



Presidents Corner—November 2024

Greetings Archers,

November is a month for giving thanks. I am thankful for all that we were able to accomplish at the club this year. We were able to get more trees planted this year, the scout group we sponsor was able to build us a new tree stand and a number of scouts were able to achieve the rank of Eagle, JOAD continues to go strong and our leagues and shoots continue to do fairly well. There are a number of other accomplishments throughout the year as well and too many to name them all.

Scott and Larry have started work on the pines. They have done a lot of work and cleared things all the way up the hill. They have also started discussing with company's ideas for cleaning the pines up. At our next club meeting we will be discussing the work that they have done. Please come out and hear of their work and ideas.

Once October comes along shooting slows down as the hunters start to get out and try their luck at hunting deer. I have heard of members of the Field for Fork that have shot a deer and I have also heard of a club member that shot a deer as well. Please send any pictures to Bob so we can put them in the shavings. We also had a Vegas 450 round out at the club in early November. There were 29 shooters and a couple colleges that came out and shoot. I had a good time out there and heard from others that they had fun as well.

The first week of December we will have a 2d/3d shoot out at the club from 7-1. After that shoot we will have an open house 1-5 and following the open house we will have our chili cook-off starting at 6. Please come out and shoot or help in the kitchen for the shoot and help train members of our community on how to shoot and provide information on our club. This is a great way to increase our membership. Then come out that evening for the chili cook-off and try our hand at getting your name on the trophy. This is always a fun time and I hope to see you out there.

As a reminder if you are hunting on the grounds you need to fill out a waiver. If you have not done so please get this completed. As always have fun and be safe. Best of luck out there.

Tom Mally



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Waltonian Archers Event Calendar

November

Saturday 2nd	7 PM	Indoor Vegas 450
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December

Saturday 7th	7 AM - 1 PM	Indoor 2D/3D
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Saturday 7th	1 PM - 5 PM	Open House
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Saturday 7th	6 PM	Club Chili Cookoff
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January

Winter Leagues , Week of Jan 5th		
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For full schedule go to: <https://www.waltonianarchers.net/Shoots.htm>

Member meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month (no December meeting) at 7PM, Waltonian Archers Clubhouse

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

Waltonian Archers Hunting

Club grounds are open this year to members **archery only** deer hunting. Use of firearms on club grounds is not permitted. Members who wish to hunt must read and sign a waiver and return the waiver to club officers. You can drop in the envelope slot in the indoor range (next to the desk). The waiver is available at the clubhouse and online <https://www.waltonianarchers.net/> Deer stands and blinds are allowed, but we ask that you have your name on them and all must be removed after the season.

If you have any questions contact a club officer.

Area Shoots/Events

ISAA ProAm Archery Tournament, Dec 20-22, Iowa Events Center, Clive, Iowa <https://ISAAPROAM.COM/>

NFAA National Indoor Fall League - Info at <https://nfaausa.com/> Registration closes Oct 1

MIDWEST Indoor Archery Tournament, Jan 3-5, Springfield Ill, <https://midwestopenarchery.com>

Iowa S3DA, Indoor Archery Tournaments, info at <HTTPS://BIT.LY/IAS3DA>

Dec 8, Total Outdoorsman Archery Range, Pella

Dec 15, Archery Field and Sports, Altoona

Jan 12, F6 Outdoors, Montrose

Jan 25, Grand View University, Des Moines

Feb 2, State Championship, Waltonian Archers, Toddville

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Shavings Editor Bob Schell, rschell5gmail.com Please keep The Shavings in mind if you hear of area shoots, have a story, news or a good joke you'd like to share. Pictures are always welcome. Bob

Indoor Vegas 450, Nov 2

29 Archers shot the Vegas round, including teams from Coe College and Grandview University, Des Moines. A number of archers shot over 400. Top scores were Roland Peason, 449 and Megan Gearhart, 437 in adult freestyle. Tom Wilkinson 422, senior freestyle. Elizabeth Lampe, 425, Young Adult freestyle, David Ramm 408, Bowhunter freestyle. The full list of archers and scores are on the Waltonians website—

<https://www.waltonianarchers.net/Shoots.htm>



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Conservation

Carl Mally

I just wanted to send this note out to those of you who had marked the Conservation Committee on your sign up forms or expressed interest in forestry and conservation at the archery club. We have a few projects we are working on right now.

Scott Mason and Larry Isaacs are starting work on opening up the pines ranges. Scott has mowed and opened up the road to the top of the hill except for where one tree fell about a week or so ago after he had it all done once. It is nice to be able to get up there again. Larry is having contractors bid on cleaning up about 3 - 4 acres in the lower pines which we will then replant with some type of trees. Whether to put pines back in or other species is still being discussed and studied. If you have input on that please contact Scott. At some point we will discuss and vote on it at a club meeting. We are working on an EQIP cost sharing grant program from the Department of Agriculture which we hope will cover half the cost of that clean up and planting. Mark Vitosh, the DNR District Forester is going to visit the club this Friday at 1:30 to look at the site and discuss options for fixing it up. He will also look at our 2024 planting and a couple of other things while he is here. You are welcome to join us at that time.

We are working on opening up a smaller area between #4 blue and the new Scout shooting stand. Four or five big oaks in that area have died off and the remainder is maple, ironwood and brush. We hope to plant about 25 - 50 hardwood seedlings next April in that area adjacent to the 2024 planting. Clean up is being done during weekdays on Wednesdays or Thursdays subject to weather. We are clear cutting that area like was done on the two previous plantings. If you are interested in helping with that contact me (Carl Mally) and I will put you on the list for e mail notification when we work on it.

I have been working on moving brush and planting acorns, walnuts and hickory nuts in the area between #6 and #7 white range. I have been putting the brush in the big eroded ravine next to the area hoping to slow down the erosion there. Most of that work is done for this fall but I will be working on it again next spring and summer. We had seeded some of the area last year. A few seedlings have popped up but not as many as I hoped for. Hopefully over the next couple of years more will show. I also have started work on limiting the erosion on the 80 yard target and would like to fill some of it in next year as well as clean up behind the target butt there.

You may have seen pink ribbons on trees through the clubground and especially at the east end of the clubhouse. These are marking desirable trees, mostly oak, walnut and hickory that we want to keep brush cleared around and to encourage so they grow into mature trees. There are several areas where we have seen natural regeneration of all three species and I have been working on clearing maples and invasive species around them.

Lastly there are large amounts of invasive species that have moved into the areas since the derecho. I have been working on mowing out Canada thistle in the planting areas and pulling or mowing it in other areas. I have cut quite a bit of Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus) and applied herbicide to the stumps because it will root sprout and become worse if simply cut. Tree of Heaven hosts a particularly bad insect pest called spotted lanternfly which we have not yet seen in Iowa so it is important that it be eradicated. Similarly I have started working on removing non native honeysuckle and treating it with herbicide though there is a large amount of it particularly along the road into the club.

(Reprinted from Email from Carl, Nov 6)

