



Presidents Corner—Apr 2025

Greetings Archers,

Here is an obscure archery fact. In 1457, King James II of Scotland banned golf because he believed men were wasting time playing golf when they should have been practicing archery skills. I know a number of us like to do both, so we can be thankful we were not around Scotland at this time.

As March and April come in our weather is getting better. At the end of March we held our Cabin Fever 3D shoot. The turnout for this was fantastic. Thank you all who came out to shoot and work. We had over 90 shooters for this shoot and the weather on Saturday was perfect.

At the beginning of April we have our open house from 1-5. There was a great turnout and had a number of guests, both adults and kids, who all had a great time. We blew up a number of balloons for the kids and had a lot of them hit them. Thank you to all the members that made it out to help with this event.

Saturday April 12th we are planning on planting some more trees. We will be planting some of them on the Blue range around the same area we planted last year. Additionally we will plant some down in the pines area. We are making good progress on bringing out trees back. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this task.

The final weekend of April 26th – 27th we have our Spring Strut 3D shoot. This will be a 40 target 3D shoot. We hope to see you out there shooting and having a great time.

On May 3rd and 4th we will be having our work weekend. We hope to have a good time and get some work done around our property.

Finally, we will be starting up the Field for Fork program again this year. Be on the lookout for more on this program.

Shoot straight and take care. Tom Mally

Charles (Chuck) Zvacek

Born in Cedar Rapids, IA May 26, 1938,

Departed on Mar 24, 2025

The Waltonians offer their condolences to the family and friends of long time member Chuck Zvacek.. Chuck, pictured here is seated, blue t-shirt next to Marv, Milt and Lanetta Smith. Newer members will recognize Chuck from serving in the kitchen (I don't know that he missed a shoot), and cutting grass. More than that, he was part of the group that built the club we enjoy today!



Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

April

Saturday, 5th	1 PM—5 PM	Open House
Sat 12th/Sun 13TH	TBA	Tree Planting
Saturday, 26th	7 AM— 2 PM	Spring Strut
Sunday, 27th	7 AM— Noon	Spring Strut

May

Sat 3rd/Sun4th	9 Am—5 PM	Club Work Weekend
Saturday 17th	7AM—2 PM	Silver Broadhead
Saturday 17th	Noon	International Round
Sunday 18th	7Am—Noon	Silver Broadhead

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

Area Shoots/Events

April 26/27; Fun Shoot, Border Brigade Archery Club

May 3/4: 3D, Washington County Archers

May 3/4: 3 D, Johnson County Archers. 7AM-2PM Sat, 7AM—Noon Sunday

May 17/18: 3D, Davenport Archery Club, Long Grove

May 17/18: Mac Qualifier, + 3D, Blackhawk Field Archers, Rockford

May31/June 1: Traditional only, Wapello Cheifs, Ottumwa

May 24/25—Iowa Traditional Bowhunters Society, 31st Annual Rendezvous, Pine Lake Archers, Eldora

ASA Qualifiers

May 3/4, Wapello Cheifs Bow Club, Bloomfield

May 10/11: Mahaska Co Isaac Walton League, Oskaloosa

May 17/18 Flint River Archery Club, Sperry

May 24/25 Boondocks Archery Range

2024 -2025 Club Officers

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Waltonian Archers of Linn County, est April 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. (Waltonians Archers history from our website)

As our history says, records were lost and rewritten, but I spent some time in the Cedar Rapids Gazette archive, through the Cedar Rapids Public Library—here's what I found...

CR Gazette, April 18, 1935

Here's Chance To Become An Expert William Tell

Local William Tells and Tarzans who have been looking with envious eyes on the exploits of these famous experts with the bow and arrow are invited to join the Waltonian archery club now being formed and which is to be affiliated with the National Archery association.

Arrangements are being made for an outdoor range with proper equipment. Anyone interested may secure information from Howard Heathman or Ed Drew.

CR Gazette, May 25, 1935

Archery Shoots To Be Held Each Sunday At Ellis

Favorable shooting weather has swelled the membership of the Waltonian archers. Starting Sunday, regular shoots will be held each Sunday at 9 a.m. and at 2 p.m. Official American rounds consisting of thirty arrows at sixty yards, thirty at fifty, and thirty at forty will be shot by the men. The Columbia round of fifty, forty and thirty yards will be shot by the ladies. Practice shoots will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All shooting will be done at the archery range in Ellis park.

Starting June 1, high scores of the local club will be sent to the National Archery association each month in competition with affiliated clubs throughout the country.

Membership in the local club is \$2 annually; and includes affiliation with the N. A. A. and use of the target and range at all times.

Archery is expected to prove an ideal recreation for those who do not care for the more strenuous sports; as the development of steady nerve, perfect form and good judgment are more important than strength; and the satisfaction of having an arrow fly straight to the goal at fifty or sixty yards will thrill archer and spectator alike.

