



## Waltonian Archers 1935 – Present

1935. The club was formed in April of this year led by Fred Enders. The charter members were Warren Hartman, Fred Enders, John Kohls, and Don Seegers and with the help of the local Isaac Walton league (only the name is retained although there is no connection with them). Some of the other members were W H Linders, Jack Dysart, Russ Graham, Paul Samos, Charles Murray, Miles Fisher, Peck Hogland, Don Meyers, and Mary Newland. There were twenty-three members in the club, seven of which were women.

There were no permanent records kept the first few years and the by-laws were lost and were rewritten. The meetings were held twice a month in the member's homes. Club officers were elected in December of this year. There was \$6.31 in the club treasury

1936. The meetings were still held twice a month in the homes of the club members

1937. Playground activities were started and all of the shooting was done at Ellis Park. It was decided to have a tournament this year. Shooting fees were to be \$.50 and trophies were to be given to the winners. There was to be a junior division as well (if four or members showed up to shoot). There were other clubs being formed as well in the surrounding area and Fred Enders as well as other members did a lot of traveling to help them get started. The Iowa State Archery association was also started in Cedar Rapids and Fred Enders was the secretary. People had to join this organization on a club basis rather than an individual basis. The Waltonian archers were the first club to join the NFAA (National Field Archery Association) it can truly be said that Cedar Rapids was the birthplace for archery in the state of Iowa. A small compensation was given to the club members for their efforts. Some examples were State dues were paid for the best monogram design \$1.00 for target legs and the secretary was paid \$2.00

1938 A junior membership was started and the applicants were required to pass an examination on archery safety, shooting, and general conduct as well as character. One of the firsts to join was Mary Ellen Kraus (now known as Mrs. Bill Finnegan) there were many social event or different parties on most of the holidays. The by-laws were lost again and were rewritten. Some members discussed the possibility that the club should have a game preserve

1939 This year showed the least ever in the club treasury of \$2.23 in March. The dues were raised to \$2.00 per member. Other clubs were still being formed throughout the state. The club had its first state target tournament there were prizes given to the men with the most gold's the women were given prizes for the lowest scores. The club shot indoor during the winter at a place called **Archery Hall** this was an old bowling alley there were a few problems with people paying there dues they had to come before the club and ask for more time this was usually given. There were few holidays that went by that didn't have a picnic or a party of some kind

1940 All new members were given this pledge to recite  
**I pledge to uphold and protect the constitution and the by-law of the Waltonian Archer and to do my part to promote friendship with my fellow archers and to cooperate with my fellow members for the betterment of the club and archery as a whole.**

The most improved medal was given out for the first time this year. As well as for the 600 American and 500 Columbia rounds. All of the old targets were given to the girl scouts and the boy scouts. There was a flower fund set up o give flowers for the people who were either sick or passed away. A game preserve was secured for a conservation project maintained by the club.

There was quite a bit of excitement about some stolen targets and the individual was apprehended. The club also had a question box. Members from other clubs in the state were invited to the club meetings to tell of there progress. All of the members were given tassels for there scores different colors for different scores all new members were given green ones The secretary was still paid \$2.00 and her assistants shooting fees were paid Lou Meyers joined the club this year

1941 On April 28<sup>th</sup> of this year the **Articles of Incorporation** were written the club had 47 members. There were 12 instructors at the playground this year. Tournaments were planned and a committee was set up for each. The club offered a \$10.00 reward for anyone caught and convicted of shooting on the game preserve this was paid out only once (they meant it when they said no guns)

1942 Each member had to make a target to certain specifications or be fined \$3.00 (Dues plus \$1.00). There were contests in the early days and each member made his own equipment as well as equipment for the club and there were prizes given for the best job and the best design. This year the practice was started whereby all new members were on probation for 30 days with shooting privileges only after which he was either voted in or out. Bob and Agnes Lindsey joined the club this year.

