



Time to Renew Your Membership

January 17th: Membership Meeting - Annuals Dues are due. Dues are \$100/yr, less volunteer hours at \$1/hr, up to \$25 discount. Volunteer hours must have been approved by a club officer.

February 21st: Membership meeting - new keys will be distributed

President's Corner - January 2024

Hi All

2024 is here and well under way. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season (even with the blizzard right after) and are getting the New Year off to a great start.

Winter leagues have started and we have a really good turn out this year. The Tuesday night bowhunter league had to cancel their first night but hope to get going tonight. Bob Schell and Joe Baldus are running that one for us again this year. (Thanks!) The Thursday night target league has most of the usual suspects plus a few new people to fill out 6 teams. We have been having fun shooting 300 rounds on the blue faces for this night and the scores are pretty good so far. (Don Parker and I are running this one) The Sunday afternoon traditional league started with the stick bow shooters having a great time as usual. I have not seen how many were signed up for that one but they usually have a lot shooting it. (Larry Isaacs seems to have gotten this league set up this year)

Coming up in January and February

January 20nd – There is an Indoor 2D 3D shoot starting at 7 AM and ending at 1 PM. This is a Saturday and the registration opens at 6:45AM. This will consist of 12 targets that you will shoot 2 arrows at each. It should be fun, come and give it a try.

January 27th – 28th – The ISAA State Indoor Vegas 450 will be held at the Border Brigade in Webster City . Keep watching the ISAA website for registration. This is always a good shoot to come out to and draws some really great shooters.

February 10th – We will have an Indoor 300 target round. This starts at 7PM and will be a good warmup for the Midwest Sectional February 23 - 25 and the Indoor Championship which will be at the Waltonians March 8th to the 10th.

February 23rd - 25th - MidWest Sectional - This shoot used to be held at the Waltonians every year for quite a few years and then we didn't get our name put in for it for a couple years. We have it back this year and are really looking forward to it. This is a two day shoot with an official practice day on Friday night. You can get all the details and sign up on the NFAA website. There will not be any walk in registration accepted and scoring will be done electronically.

Several members have been cutting some more trees on the ranges in preparation for planting in April or May again. The areas we will be planting need to have a clear area around them so the sun can get to them and the diseases can't. Carl has been talking about the trees and what we need to do with the State Forester. If you want to know more, you can ask Carl Mally.

Well, I think that is about all I have for now. Keep shooting, be safe and enjoy the sunshine while you can!

Mary Bisinger

President

Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

January

Sunday 7th	4 PM	Winter Traditional League Starts
Tuesday 9th	7 PM	Winter Bowhunter League Starts
Thursday 11th	7 PM	Winter 300 Target League Starts
Saturday 20th	7 AM-1 PM	Indoor 2D/3D

February

Weekly Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday		Winter League
Saturday 10th	7 PM	Indoor 300 Target
Friday 23rd	5 PM –9 PM	NFAA Practice/Open Shooting
Saturday 24th	Information/Registration online at	NFAA Midwest Sectional
Sunday 25th	NFAAUSA.COM/events	

March

Weekly Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday		Winter League
Friday 8th	7 PM	ISAA Indoor Target
Saturday 9th	9 AM & 12:30 PM Lines	ISAA Indoor Target
Sunday 10th	9 AM & 12:30 PM Lines	ISAA Indoor Target
Saturday 23rd	7 AM– 2 PM	Cabin Fever 3D
Sunday 24th	7 AM– Noon	Cabin Fever 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

Waltonian Archers Winter League Jan—Mar 2024

Indoor Leagues started Jan 7th. You can still sign-up or if unable to make it every week, join us when you can. Full league cost is \$60 for adult members and \$70 for adult non members. Young people up to fourteen years old pay half price. Fees are due when signing up. Per shoot cost is: members \$6.00, non-members \$7.00.

Sunday, 4 PM, Traditional 2D League. This league is 24 2D animal targets at various ranges up to 20 yards with two arrows per target. Equipment is longbow and recurve only without sights or releases.

Tuesday, 7 PM, Bowhunter 2D League. This league shoots 24 2D animal targets at various ranges up to 30 yards with two arrows per target. Equipment can be compound bows, longbow or recurve. Sights and releases are allowed. **Sign-up was delayed one week due to a freaking blizzard, no, wait, the blizzard was later in the week. It just snowed a bunch that Tuesday.**

Thursday, 7 PM, 5 Spot Target League. This league shoots an NFAA 300 Indoor Target round. That is five arrows per end for a total of 60 arrows at the blue and white round face. Equipment can be compound bows, longbow or recurve. Sights and releases are allowed.