WALTONIAN ARCHERS

OF LINN COUNTY, IOWA

A FAMILY TRADITION SINCE 1935

3-D, TARGET, FIELD, TRADITIONAL,
JOAD AND NASP ARCHERY

There are a number of articles in the archive, enough to show the newly formed Waltonians were very active, creating one of the best ranges in the state at Ellis Park. Sorry for the variation in print quality, they are easier to read on the library archive site.

A near half page article appeared Sept 1, 1935. Too big to fit the full page here, I pulled out this paragraph as it mentions the founding.

Organization of the Cedar Rapids club was finally the work of Enders and A. T. Smith. Enders gave archery its first impetus in these parts as an instructor at the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and, eventually, in conjunction with Smith, formed a club, using the Waltonians as a nucleus. After a couple of years of ineffectiveness, a new club was formed on its present basis this spring and the members were granted their present range, said to be one of the best in the state, back of the Shakespeare gardens in Ellis park. Warren P. Hinchman is president, with a Miss Hara as secretary-treasurer. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3 o'clock until dark, have been the regular meeting times for the club. However, individual members frequently utilize the range when they have free time. The season began officially in April and will last through September.

The Gazette, Dec 5, 1936. Anyone know what or who a lady paramount is or was?

Waltonian Archers Elect.
Warren Hartman was elected president of the Waltonian Archers at a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dysart Thursday evening. Other officers chosen at the annual election are: John Köhl, vice-president; Fred M. Enders, secretary; Mrs. Norma Kohl, treasurer; Miles Fischer and Harry Sherry, directors; Karl Kohl, keeper of the green; and Eloise Dysart, lady paramount.

Gazette, Dec 18, 1937 this announces our election of officers, and the first election of officers for the Iowa State Archery Association.

Miles Fisher Elected Head Of Waltonian And State Archery Groups

Waltonian Archery club members held their annual election of officers at a meeting held Thursday night at the home of Louis Matik, 1411 Second street SW, naming Miles Fisher as president. Others chosen were John Kohl, vice-president; Fred Enders, secretary; Norma Kohl, treasurer; Don Seeger and Everett McFann, directors; Karl Kohl, captain of the green, and Eloise Dysart, lady paramount. Following the meeting of the Waltonian Archery group, the Iowa State Archery association held its first election of officers, choosing Miles Fisher, president; Don Seeger, vice-president; Fred Enders, secretary; Norma Kohl, treasurer, and Vernon Allen and Everett McFann, directors.

From May 13, 1938. This is a little hard to read, but says the Robin Hood Tourney will be 'given at a time concurrent with the showing of the picture Robin Hood'

Waltonian Archers To Hold Robin Hood Shoot At Tourney On May 22

The Waltonian Archers, with the aid of the Boy Scouts, will conduct a "Robin Hood" shoot, when they hold their spring tournament at Ellis park, Sunday, May 22. This event will be attended by several Iowa archery clubs, as well as some from outside the state, and a news cameraman will take pictures of the event.

Added interest will be shown in the tournament festivities as it will be given at a time concurrent with the showing of the picture "Robin Hood," beginning May 20 and running for one week at the Iowa theater. Several events planned for the preliminary "Jamboree," originally intended for last Sunday, when it was "rained out," will be included in the tournament.

The tournament will be in progress throughout the entire day.

Gazette, Oct 2, 1939

WALTONIAN GROUP HAS ROVING SHOOT SUNDAY.

A group of Waltonian archers conducted a roving shoot Sunday west of the city, the activity consisting of shooting at cardboard animals concealed in obscure places in wooded areas. High points were won by Don Seeger and Virgie Stephens. The shoot was the first in a series, with 15 members attending. Later the group had a steak fry.



Boy Scout Troop 42/422

In 2022, the Waltonians became the chartering organization for Scout Troop 42/422. This renews a long association of the Waltonians and Scouting. The news clipping about the Robin Hood tournament from 1938 mentions "with the aid of the Boy Scouts". The Scouts and Scout Masters of 42/422 are continuing that tradition. They've enjoyed campouts at Enders Field and have been a great help in our Derecho clean-up. Most recently with tree planting on April.

March Campout:

Crystal Davis, Asst Scout Master

Scout Troops 42 & 422 had a campout at the Waltonian Archers on March 14 - 16, 2025.

We started our campout by arriving on Friday night and getting settled in and setting up sleeping arrangements. The scouts played games that night and had cracker barrel. In the morning, scouts made breakfast, cleaned up, and then began working on 2 service projects. The scouts split up into 2 teams. One team of scouts worked on clearing brush from shooting lanes in the upper part of the campus. The other team worked on putting mulch down by the trunks of trees on the hill behind the lodge, as well the hillside in front of the lodge. The scouts discussed why mulch is put down by trees as they worked and other conservation topics.

Once done, we made lunch and began our afternoon activities. This included rank advancement work, demonstrations, discussions on various topics, and games. The evening began with cooking dinner, followed by a campfire program, and wrapped the evening up with a movie.

In the morning, the scouts packed up their gear, had breakfast, cleaned up, and had a chapel service before heading out.

We had a great time and appreciate the Waltonian Archers supporting our Troops!



Scouts, April 12, Tree Planting



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