



2025 Iowa Plowing Association Newsletter

Greetings Iowa Plowmen:

I hope everyone is doing well this year. It has been raining quite a bit this spring which is good. We need to get our water table back up and it is way better than the drought we've experienced over the past few years. I changed a few things on my plow this winter and I'm patiently waiting to give it try and make adjustments.

In January, the board members met and Nick Olinger's house, thank you Nick, to discuss how things went in 2024 and how things look going for forward in 2025.

The IPA held its annual plowmen's lunch at Smokin G's Restaurant in Marshalltown on 3/15/25. The food was great and it was wonderful to see everyone again. Here is a list of items we discussed.

- 1) The IPA membership dues increased to \$30 this year. Thank you to all that continue to support our organization.
- 2) A good time was had by all at the 2024 state matches held on the farm of Ken and Jason Smith near St. Anthony, IA. The Smiths were excellent hosts and we are very happy to have them both as new members. A few spectators came to watch our plowmen show their skills at turning the soil. The winners of each class are as follows.
 - Antique Class
 - 1st Place Lyle Grimm
 - 2nd Place Tryston Adelmund
 - 3rd Place David Law
 - Open Class
 - 1st Place Dean Miller
 - 2nd Place Jason Smith
 - 3rd Place Justin Adelmund
 - Vintage Small Plow Class
 - Chad Adelmund
 - Nick Olinger
 - Ben Fitz

- Kverneland Class
 - 1st Place Ray Elsberry
 - 2nd Place Mike Fitz
- 3) The IPA 2025 state matches will be held in Belmond, IA on Saturday August 16th. We'll use Friday August 15th to lay out the practice and competition plots. We should be done laying out plots by around noon so practice plots should be available Friday afternoon.
 - 4) The 2026 USAPO competitions are drawing near. We are putting feelers out for plow sites and will keep you posted of any progress we make. We are checking with the Smith family in St. Anthony (hosts of the 2024 IPA matches), the Thresherman's Show in Albert City, Marshalltown Waterworks and we'll likely check with the folks at Belmond too.
 - 5) The 2025 national matches will be held in Greenville, Ohio. We have a great group of plowmen competing at this year's national matches. If anyone has interest in joining us and competing at the nationals, we have open class and vintage class spots available. Give one of our board members a call or drop us an email if you would like to join us. Our 2025 IPA competitors are:

Antique Class	Open Class	Vintage Small Plow Class	Kverneland Class
Lyle Grimm		Nick Olinger	Mike Fitz
Dick Opthal			Ray Elsberry
Joel McQueen			

Joel Wagner, secretary of the USAPO, has sent his national newsletter with all the important details regarding dates, site location, hotels and national banquet. If anyone does not have the national newsletter, let me know and I'll be happy to forward a copy to you. I booked a block of 7 rooms for our competitors so we could all stay in the same hotel. If anyone else would like to join us, let me know and I'll be happy to reserve another room.

- 6) The 2025 world matches are being held in the Czech Republic, Prague. The USA competitors will be Kevin Albrecht (rollover) and Joel Wagner (conventional). I will be traveling with the world competitors and acting as coach/judge. I'm really looking forward to this trip!

I think that's about all I have for this year's newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of you in Belmond and I'll let you know how the search for a 2026 national plow site progresses.

Sincerely,

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