



President's Corner

October 2019

Well folks, fall is here and so is hunting. Remember to sign a hunting waiver and read over the club hunting rules. One thing I want to point out is that you must put your name on your tree stand or pop-up ground blind. We need to know who it belongs to, or it will be removed. We have had several issues in recent years where non-members have put up tree stands on the club grounds. Please remove them after season, when weather permits. There has been people shooting on the indoor range without paying, but what is new. Carl has started spreading new gravel on the parking lot. We will be starting on the new tree stand soon. Weather has been an issue but stay tuned for updates on work days. The Halloween party is on Saturday, October 19th, starting at 5 pm. There will be a potluck and a Candlelight Shoot at dark. There is a 450 round on Saturday, October 12th at 7 pm. Please pass the word around about our first Veterans' Shoot, to be held on October 26th at noon. We will need help with new shooters and people to work in the kitchen. This is my last President's Corner. Thank you for letting me serve you. Your new board and officers are as follows:

President: Jeremiah Zeien

Vice President: Carl Mally

Secretary: Gayla Lewis

Treasurer: Don Parker

Board Member: Dennis Riggerberg

Board Member: Jennifer Rupp

Board Member: Mary Bisinger

I would like to thank the past board and officers for their service. These folks give a lot of themselves, so you have somewhere to shoot.

Shoot straight, be safe, and happy hunting.

Rick

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HISTORY CORNER

1959 There were a lot of new members in the club. There also was another successful Silver Broad Head shoot. The club celebrated the golden anniversary of Fred and Betty Enders. Clarence Baker and Jim Lewis built a scale model of the new kitchen. There was also a foxhunt this year and the only thing caught was a cold or two. The club treasury had about \$1000.00 the ladies auxiliary treasury had about the same



Why Are You A Waltonian Archer Of Linn County

One of earliest memories of archery was at Boy Scout camp. Archery quickly became my favorite activity there. I had shot a bow before that at home. My dad shot some and bow hunted successfully. At some point early on heard about a big get together of bowhunters called the Rendezvous. I needed to see this and attended the shoot for several years. I became friends with many of the long time members of the Waltonian Archers. Many of them are still good friends. Some are gone. The club always treated me very well. Life got in the way for several years and fell away from the club. As things in my life began to simplify I came back to the club and was pleased to find many familiar old faces and many new excited archers. Its great to be back. I have been primarily a bowhunter and have hunted all across the US, in Canada and Mexico. I have experimented with field archery as well as target archery. I would urge all of you to give all types of archery a try. There is so much to be learned by stepping out of your comfort zone. In 2018 I decided I needed to get more involved in the club and ran for the board of directors. That was definitely a learning experience and very worthwhile. Im proud to be a member of the Waltonian Archers.

Dennis Ringgenberg



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TARGET BOW AND A HUNTING BOW?

What's the difference between a hunting bow and a target bow?

Maybe you've wondered this on a recent trip to your local archery pro shop when you eyed up the selection of hunting recurve and compound bows in one area and those labeled for target archery in another.



Except for the muted colors or camo that dominates the hunting selection, versus the bright colors of the target bows, they sure look the same, right?

They are, to a certain extent. But there also are some very calculated differences. Let's start with compound bows.

Target compounds are going to be longer than hunting compounds. Target bows commonly measure 38-40 inches from axle to axle, while hunting bows usually fall in the 28-34-inch range.





Hunting compound bows need to be maneuverable.

Though not always, most target compounds offer the archer the option to reduce the amount of let-off – to 60-75 percent - which increases holding weight at full draw. Many target archers like that increased holding weight because it gives them more control of their bows and it makes it easier for them to activate their release aids.

Bowhunters, on the other hand, often prefer a lot of let-off – 80-90 percent - to minimize the holding weight. A bowhunter might have to hold a bow at full draw for an extended period waiting for a game animal to offer the perfect shot opportunity. The less weight they're holding for that period, the longer they can hold it and stay still.

With recurve bows, you're also likely to see target bows generally being longer than hunting models. Full target recurve bows used by adult men tend to run 66-72 inches long; women will shoot target bows 64-70 inches. Hunting recurves usually are anywhere from 50-64 inches.





This target compound bow measures 38 inches long.

The longer bows offer an archer a better chance at precision shooting, because the string angle at full draw is not as severe as it is on a shorter bow, brace heights are often bigger 7-8 inches - and the bows tend to be very “forgiving.” A forgiving bow is one that allows an archer to make tiny mistakes in form, but keeps the arrow going where the archer wants it.

Hunting bows are built shorter so bowhunters can navigate through thick brush or hunt in the tight quarters of a ground blind or tree stand. Maneuverability and portability are the main features of hunting bows. Also, short brace heights of 5-6 inches – which are not very forgiving – help generate lots of arrow speed. Fast-shooting bows can minimize poor hits caused by animals moving before an arrow gets to them.





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A recurve bow built for target archery is long and forgiving.

Again, the difference is precision accuracy versus mobility and arrow speed. The target archer wants a long, forgiving bow with an open string angle. For recurve archers, the open string angle is more conducive to a clean release of the string drawn with fingers. The sharper string angle of a hunting recurve makes it more difficult to get a clean release, because the drawing fingers can get squeezed by the string.

But the hunter only needs to hit an area the size of a pie plate from 20 yards away or less to score a quick killing shot. The target archer might be trying to hit a 10-ring the size of a coffee can lid at 70 meters.





A recurve bow built for hunting is short, maneuverable and is very powerful.

Adult men shooting target recurves generally have bows with draw weights in the 35-50-pound range, although top competition archers will pull a little bit more. Competitive women general draw 30-45 pounds. Their sole purpose is precision accuracy in shooting at paper or 3-D targets.

Bowhunters typically use bows with 45-55 pound draw weights. Depending on the game, some states require bowhunters to use bows that draw no less than 45 pounds. The hunter's goal is to shoot a heavy arrow with enough force to pierce hides and break bones.

By: [P.J. Reilly](#) 05.31.2018 <https://www.lancasterarchery.com/blog/whats-the-difference-between-a-target-bow-and-a-hunting-bow/>



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Event Calendar

October		
Saturday 12th	7PM	Indoor Vegas 450
Saturday 26th	Noon (Start)	Veterans Indoor Vegas 450
November		
Sunday 10th	Noon (Start)	Indoor Vegas 450

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