



Presidents Corner April 2022

Hi All

Well, I am not sure where the time goes, here we are in April already. As the weather continues to warm up, we think about getting outdoors. What better way to do that than to help with clearing paths for the outdoor ranges? Progress has been made and we now have enough paths cleared to set up 40 targets for our next shoot. Thanks to all the guys that have put in so much time to clear these and make it possible to set up the ranges. If you would like to know any details please be sure to contact Carl Mally, Don Parker or Dennis Ringgenberg as they have been invaluable in the effort. Thanks Guys! (and everyone else that has helped!)

Our Spring Open House was a great success with a huge number of people coming out to see what we are all about. We had 14 people on the signup sheet but pretty much all of them brought at least one other person along and some brought multiples. All the kids I talked with had so much fun they didn't want to leave, just keep shooting. Thanks to all the members that came out and helped that day, it was much appreciated. Hopefully we will have a number of the people show up at the membership meeting on the 20th. At that meeting we will be talking about a couple outdoor projects that we need to get a start on for the ranges so please try to make it to the meeting to give your opinion. One of those will be erosion control.

Next up is the Spring Strut on April 23rd and 24th. We should have a good course set up so we hope you will think about coming out to shoot it.

May we will start off with our annual Work weekend the 7th and 8th. As a reminder there will be NO shooting during work weekend, indoors or out. On Sunday the 7th we will be trying to make more Silver Broadheads and could use some help if you have the time. We will start at 9AM both days.

Silver Broadhead shoot will be Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th. We will have an International Round on Sunday the 15th in conjunction with that shoot. This is a lot of fun as you shoot at increasing distances out on the flats from 20 to 65 yards (I think). I lost at least one arrow out there last year when we shot it, maybe I will find it this year.

Well, I guess that is about all the news from me. Get out and shoot! It's all good fun!

Thanks Mary Bisinger,

President

Waltonian Archers of Linn County

Spring Strut 3D

Saturday April 23rd, 7 AM– 3 PM & Sunday April 24, 7 AM - 1 PM



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Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

April

Saturday 2nd	1 PM - 5 PM	Open House
Saturday 23rd	7 AM - 3 PM	Spring Strut 3D
Sunday 24th	7 AM - 1 PM	Spring Strut 3 D

May

Saturday 7th	9 AM - 5 PM	Club Workday
Sunday 8th	9 AM - 5 PM	Club Workday
Saturday 14th	7 AM - 3 PM	Silver Broadhead 3D
Sunday 15th	9 AM Start	International Round
Sunday 15th	7 AM - 3 PM	Silver Broadhead 3D

June

Sunday 5th		Summer Outdoor League Starts
Sunday 19th	9 AM Start	Outdoor 900 Target Round

For full schedule go to: <https://www.waltonianarchers.net/Shoots.htm>

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

Area Shoots/Events

April 16/17th ASA qualifier 10am start for ASA shooters. Poweshiek County Sportsman Assn., Montezuma.
 May 1st, 9 AM– 1 PM, 30 shot 3d Tournament or 600 Rd, Mohawk Archery Club, Mason City
 MAY 14/15TH 3D, Dyersville Sportsman Club, Earlville.
 May 21st, QC Senior Olympics, Davenport Valley Archers
 May 28th—29th, Rendevous, Iowa Traditional Bowhunters, Eldora, IA

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Club Tees, Hats, ETC. OR SALE!!!

Styles and colors are posted
 on the bulletin board in the main room of the clubhouse.



Logging/Range Cleanup Update

Carl Mally

Mark Vitosh, the DNR District Forester, visited with us at the club Thursday March 24th. About half a dozen club members were present. We walked some of the grounds and discussed recovery efforts from the Derecho. He said the logging company did a very good job with how they cleaned up the grounds, better than most he had seen.

We walked to three areas, two on the orange course and one at the top of the blue course that he felt could be made open enough to replant oaks and other hardwoods. The natural progression of the woods in this locale will be to sugar maples which provide no mast crop for wildlife and tend to shade out undergrowth causing erosion. These areas will require some small sapling removal. He will mark trees for removal at a later date. Seedlings should be 20 feet apart and protected by tubes or wire mesh enclosures. The areas are fairly small, about 3/4 acre each so we can maintain them and will have about 20 or so trees in each. He said tubes require more maintenance as they have to be lifted before winter to prevent mouse infestations. Also, he had experience with raccoons tearing them up to eat wasp larva. The trunks are also less strong so tubes have to be left on for around 8 years. The wire enclosures cost more initially but give a healthier tree with less maintenance. He has since sent us a detailed plan describing how to plant and maintain the areas. They should be planted in the spring of 2023 or 2024. Each area should be planted all at once rather than over a period of time so older trees do not shade out newer ones. Seedlings can come from the Iowa State Nursery which requires lots of 25 of all one species. Seedlings from the state nursery should be ordered by around state fair time for next spring. There is also a nursery in Tipton which sells seedlings and will allow us to select multiple species in a lot.

We walked the skidder trails, some of which are showing significant erosion. He recommended leveling out the trails that still have a hump in the middle to no more than six inches and creating erosion bars across them. We should seed them as soon as possible. He shared a particular seed mix recommended to cover logging trails. Some trails where we will do significant excavation work later may get seeded initially with annual rye just to get immediate cover and prevent erosion. He also gave us several copies of a small booklet on invasive species and how to control them.

Last we walked to the pines. In that area, once we get to it we will have to start by removing some of the tangled logs on the forest floor. Some of the broken off trees can be left standing because they make good habitat for woodpeckers and cavity nesting birds. He suggested we might want to consider leaving the area as semi open meadow because of the sandy soil.

Overall we had a good visit with encouragement and suggestions on how to proceed in our efforts to clean up and recover our woodland from the Derecho.



Cabin Fever 3D



The Royal Arrow Archers Club, Algona dropped in to check us out and shoot. Thanks and hope to see you all again!



Open House
April 2nd

