



The SHAVINGS

Waltonian Archers of Linn County Newsletter



2024 -2025 Club Officers

The Incoming Board and Officers of the Waltonian Archers.

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Note: By our By-Laws, the term for our elected positions is 12 months, beginning November 1st and running through October 31st of the following year.

Presidents Corner—October 2024

Greeting Archers,

Christopher Columbus reached the Americas on October 12th, 1492, after his journey across the Atlantic Ocean. His first contact with 'The New World' was an island in the Bahamas, which he named San Salvador that same day. In America, we celebrate this date with 'Columbus Day,' which always falls on the second Monday in October. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congress made Columbus Day a national holiday in 1937.

As of writing this we counted our ballots, and we have our new board. I'm excited to see what we can accomplish this year. Towards the end of September we had our final outdoor 3D shoot this last year. The shoot and weekend went well. There were about 50 shooters, and all had a good time. Joe was able to bring out a canoe and we had a shot out of the canoe which was a fun shot. We also had the tree stand on the blue course completed and had a number of shoots out of the tree stand as well. The clout also took place on Saturday and we had 7 shooters. Congratulations to Jen who won the clout this year. Our pot luck was pretty sparce but those that showed up had a good time.

The Field for Fork program just wrapped up a few weeks ago. Thank you to all that helped with that group. Between some members that sponsored some shooters to others that assisted training the new archers how to shoot, thank you. Also a big thank you to Joe for being the liaison between all the groups. This program was worthwhile and I believe will be beneficial to the club.

At the beginning of October we had an indoor Vegas 450 on Saturday evening. I was not able to make this shoot but it sounds like everyone had a good time. I heard there were a little over 20 shooters for this shoot. We will be having another Vegas 450 shoot the first weekend of November as well. I hope to be able to make that one and see some of you there.

The beginning of October is also the beginning of deer season. Please be safe out there and good luck to all the hunters. Take care.

Tom Mally

Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

October

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| Saturday 5th | 7 PM | Indoor Vegas 450 |
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November

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| Saturday 2nd | 7 PM | Indoor Vegas 450 |
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December

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| Saturday 7th | 7 AM - 1 PM | Indoor 2D/3D |
| Saturday 7th | 1 PM - 5 PM | Open House |
| Saturday 7th | 6 PM | Club Chili Cookoff |

January

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| Winter Leagues , Week of Jan 5th | | |
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For full schedule go to: <https://www.waltonianarchers.net/Shoots.htm>

Member meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month (no December meeting) at 7PM, Waltonian Archers Clubhouse

There is a \$5/member fee for Indoor Open Shooting. If you're shooting often, the club offers Unlimited Open Indoor Shooting for \$200/yr. Full list of prices and fees are posted at the club and on the webpage

Waltonian Archers Hunting

Club grounds are open this year to members **archery only** deer hunting. Use of firearms on club grounds is not permitted. Members who wish to hunt must read and sign a waiver and return the waiver to club officers. You can drop in the envelope slot in the indoor range (next to the desk). The waiver is available at the clubhouse and online <https://www.waltonianarchers.net/> Deer stands and blinds are allowed, but we ask that you have your name on them and all must be removed after the season. If you have any questions contact a club officer.

Area Shoots/Events

Iowa ProAm Archery Tournament, Dec 21-22, Iowa Events Center, Clive, Iowa <https://ISAAPROAM.COM/>

NFAA National Indoor Fall League - Info at <https://nfaausa.com/> Registration closes Oct 1

MIDWEST Indoor Archery Tournament, Jan 3-5, Springfield Ill, <https://midwestopenarchery.com>



Shavings Editor Bob Schell, rschell5gmail.com Please keep The Shavings in mind if you hear of area shoots, have a story, news or a good joke you'd like to share. Pictures are always welcome. Bob

Field to Fork

This summer the Waltonian Archery Club teamed together with the DNR for their first ever Field to Fork program. There were 10 participants comprised of both adult men and women. These participants had very little to no experience with archery and/or hunting. Each member was assigned an experienced volunteer mentor. Throughout the 16 week course the goals of the program were to successfully learn how to accurately shoot their bow, learn hunting fundamentals, set up a stand, track, field dress, and process a deer, and prepare the venison.

The members had many guest speakers to educate and demonstrate the course goals.

The success of these new archers was largely due to a handful of Waltonian members and mentors who stepped up to help, along with the great facility the Waltonian's club has readily available.



"For those interested in the challenge of bow hunting as a means of sourcing their own meat, this program provides the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to do it all yourself," said Jamie Cook, Hunter Education coordinator with the Iowa DNR. Iowa DNR News Release

Field to Fork



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