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# The Shavings

Waltonian Archer's Newsletter  
September/October 2005

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## 2005 Club Officers:

President: Cal Struchen 393-2448  
Vice President: Dave Mason 435-2612  
Secretary: Kathy Waite 363-6314  
Treasurer: Randy Beelner 395-7492

## Board Members:

Craig Waite 363-6314  
Art Foster 373-0609  
Joe Sherbon 448-4430

## Meetings:

### Board Meetings:

October 5, 2005 Cal Struchen's

### Club Meeting:

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Enders Field. Gates open at 6:00 PM.

## Note from the President:

September!! What a great productive month it was for the Waltonian Archery Club.

First off, there is a list of club members that have gone above and beyond what is expected and I would like to personally thank them for their efforts:

- Rex Smith and Rexco Equipment for the use of a small backhoe.
- Mike Montgomery for his time and efforts in getting our drain fixed around the new building.
- Ty Krumm and Collins Radio for all the fill dirt and gravel that was hauled out to the club, free of charge.
- Gregg Gonfwer tree service for all of the free wood chips.
- Rick Rogers for getting the electrical service roughed in and inspected for the new building.
- Mark Svoboda for all of the 4 x 6 posts donated by the Hwy Department which will be used to repair the tree stand.
- Frank Stull for the big oak pallets, they will come in handy for bridge and tree stand repair.

On a different Subject, what a great game feed. We had 70+ in attendance. Game served included deer, bear, buffalo, wild hog, squirrel, rabbit, wild goose, turtle and fish (Crappie, Bluegill, Bass, Catfish, and Stripped Bass). I'm sure I missed something, but I didn't see any ground hog (hopefully next year) and thankfully no Fox. We had about 12 for our old-timers night and they really enjoyed the evening. At the end of the night awards for the Summer League were presented, and numerous door prizes were given away. Afterward, a 10 target candle light shoot was held. Thanks go out to Brian Struchen for handling the Summer League. Also, a big thank you goes out to all who helped in the kitchen and those who donated food for the game feed. Thanks to your efforts no one went hungry and the evening turned out to be a tremendous success.

The Deer slayer was held the day following the Game Feed. The turnout for this shoot was good at 70+ shooters.

Also in September, 2 Bow Hunter Education classes for the Cedar Rapids Inner City Deer Hunt were held at the club grounds. 32 people attended the class held on Sat the 16th and 59 attended the class held on the 20th and 22nd. Thanks to Dave Nicols, Steve Havlik and Dave Mason for organizing these important classes. The future of the Cedar Rapids hunt program depends on safe, responsible and ethical hunters.

The club meeting on September 21st was rather long and many things were discussed.

A representative from the Boy Scouts Hawkeye Area Council presented a plan to start a Venture Crew at the Waltonian Archery Club. This program would benefit the young people involved by providing a place to meet, learn and practice their skill in Archery. The program would benefit the club by providing assistance with various projects on the club grounds. We are looking for adults and young people ages 14 - 19 interested in archery to help get this program off the ground. Let me know if you are interested.

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Tom Blythe from the Iowa Youth Hunter Education Challenge program talked about their program and their need for participants in the 2006 program. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the club house, or you can contact Tom & Kelly Blythe (319) 438-6507.

As part of our application for 501c non-profit status our club By-Laws had to under go some changes. These changes will be discussed at the October club meeting. For a copy of the new By-Laws, visit our web site <http://www.waltonianarchers.net> or contact Art Foster at (319) 377-0609.

To the membership in attendance at the September meeting, I feel I owe an apology. The meeting got out of order at several points and for that I am sorry. Regarding the discussion of what type of heating system to purchase for the new building, there was not enough information presented to decide what we should spend our money on and the vote was not valid because there was not a majority vote of those attending the meeting to make a valid decision. The Building Committee will put together a more detailed proposal and present it at the October club meeting. If you are interested in how the club is spending its money and planning for the future, please attend this meeting.

It has been pointed out by several of the membership that I have been pushing too hard to get the new building done by the first of the year and that I should face reality; we probably will not make it. I have to agree with their point to an extent. But, dreams don't become reality unless we take charge and work towards our goals. Remember President John F. Kennedy's famous words: "Ask not what the Waltonians can do for you, but what you can do for the Waltonians" (or something like that).

Be safe, Shoot straight, Have fun.

Cal Struchen

## **Scouts and the Club Grounds:**

The Boy Scouts of America, Hawkeye Area Council would like to work with the club to start an outdoor oriented Venture Crew that would focus on archery and promote scouting values. The club grounds would be used as the group's main meeting area. The Venture Crew would be a Co-Ed Venture Crew for young people ages 14-20. 5 young people and 5 adults (one female) are needed to get the Venture Crew off the ground. As part of the Boy Scouts of America the Venture Crew would be covered under the Boy Scouts insurance when participating in Scout sponsored events such as meetings, shoots or community service days out at the club. The cost to charter the crew is \$25.00 a year. Each member of the crew will pay a yearly registration fee of \$10.00 and about \$2.50 a year to be covered under the Scouting insurance policy. Although focused on archery, members of the Venture Crew are able to earn multiple awards for participation in activities other than archery. This gives members the opportunity to experience, learn and grow in other areas. The crew is organized by the members with adult guidance. This structure gives members a greater sense of ownership and helps to promote organizational values. If you know of someone between the ages of 14 and 20 or an adult that would be interested in joining the Venture Crew, contact Cal Struchen 393-2448 or Dave Mason 435-2612.