. You can sign up on the website at www.waltonianarchers.net or show up the first night.



Area Shoots/Events

Jan 01—Mar 24: National Indoor League 2024, <https://nfaausa.com/events/event-information/37922>

Echo Valley Archers—Open Daily, M-F 4 PM-9PM, Sat/Sun 8 AM– 9 PM

Jan 21st, indoor 3D, Mohawk Archery Club. 840 12th NW Suite C, Mason City, Ia. Continuous 9am. Cards in by 3pm.

Jan 27th: 3 Person Best Shot Tournament, Echo Valley Archers, 14 Teams, \$150/Team,
Registration by Jan 24, For information call Travis 563-380-7417

Jan 27/28, Iowa State Vegas Rd Championships, Border Brigade, Webster City.

Feb 10, 11: Indoor 3D Echo Valley Archers, West Union, Ia. Fayette Cty. Fairgrounds, Stephens Bldg., 504 S. Vine St.

Winter League,
Sunday, Jan 15,
Traditional



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Stay safe on the ice this winter

- Check the [DNR weekly fishing report](#) for current ice conditions on lakes and rivers across Iowa.
- The DNR recommends a minimum of four inches of quality ice for fishing and at least five inches for snowmobiles and ATVs.

With cold weather finally arriving in Iowa and freezing over lakes and ponds, ice fishing activity has begun at certain northern lakes. The Iowa Department of Natural Resource (DNR) reminds all anglers - especially those in central and southern Iowa - to stay patient and allow ice thickness to grow before heading to their favorite ice fishing spot.

Ice forms at different rates on each body of water depending upon the size and water depth. Once frozen, conditions change constantly and ice thickness can vary across the lake. Rocks, trees, docks or other things that poke through the ice will conduct heat and make the ice around it less stable. The DNR recommends that anglers test the ice thickness frequently and to trust your instincts – if the ice does not look right, don't go out.

A blanket of snow on top of an ice-covered lake insulates the ice, slowing the growth of ice and hiding potential hazards or weak spots. River ice is 15 percent weaker than lake ice. Ice with a bluish color is safer than clear ice. Avoid slushy or honey-combed and stay away from dark spots on the ice. Don't walk into areas where the snow cover looks discolored.

Safety Tips on the Ice

- No ice is 100 percent safe.
- New ice is usually stronger than old ice.
- Don't go out alone - if the worst should happen, someone will be there to call for help or to help rescue.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Check ice thickness as you go out - there could be pockets of thin ice or places where ice recently formed.
- Avoid off-colored snow or ice. It is usually a sign of weakness.
- The insulating effect of snow slows the freezing process.

Bring along these basic items to help keep you safe: hand warmers, ice cleats to help prevent falls, ice picks (wear around your neck) to help you crawl out of the water if you fall in, a life jacket, a floating safety rope, a whistle to call for help, a basic first aid kit and extra dry clothes including a pair of gloves.

Learn to Hunt program opens registration for Field To Fork deer hunting program

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a six-month workshop to teach skills needed to hunt, field dress and cook white-tailed deer to individuals who have little to no archery hunting experience.

Experienced instructors will lead the workshop which includes hunting opportunities throughout Iowa's archery season. The course, designed for participants 21 and older, will be hosted in Adel, Ames, Council Bluffs, Davenport and Iowa City.

Participants will spend the summer months becoming proficient archers with compound bows provided by Iowa DNR. As summer progresses, they'll learn basic strategies for hunting deer such as proper equipment, where to hunt, safe shooting practices, and tree stand placement. During the fall, participants will learn how to field dress, clean and cook deer from professional butchers and local chefs.

"For those interested in the challenge of bow hunting as a means of sourcing their own meat, this program provides the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to do it all yourself," said Jamie Cook, Hunter Education coordinator with the Iowa DNR.

Applications will be accepted beginning Jan. 16 for all locations. Once accepted, participants will be invited to register for the course. The course cost is \$200 which includes course supplies and archery loaner equipment. Applications will be accepted through May 15 or until registration is filled. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

For more information and to begin the 2024 Field to Fork application process, go to <https://forms.gle/VTGjbq3vBEkieFZr7>

The program is provided through a partnership with Raised at Full Draw, The Iowa Bowhunters Association, Johnson, Linn and Story County Conservation, and other various local partners and archery retailers. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.

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