



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd 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 10, 2012, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee for April is Vern Seibel, Gary Loew, Jim Bohl, and AJ Mohr. Be advised this will be the annual fish fry which usually draws a crowd. If you should happen to have some extra filets, please let Jim Bohl or one of the other cooks know. Jim's number is 715.568.2970.

DOCK

Work on the handicap dock is just about done. The main job remaining will be the painting. Help for that will be needed. If you can help, call Ralph Roggenbuck at 715.568.1816 to get a timeline set up. They are waiting for some more material as there was some that arrived damaged. The funding for this project all fell into place, so "Thank you very much" to all who helped with donations and labor to make this project happen.

WALLEYE

The Walleye Wagon Project did not happen this year. Due to lack of permits and other things, it just wasn't possible. The FFA conservation group is working on some fish survey projects in this area this year.

ARCHERY

The Archery League is all wrapped up for the season. Their banquet was held on March 23. There was no report on raffle winners. By this time the outdoor archery range should be up and running. The 3-D match had 65 people participate. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next 3-D Shoot on August 18th and 19th.

SHOOTING

The Indianhead Pistol League shot their final match at Ladysmith on March 25. Bloomer won that match, but the dust hasn't settled yet as to what teams won the league season. Pistol shooters will hold their annual handicap match on April 15 at 1 p.m. The league year-end banquet will be on Friday, May 4, at 5 p.m. The first Steel Challenge match is set for April 22 from noon to 4 p.m. The plan is to have one of these events every month, and the Ruger State Match in August. The tentative date for the Ruger match is August 25. There will be some pistol practice dates during the summer, but these haven't been set yet. If you have questions on the Steel Challenge or practice dates and times, call Judy Scritsmier at 715.568.4100 for more information. Work on the shooting range will be starting soon. Information will be given at this meeting.

FOUNDATION

We thank Diane Mitchell and the Naset family and Diane's employer, ITW Engineered Fasteners 3-to-1 Match Program. The Foundation received a \$6600 donation in the memory of Pam Naset. What a great donation and employee benefit! Another generous donation was received from Preferred Sand in the amount of \$5000. These donations are earmarked for education purposes. "Thank you" very much.

ROAD CLEANUP

The annual road cleanup is scheduled for April 11 at 5 p.m. (earlier if you can make it). In case of bad weather, we will try for April 12. This is the Wednesday and Thursday fol-

lowing the regular meeting. Wearing a yellow safety vest is a must, and the vests and bags will be at the Clubhouse by 4:30 p.m. The more that show up, the faster it is done.

PHEASANTS

The Club will be getting 220 birds on order. If you wish to participate, the procedure will be the same as last year. You will need a description of where you will release birds.

TURKEY MENTORING

The Turkey Mentoring Program did not get rolling this year. If you are interested, Bob LaTour had some contacts available. Give him a call if you want to try and set up—715.568.4432 or Cell 715.933.0812.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will be looking to award scholarships this year in Bloomer, New Auburn, Colfax, and Chetek High Schools. Contact a board member if you know anyone that may qualify. Details should be available at the high school counselor's offices at these schools, or check with a board member.

CONSERVATION

The Chippewa County Conservation Congress meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, at the Chippewa Middle School auditorium.

SPRING FLING

The annual Spring Fling will be held on April 28 at the Clubhouse. All is good to go. Help will be needed for Saturday morning cleanup, at the party, and for cleanup after. This will be brought up at the meeting, or you can call Jim Miller at 715.568.5564 and let him know you can help.