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Waltonian Archers of Linn County Newsletter

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Presidents Note

I hope everyone is safe with the recent flooding that has occurred everywhere. If any of our members have been affected by the flooding let me know. We'll try to get as many members rounded up as possible to help in any way we can.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped setup and run the State Outdoor Target shoot! You guys took charge and made it happen with the few folks you had. I'd like to also thank those who stepped up to run the kitchen! Our normal crew was unable to be there and you folks did a nice job making it happen.

The Iowa Sportsman Magazine did a nice article on us. They attended our Silver Broadhead and were really impressed. Thanks to all who helped make the "Oldest Shoot in Iowa" a great success!

Many clubs in the state have been kind of wiped out by the flooding and have cancelled some shoots. We recently were asked to host the State Field because Waverly got flooded out. We have been fortunate in that sense. We have a couple Field shoots and the Rendezvous coming up in July and we need to make sure we get some work done before then. We will have some projects listed in this issue and anyone that may have some time we'd appreciate some help. We of course aren't putting ourselves ahead of any flood related volunteering that is needed.

God Bless,
Al 

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Enders Field Lookin' Good!

Last Saturday a few folks came out to the club and got a lot of work done!

Dave Shada and (I knew I'd forget someone's name,) another member brought their weed whackers out and did a lot of needed trimming.

Larry Isaacs and Cal Struchen brought their riding lawn mowers out and mowed the grounds. Larry brought his out on a trailer. Cal doesn't have a trailer, so he pulled a George Jones and drove it out to the club! He lives about 2 minutes away but it took him 16 minutes to get there by lawn tractor. We need to get him an orange slow moving vehicle sign for that thing!

Larry appeared to be having a good time. He was just mowing away singing "If this house is a rock-in' don't bother knockin..." Must be a Stevie Ray Vaughn fan or something.

I took the Enders Field sign down and raised it about 4 feet higher. Aint nothin' gonna grow up and block it now.

Carl and Diane Mally came out and pulled out all the debris that was pluggin' up the culvert under the road and Diane did some mowing with the push mower! You go girl!

Mark Svoboda did some mowing of the range lanes with a push mower too. That makes big arms and quads, as well as burnin' a few calories.

Scott Mason came out and we hooked up the old grader to my Big Bad Ford Tuff truck (quit rollin' your eyes in the back of your head Mr. Hagerman) and we graded the road into the club. That old Antique grader did a nice job of filling in the ruts.

Don Parker came out and mowed and weed whacked behind the club house and pavilion. He donated a weed whacker to the club too!

At about noon, Terry Perkins came out with Venison maid rites, beans, chips and brownies. That was a pretty darn good lunch!

Finally, we had a lot of good laughs and I know I said good bye to Cal at least 3 times. I think it was 2 hours from his first "I gotta go", until he finally quit talkin' and drove off on his Cub Cadet Lawn tractor complete with a deer head hitch cover mounted on the hood.

I think I covered everyone that was out there. We got a lot of much needed work done and the club looks REALLY NICE! A million thanks to all who came out and helped.



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STATE FIELD SHOOT AT WALTONIANS

The Waverly Archers were to host the State Field Archery shoot July 13th. However the recent flooding has made that impossible. We just received word that we will be hosting the shoot at our club for the ISAA. That means we hosted 3 of the 4 State Shoots this year! The State Indoor, Outdoor and now the Field. The only one we haven't hosted is the State 3-D.

New Bridge

Our new bridge has survived the heavy rains and flooding and I failed to mention in the last addition of "The Shavings" that all the steel was donated by Dave Hagerman. You all remember Dave. He and wife Chris, daughter Dawn and Josey the wonder dog run the winter open shooting and always seem to be in the kitchen helping out at shoots. On another note they are also our best customers of club apparel! Thanks Dave ;)

Hunters 4 Iowa

I need 4 to 6 people to help out with the Hunters 4 Iowa show in the Amanas on July 26th. We will have a table and need to take a couple of targets to let kids try archery. I'll also have shoot cards and Club info for people. We should probably sell raffle tickets also. Call Al at 393-7628 if you'd like to help or have questions.





