



President's Corner February 2022

Hi All

Well, believe it or not it's February, well into the indoor season. I hope you all can make it out to shoot with us sometime this month.

Our next shoot will be a club 300 round on February 12th at 7 PM. Please arrive a bit before so we have time to get the targets set up. This will be a great practice for the ISAA State indoor target February 25th, 26th and 27th. We will be the only location in Iowa this year for this shoot. Sign up for that shoot is open on the Waltonians' Website. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

The February Membership meeting will be February 16th at 7PM and the new keys will be distributed at that meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, please contact Don Parker to arrange a time to exchange keys. The locks will be changed so your old key will no longer work after that date.

The indoor target bales were refreshed and re-packed (some of them anyway) last Saturday and we hope they give us a couple years of great shooting. We had a fantastic turn out to help and we really do appreciate it. Several young archers from the JOAD club brought parents and helped out, along with lots of long-time members. We had all the targets completed well before noon. Well done everyone!

As a reminder, please DO NOT SHOOT BROADHEADS AT ANY OF THE WALC BALES or TARGETS! While repacking indoor bales, we found several parts to broadheads in the targets. This will ruin the targets in very short order. The club cannot afford the damage broadheads will make on targets. This goes for the indoor bales, the outdoor bales and any 3Ds. Please be considerate of the others in the club, we're all in this to have fun but can't afford for one or two people to ruin it for the rest of us.

I added some room darkening curtains in the dining room to try and cut down some of the glare when we are having a shoot and the sun is shining in. They also have the added benefit of insulating the windows from the cold so maybe we won't have to use as much heat to keep it comfortable. If you want to open them up and see outside, please be careful of how you push them aside as the rods are not as solid as I would like. I hope you all like the new addition.

Brush clearing continues and several of the members have been burning wood out on the ranges. If you go out to work like this, please be careful and let someone know you are there so we don't have any serious accidents. Ask Bob S how his nose is if you see him. Feel better soon Bob! Also work out in the woods should be reported to Carl Mally so he can keep track of how many hours have been put in. Remember if you volunteer hours to the club a portion of your annual dues can be reduced for next year.

Well, I think I've rambled on long enough for this time. Remember to come out and shoot with us and have a great February!

Mary Bisinger

President WALC

Membership—Time to Renew



Annual Dues are due. Dues can be paid at the February 16th Membership meeting. New keys will be issued to members at that meeting.



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Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

February

Winter League - continues weekly through Mar 17th

- Sunday 4 PM Traditional
- Tuesday 7 PM Bowhunter
- Thursday 7 PM Target

Saturday 12th	7 PM	Indoor 300 Target
Wednesday 16th	7 PM	Member Meeting—Dues/New Keys
Feb 25th	7 PM	ISAA State Indoor Target
Saturday 26th	TBD	ISAA State Indoor Target
Sunday 27th	TBD	ISAA State Indoor Target

March

Saturday 12th	7 AM-3 PM	Cabin Fever 3D
Sunday 13th	7 AM-1 PM	Cabin Fever 3D

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

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 Shooting for \$200/yr. Full list of prices and fees are posted at the club and on the webpage

Area Shots/Events

Echo Valley Archers—West Union 563-380-7417
 Saturday February 19th - Iowa A.S.A. Indoor
 Anamosa BowHunters
 Saturday March 19th 7PM Annual Fundraiser



Hoyt Classic 300 Archery Tournament
 Raised at Full Draw Bowhunter 3D Shoot
 Information at <https://iowadeerclassic.com/>

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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.



Workday—February 5th.



We had a great turnout!

JOAD Archers were there to help!



2 Broadheads were found in the targets. Broadheads are strictly forbidden on the indoor range. They tear up the targets and are a hazard when we work on the bales.

The fabric for the bales is expensive and hard to find as the original manufacturer has discontinued this target. We have to find aftermarket sources then have the fabric sewn to fit the fronts and backs. The club spent around \$3000 on this repair.

Please treat the targets as the shared resource they are!

Indoor Target Bales



The indoor target bales have a front and back section. Both have a tubular metal frame with fabric cover. The fabric is sewn to form a case, then slipped over the frame. The front section is unpacked and we place sheet cardboard on the fronts for smooth face to mount targets. The fabric on the front and rear will hold arrows at the angle of entry—that's straight for most of us, most of the time. The fabric is a heavy synthetic material, but does wear out over time, especially the centers. Shooting off center will help to extend the life of the fronts.

Large sheets of thick cardboard can be hard to find. Thanks to Jeremiah Zeien for bringing out the stack we have now!

The target back section is similar to the front but is several inches thicker and is stuffed with fabric. This is an effective arrow stop. Like the front, centers also get shot out over time. Shooting off center will help here too.



Fronts and backs are bracketed together then placed on the rolling frames. These targets are top heavy, and will tip if pulled from the front/back. Best to pull or push from the sides then realign once in position.