- 1943 These years brought more changes to the club as it progressed and grew playground instructors were to receive \$1.75 to \$2.00 per night for instruction. Club members needed to apply for this position there was a smaller target made for the women to practice on. All of the old targets were donated to the campfire girls as well as the boy scouts.
- 1944 Burns Byram joined the club this year. At the club meeting different members showed everyone how to make different archery equipment. There was a club shoot the first of the month with prizes given out this was in addition to the regular awards.
- 1945 Clarence and Laverne Baker joined the club. The club had a novelty shoot this year. The achievement award was started this year as well as the men's championship award. The different shoot chairmen determined the shooting fees with a percentage going for prizes as well as trophies. This was for the club shoots. Some of the awards given out were 500 Colombian awards as well as the 600 American for the lowest score for men and women. This years pins cost the club \$1.65 with a \$.03 per letter charge as well as 2% sales tax. The evening before the shoot was used for practice for those who wanted to. The club safety rules were written. A two-wheel cart was purchased to haul around the targets. All of the trophies were given out at the Christmas party.
- 1946 Dave and Eleanor Adkins joined the club this year. The club treasury had \$39.22 in it. The dues for the club were raised to \$3.00 with an initiation fee of \$.50 there was some discussion on a family membership but no action was taken. The club held the First State field tournament at Bever Park. This was the first shoot to be held in Iowa
- 1947 Pal Pickering (Taxidermist) became a member this year. Any member who secured a new member was rewarded with a tassel the club shoot were held on the last Sunday of the month with tassels awarded for the different scores Youngster were admitted to the tournament for free. It was voted to allow the membership to use sights. The midget class was also started as well. The Secretary was to receive \$2.00 per tournament and the assistants to receive \$.50.
- 1948 The club quit the flower fund. A committee was formed to look the purchase of some land for the club. Another committee was also formed to look into the club equipment and to take inventory of it. The indoor shooting was done at Roosevelt school in exchange for the instruction of the kids. The different classes of shooting were started this year.
- 1949 The club was shooting at Bever Park for the field shoots and the target shoots were at Ellis Park. The club also had a booth at the sports show at Hawkeye Downs. There was also open house for the club. If members worked extra hard there dues were paid as well as the secretary things must have been going well as the minutes are not all that clear at this point

- 1950 There was a team shoot this year they also had a booth again at the sports show and handbills were handed out at the sports show
- 1951 The club voted to extend honorary membership to club members who were in the military for their stay in the service. The secretary was to have her dues paid and she returned the money to the club. The practice of paying the secretary dues was discontinued Milt Smith and Charles Naxera joined the club
- 1952 Gladys Byram, Joanna Naxera, Dick Cromwell, Jim and Martha Vanourney joined the club The club joined the NFAA (National Field Archery Association) The club shot the indoor season at Hawkeye downs A persons membership was paid for securing the most members
- 1953 This year went by with nothing of importance to report.
- 1954 The winter leagues were shot at Coe College Field House this year and the club was also told that they were to get out of Bever Park There was another open house this year. Bill Caddie joined the club
- 1955 Earl and Dorothy Wyatt joined the club. Indoor shooting was again at the Coe College field House quit a few programs were dropped and a few new programs were started
- 1956 This is the year that the club purchased 80 acres of ground near Toddville. How to finance this was of some concern. Fourteen members advanced the money for the purchase of the land these people were: the Adkins, the Bakers, the Naxera, the Smith, the Vanourny, Bill Post Phil Rummels, the Wyatts, the McBurney, Mr. Naxera (Chuck's father). They were to be repaid at a rate of 10% per year and at 5% per year interest. The club was to be called Enders field in honor of Fred and Betty Enders.

The club dues were to be raised to \$12.00 a year and this was to stay that way until the loans were paid off. The dues can be paid quarterly. Four new life memberships were granted to Fred and Betty Enders, Don and Mable Seeger. The ladies auxiliary was formed to raise money for needed repairs at the club and the first Chairperson was Naomi Post

Although the men worked miracles with practically nothing every now and then something had to be purchased and during the discussion about where the funds were to come from someone would "What about the ladies" when asked the funds were gladly given and another improvement went to the club. The grounds were purchased in the spring and a lot of work was need before the first Silver Broad head there was a queen contest and Eleanor Stegman was named the queen. Mayor Meahan crowned her. There was an extensive search for water

- 1957 The club members planted 800 pine trees after the grounds were cleared. There was a dedication ceremony. This consisted of the shooting of an arrow into a plaque by Fred Enders there was some concern that this might unnerve Fred. Bob Linsey pointed to a spot in the center of the plaque and told Fred to shoot that spot this is what Fred proceeded to do. There wasn't a dry in the crowd
- 1958 Al Nelson and Burns Byram took up the search for water but were unsuccessful in the fall there was a Halloween costume ball and this was a lot of fun. The club returned to some of the social events in order to raise some money
- 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.
- 1960 The dream of the ladies was realized with the building of the kitchen. The men said that they would build it if the ladies would paint it. What the men neglected to tell the ladies was that the occasional black spots were tar and this would bleed through the paint. So after a couple of coats the women were a little discouraged and returned to the task of planning for the Silver Broad Head. The only exception was a little Dutch girl (Dorothy Wyatt) who kept plugging away until she found a paint that would seal the tar. And the new kitchen was a snowy white for the biggest shoot of the year. During the Silver Broad Head this year some of the older members and former members were invited back to the club and there was a recognition program for them. There was a Robin and Maid Marion contest for the youngsters

It is interesting how the club has changed over the last twenty-five years. Wonderful people have and still belong to the club and there have been many changes and many champions as well. It is most gratifying to return to the range and to see all of the hard work being carried on. The fireplace still intact this of course makes us feel that our efforts were not in vein.

