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Waltonian Archers of Linn County Newsletter

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Presidents Note

I need to start this month noting that we need everyone to pay their dues as soon as possible. Fewer people have paid to date versus last year at this time even though we have tried to make it easier by allowing people to pay at leagues and shoots. This month there are a lot of large expenses that need to be paid. So please make arrangements to pay your dues as soon as you can. More details on how you can pay will be in this issue.

I really have tell you all what a good feeling it is to know that so many people have come out to the club to help do the projects that needed to be done! There are obviously many projects that need to be done when you sit on 80 acres. When only a few people help out, many of those projects sit on the list for years without getting any attention. This may be the year that we get caught up! There is power in numbers and if everyone pitches in a little bit, it's amazing how much we can get done in such a short time! Check out this issue for more projects. Thanks to everyone!!!

Finally, our Winter Indoor Leagues have come to an end and we have noticed a dramatic increase in everyone's archery skills, but the really nice thing that I see is the friendships being made and the young kids that are growing into fine young men and women. That's what it's all about!

Have Fun,

Al 

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“Beginning Archery”

Do you remember how you learned to shoot a bow? If you were lucky, as a kid there was someone in your life who showed you the basics and helped you get started. Many of you learned the hard way. You taught yourself. I think we all agree that having help from an experienced archer is the way to learn. Sure we all help out new archers when we can and with the knowledge we have but nothing is better than a planned approach to archery instruction.

Beginning on Tuesdays, May 6th through May 27th, from 7 pm – 9 pm, member Roger Reid will be teaching “Beginning Archery”. Roger is a NADA certified archery instructor and has taught archery for some time.

Age limits are from 8 years old on up to seniors. Roger says his class is geared to all new archers. He’ll teach the basics and have you shooting safely in no time.

Cost is \$20 for non-members and \$10 for members. Class size is limited to 20. Call Al at 393-7628 to sign up.

Club Projects

We really got a good start on getting the club house and grounds in shape! We actually got everything pulled out of the kitchen, deep cleaned and reorganized everything in the cupboards. We have a lot of stuff that was in the cupboards that we don’t need any more. It’s all sitting on a couple of tables in the clubhouse. Help yourself to whatever you would like, it’s all free. Otherwise we will be throwing it out by next weekend. Other work that got done was we got those windows washed! Not an easy task with the window types we have. We got the ranges cleared and bow hangers at every target! The leaves got raked as well as could be and we got the outhouse really cleaned up. The electric circuits in the club were tested, reset and the outside electrical boxes were cleaned out. A lot of cleaning and dusting was also done inside the clubhouse. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help! It was great to see everyone on such short notice! Thanks All!



Milt Smith, Bill Schoon, Al Fuller, Shelli Fuller Megan Fuller, Levi Fuller, Mark Svoboda & boys, Tim MacDonald, Sam MacDonald, Rick Rogers, Doug Berry, Roger Reid, The Lampes, Al Perkins, Terry Perkins, Ken Vanderham, Chuck Zvacek, Ty Krumm, Todd Rosauer, Randy Graham, Mike Cooper, Joe Schumacher, Karen Schumacher, Joe Sherbon. I hope I got everyone. Smack me up along the side of the head next time you see me if I missed anyone.

Buffalo Settlers 4/26 - 4/27

The Buffalo Settlers are using the club grounds and the indoor range the weekend of April 26th and 27th. The indoor range will be closed from Friday night through Sunday night that weekend. They will have vendors in the building.

**We will need help running the kitchen and manning the gate for the 2 days
From 9 am – 5 pm.
Anyone that would like to help call
Al at 393-7628.**

What are Buffalo Settlers? They set up their Teepee’s, sell and make crafts, they’re into black powder rifles, traditional archery, knife or axe throwing into logs. That type of traditional lifestyle. Come on out on Saturday or Sunday and check it out. It is open to the public. Cost is \$2 at the gate.

