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# The Shavings

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## 2005 Club Officers:

President: Cal Struchen 393-2448  
Vice President: Dave Mason 435-2612  
Secretary: Kathy Waite 363-6314  
Treasurer: Randy Beelner 395-7492

## Board Members:

Craig Waite 363-6314  
Art Foster 373-0609  
Joe Sherbon 448-4430

## Meetings:

### Board Meetings:

August 3, 2005 Cal Struchen's  
September 7, 2005 Randy Beelner's  
October 5, 2005 Cal Struchen's

### Club Meeting:

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Enders Field. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

This meeting will be open to the public so if you know anyone interested in archery, encourage them to attend.

## Note from the President:

August 1<sup>st</sup> already!! My how the time flies when we're having fun. Its just 2 months until deer season and yet again another year that I'm not ready. But, it's August, and that are still a number of shoots to attend.

Aug.6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> is the Waltonian Archers Traditional shoot at Enders Field in Toddville.

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> is the Iowa Bow hunters Association Fall Festival at Pine Lake Archery and Wildlife Club in Eldora.

Aug.20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> is the Rinehart 100 at Camp Hitiga in Central city.

Check the Iowa Bow hunters shoot page at <http://www.iowabowhunters.org/Calendar/> for a comprehensive list of shoots across the state.

We still have a lot of work to do yet before fall. So, if you have a few hours you could spare, come out to the club and check the work board (pavilion) or ask a board member about the projects that need to be done.

We are still hoping to get the building done this fall. However, we need to replace some of the drain tile at the east end of the new building before anything else can be done. If you are interested in helping <HELP NEEDED> contact Cal Struchen (393-2448) <HELP NEEDED>.

We are still planning to have the game feed, awards ceremony for the Bow hunter league, and the Old Timers night Saturday, September 10. Cooking of the wild game will start in sometime in the morning. Any one interested in donating wild game for the Game Feed, contact Joe Sherbon (319-448-4430), Dave Mason (319-435-2612) or Cal Struchen (319-393-2448).

See you all out at the club.

Be safe, Shoot straight, Have fun.

Cal Struchen

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## Traditional Shoot

This weekend Aug 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> is the Waltonian Archers traditional shoot.

Animals will be set out this Thursday afternoon starting at 4 PM.

Anyone interested in helping set out animals or work the shoot, contact Rick Rogers (319-373-5867), Dave Mason (319-435-2612) or Cal Struchen (319-393-2448).

## Notes from our Conversation with Linn County Forester – Mark Vitosh:

- There has been a forester working with the club at one time or another since 1960.
- Mark has been reviewing the grounds from a conservation perspective not a monetary perspective.
- During the last cutting more than 50 trees that were not marked were taken out.
- Mark thinks the Oak Wilt has been taken care of in areas where it was seen.
- The new trees are coming along nicely.
- Mark has revised the stewardship he originally wrote (contact Cal Struchen if you are interested in reviewing this information)
- Over the next couple of years it will begin to be hard to move through those areas where the cuttings occurred.
- Mark has reviewed the wind damage site and marked 28 trees to be removed. (the logger had marked almost 60)
- Mark recommends cutting a minimum number of trees. He feels there are a good number that may survive.
- Garlic Mustard and Honey Suckle are on the grounds and should be pushed back. These are aggressive vegetation and if not controlled will take over the forest floor.
- For Honey Suckle it's best to pull it on a wet spring day and leave it where it lay.
- For Garlic Mustard there are a couple of things to do.
  - Pull it and burn the plant so the seeds do not spread.
  - In the fall hit it with round up, in the spring weed whack it to the ground and hit the remains with roundup.
- Round up helps to keep Poison Ivy back but it is very difficult to totally get rid of.
- Pines trees would be hard to salvage or get any benefit back to the existing trees and much work would be needed.
- Sugar Maple (smooth bark saplings) should be cut out of the white range or it will eventually degrade the white oaks. For these it is best to cut them at ground level and treat the stumps with a bit of round up applied with a paint brush.
- We may want to look at a burn in a few spots to keep some of the unwanted vegetation back. Linn County Conservation has a burn school that someone would need to attend before we could consider this option.
- Osage Orange is not a native tree to this area. It is native to south Texas and Mark suggests we not plant it. It is an aggressive tree and there is not much you can do to keep it from taking over.

