



# NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

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The February meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on February 13 at 7 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. KP this month will fall upon Chuck Durch and Gene Harnish.

As long as we are on the lunch program, the plan is to have the annual "fish fry" at the April 10 meeting. The key item here being fish to fry. If you have a few fish filets to spare, it will be appreciated. If you can help out, contact Jim Bohl at 715.568.2970.

## EVENTS

The 2018 Winterama Banquet is history. There was a nice crowd, an excellent meal, and lots of nice drawings as well as walk-around prizes. Also in the history book was the annual Ice Fishing contest. It was a really nice day on the lake, it was well attended, and there were quite a few fish registered for prizes. There were over 300 prizes in the drawings from the ice fishing tickets. The Foundation raffle had some nice ice fishing equipment for their prizes. If you want details on these events, come to the meeting for the blow-by-blow info. These events are usually very well attended and worthwhile programs. They DO NOT happen by themselves. A very BIG, BIG THANK YOU goes to all those who made these events possible. There is a lot of work that goes into making them happen...planning, setup, prizes, food prep, work at the event, cleanup, take down, and putting away equipment. Also,

there is a BIG, BIG THANK YOU due to all who participated and helped make these events successful. Proceeds from these events help fund the many programs that the Club is involved with in the area as well as maintaining the clubhouse and ranges.

## ARCHERY

League archery is rolling right along. The 4-H archery is well attended and progressing as well. February is a fairly quiet month, but that will change in March. The spring 3-D Match will be held on March 17 and 18. The League Banquet will be on March 24. So, mark your calendars.

## ANTLERS

The antler measuring and displays went over quite well last year. So, it will be done again this year during the days of the 3-D Shoot. If you want more information, contact Mitch Hilger at 715.202.0595.

## SHOOTING

The Indianhead Pistol League matches at Bloomer will be on February 11 and March 11 at 1 p.m. Rice Lake matches are on February 18, March 4, and March 15 at Fireline starting at 12 noon. The tournament date will be announced later.

The Air Pistol Match will be on March 31. Information and registration forms are on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. The Colfax Sportsmen's Club schedule for 2018 matches is: April 14—Steel Match and April 21—3-Gun Match. More

information is found at [www.colfaxsportsmensclub.com](http://www.colfaxsportsmensclub.com)

## FISH STORIES

Fish biologists doing fish surveys on Lake Superior caught and released a lake trout in 1981. They estimated it to be 10 to 12 years old at the time, so it was probably hatched in the Nixon years. It has been caught *seven* more times. The last time it was caught was Nov. 2, 2017, making it about 46 years old.

## QUOTE

*The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem, it will avail us little to solve all others.*

Teddy Roosevelt

## FAIRY TALES

A little girl to her daddy: "Daddy, do all fair tales start with 'once upon a time?'" Daddy: "No Sweetie. Some start with 'I promise that if you elect me I will ....'"

## CONSTITUTIONALITY

Americans are embracing their Second Amendment freedom like never before. Right now about 17.5 million Americans have a permit to carry a concealed firearm. That number is growing, largely driven by more and more urban Americans of all races, creeds, and sexes seeking the personal protection found in firearm ownership...and seeking the very real and practical training needed to own and carry a gun responsibly.

Next meeting: February 13