of requests to do more indoor 3-D shoots. So it is pretty popular.

The two indoor target shoots went pretty well but we could always use more shooters for these shoots. You don't have to be an expert. We have all the same classes as a 3-D shoot and you shoot from 20 yards at the round targets. It is fun. If you're not sure, stop out and watch sometime. It's a good way to improve your shooting.

The Iowa State Archery Association State Indoor went really well. There were about 135 shooters from all over the state of Iowa over 3 days and everyone really liked our indoor range! The only issue was the restroom situation. I don't understand that! Something about the cold. We're gonna try to remedy that one.

Finally, our 1st outdoor shoot of the year, the Cabin Fever 3-D went nicely! We put up 28 targets on 2 ranges and everyone that I talked to thought that the course was awesome! Thanks to Mitch Sherman, Cory Townsend, Al Fuller, Cal Struchen and Blake McDonell for setting up a nice course. Thanks to Al Fuller, Cal Struchen, Scott Mason and Randy Graham for taking them all back down. The 100 shooters that we had over the 2 days really appreciated it!

Our next shoot is the Spring Strut April 12th and 13th. We will start setting up Friday afternoon so come on out and help when you can. We will be setting up 28 targets again and need as much help as we can get.

Kids Corner

We starting to have some success getting more kids involved archery.

We held a NASP tournament in February for all the kids whose schools are in the NASP program. We had about 30 or so kids come to the club from Alburnett, Central City, Marion and Linn-Mar. The tournament structure was statewide and set up by the Iowa DNR in preparation for the State NASP tournament in Des Moines at the Iowa Deer Classic. We had some kids who are shooting our Indoor leagues do very well in the state tournament.

Here are the area kids who shot in the state NASP tournament in Des Moines.

Steff Bisinger – 272 pts. State Champion Girls
Alburnett High School

Tymbrie Snobl - 260 pts. 2nd Place Girls
Alburnett Elementary

Zach Bisinger - 251 pts. State Champion Boys
Alburnett Elementary

Sam MacDonald – 247 pts. 3rd Place Boys
Alburnett Elementary

Katelyn Yauslin – 242 pts. 2nd Place
Alburnett Middle School

Kyra Ellis – 233 pts. 3rd Place Girls
Central City Elementary School

Adam Berg – 258 pts. Alburnett High School
Dale Handley – 257 pts. Alburnett High School
Jordan Corrigan – 256 pts. Alburnett High School
Danielle Gibbs – 244 pts. Linn-Mar High School
Aaron Stolley - 229 pts. Alburnett High School
Cody Carter – 227 Alburnett Elementary School
Alex Anderson – 218 Alburnett High School
Dean Etzel- 213 Alburnett Elementary School
Colton Lawrence- 209 Alburnett High School
Kayla MacDonald – 189 Alburnett Elementary
Madison Givens – 182 Alburnett Elementary
Kelsey Yauslin- 179 Alburnett Elementary

Congratulations to everyone!

We also had about 30 scouts out to the club to learn archery a few Saturdays ago. It went great! If you know of any scout groups that are interested in shooting please contact a Waltonian Archers board member.

Spring Indoor Bowhunter League

We are going to start an Indoor Bowhunter League April 7th. The league will run for 8 weeks on Monday nights at 7 pm. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth. If you are interested, we have a sign-up sheet on the door to the indoor range or you can call Al Perkins at 393-7628 if you would like to sign up.

Iowa Sportsman Magazine

Recently at the Iowa Deer Classic I was standing in line to see Lee Lakosky (he has a bowhunting tv show) and my wife Terry was standing in line to see his wife Tiffany. Ok, maybe it was the other way around. Whatever! We were both wearing our Waltonian Archers gear. (sweatshirt and hat) I don't think I'm gonna get a Waltonian tattoo, but I've been considering the Waltonian briefs. Anyway, the guy in front of me noticed my sweatshirt and asked if I was with the Waltonian Archers and I said yeah and he said that he was with the Iowa Sportsman Magazine and that they were coming to one of our shoots and were going to do write up in the magazine about us. That's pretty cool. So, I went to their booth and got signed up for the magazine, got a cool t-shirt. It's only 10 bucks for the mag and it is a really nice read. So I open up the magazine and find out that they're going to be at our Silver Broadhead Shoot. So we got to get sprucin' up the place! Bring out the good china for these guys. Swab the decks. I suppose I should take a bath and all that! Put on a new camo shirt, no, wait, put on the shirt that I got for subscribing to their magazine. I'm starting to get the hang of this brown nosin' stuff I think.

If you're interested in checking out the magazine you can go on-line at iowasportsman.com.

It really is a nice magazine.

Now, Let's get our spring cleaning done!

Summer 3-D Bowhunter League

Our Summer 3-D Bowhunter League is just around the corner. It starts the week of June 1st and runs through September 15th. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for youth and will run for 12 weeks with 4 person teams. If you don't have a team, don't worry we'll put you on one.

How's this work?

You can come out and shoot any time from Sunday afternoon through Friday night. Just grab a scorecard from the box. Shoot. Drop your scorecard back into the box provided and you're on your way. We're going to try to set up 2 courses this year. Shoot 1 course one week then the other course the next week. If you're going on vacation the next week, just shoot both courses and get 2 weeks done at once.

This is awesome 3-D practice. If you want to improve your 3-D shooting for our weekend shoots, this is a must!

Plus, \$2 of your shoot fee goes into the new 3-D fund, ensuring that we can keep good 3-D targets for the club.

A lot of people make plans to shoot the same day and have a cook out after they're done. It's a nice way to get out of the house!

There is a signup sheet on the indoor range door or you can call Al Perkins at 393-7628 to sign up.

Shooting Tips

I read an article in a recent magazine that focused on the topic of hurrying your shot. Whether you're shooting 3-D or target competitions or you're out hunting, it was noted that the tendency a lot of times is to just get the shot over with. Thus you end up "punching" the release or "plucking" your bowstring, sending the arrow god knows where.

What you need to do, especially if your hunting, is to concentrate on your form. Do everything the same as you always do in your shot sequence. Even as your knees are knocking together, if you don't rush the shot and take the time to use good form, the arrow will magically find its mark.

It was said that 90% of the time, the animal your hunting is going to give you enough time to make a good shot without rushing.

So Remember, Don't rush your shot!

WALTONIAN ARCHERS

SPRING STRUT

3-D

28 Targets

April 12 & 13th

Registration

Saturday: 7 am – 3pm

Sunday: 7 am – 1 pm

Cost:

Adults: 6 Bucks

Youth: 3 Bucks

All Proceeds go to our 3-D Fund !

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Field points only

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