## Special Thanks:

We would like to take an opportunity to Thank Diane Rogers for all of the hard work she has done as Ways and Means chairperson. Diane will soon be stepping down as the Ways and Means chairperson. Thank you again Diane.

## Conservation:

There are still a large number of sapling maple trees through out the club grounds that the forester would like to see us take down so that the hardwood saplings can get more sun. Anyone looking for something to do can walk the grounds and cut down any smooth bar saplings you find. The forester would like us to just leave the saplings where they are when cut.

## Archery in the Schools Program:

If you children or someone you know has children that go to a school that does not have an Archery in the Schools program, contact Cal Struchen (319) 393-2448 for information on how the program can get started.

## Building Update:

Anyone interested in joining the building committee or learning how things are progressing should contact Cal Struchen (319) 393-2448 or Art Foster (319) 373-0609.

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## **Firewood:**

There are still quit a few downed trees on the club grounds that need to be cleaned up. If you would like to take some time and cut firewood it would be greatly appreciated. Wood is being stacked at the bottom of the pines. As a fund raiser the club will be selling a truck load of fire wood for \$65.00. If you know of someone interested in purchasing firewood, contact a club officer. Phone numbers for all club officers are listed at the beginning of The Shavings.

## **Safety Note:**

Due to safety concerns the big tree stand at the top of the hill is closed until repairs are made.

## **To-Do List:**

The following is a list of a few of the items that need to be worked on out at the club:

- Cut down any small smooth barked saplings, 6 inches or less thick. These are the small maples that the conservation officer has told us should be cut down to prevent eventual shading out of the oaks and other hardwoods. The White and Orange ranges are the main areas to concentrate on for now.
- Course maintenance will need to be started. Walk the courses and see if there are any targets that need to be raked and mowed.
- Cleaning up wood piles. Any wood that can be used as fire wood should be stacked at the bottom of the pines. Wood piles to the right of the road are for trees that have been downed for a time. Wood piles to the left of the road are from trees recently cut.

Be sure to check the board in the outdoor pavilion area for a complete list of items that need to be completed.

## **Homemade Animal Repair:**

Carl Mally would like everyone to know that Thursday evenings weather permitting; he will be working on repair and maintenance of the homemade animals. Anyone interested in helping or wanting more information on what you can do should contact Carl Mally (319) 365-4311 or email Mallycj@aol.com.

## **Scouts and the Club Grounds**

We would like to offer the club grounds as a meeting and camping area for Boy Scout and/or Girl Scout troops in exchange for help with conservation projects when needed. If you know of any Boy Scout and/or Girl Scout troop that might be interested in using the club grounds contact a club officer.

## **Successful Hunts:**

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.

## **Game Feed, Old Timers Night, Candle Light Shoot and Summer League Awards Ceremony:**

This year we will be reviving the game feed. An evening when we all get together and share with each other the product of a successful hunt or trapping endeavor. With this in mind try to save some of the game you harvest and practice perfecting those recipes. Game feed is not until September but hunting season is the time to start planning.

This year, the Game Feed will be the same night as the Old Timers Night, Candle Light Shoot and Summer League Awards Ceremony. This night is shaping up to be a good time for young, old and everyone in between. All club members are encouraged to participate in this family oriented event.

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## Ways and Means:

Waltonian Archer's apparel is available.

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

We are trying to get enough people together to place an order for jackets.

We are also trying to get enough people together to order shirts with the old broad head logo. At least 12 are needed for the first order.

If you are interested in these or other items with the Waltonian Archers logo, contact Diane Rogers 373-5867.

With Diane Rogers stepping down as the Ways and Means chairperson, there will be an opening for a new Ways and Means chairperson. If you or someone you know is interested in filling this position, please contact one of our club officers.

## Legal:

We are still working with the consultants to prepare our information for submission to the IRS.

## Maintenance:

When working with the equipment at the club, please remember to grease the machinery. If you are unsure whether or not a piece of machinery needs to be greased ask Art Foster or Al Fuller. Making sure the machinery is properly greased before and after use will help to save the club money in repair cost.