- 1961 The silver Broad Head still continues to be the main shoot of this club. Tait Cummins of WMT radio and television did quite a bit to promote this shoot through the media. The club acquired our first fogger machine even though it seemed a little doubtful as this was on loan for 30 days for approval. It was voted not to purchase this but due to the fact that 30 days had passed it was purchased at the next club meeting. The problem arose with the bringing of guests out to the club it was decided that each person could only come out as a guest only three times in a calendar year. If they were still interested they would have to join than. There were various locations for the different club events. Thew Christmas party was held at the Central Park Presbyterian Church and an old Bowling downtown was used for the indoor shooting the meeting were held at City National Bank and tin the summer they were held at Ellis Park with a

pot luck afterwards. Mr. H E Harrington gave the club the Leon Morris trophy in Leon's name

- 1962 The only notable thing this year was the fact that there were five secretaries who resigned by the 17<sup>th</sup> of October. The Christmas party was held at the YMCA
- 1963 This year the club submitted a bid to host the Midwest Subsectional
- 1964 For the club first midwestern subsectional Al Nelson's bus and station wagon were used for the safekeeping of the target and other items. Publicity ads were placed in various locations and Vern's service station in Hiawiatha was to act as an information center was used this shoot was a complete success. The building committee made plans to build a pavilion. People in the club were allowed the use of the kitchen provided that they clean up afterwards
- 1965 There was talk about the lighting of on of the ranges. The ditch behind the practice but was relocated. One of the methods to raise some capital was a white Elephant sale. The first candlelight (flashlight) shoot was held. There was a need for more storage at the club one suggestion was a boxcar this was rejected of course.
- 1966 The club hosted the Midwestern again this year. The kitchen was remodeled as well as a new machine shed was built.
- 1967 A key system was tried out at the range each member was to purchase his own key to the range the club was to purchase it back if the members left the club. The club started a real fun program started the obtaining of **scalps** from the other shooters this proved to be a lot of fun.
- 1968 There wasn't a lot going on out at the club this year
- 1969 The club receives a five star rating for the ranges this year. Mike fountain gave the club the Paul Williams award to the club. The ladies auxiliary put in the septic tank this year.
- 1970 There wasn't a lot going on out at the club this year
- 1971 This was a big year in the club. This was the year that the club hosted the Bowhunter Jamboree ISAA (Iowa State Archery Association) Jim Sanders and Larry Isaac were in charge of the targets. The Toddville legion hall is where they held the clinic for the building of the animals. There was one sad note club President Ed Jankovic died of a heart attack on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Jones Park during a club event. Rudy Ashbacker took over as president for the remainder of the term.
- 1972 The club also hosted the Midwestern as well as the State Jamboree later this year. There was an open house at the range as well.

- 1973 A memorial to Ed Jankovic was put up at the main gate at Enders Field. The club hosted the State Jamboree again this year.
- 1974 The club hosted the State Jamboree again this year The Anamosa club issued a challenge to shoot the Waltonians this led to other clubs to do the same
- 1975 The club submitted a bid for the Midwestern. The club dues were raised this year. The club hosted the State Jamboree again this year there was a special election for a new secretary
- 1976 Milt and Lenatta Smith were both awarded life memberships this year. The Clubhouse was built this year the club again hosted the Jamboree again this year. Jim Durbin stepped down from the board and Chet Goldsberry was elected in his place. There also was a break-in at the club this year.
- 1977 The club did host the Midwestern as well as the Jamboree this year there was also some more vandalism again this year. Larry Briney stepped down from the board and Fred Petterson took his place.
- 1978 This was a real quiet year as there were no minutes that I could find. So we are not sure what happened this year
- 1979 There was a trophy called "Scalp" these were used for competition among the club members. The club hosted the NAA us field Championship (National Archery Association). There was also a squirrel trophy held in September.
- 1980 The pole barn for the animals was erected this year at the club. Frankie Finley was elected the secretary in August. The squirrel "scalp" was held again in September
- 1981 The Mid-American Archery Championship was held at the Five Seasons Center. There was also some discussion on the harvesting of the trees at the club
- 1982 There was even more discussion on the harvesting of the trees at the club this situation was resolved in that no one club member can harvest the trees at the club. The club had a booth at the Boat and Sports show. There was a bid submitted for the midwestern shoot. Wanda Waite and Lucille Johnson were both became honorary members this year.
- 1983 There was a tie for the vice presidency of the club and a run off election was held in January. Mike Fountain won this election there was some changes made to the by-laws.
- 1984 This is the year the club started the Rendezvous this was a great success the club submitted a bid for the Midwestern to be hosted in 1986 There was also some work done on the culvert on the road coming into the club

