



2023 Iowa Plowing Association State Matches

Greetings Iowa Plowmen:

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to a great 2023. Spring has sprung and I'm sure we are all getting that familiar itch. It's time to put the plow in the ground and practice our plowing skills!

The Iowa Plowing Association's annual meeting was held on March 11th, 2023 at Smokin G's restaurant in Marshalltown. The board members meet just ahead of the lunch and general meeting.

The state of the IPA is strong! Our bank account is sufficient to cover our insurance and national plowmen's competition fees for several years. We are blessed to have a great group of plowmen. We have 26 paying members and most contribute more than just their annual dues. Thank you one and all.

State Plowing Matches

The Iowa Plowing Association will be holding our state plowing matches at Antique Acres in Cedar Falls this year. The address of the show is 7610 Waverly Rd., Cedar Falls, IA. 50613. It's been a few years since we plowed at their show and they are delighted to have us back. Here are the dates.

Friday, August 18th

Everyone who has time to help set up and measure/mark plots is welcome and encouraged to help. I'll send a group email and text message around the first week of August to remind you and let you know a meeting time. It doesn't take long when we have plenty of help.

Saturday, August 19th

IPA plowing matches for antique, open and small plow classes. If we get enough competitors to divide the small plow into vintage and Kverneland groups, we will. If not, we'll all plow under the small plow classification. If things go really well, we may even have our first rollover plowman try his hand at it. Minimally I hope he'll provide a demonstration, non-judged.

Sunday, August 20th

Rain date.

Make plans to attend and please let one of the board members know that you are planning to attend. Antique Acres is planning to provide the trophies for us this year. I'd like to get at least [3] plowmen in the vintage small plow class if possible. I believe that Craig Warner, Mike Fitz and myself will be plowing in the small plow or Kverneland class. It would be a great time to try your hand at it. The only difference is the opening split and a larger plot. I'm sure that Craig, Mike and I will be happy to help anyone who is worried about the opening split. It's really not that bad. We need to let Antique acres know how many classes we'll be holding as soon as reasonable so they can get trophies ordered. Let's make a commitment date of July 15th for all contestants. The phone numbers for our board members are listed at the end of this letter.

National Plowing Matches

This year's national matches will be held in Williams Grove, Pennsylvania. It's a long way to Pennsylvania and I understand the hesitancy of going, Anyone who would like to try their hand at plowing in a national match, even if you didn't win at state, give me a call. We'll find a position for you. We'll have positions available in each class.

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We look forward to seeing each of you in Cedar Falls. Have a fantastic summer and be safe.

Sincerely,

Ray Elsberry

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