President's Corner

Aug 9, 2013

Hi Folks.

It has been a busy summer, just flying by. We had good numbers for our Rendezvous and good support with set up, teardown and running the shoot. A big thanks to all of the folks that helped.

We have been working on animals off and on through the summer. The rhino will be back for the Traditional shoot.

That is the next event coming up. I will be camped out there. We may decide to have some type of pot luck or dinner Saturday night if there is enough interest. Everybody get their longbows and recurves out and come join us to make it a great shoot. We will be setting up Wednesday night August 14. I will be there about 5:30 or 6 though others may start earlier. There will also be a Scout group using the indoor range that night.

Summer league is done. No records were set but we had a great time. Mosquitoes were absent all summer though gnats and ticks were a problem.

There is a note elsewhere about Marv's Animal Challenge. We would like to make an effort to get some replacement animals this year. We sorely need them. I will be donating as well.

Please remind any of your friends who have not renewed their membership to please do so. And if you have any other friends who might be interested encourage them to come out and join.

So anyway, good shooting and I hope to see you out there.

Carl Mally

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Long Time Member Interview: Dave Mason

For those of you who are new to the WALC club I want to give you a short introduction to Dave & Charlotte Mason. Perhaps you have met Dave at a club meeting or at an archery shoot you attended when Dave is helping in the kitchen. Unless Dave is away on a bow hunt he is usually at all the club meetings and 3D shoots. You may have eaten a slice of Charlotte's pies, or enjoyed one of her salads or cookies from our kitchen. Dave & Charlotte Mason have been active club members for about 44 years, and are now honorary members. They have been and continue to be helpful to our club in many ways. Whenever I see Dave at an archery shoot, his group is always laughing and having a good time. Dave just knows how to have fun at archery and is infectious in a good way. I sat down with Dave during the Rendevous Shoot to conduct this interview:

Don Kaplan: How did you get started with archery?

Dave Mason: I started shooting an old fiberglass bow and wood arrows when I was about 7 or 8 years old. Others kids were doing it, and it looked fun. In those days every kid wanted to be a Robin Hood. A few years later, while I lived in the Ellis Park neighborhood, I would go often to the park and watch the WALC archers shoot. That was fascinating to me. I started bowhunting whitetails at age 17, but was not involved with organized archery until I joined the WALC club.

Don: When did you join the Waltonian Archers and who helped you get started in the club?

Dave: I met Larry Briney while bowhunting and Larry introduced me to the club. That was in 1969, about 44 years ago.

Don: What offices have you served in?

Dave: I served as club president 3 times, and on the board of directors 6 times. My wife Charlotte was always very involved in the ladies auxillary as long as it was active, and our children grew up at the club. Our kids ran the pop stands and built their own 3D targets which were a mosquito and frog.

Don: Tell us about your archery shooting style.

Dave: I have shot barebow recurve all my life. I once won a compound bow in a drawing but sold it. These days I still like to shoot 3D's and bowhunt with my recurve.

Don: Did you get in on any of those rabbit hunts at the Hughs Nursery?

Dave: I organized club rabbit hunts at the nursery and squirrel hunts at the club. We also had an annual spring carp shoot.

Don: Do you have an amusing archery story to share?

Dave: One year in July, after the Midwestern Sectional outdoor shoot at the club, I went out on the White Field Range looking for kid's lost arrows. I saw some arrows in the creek and jumped down to fetch them, but there was a hornets nest there. Hornets went up my pant leg stinging all the way. I immediately started running, and in an effort to get the hornets off me kicked off my boots and pants along the way. I kicked so hard that the heel of one boot came off and was forever lost. I headed for the club house hoping it would be empty, but Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Ashbacher were inside and I had to explain what I was doing running around the club grounds in my under wear! The red welt stings on my legs convinced them my story was true.

Don: Tell us about the bow hunting you do.

Dave: I bow hunt deer and turkey all over the state of Iowa. I hunt a lot of public and private lands, and my own 18 acres near Coggon. I hunt black bear in Canada, and hogs in Texas. All the animals I hunt are free ranging. I am retired and hunt 4-5 hours a day all thru the hunting season. I love to hunt, observe nature, and eat wild game.

Don: Tell us about your work for Hunter Specialties.

Dave: I worked for the Hunter Specialties advisory board for 3 years and then as a production manager for 3 years, but my profession for thirty years was dry wall and plastering in my own business.

Don Kaplan



Events Calendar

Aug 4, 9am Club Field Shoot

Aug 17-18, Traditional Only, 3D Shoot

Aug 21, 7pm WALC Club meeting

Sep 18, 7pm WALC Club meeting

Sep 21-22, Deer Slayer 3D Shoot

Sep 21, Clout, Game Feed, Candlelight S

Oct 19, 7pm, Indoor 450 Vegas Round

WAYS TO RENEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 1. If you don't need a key: Print application & waiver at club website. Mail \$75 check & application plus waiver to WALC, PO Box 11121, CR, IA 52410-1121
- 2. Pay at August 21, 7pm meeting & get a new key that night.

A Message from Marv Findley:

Last weekend at the shoot I started a challenge to all members. I donated \$100.00 dollars to be used for 3D animal purchase only. When I left to go back to work there were 4 others that had accepted the challenge. I would like you to post a piece in the Shavings to see if others will also accept the challenge and donate for 3D animals. We are to the point that we have an opportunity to bring our shoot numbers up which will really help. All donations are to be directed to Don Parker, Treasurer.

Submitted by Marv FindJey

Joke of the Month

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?' She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.' Submitted by Carl Mally

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