- Both riding mowers are out of commission.
- Tractor is up and running
- Push mowers are working
- Big push behind is working
- Chainsaw needs to be worked on
- Weed whip is still working

## New Members:

Please help us in welcoming the following new club members:

Mike & Cindy Fountain  
Tom & Rose King  
Kevin Ford  
Glen & Lesley Renfer  
Jamie & Mindy Washburn  
Tony & Sara Millius

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign:

There is a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign out at the club that all members are encouraged to sign.

## Waltonian Archers Online:

[www.waltonianarchers.net](http://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](mailto:Lynn@waltonianarchers.net) for posting on our web site.

Join the Waltonian Archers Yahoo Group: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/WaltonianArchers/> and keep up with club events on-line (maintained by Marv Findley).

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## The Fall Stopper Going out of Business Sale:

Liquidating all inventory at below cost!  
All inventory MUST be sold by end of July.  
Offering The Fall Stopper at **\$25.00** per unit plus shipping!  
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Web site will provide a detailed description of product.

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## Member Information Updates Needed:

If you have submitted your updated information, thank you. If you have not, please make sure to get this done.

**Name**  
**Address**  
**Phone Number** (with area code)  
**Cell Phone Number** (if you would like the club to have it)  
**Email Address** (if available)

Submit your information to:  
Brian Struchen  
702 7<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
(319) 363-4398  
b.struchen@mchsi.com

Information will be used to update the club membership records and club phone book.

## Club By-Laws

If you do not have a copy of the club By-Laws or need an updated copy, contact Randy Beelner. It is important that all club members read and understand the By-Laws. They provide important information about the club and your responsibility as a member.

As a part of the 501c process, our club By-laws will be under going some changes. There are a few parts of the By-laws were the language needs to be cleaned up and possibly a few changes that may need to be made. You can keep on top of these changes by attending the monthly club meetings. Any changes that need to be made will be discussed in up coming club meetings.

## Note to the Editor:

I've been in the club for over forty years and I've heard about quite a few things that have caused hard feeling among the members. Most have been things that nearly broke up our club and more than a few have canceled their membership. If not canceling membership, they have just quit coming to the club functions.

At one time it was target shooters against bow hunters, as one prime example.

Now I hear that a member of long standing has been the target of bad feelings due to the fact that his family is camping on the club grounds and using club electricity. I know for a fact that they pay the club treasurer twenty dollars for a weekend. Another long time member had his electric line cut while he was camping.

Wake up people, available camping sites are a selling point that just might draw new members. Even if the whole family doesn't shoot it's nice to have them along for the archery outing.

I'm not saying that the past club officers were not good at their job but I know for sure we have a good crew in there now, so back them to the hilt and make this club one to look up to. It sure is heart warming to see the new members and their interest in archery. Let's make an attempt to have them enjoy it for at least forty years.

Howard Madison

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:b.struchen@mchsi.com).

## 2005 WALC Shoot/Event Schedule

### January:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Vegas 450 Round (Noon @ the Round House)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Foul Weather 3-D (7:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Ender's Field)

### February:

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Club Indoor 300 Round Invitational (Noon @ the Round House)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Indoor 3-D (7:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ the Round House)

### May:

- 21<sup>st</sup> - Silver Broad head 3-D (7:00 AM - 2:00PM @ Ender's Field)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Silver Broad head 3-D (7:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Ender's Field)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Silver Broad head Field (9:00 AM @ Ender's Field)

### June:

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Club Target 900 Round Invitational (9:00 AM @ Ender's Field)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - State Target 900 Round (9:00 AM @ Ender's Field)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Club Field Invitational (9:00 AM @ Ender's Field)

### July:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D at DVA
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D at DVA

### August:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Traditional Shoot (7:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Ender's Field)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Traditional Shoot (7:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ Ender's Field)

### September:

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Clout (10:00 AM @ Ender's Field)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Old Timer's night, Game Feed, Candlelight & Summer League Awards (@ Ender's Filed)
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Deerslayer (7:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ Ender's Field)

As needed this list will be updated and resubmitted.