



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The April meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Big crew for the April lunch committee! We have Vern Seibel, Herman Boettcher, Roman Krejci, and A.J. Mohr.

## ARCHERY

This year's league shooting came off pretty smoothly. The one big "hiccup" was when the March 3-D Shoot had to be cancelled. There will not be a "rain date" to make up this event. Archers will have to wait and gear up for the fall 3-D Shoot in August—which is scheduled for August 16 and 17. As soon as possible, the walk-around targets will be put out. There are no guesses as to when that will be.

## PISTOL

The season for the Pistol League is about wrapped up. Their last event will be the annual awards banquet to be held at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Clubhouse on April 11. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The meal will be pot luck, so bring a dish to share. Beverages will be available at the bar. We will be switching tracks now to the Steel Challenge matches. You may want to mark your calendar for these dates: April is cancelled, but the other matches are May 24, June 21, July 19, and the Ruger Match on August 9. Signup times will be 9 a.m. for all matches. All but the Ruger Match will be shortened due to ammo shortages. The Ruger Match set up will be on Fri., Aug. 8.

Those working the matches on Saturday will shoot their scores on Friday. PLEASE NOTE—THE RIFLE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THESE DAYS!!! Registration info for the Ruger Match will be posted on the Rod and Gun website

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## CONSERVATION

The Conservation Congress will meet on April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Chippewa Falls Middle School. Attending these meetings is important if you want to have your "say" with regards to hunting, fishing, and other sports under DNR control. It appears that the "antis" are working to get elected to board positions and "THEY SHOW UP" at the meetings. There will be more info on attending this meeting at the April Rod and Gun meeting.

## SPRING FLING

The annual "Spring Fling" will be held on April 26. Tickets were still available at the time of this writing. If you need tickets or info, contact Laurie Seidling at 715.933.2626. Help will be needed for setup and cleanup, as well as help during the event. Sign up at this meeting.

## 4-H

The 4-H group is now into bullseye pistol shooting as well as air rifle shooting. At this time there are about 60 youth involved in these programs. The 4-H will be holding their banquet on April 27 at the

Bloomer Rod and Gun Clubhouse.

## ROAD TRIP

The annual road cleanup for this year is set up for Tuesday, May 6, with a rain date for Wednesday May 7. Meet at the Clubhouse at 5 p.m. Don't forget: You **MUST** wear a safety vest while you are working along the road. The more help we get, the less time it takes. So, come on out for a bit of fresh air and exercise.

## HISTORY

There was once a Russian tank sergeant recovering from wounds during WWII. While doing so, he was sketching ideas for a simple, light-weight rifle for Russian troops to defend his "Mother Russia". His name was Mikhail Kalashnikov. His efforts evolved as the Avtomat Kalashnikova, or the AK 47. Even though his invention became the symbol of the "Evil Empire", it cannot be denied that he was one of the greatest arms designers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is estimated that something over 100 million have been made worldwide. There have been many variations of his designs produced, and they are still being built. There are at least two companies in the US building sporting versions at this time. He passed away December 23, 2013 at the age of 94. He firmly supported the right of private citizens to keep and bear arms. An interesting fact is that he became a life member of the NRA!