



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

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The March meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee for this meeting will be Shorty Goettl and Doug Steinmetz.

TURKEY HUNT

The Turkey Mentor Hunt is set to go. The paper work is in and there is a full house of hunters and mentors for the hunt. The class will be held on March 15 at the Clubhouse at 12:30, and the actual hunt will be held on March 23 and 24. Details will be ironed out at the March 16 meeting of the hunters and mentors. "Thank you" to all who have worked on this event—especially Bob LaTour for being the head "go-to guy" for this project.

PISTOL

This month the Indianhead Pistol League will finish up the winter league matches. The last one at Bloomer will be March 10. The last one at Rice Lake will be March 24. There will be a handicap match at Bloomer on April 7.

As the League winds down, we will be getting fired up for the steel challenge matches. There will be one each month with the big one in August. The Ruger Steel Challenge Match is set for August 24. We already have had inquiries from out-of-state shooters to get this event on their calendars. Dates for the monthly practice matches are April 14, May 19, June 9, July 14 and

Sept. 15. The matches are definitely lots of fun. These dates will be on the calendar at the Clubhouse. Be advised the range will be closed on these dates.

There will be NO PISTOL PRACTICE on March 23. There will be practice on March 30 and Apr. 6. The handicap match will be April 7 at 1 p.m.

4-H

The Chippewa County 4-H shooting programs that are promoted by the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club are a major project. Only about 10 years ago there were only 20 youth involved in the shooting programs. This year there were 150 kids learning about safety and shooting archery, air rifles, and air pistols. Archery in the schools and support from Bloomer Rod and Gun; Lions Sportsmen's Club; and White Tails Unlimited have done a lot to advance the local programs. A lot of the sportsmen in this area are members in all three organizations. Steve Siverling says, "...a BIG THANK YOU to these and other groups that have given support to the 4-H group." While material support is very important to the group, we need to say a big "THANK YOU" to Steve and all the leaders that work with the youth on making the program a successful one. Currently the air rifle and pistol program is under way. They are practicing at the Chippewa Armory on Friday nights and at Bloomer Rod

and Gun on Saturday afternoons. The 4-H is hosting a Jr. Olympics match at the Chippewa Armory on March 23. On April 12 and 13 there is an NRA Sectional Match at the Eau Claire Armory. There are 50 youth involved in these events. Saturday, March 30, will be the Shotgun Training Program. **Please note the rifle range will be closed from noon to 4 p.m. on March 30.**

ARCHERY

The Bloomer winter league is winding down. The shoot offs will be March 25-29 and the Archery Banquet will be on April 5. At the close of the season there will be some archery bunkers for sale. Watch for details

RIFLE RANGE

It is not too early to start thinking about work on the range bunkers and shooting house. By May we should be able to start work—maybe even the last week of April if weather cooperates. Mike Gullickson is the "go-to guy" on this project. If you can help out sometimes and are not already on his call list, give Mike a call at 715.556.8896. The rifle-only restrictions are off as of March 1, so be aware of events that may have the rifle range closed for the day.

SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling will be April 27. If you need tickets, they are available at the Clubhouse, at Bloomer Hardware, or call Laurie Seidling at 715.933.2626.