



**Waukegan Bowmen**  
**MARCH 2018 Newsletter**

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**Dues are now DUE. \$125 payable to Waukegan Bowmen via Vicky Schneider by placing in the lockbox in the indoor range or mail to: 20315-83<sup>rd</sup> Place, Bristol, WI 53104.** (The combinations to the various club locks will be changed after the May meeting. Your dues must be current to receive the new combination card in the May newsletter mailing).

**News from the Annual Election and Banquet**

Your 2018-2019 Officers are President Andy McFarlane, Vice-President Gordon Sobe, Treasurer Vicky Schneider, Recording Secretary Kathy Sobe, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kolanko, Range Captains Mike Fortin and Tom Scott, assisted by Assistant Range Captain Sean Styx. We really appreciate the time and efforts of our outgoing officers – Sherri Scott who was our Recording AND Corresponding Secretary for the last year, as well as, Don Carman a Range Captain for the last few years. Thank you both!

Our Banquet was well attended by at least 80 members, family and friends. We were honored to have so many LIFE members in attendance. Marge (Dave) Regal, Nancy (Frank) Celesnik, Loren and Betty Stried, and Dave and Sue Thomas. Additionally, it was great to see some of our new members attend along with numerous children and grandchildren.

The success of the auctions and raffles allowed us to enjoy great food accompanied by mostly open bar all evening with no added cost to the club's bottom line. Thanks for participating – hope you had fun! You can mark your calendar for our next Banquet – February 16, 2019.

Awards at the Banquet - - Golden Bullet to Sean Styx

Big Buck Trophy to Ken Pikel

Big Buck pool to Ken Pikel

Big Doe pool to Steve Rosenthal

Big Game pins

BEAR Jim Schneider, Carl Spaeth

BUCK Ken Pikel, Ron Celesnik, Pete Tarcha

DOE Steve Rosenthal, Bill Kolanko, Ron Wagner

**New Business**

A Family and Friends NIGHT shoot is being planned for June 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4pm. Ken Pikel and Ted Jozefiak are the hosts for this great event. Fee will be \$5 per person. Dinner served. Camping allowed. Please let Ken know if you can join us!! RSVP 262-857-9684.

### **Old Business:**

Steve Rosenthal is donating 5 Genesis youth bows and the local Boy Scouts are purchasing an additional 5. The club will purchase 2 more and arrows. A cabinet will be built to store all.

### **Range/Property/Forestry Report:**

Big workday scheduled for April 7, 8am to noon, to get the outdoor ranges ready for the Lucille Green Shoot. Target set-up for the shoot will be April 13, 4pm.

The club has planned a March 24 buckthorn removal workday to work with the 4H group to start at 9am. Alternate date in case of weather is March 31. Watch Facebook and website for updates.

100 Seedlings have been ordered and will arrive in April. Target owners, please look over your targets and let a Range Captain know if you have an area cleared of buckthorn that would be a good planting spot for one or more of the seedlings.

### **Board Report:**

The Board voted on the proposed By-laws changes and will give detailed report at the April meeting. One point that can be detailed now is regarding the question of colored dots to aid in sighting-in and aiming. There was a proposal to add it to our By-laws, however, the Board felt that this should not be a Board/By-law issue if we can all be more considerate. The issue is that we have many different shooting styles in our club and we wish to accommodate the needs of each. Those that shoot with sights want small aiming aids to assist and follow the "aim small miss small" philosophy. However, those that shoot traditional archery (about 50% of members) use a different sight picture and seeing a dot throws that picture off (like trying to tell someone not to think of a rhinoceros - that's all you'll think of). In addition, the remaining dots start to multiply and look unsightly. So, we have a compromise solution, REMOVE YOUR DOTS WHEN FINISHED. And please, do NOT place them on any Lucille Green (paper) targets, they will not come off. Either remove the paper target and place directly on the poly-sheet backing or tack a piece of paper or pie plate on target and place your dot on it (then remove the paper/pie plate!). Basically, leave the target as it started, with no trace of colored dots. This is to be allowed in the indoor range and practice area, only, NO DOTS OUT ON THE RANGE, PLEASE. Let's always be considerate and supportive of each other's shooting styles.

### **WBM History Corner**

Okay, admit it – many of you, especially our newer members, scratch your heads and wonder – why are we called Waukegan Bowmen since we are in Bristol, WI? You will be interested to know that the idea of our club originated back in the 1940s with a group of archers who would regularly get together to practice their skills in various warehouses in Waukegan. Eventually, in 1947, the club was chartered and then officially incorporated as "Waukegan Bowmen, Inc." in the State of Illinois on May 14, 1948. They continued to practice in borrowed spaces, even

using borrowed acreage on Chicago Avenue in Wadsworth (between Wadsworth and Yorkhouse Roads) in the 1950s. That's where the first "Artic Shoot" was held featuring Lucille Green's realistic life-sized animal images. The Bristol property of 24.8 acres was purchased on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1960 from Wm & Grace Eichinger for Waukegan Bowmen with monies lent by club members Sam & Merloe Sulak (club secretary at the time). The original mortgage was paid off in 1965. Prior to the clubhouse being built, a 12'x12' cook shack (area of current handicapped parking) was used for hosting club and invitational shoots. We later added an outside bar about 8' long. Registration took place outside and had to double up under the canopy of this old shack when weather didn't cooperate. This was the 60's and 70's, then we built the clubhouse and the cook shack turned into a storage place for targets and tools to maintain club grounds! By 1980 the clubhouse was built, with the original barn (indoor range) added by 1990. Between 2005 and 2010, that barn partially collapsed and the new indoor range was built (and the remaining barn section became the shed). So, long story made short, we are chartered as "Waukegan Bowmen" and will remain "Waukegan Bowmen" of Bristol, WI.

### Miscellaneous

NEEDED – hollowed/lightweight tree stump section to use as the base for the new Baby Bear 3D target (donated by Sobes). Contact a Range Captain or Kathy Sobe.

### Work Hours

New chart has begun for period March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please fill out your hours (or email me, Cindy Kolanko – [aufinch@hotmail.com](mailto:aufinch@hotmail.com)) to get them posted. We especially want to be documenting our Forest Mgmt. time and supplies.

### Upcoming Waukegan Bowmen 3-D Shoots

		Sponsor(s)
Outdoor Lucille Green	April 14 & 15	Celesnik, Styx, Carman
WBM Hosts LBL	May 19 & 20	Kolanko
Friends&Family NIGHT	June 4	Piktel, Jozefiak
Kenosha Benefit	June 15	Kenosha Bowmen
"MAC" Outdoor July	July 14 & 15	McFarlane
Summer Outdoor	August 18 & 19	<b>OPEN*</b>
Halloween INDOOR	October 27 & 28	Scott, Mastrianno

**\*Don't forget - Sponsor incentive up to \$75 off your 2019 dues based on number of shooters.**

Have more club news? Let me know!!

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