Concrete or Rock Needed

Conservation Committee chairman Tom Rosenberger is asking for rock or broken up concrete to complete the riprap project. The culvert that the creek runs through under our driveway was washing out and the banks of the creek are eroding at a great pace. So Tom and the Conservation committee have been working on putting large rock and broken up concrete on the banks and under the culvert itself to avoid a costly repair to our road. If you know of anyone who has concrete or rock they would like to get rid of we sure could use it! Call Tom at 364-3711 if you think you may have some. Thanks!





More Projects

Thought we were done? Heck no! There are much more fun things to do now! We have 2 more project days set. May 3rd and May 10th. We start at 8 am until we've had it! Someone usually says stick a fork in me I'm done!

- On the White range, we need to cut all the small, smooth barked trees down. What does small mean? If you can grab the trunk and both of your hands fit around it, cut it down. Please don't use a chainsaw at the club if you are alone! Safety first! Have someone with you that can go for help if needed!
- There are pines that are marked with blue X's that need to be taken down in the pines. This is only for people who are experienced at cutting down trees. If not cut to fall right they will hang up on other trees, then we have another project.
- We also need to fix a couple of bridges. That will be a group project.
- We have a playground to build.
- Wood chip the blue range.

Membership Dues

As noted in the Presidents Note, the club is a little behind budget for this month. Our membership renewals haven't kept up with last years pace. That is why we are lagging a little behind this month. A lot of large expenses fall in this month so we really need everyone to pay as soon as they can.

How can you pay?

- Come to the next membership meeting is always an option. The 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.
- You can take your dues to a board member and we will get you a new key ASAP.
- You can mail in a check to:
Waltonian Archers PO Box 595 Cedar Rapids, Ia 52406 and we will get you your new key ASAP.

Those who have paid already, Thank You!
Those who are about to real soon, Thank You
Those who don't plan to, you can....
Just kiddin'! Just Kiddin'!



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 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 or you can sign up on our website! www.waltonianarchers.net

Spring Strut 3-D

Saturday was a terrible day for shooting 3-D. We had a total of 14 hardcore shooters show up. However, Sunday was a nice day. We ended up with 73 shooters on this sunny day! We ended up with 87 shooters for the weekend!

I heard the course was excellent and a lot of people who had never shot the blue range really enjoyed it. I say heard, because I was sicker than a dog that just ate your whole thanksgiving leftovers out of the trashcan! I did manage to get out too help tear down the course.

Thanks to Scott Mason, Al Perkins, Mitch Sherman and Blake McDonnel for set up. Al Perkins and Al Fuller for running registration. Joe Sherbon, Scott Mason, Dave Mason, Marv Findley, Milt Smith, and Randy Graham for working the kitchen and Al Perkins, Al Fuller, Megan Fuller, Levi Fuller and Larry Isaacs for tear down. Also thanks to Joe Schumacher for letting us use his Quad 4 wheeler. It really made things easier!



Waltonian Archers Membership Survey

We want to hear from you! The members!

What do you like about the club? What don't you like? What do you wish we would do more of? What don't we do that we should? WE WANT TO KNOW! BE HONEST! BE FRANK!(Or be Joe or Sandy, we don't care) Let us know what you want your club to be.

Please send to the address below or drop it in the open shoot pay slot at the club!
Circle the appropriate number to each question. 1= Bad 2=Ok 3=Excellent

How do you like the outdoor ranges? 1 2 3 Comments;

How do you like the indoor range? 1 2 3 Comments;

Did you like the Indoor Leagues? 1 2 3 Comments;

Do you like the way shoots are run? 1 2 3 Comments;

Do you like the way Leagues are run? 1 2 3 Comments;

Do you like the membership meetings? 1 2 3 Comments;

Rank your participation in the club. 1 2 3 Comments;

Do you like our restroom facilities? 1 2 3 Comments;

What is the club missing? _____

What would make you use the club more often? _____

If you had a magic wand, what would you change at the club? _____

OPTIONAL

Name _____



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