



New Keys will issued Wednesday, Feb 15

New keys will be issued (with a paid membership, of course) at this months member meeting. If you haven't already renewed your membership you can do so at the member meeting.

President's Corner - February 2023

Hi All

Happy February! It seems like the months just fly by. Hope you're all having fun and staying warm despite the cold weather!

We had a great January for the most part. As noted in the last President's letter we have all three leagues running and everyone is having a good time competing with each other. My shooting is kind of up and down but seems to be better than previous years, so I count that as a win! 😊

January 22nd we had an indoor 2D/3D shoot and had about 19 archers turn in scores. This was a fun shoot, but it had some challenges. The black bear and little pig against the dark background in a dim spot on the range were kind of hard to see. (at least for me) I didn't completely miss very many, so again a good day.

January 27th to the 29th was the ISAA State Vegas was held at our clubhouse, and we had a great turn out with 59 archers shooting. We had 5 line times with one Friday night and two each on Saturday and Sunday. The hotly contested group was the Adult Male Freestyle (as expected) with a three-way tie for second with 449 and 32 X's. It came down to who dropped an X first. Great shooting guys! We had several young archers shoot including one that shot his first ever Robinhood. Well done, guys! All in all, a great (but exhausting) weekend!

Next up is a club Indoor 300 round on Saturday February 11th starting at 7PM. Then we will have a Club Indoor Vegas 450 round on Saturday February 25th also starting at 7PM. Be sure to get there early as registration will close 6:45.

March will have the Cabin Fever 3D shoot on March 11th and 12th. It is scheduled to be set up and shot outdoors but if the weather is too bad, we may set up targets indoors to shoot. Saturday the shoot is from 7 AM to 2 PM and Sunday will be from 7 AM to 12 PM.

The Boy Scouts will be having a campout in the clubhouse March 17th to the 19th. They will be doing some shooting on Saturday, and we could use a couple people to help with teaching them how to shoot. They will also plan on helping clear brush in preparations for planting trees in April. It would be great if anyone would want to help them with this also.

Well, this is getting pretty long so I'd better sign off. Keep shooting straight and have a great February!

Thanks

Mary Bisinger

President



Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

February

Weekly		Winter Leagues Sunday, 4 PM—Traditional Tuesday, 7 PM—Bowhunter Thursday, 7 PM—Target
Saturday 11th	7PM	Indoor 300 Target
Wednesday 15th	7 PM	Member Meeting—Dues and New Keys
Saturday 25th	7 PM	Indoor Vegas 450

March

Weekly		Winter Leagues Sunday, 4 PM—Traditional, Ends Mar 19 Tuesday, 7 PM—Bowhunter, Ends Mar 14 Thursday, 7 PM—Target, Ends Mar 16
Saturday 11th	7 AM— 2 PM	Cabin Fever 3D
Sunday 12th	7 AM—12 PM	Cabin Fever 3D

April

Saturday 1st	1 PM—5 PM	Open House
Saturday 22nd	7 AM—2 PM	Spring Strut 3D
Saturday 23rd	7 AM— 12 PM	Spring Strut 3D

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

Area Shoots/Events

- Echo Valley Archers— Open Shoots, Mon-Fri 4 PM to 9 PM, Sat/Sun 8 AM-9 PM
 Feb 10-12: Illinois Target Archery Association, ITAA Indoor State Championship, Wheaton, IL
 Feb 18th: Echo Valley Archers, Iowa A.S.A. Indoor
 Feb 25, 26: NFAA Midwest Sectionals, Prairie Bowman Archery, Lincoln, Ne <https://www.nfaausa.com/>
 Feb 25, 26: NFAA Midwest Sectionals, Rapids Archery, Andover, MN
 Mar 3,4,5: Iowa Deer Classic, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines
 Mar 17,18,19: Border Brigade Archery, ISAA Indoor Tournament, Border, Webster City
 Mar 19: Pine Lake Archers, Eldora, Chilly Shoot, registration 8-12,
 Mar 26: PCA Fallout Tournament, Plum Creek Archery, Dyersville <https://www.plumcreekarchery.com/>

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Update on Conservation, Range Restoration and Tree Planting

Carl Mally

We would like to update members on the continuing work to restore the ranges from the Derecho damage. The DNR District Forester has shown us three areas where we will be working to replant trees. Two are on the orange range. One is around targets six and seven east of the gully and the other is around targets eight and eleven west of the gully. These areas need to be completely clear so the new trees are not shaded out. He marked some additional small trees and saplings which we have removed. Several of us have been working on these areas to clear brush, cut weeds and take down the marked trees. We have ordered 100 seedlings from the State Forest Nursery with 25 each of red oak, white oak, walnut and hickory. They will be picked up in April and we have planned to have a planting weekend on April 15 and 16 if weather permits. The trees will be protected from wildlife browsing with tubes or wire cages and stakes. The ground will be mulched in a 3 foot circle around them to suppress weeds. The tubes are translucent to allow sunlight to get to the seedlings and will be in place three to five years. They need to be blocked up each fall to keep mice from nesting in them and girdling the seedlings.

There is also a larger area at the top of the blue range around the shooting stand that is being prepped to be planted in 2024 or 2025. You will see trees up there marked with orange paint by the forester to be removed similar to what happened on the orange range. There will have to be significant ground preparation as well because of the extent of the damage in the area. We have been working on target number 4 blue to open it up and get access to the upper loop of the blue range. We hope to be able to set some targets up there this summer.

We have generally been working on weekdays mostly with retired members who have the time. If anyone else is interested in helping or wants to start a weekend crew please contact Carl Mally or other board members. The planting will be on a weekend so members can participate if they wish. Notice will be sent out when it is closer.



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

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

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



ISAA State Vegas 450 Target Shoot , January 27—29



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