



NEWSLETTER

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The June meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, June 12, at the Clubhouse, at 7:30 p.m. The cook staff for this meeting is Mike Gullickson, Pat Ruffedt, and Joe Rubenzer. Vickie Hanson has retired from the June program. We thank you VERY much, Vickie, for all the work and support you and your family have given in the past.

FOUNDATION

The Foundation met last month and set up an allotment of \$2000 for 2012 scholarships. It was decided, after looking over the applicants to award two \$1000 scholarships. The students chosen are going into programs that fit into the requirements set up by the Club. One goes to Brett Stuckert of Bloomer who will attend UW Stevens Point going into Wildlife and Fisheries. The other goes to Brittany Halvorson of Colfax who will attend UW Stevens Point going into Natural Resource Management. Congratulations to the recipients. In addition to the scholarships, \$300 is being donated to the 4-H shooting teams to help with travel costs to national events.

4-H

The 4-H programs are half over for the 2012 season. Their members have been a lively bunch. Their team took 2nd place in the State of WI air rifle program; and 1st and 3rd places at NRA sectionals. Ben Simmons was top marksman at NRA sectionals. Three youth from the State team will

compete at Grand Island, Nebraska in June. They are Ben Simmons air rifle, Jason Marek compound archery, and Jake Morrow, black powder. **Good luck, guys.** Here is their schedule: **May 6**—.22 pistol started at Bloomer. **June 5**—summer shotgun starts at Yellow River Trap League, Cadott; **July 28**—hosting Northwest Invite at Bloomer R & G for archery; **July 29**—.22 pistol and shotgun at Rice Lake Rod and Gun. To finish off the year, the black powder competition will be held **Sept. 22, Oct. 5, 6, and 7** at Bloomer R & G. Chippewa Valley 4-H is one very active group, and they continually thank the Bloomer Rod and Gun for their support.

SPRING FLING

This year's Spring Fling was a huge success. The total tickets sold were 208, and the meal was great (thanks Larry). Two major banquets are a major source of income for the Club, and its many projects. Thank you to all who had a part in the whole program. We can always use more help. The same people are always on hand. It would be nice to see more new faces. Step up to help out. We receive a lot of help and donations from local businesses, and individuals. Thank you very much for your help and support. We will be looking towards having two banquets again next year. Watch for dates.

SHOOTING

May 20 was another steel match. I wasn't there, but it was not a nice day. Still 10

shooters hung in to the end. The next steel match will be June 10 at noon. Come on down. It's fun. **The annual Ruger Rim Fire Match will be August 25.** There will be about five classes of shooters, and prizes will be awarded by drawing. The Ruger rules will be used for the match. Fees are \$25 per shooter. All the stages must be shot to qualify for the drawings. Fees for junior classes (under age 18) will be \$10. All of the details will be posted on our website. The Minnesota Ruger State Match will be Aug. 4. The St. Cloud SCAPSA Club is hosting the match. Info can be found at www.scapsa.net All the Ruger sponsored matches are set up to encourage new shooters as well as to be fun for all levels.

RIFLE RANGE

The timeline for range work is July 10-30. Help will be needed, so get on Mike Gullickson's call list if you can help. There is still work to be done at the house and bunkers need to be rebuilt.

TURKEYS

The Turkey Mentored Hunt was a washout this year, but it can be done next year. There is a new warden again for this area, and if we want to get this event going, it is never too soon to get the ball rolling. If there is interest, you need to let Bob LaTour know (715.933.0812). He is willing to work on this program. Getting the DNR involved *now* will get us on the road to setting up the program. It was a good event in the past, and it should continue.