NASP National Tourney

On Friday, May 9, 2008, 5 state champions from Alburnett Community School and their families left for Louisville, Kentucky to attend National Archery in the Schools Program competition.

That evening they had opportunity for one last practice before the National competition began.

Saturday they visited the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory and the Zoo before they had to compete.

Approximately 3200 kids in grades 4-12 competed at Nationals.

Those competing from Alburnett and their scores were:

Tymbrie Snobl	(6 th grade)- 261,
Zack Bisinger	(5 th grade)- 211,
Sam MacDonald	(6 th grade) -251,
Katelyn Yauslin	(8 th grade)- 266,
Steff Bisinger	(10 th grade)-259.

They were very excited to have the opportunity to compete at the National level, especially since it was the largest archery tournament in U.S. history.

Team Coaches were:
Tim and Deb MacDonald
Eric and Mary Bisinger.

We would like to thank the following for their support:

The Waltonians,
the Alburnett PTO,
Tomaso's in Marion,
Dairy Queen in downtown Marion,
White Tails Unlimited,
Vance Patrilla,
Cal Struchen,
Steve Sodawasser,
and the Alburnett citizens who donated.



Summer 3-D Bowhunter League

The Summer Bowhunter League is running and I will have results posted this week finally!

We have 11 teams with room for 2 people on one of the teams.

It sure is nice having 2 courses set. Of course we have a couple of 3-D's we need to change out because we're shooting through them. Everyone just needs to quit shooting so darn well! Shoot'em in the butt once in a while. There's plenty of foam there! If there is ever an issue with the course, feel free to fix it, leave a note or give me a call at 393-7628. Hope everyone is having fun!

Waltonian Projects

We sure got a lot done last Saturday but there is more that needs to get done. We have brush up by the sign to get rid of and we need some weed killer sprayed in the parking lot and around the edges. Just don't go near the hostas that have been planted by Charlotte Mason. I'll get the mosquito treatment in the water this week and may get the skid loader out and put piles of mulch around the trees and the sign by the gate. We will need some folks to spread it around the trees if you can. Thanks in advance!!!!!!



Concrete or Rock Needed

The culvert that the creek runs through under our driveway was washing out and the banks of the creek are eroding at a great pace. Tom and the Conservation committee have been working on putting large rock and broken up concrete on the banks and under the culvert itself to avoid a costly repair to our road. If you know of anyone who has concrete or rock they would like to get rid of we sure could use it! Call Tom at 364-3711 if you think you may have some. Thanks!



Membership with Benefits

We get asked all the time how much are membership dues and what are my benefits?

As a board we have kind of come to the conclusion that there are 2 aspects to this club, Why be a Member and why would some one shoot our shoots or leagues?

But we also noted that a third aspect is, there's a lot of work to be done to keep up the club grounds and facilities and functions running.

So we think we may have come up with a solution to enhance member benefits, thus increasing the membership size and rewarding those who put in volunteer time at the club to ensure the work gets done.

First, let me say that this is the first draft. You gotta start somewhere. Might as well be here.

Right off the bat I'm gonna sock ya! Raise dues to \$75. Got your attention now !?
Dues haven't been raised since the mid nineties and with the cost of living everything costs more to operate.

However, there are member benefits that come with that \$25 increase.

First, members would get 10 punches on their membership card to use for \$2 off a shoot or whatever they like.

Secondly, we would drop the indoor open shoot fee to \$3 for members vs. \$6 for non-members.

We shouldn't lose any money doing this because the number of members should go up, bringing in more revenue early on in the year for the club.

Next is volunteer incentive. A lot of work is needed to keep this club in running order and those who put in the work should be recognized for that.

So we are proposing that if a member puts in X amount of hours of work in the previous year, they would get a \$25 discount on dues and some type of apparel that you could only get by putting in so many hours of work.

That work would include Shoot set up, Registration, Kitchen help, Grounds work, Special Projects, League managers etc.

We will have a more detailed proposal at the next membership meeting. This will take a change of the by-laws and a vote by the membership to pass. So watch for more details.



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