



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The May meeting of the Bloomer rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. On deck for the lunch committee are Dan Sarauer, Ralph Roggenbuck, Marvin Zwiefelhofer, and Ken Newton.

We are now getting into the "Slow News" time of year for the newsletter. If you have any newsworthy items to contribute, let it be known. The newsletter is being put together two weeks before the monthly meeting to allow time for printing and mailing. That way you have it in hand before the meeting

## PHEASANTS

The annual pheasant release is planned for July 7. Pick up time is scheduled to be around 8 a.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Be sure to bring a container for your birds. If you have questions, contact Rich Burrow at 568.3096.

## DOCK

The structural repairs to the handicap dock are complete. All that remains to do is the painting. That may be done as well, so check with Ralph Roggenbuck (568.1816) to see if help is still needed. THANK YOU very much to Ralph and all the others that worked on this project to get it finished. THANK YOU also to those that donated funds for this project. Having this dock, and the lake to go with it, are certainly assets to the community and people in the area.

## ARCHERY

For the most part, archery is at rest for the summer. The out-

door walk around range is up and running. **Please** no broad heads in these targets. **Please note:** during the weeks from July 9 through July 19 the summer archery class will be out at the club grounds on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The rifle range will be closed during these times. Remember the 3-D Shoot on August 18-19.

## SHOOTING

The summer shooting season is upon us. Trap shooting has started (Good luck to the Rod and Gun team that finished #1 last year.) The first steel match was held on April 22. There were 24 shooters in that match. There are five stages and four classes represented in this match. Top score for the day went to a shooter in the young class. Seeing the "younguns" besting us old timers brings out some mixed emotions, but it is great to see young shooters actively participating in the shooting sports. There will be some "tweaking" of the event in the future to see if we can get things to roll along at a smoother pace. The next match is scheduled for May 20 from noon to 4 p.m. If you wish to participate, please try to be there as close to noon as possible. There will be no new registrations after 3 p.m. Bring as many magazines as you can, as this will speed up the process. There are five reloads at each stage, and a minimum of 170 rounds will be needed if you have no misses. It is best to have 200 rounds to be sure. **Please note that the rifle range will be closed** for this event. Times for the matches

will be: Sunday, May 20—Noon to 4 p.m.  
June 10—Noon to 4 p.m.  
July 15—Noon to 4 p.m.

The **Ruger State Match** is tentatively set for Saturday, August 25. The **Indianhead Pistol League banquet** and awards night will be Friday, May 4 at 6 p.m. It is "pot luck" so bring a dish to pass. Supper will be served at 7 p.m. with awards following. This is the last event for the season, but there will be some practice sessions during the summer. Check the calendar on the bulletin board for dates. The times will usually be 10 a.m. to noon.

## HISTORY

I was looking through shooting magazines from the late 50s and early 60s and noted some of the warnings about things to come if we were not careful about paying attention to our rights. Sad to say, many of the warnings went unheeded, and many rights have been lost along the way. Voter apathy ("it can't happen here") has been the culprit, and is no doubt why we are in the current mess. I remember when...walking down the street and into a store with my six gun buckled on, and talking with a local police officer while purchasing a brick of .22 shells...or target shooting on the top floor of Bowman Hall at Stout...or ordering a 25-pound keg of black powder and the only concern was, "we won't deliver it. You will have to come down to the Post Office and pick it up yourself"...

**TAKE A KID SHOOTING  
OR FISHING**