- 1985 The club had a booth out at Lindale mall this year. There wasn't much else going on this year. The club also held the Rendezvous again this year.
- 1986 There was a problem with the electrical service out at the club. This is the year that the club came up with another design for the club the Arrowhead. Although **UGH** is still the official logo of the club they both logos are in use. The Rendezvous was held again as well.
- 1987 The club updated the electrical system. The club also purchased the Farmal as well as a belly mower. One of the Board members stepped down and the next person with the most votes assumed the duties of the board member. The Rendezvous was held again this year
- 1988 The club held a 900 round (indoors). We also hosted the State Target and the State Field. There was some discussion about the raising of the club dues. Fred Enders was inducted into the Iowa Archery Hall of Fame. The club facilities were broken into. The rendezvous was held again this year
- 1989 The club membership voted to become affiliated with the Iowa Sportsman Federation. The club also donated some funds to Wetlands of Iowa the club submitted a bid for the Midwestern to be hosted in 1991. The club also participated in a regional aggregate. The Rendezvous was held again this year
- 1990 There was a report of some poaching on the club grounds or very near it. No one was ever apprehended in this though. The Rendezvous was held again this year as well.
- 1991 The club hosted the Midwestern this year the clubs also purchase the Ariens this year (riding mower). Bill Wadesworth passed away and a memorial was set up. There also was some vandalism again this year.
- 1992 This year there was a special election for both the secretary and the treasurer. There was a youth league on Sunday night at the Riverside Roundhouse. There was some planning for an indoor 3-D at the Armory in February
- 1993 Mr. & Mrs. Rod Smith, Dorothy Johnson, Doris McGowan, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Schoon and Ron Coates all became honorary members this year. There was some by-laws change and there are no single memberships are offered anymore there is only Family membership. There was discussion with the ITBA (Iowa Traditional Bowhunter Association) for a shoot to be held in 1994
- 1994 The club hosted the ITBA shoot this year. There were some by-laws changes again this year as well we did have the usual shoots through the year



- 1995 This is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and although there was no party or celebration planned this year. There was a plaque made and everyone was asked to sign the plaque it is to be left up as a reminder of this year. The club hosted the ISAA Jamboree and the shoot was not real successful. There were quite a few safety concerns on how the shoot was set up. The club submitted the bid for the 1997 Midwestern.
- 1996 There wasn't much going on this year. We had the usual number of shoots through the year both indoor as well as outdoor. There was some talk about restarting of the Rendezvous again. This is a lot of work though and no one is willing to step and take the reins for this shoot
- 1997 The club discussed the possibility of bidding a Cabela's Shoot. The club did host the State Indoor in March of this year. The club had a tire collection project and this brought in quite a few dollars for the club. The club also hosted the Midwestern this year as well and this shoot was quite successful.
- 1998 The club did submit a bid for the Cabela's shoot and we never did find out for sure wither or not we received the bid. The club put on the Rendezvous again this year and this was successful. For the most part it was rather an uneventful year.
- 1999 The club hosted the Rendezvous again this year. This year the clubs got together with three other clubs and are putting on the **Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D Shoot** in the year 2000. There was also some trouble with finding a place to shoot our indoor archery season. We did finally get the Riverside Roundhouse. The club meetings for the winter months are being held at the Marion library. The club held the usual shoots and although the attendance wasn't the greatest. Those that did attend seemed to have a great time.
- 2000 This is the start of the new millennium and the Waltonian Archers are trying something a little different the **Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D shoot** will be held at our club this is a four club shoot. This shoot did go off very well and attendance was good. The four clubs are Davenport IA, Hitaga, Manchester, as well as the Waltonian. The treasurer resigned this year due to personal problems. Kathy Waite has agreed to take over until the election in the fall.
- 2001 This year we were able to get the Riverside Roundhouse for our winter shooting Season. We had the usual shoots this year they were well attended. Davenport Valley Archers held the **Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D** shoot at Long Grove Iowa. The weather didn't cooperate as it rained thus the turnout was down a little. The Manchester club had to pullout of the fur club shoot due to the fact the club folded

2002 This year we were able to get the Roundhouse for the winter season. The **Eastern Iowa Traveling 3-D** shoot was held at Hitaga archery club at Central City the weather was great and attendance was up a little bit. The Dubuque club has agreed to come into the four club shoot and they will host it in 2003 the club started talks about harvesting of the timber at the club some of the money is to be used to build an indoor range at the club