



Presidents Corner Jun 2022

Hi All

So, we are well into June and heading toward summer. Ranges continue to be worked on to open up more shooting lanes and general clean up is coming along nicely.

Silver Broadhead was a success and had a good turnout. The weather wasn't too bad and we had targets all up in the woods. We had 10 people (including myself) shoot the International round. This was a fun shoot but I have to admit I didn't do well on it. I lost two arrows that I never found and spent most of my time looking for arrows that missed the target. (That 65 yarder kicked my butt). If you find any Victory arrows with green vanes on them, they might be mine. I guess I should have taken a metal detector with me.

The next shoot will be a 900 Outdoor Target round on June 19th. We will start at 9AM with registration opening at 8 and closing at 8:45. This will be a good shoot to practice for the State Outdoor Target in August. We will be setting up the field on Saturday June 18th starting about 10AM. Come on out and give us a hand if you have time. We have also designated that day as a work day for continuing to clean up the ranges and have a list of things that need to be done. We could use your help on that as well if you could find the time.

July 10th is another 900 outdoor Target round so please put that on your calendar.

July 16 and 17 are the Rendezvous 3D shoot. We would love to have you come out if you are available.

August 6 and 7 is the Art Foster Traditional 3D shoot for anyone that shoots a stick bow.

August 20 is the JOAD State Outdoor Target which can be registered for through USA Archery.

August 21 will be the ISAA State Outdoor Target shoot. This is always a fun shoot, and we hope to have a good turnout. Come shoot it with us.

Well, that about does it for me. Keep shooting and stay safe.

Mary Bisinger

President

Workday June 18th 10 AM



Set-up for Outdoor 900 Target Round and general range clean-up



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Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

June

Sunday 5th		Summer Outdoor League 10 Weeks, June 5th - Aug 7th 14 Targets/2 Arrows per Target
Sunday 19th	9 AM Start	Outdoor 900 Target Round

July

Sunday 10th	9AM	Outdoor 900 Target Round
Saturday 16th	7Am-3PM	Rendezvous 3D
Sunday 17th	7AM-1PM	Rendezvous 3D

August

Saturday 6th	7AM-3PM	Art Foster Traditional 3D
Sunday 7th	7 AM—1	Art Foster Traditional 3D
Saturday 20th	10 AM Start	JOAD State Outdoor
Sunday 21st	9 AM Start	ISAA State Outdoor Target

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

Summer League, Dan Perra

Summer League started the Week of June 5, With 14 targets / two arrows per target on the White course. The shooting week runs from Saturday noon through Friday sundown and will continue for 10 weeks. If interested or questions contact Dan Perra.

Area Shoots/Events

June 26 - Stewart Summer Classic, Anamosa Bowhunters
 June 18th - F6 Outdoors 3027 old hwy 218, Salem.
 June 18/19 - MAC qualifier 10086 Forest preserve, LaPorte City
 June 25/26th - 3D Washington County Archers, Clemens Creek 2438 Kiwi AVE., Washington, IA.
 June 25th - 28 Field Target Shoot, Registration opens at 8 AM AND shooting 9 AM 1:00 PM. Davenport Valley Archers
 July 2-4th - ASA shoot, Archery Paradise, Iowa City
 July 9th - 3D Johnson County Archers, 2095 Mehaffey Bridge RD NE

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.



Derecho Recovery

Carl Mally

On Tuesday May 24th Carl Mally, Don Parker and Ty Krumm attended a Spring Forestry Field Day event put on by the Iowa DNR at Volga River State Recreation Area near Fayette. The daylong event was hosted by Jason Walker and Greg Heidebrink, DNR District foresters for District 2 around Fayette. Other presenters included people from ISU Ag Extension Service, DNR Fisheries biologists, State Park managers and NRCS Soil conservation specialists. Approximately 40 people attended. We rotated, in smaller groups, through six presentations throughout the day at different outdoor sites in the Volga Recreation area.

The first subject was woodland oak regeneration. We were shown a fourteen-acre plot which is in the process of having oak and walnut reestablished. Seedlings were planted beneath the existing canopy trees and are being given two years to get root systems established. A logging contract has been let to clear cut the timber off the area within the next two years. Mid story, non-marketable saplings will then be removed. Tops and brush will be left to protect the seedlings from deer browse without caging or tubes. This strategy has been used successfully in Minnesota. It would not be applicable to our timber as we have already had to have the logging done. The next presentation was on timber sale management. They detailed how the state properties set up and run sealed bid, fixed dollar contract auctions for timber. There are some advantages to this with undamaged timber. They acknowledged that the grade and yield approach we used is appropriate and correct for the derecho damaged timber. They also talked about how to work with loggers. The ISU Extension Service then had a presentation on erosion control with handouts and information on several types of erosion control structures. We got some useful information which will be helpful with erosion control at the club and contact information for further details and help.

After lunch we went to a presentation by a pair of DNR Fishery Biologists on Volga Lake where they showed us the shocking boat which they used to shock and net fish for their survey of the lake population which they had done in the morning. She then showed us some of the fish they had kept in live wells before returning them to the lake, including a pretty nice 18-inch large-mouth bass and some small panfish. They explained how to identify some of the fish and talked about a project they are working on to try to establish a breeding population of brook trout in the streams feeding the lake. The next presentation was from the NRCS on soil quality and management with some very interesting and surprising demonstrations of the effect of soil disturbance, tilling and cover crops on water retention, runoff, and soil loss. Heavily plowed, tilled and cropped soil eroded vastly quicker, was not nearly as cohesive and far less water permeated the soil than it did with soil from no till plots let alone managed, native plant pasture. The undisturbed forest soil, even though there was a lot of exposed dirt, showed even less soil loss and retained more water than any of the crop or pasture soil. The final session was an open discussion and question and answer session with the foresters who were present. A lot of the questions and talk were about herbicide use and how to manage invasive species and grass around tree plantings. They told about a project where they contracted a herd of goats to reduce and hopefully eventually eliminate a stand of buckthorn, which is a serious invasive species problem in northeast Iowa.

It was an interesting day with a lot of useful information and time well spent. Rain even held off till we were driving home. They plan on holding this event annually at Volga River around the same time of year. In the past the DNR has held fall field days at Yellow River State Forest and/or Shimek State Forest. These have been held online or cancelled due to Covid the last two years but will probably resume in person this November.

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Silver Broadhead 3D—May 14th

Great Day for a shoot—and Marv Findley stopped out to do a bit of mowing

