



The SHAVINGS

Waltonian Archers of Linn County Newsletter



Presidents Corner—May 2025

Greetings Archers,

As we are rounding the corner into May the weather has been nice to us. The end of April brought us our Spring Strut 3D shoot. We had a pretty good turnout for this shoot and the weather was nice for it. Thank you to all that helped and those that came out to shoot.

The beginning of May we had our work weekend. The turnout could have been better but for those that came out we got a start on the steps on the orange range and completed some clean-up work and burning over in the pines. We were also able to get some more trees planted in the pines. On the Blue range a lot of weed whacking was completed and cleaning up around the clubhouse and pavilion. Thank you to those that made it out.

The Silver Broadhead shoot is coming up this weekend. It looks like the weather is going to cooperate with us and we should have a good turnout. The 3D will be set in our pines for the first time since the derecho. I hope you can come out and see what a group of our members have been able to accomplish over there. On that Saturday there is an international round on the flats as well. I hope we have a good group here as well, again the weather is supposed to be wonderful this weekend.

Finally, we will be starting up the Field for Fork program again this year. There was recently some information that came out on this, and it is a good program that our club supports.

Hope to see a bunch of members out at our shoot this weekend and that you can take part in shooting the 3D or international round or both.

Take care,

Silver Broadhead 3D

**ANNOUNCING THE GRAND RE
OPENING OF OUR PINES RANGES
WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSED SINCE THE 2020
DERECHO**

Date: 5/17/2025

Date: 5/18/2025

Registration Time: 7 AM - 2 PM Registration Time: 7 AM - Noon
40 targets, 1 arrow per target

90th

Anniversary

Celebrate our 90th year! We have a new banner to be placed in the indoor range, waiting for all members to sign it!



Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

May

Sat 3rd/Sun 4th	9 Am—5 PM	Club Work Weekend
Saturday 17th	7AM—2 PM	Silver Broadhead
Saturday 17th	11 AM Registration Noon Start	International Round
Sunday 18th	7Am—Noon	Silver Broadhead

June

Sunday 1st		Summer Outdoor League Starts
Saturday 14th	9 AM Start	Outdoor 900 Target Round

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



Not to put anybody off, but mosquitos are pretty thick just now at the club.

Not Kidding.
Bring repellent!

Are you checking your email Spam Folder

At April's member meeting, it was brought up that email notifications may end up in your spam folder, depends on your email provider and how it identifies spam. Check your spam folder for Waltonian Archers and, if there, you should be able to unspam it.

Area Shoots/Events

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

May 17/18: 3D, Washington County Archers, Washington

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

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

May 31/June 1: Traditional only, Wapello Chiefs, Ottumwa

June 7/8: 3D Blackhawk Archers, Laporte City

June 7/8: 3D, Johnson County Archers, Sat 7AM-2PM, Sun 7AM-Noon

June 15: 3D, Davenport Valley Archers

June 21/22: 3D, Anamosa Bowhunters,

ASA Qualifiers

May 17/18 Flint River Archery Club, Sperry

May 24/25 Boondocks Archery Range

June 7/8: North Iowa Archers, Humbolt

June 14/15: Border Brigade, Webster City

June 21/22: Echo Valley Archers, Volga State Park, Fayette

Notes

Enders Field is more than an archery range. It's also a nature reserve, evolving over time. Some changes come with nature, some from our activities (Derecho & Clean-up). When your not swatting at the mosquitos, take a moment to listen and watch. You might be surprised what you see. I have a birding app on my phone, if I can hear 'em, I can ID the bird, even if I can't see 'em. <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

Carl Mally added this post:

For any of you who watch birds, there have been quite a few unique spring migrants spotted out at the club in the last month or so. We have seen a towhee, a redstart, several bluebirds, some warblers and a pileated woodpecker. People have spotted bald eagles circling overhead as well as several sightings of woodcock and grouse. These are in addition to the normal resident species at the club such as barred owls, robins, jays, sparrows and redheaded woodpeckers. With the more open woodland and dead snags we may be seeing species now that have not often come in the past. We will also see more woodpeckers and may attract cavity nesters such as bluebirds.

From Tom Wright

Progress In The Pines

I just walked the pines today and I hadn't been up there for probably 3 years at that time I didn't think it would look the way it does in my life time. It is amazing how much work has been done by the people that have put in there time over the past few months. I only wish that I could have a part of it but life happens, surgeries come and go.

I can remember what the pines looked like when my Dad and I joined the club back in 1963 it was the most beautiful place at the club and it was by far my favorite place to be and shoot. It is making a come back thanks to the great people that have been putting their time and effort in. I don't know all the names but I want to say thank you for everything you do.

I guess what I'm trying to say if you haven't been up there yet you need to take a walk so you can see what a beautiful place it is becoming once again!!

Thanks to you all

Tom Wright

The Pines cleanup has been led by Scott Mason and Larry Isaacs. If anyone has pictures of the pines from back in the day, I'd appreciate a copy. Bob

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Field to Fork

We are looking for participants for our 2025 Field to Fork Program. Field to Fork is an Iowa DNR sponsored program to teach novice hunters how to shoot archery and hunt deer. The program accepts a limited number of applicants and we still have four openings at our location. If you know anyone who may be interested please make application at the link below. If you have questions please contact Joe Baldus at bal-dusjoe@gmail.com or 319-899-2683. There is detailed information including schedules at the link below.

The program lasts 9 weeks and costs \$200 plus hunting license fees and \$50 for a bow release. Participants are paired with mentors who guide them through the hunting season. Classes teach shooting the bow, tracking, hunting laws, cleaning game, meat preparation and cooking. Application period ends June 1st or when the local site has reached capacity.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdswmZe-FRvCWAKnrcWmNlasfMmGB6fiPxHdfMtOi-XJVKShg/viewform?pli=1>

Chief Master Sargent Brian Rogers, USAF

Rick Rogers asked me announce his son's upcoming retirement from the US Air Force.

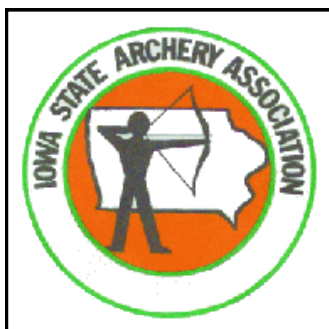
Brian Rogers will retire on September 5, 2025. Not many people attain the rank of Chief Master Sargent. Chiefs are a class by themselves, respected by officer and enlisted. Congratulations and Thank You for your service!



Iowa Legislature considering changes to the Iowa Forest Reserve Act

Paul Millice of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association sent an email today requesting that we contact our state senators to express opposition to SF633 which is a bill to modify the Iowa Forest Reserve Act. The club benefits from the Forest Reserve by being exempt from property taxes on the north 40 acres of our property.

This exemption has been in place since 1906. Iowa currently ranks fifth from the bottom in the percentage of forested acres and third from the bottom in the percent of public land of all 50 states. This program is a tiny investment relative to the state budget in keeping a small amount of land in the state undeveloped and forested. The bill as written would not bring up the tax to the level of residential or industrial land and would not cripple us but it is still a small investment that the state has been making in protecting land for 130 years. It seems petty to remove it. Carl Mally



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