



“The Archer”

Rodney L. Smith

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My father, who was also known as Rod, loved the outdoors. Rodney and family joined the club back in 1966. I was only 6 ½ years old. I also joined again as an adult when I turned 18. We have been in the club for close to 60 years; most of my life. Rodney and I enjoyed the 3D shoots very much along with years of great memories hunting on club grounds. My father so enjoyed helping in the kitchen with the club shoots, participating in chili cook off contests, wild game feeds, and the family Christmas parties. Rodney loved bonding with fellow Archers and making friends. So... Dad, keep shooting straight and true, you were loved by so many and will be missed.

Your Son,  
Allan



## ***President's Corner - Mar 2024***

Hi All! Wow! What a month we've had! Record temperatures outside and some great shoots indoors!

We closed out February with the Midwest Sectional Indoor Championship and had a great turnout. We had several young people shoot it and they posted some pretty impressive scores. We had 32 people shoot and everyone had a great time. Here's hoping we can do it again next year.

Two weeks later we hosted the ISAA State Indoor Championship and had an even bigger turn out. We had 96 archers shoot it this year. There are some pictures from the shoot later. On the 12:30 line on Saturday we had three young people shoot new state records and they were recognized after the line was done. Congratulations to all that shot and all that did well!



This last weekend saw the Boy Scouts out at the range for their annual camp out. They all had a great time and i have added some pictures here. They took care of adjusting the tubes around the little trees we planted last year so the little animals can't run them. They took some time on Saturday afternoon to shoot some arrows and had a great time. We are so lucky to have this great group of kids associated with our club! They are all looking forward to the next round of tree planting this spring.

That's about all for now! Come on out and shoot with us this Spring!  
Thanks!

*Mary Bisinger*  
*President*

Coming up in March and April

March 23 - 24 - Cabin Fever - This is a great 3D shoot that could be outdoors if the weather is good.

April 6 - Open House - 1 - 5 PM - let anyone you know that would like information to come out and talk with us.

April 13 - (Weather permitting) - Planting trees on the Blue range - We could use all the help we can get!

April 20 - 21 - Spring Strut - 3D shoot so we can all have some fun outdoors.

May 4 - 5 - Annual Work weekend - 10 to 3 each day. More information to follow.

**Shavings Editor Bob Schell, [rschell5gmail.com](mailto: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

# Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

## 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

## April

Saturday 6th	1 PM - 5 PM	Open House
Saturday 13th	10 AM - 1 PM	Tree Planting, Blue Range
Saturday 20th	7 AM - 2 PM	Spring Strut 3D
Sunday 21th	7 AM - Noon	Spring Stut 3D

## May

Sat 4th/Sun 5th	9 AM - 5 PM	Club work weekend
Saturday 18th	7 AM - 2 PM	Silver Broadhead
Saturday 18th	Noon	International Round
Sunday 19th	7 AM - Noon	Silver Broadhead

**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

Mar 23, IBA Spring Banquet, Prairie Meadows, Altoona, [www.iowabowhunters.org](http://www.iowabowhunters.org)

Mar 24: PCA Fallout Tournament, 8 AM, 204 1st Ave E, Dyersville

Apr 20/21, 3D, Washington County Archers, Washington

April 20/21; ASA Qualifier, Archery Paradise, Iowa City

May 11/12; ASA Qualifier, Poweshiek Sportsmen Association, Montezuma

R100—none scheduled for Iowa this year

May 17 - 19; Warren Levis Scout Camp, Godfrey, Ill

Jul 26-28, Sparta Rod and Gun Club, Sparta, WI

If you're planning a vacation—here's a couple events coming up this summer.

Total Archery Challenge—multiple locations <https://totalarcherychallenge.com/>

Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous. July 25 - 28. Morris, PA <https://archeryfestivals.com/etar/>

37th Traditional Archery Nationals. June 7 - 9. Deer Creek Archers, Cloverdale, IN

NFAA 2024 Field Nationals and Target Nationals, Aug 22 - 25. Yankton SD



## Conservation and Forestry

Carl Mally

I would like to tell everyone that this time of year is a great time to be out in the woods at the club. Spring birds are migrating through and animals are waking up and moving. In the last few weeks I have seen a turkey near the machine shed, eagles circle overhead for extended periods, bluebirds on the old swing set and what I first thought was a grouse but turned out to be a woodcock.

We are preparing to plant another set of trees on the weekend of April 13th and 14th. We are clearing an area on the upper blue range around the Boy Scout shooting stand. The planting will be similar to what was done on the orange range last year. We have ordered 150 seedlings from the DNR Nursery, including red oak, white oak, black walnut and northern pecan. The pecans would be new to the club. They are related to hickory and grow in Iowa as far north as Kossuth County near Algona.

The area we are planting had extensive damage but we have largely cleared it with only a bit more to do. We will also tentatively have loggers return in the first week of April to remove more dead oaks. The oaks have been dying off, apparently due to stress, drought and insects in something called Sudden White Oak Death Syndrome. Foresters and DNR biologists have observed and studied it in five states since 2015 but have not been able to isolate a single cause.

We really do not wish to lose more trees but at least can start replacing some of what is lost. We planted 100 on the Orange range last year as well as seeding an area on the white range with walnuts, acorns and hickory nuts. You may have noticed pink ribbons on a number of small seedlings near the clubhouse. These are oaks, walnut and hickory which have grown naturally. I am going to attempt to transplant a number of these to spread them out since they are growing so closely. There are several other areas where oak, hickory and walnuts are regenerating naturally. I have cleared maple and other faster growing species around these to prevent them from being shaded out. With the 150 new seedlings to be planted this will give us a good start on regrowing woodlands.

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