



NEWSLETTER

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

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The July meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Lunch crew for this meeting will be Jeff Steinmetz, John Schwartz, Fran Yohnk, Don Steinmetz, and Roger Anderson. On the menu it is rumored will be pork steak and all the trimmings.

CORRECTION

NOTICE—in the last newsletter the date for the **Ruger Steel Match** is NOT correct. The correct date is **Saturday, August 9**. It is correct on the website schedule, but not in the June newsletter. Range closing dates posted on the range shooting house are correct.

STEEL CHALLENGE

There have not been a lot of shooters at the monthly matches, but those that came had a fun time. We did get some new shooters out this time. It's fun. Any and all shooters can do it. The only drawbacks at this time are the lack of ammo and so many other things going on during the summer. I did notice that Scheels and Gander Mountain have had .22 ammo advertised so supplies must be getting better. Come on out to the next shoot on July 19 down on the shooting range starting at 9 a.m.

PHEASANTS

July 12 at 8 a.m. is the due date for the pheasants to be delivered. At last count there were some available yet. If you are interested, give Rich Burow a call at 715.568.3096.

Any unclaimed birds will be released around the Club grounds.

MEETING

A couple of important items were on the last meeting agenda. One was the decision to pay off the mortgage. We have funds available and there is very little interest to be gained, so we'll be debt free as of this month! Another issue is the raising of the annual dues and newsletter ads. It has been a VERY long time since either item has been changed and it is long overdue. It has been mentioned a number of times in the newsletter that it takes a lot more than the dues to keep the Club operating on the level we have now. Calvin is working on a report as to how much it costs per month to keep the Club open. Any changes to the annual dues will not take affect until August of 2015 for the 2016 calendar year, as membership sales start at the fair booth.

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The Bloomer rod and Gun Club Newsletter was started in 1984—that's 30 years ago. My how time flies. At that time the ads covered the entire cost of the newsletter. Now it falls quite short of that. The amount we may increase the cost of ads still won't cover the cost of getting the news out to the membership. You are encouraged to get the newsletter off the website and let Delon Lambert know you will not need to be on the mailing list. The new membership cards will

have the website address on them. As it stands now, there will be one or two openings on the newsletter ad page. If you know of anyone that would like to be listed in the ads, contact Clyde Allison at 715.568.5028.

FAIR BOOTH

As usual, we are getting down to "crunch time" for you to sign up to work in the booth. Please be ready to sign up at this meeting and note that some times may be tweaked a little.

MEETING

A couple of other items that will come up at the meeting will be dates for Winterama and for the Ice Fishing contest. Along with that is the request for a list of helpers for those events. If we could get 1% of the members to step up to be leaders and 5% to volunteer as helpers, this would make things a lot easier for the planners of these events.

ASSAULT RIFLE

I just came across an article on a rifle that the "antis" would list as an assault rifle. It is capable of firing 16 shots rapidly—first 10 then the other 6. It is of quite large caliber—67 to be exact and very elaborately decorated. For those of you interested in mechanical details, it's fired by using two wheel locks with match locks for backup. Oh yes, it was made in Germany some time before 1600. It is currently on display at the NRA museum in Fairfax, VA. I wonder what it weighed after it was loaded.