## **Iowa Youth Hunter Education Challenge:**

At the September club meeting Tom Blythe from the North Linn Fish and Game presented the Iowa Youth Hunter Education Challenge. It is a Co-Ed competition for young people ages 12-18. As a participant in the competition, young people learn to be responsible with firearms and ethical in their use of the natural resources of our country. Throughout the year, participants practice in the 8 specific categories that make up the competition. Four marksmanship categories: Archery, Shotgun shooting, Rifle shooting and Muzzle loaded rifles and four practical or knowledge based categories: Wildlife Identification, Orienteering, the Hunters Safety Trail and a general knowledge written exam. If you know of a young person that would be interested in this competition or need more information contact Tom & Kelly Blythe (319) 438-6507 or visit the web site <http://www.iowadnr.com/law/yhec/index.html>.

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## **Archery in the Schools Program:**

If your children or someone you know has children that go to a school that does not have an Archery in the Schools program, contact Cal Struchen (319) 393-2448 for information on how to get the program started.

Anyone interested in donating to the local Archery in the Schools program contact Cal Struchen. Your donations will help keep archery alive in our community by ensuring that the program remains in the schools it is currently in, as well as introducing it into new schools.

## **Firewood:**

There are still quit a few downed trees on the club grounds that need to be cleaned up. If you would like to take some time and cut firewood it would be greatly appreciated. Wood is being stacked at the bottom of the pines. As a fund raiser the club will be selling a truck load of fire wood for \$65.00. If you know of someone interested in purchasing firewood, contact a club officer. Phone numbers for all club officers are listed at the beginning of The Shavings.

## **Safety Note:**

Due to safety concerns the big tree stand at the top of the hill is closed until repairs are made.

## **Homemade Animal Repair:**

Carl Mally would like everyone to know that Thursday evenings weather permitting; he will be working on repair and maintenance of the homemade animals. Anyone interested in helping or wanting more information on what you can do should contact Carl Mally (319) 365-4311 or email Mallycj@aol.com.

## **Successful Hunts:**

If you have any successful hunts, be sure to provide information to the Vice President and Shavings editor. You may be eligible for a pin.

## **Ways and Means:**

Waltonian Archer's apparel is available.

There are currently T-shirts, sweat shirts, hats and patches in stock.

We are trying to get enough people together to place an order for jackets.

We are also trying to get enough people together to order shirts with the old broad head logo. At least 12 are needed for the first order.

If you are interested in these or other items with the Waltonian Archers logo, contact Lynn Carter 393-6478.

## **Legal:**

As reported in the September club meeting our application for 501c non-profit status has been submitted to the IRS. As a result of the application process, the club by-laws had to under go some changes to organize the club in more of a business format. These changes will be discussed at the October club meeting. For a copy of the new By-Laws, visit our web site <http://www.waltonianarchers.net> or contact Art Foster at (319) 377-0609.

## **Deer Trailing List:**

As part of the new deer hunt within the Cedar Rapids city limits, a deer tracking list is being compiled. Those on the list would be called upon to help track a deer in the unfortunate instance where one is wounded and not recovered. If you would like to have your name added to the list and help preserve the future of this deer hunt, contact Cal Struchen (319) 393-2448 or Dave Mason (319)435-2612

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## Maintenance

Some of the work projects at the club are put together last minute and a timely notice can not always be given that help is needed. To increase the amount of help on these last minute projects the club would like to put together a call list of those interested in helping out with different projects. Just because your name is on the list does not mean you will be expected to help. The list will only provide the organizer of a last minute project with a list of individuals to contact for possible help without having to contact the entire membership. If you would like to have your name added to this call list, contact Brian Struchen (319)363-4398 or b.struchen@mchsi.com.

## New Members:

Please help us in welcoming the following new club members:

Roy & Kris Graham  
Mark & Jennifer Knaack  
Shawn A Davis  
Richard & Marilyn Burnley  
William & Cindy Lawston  
Rex & Ellen Smith  
Jed Housher  
Craig & Heidi Hepker  
Al & Terry Perkins  
Troy Holten

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign:

There is a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign out at the club that all members are encouraged to sign.

## Waltonian Archers Online:

[www.waltonianarchers.net](http://www.waltonianarchers.net)

Have pictures of game taken with a bow or other club related pictures? Submit them to our web master [Lynn@waltonianarchers.net](mailto:Lynn@waltonianarchers.net) for posting on our web site.

Join the Waltonian Archers Yahoo Group: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/WaltonianArchers/> and keep up with club events on-line (maintained by Marv Findley).

## Club By-Laws

If you do not have a copy of the club By-Laws or need an updated copy, contact Art Foster. It is important that all club members read and understand the By-Laws. They provide important information about the club and your responsibility as a member.

## Shavings Editor:

To help reduce copying and mailing cost we would like to send The Shavings via email. If you would like to have your copy of The Shavings sent to you via email, send an email to the shavings editor [b.struchen@mchsi.com](mailto:b.struchen@mchsi.com).

If you have anything you think should be added to the Shavings, corrections that need to be addressed, information you would like to share, contact Brian Struchen at (319) 363-4398 or email [b.struchen@mchsi.com](mailto:b.struchen@mchsi.com).