



NEWSLETTER

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

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The December meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on December 11 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Lunch at this meeting will be provided by Judy Scritsmier, Roger Reese, and Clyde Allison.

IMPORTANT!!!

Prior to the regular Rod and Gun Club meeting there will be the special League Archery organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you had a team last year and want to keep your spot, you need to come to this meeting. If you cannot make it to this meeting, you **MUST** contact either Don Lange at 715.504.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.568.4633 **BEFORE THIS MEETING.** These team slots fill up quite rapidly, so if you wish to retain your team and spot, you need to let Mark or Don know. If you do not set this up ahead, any spots not spoken for will be assigned to other teams. The 2013 Archery League will begin on Monday, January 7. Schedules should be available at the beginning night. On Friday, January 4, the Archery range will be open for anyone wishing to check out their bows, sights, etc. The range will be open from 6-10 p.m. and there will be a range fee of \$5 for the night.

4-H

Chippewa Valley 4-H will be gearing up for their winter archery program on January 5 and 6. Bow checks will be December 8 from 1-4 p.m. and December 9 from 1-4 p.m. If you need more information, call Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

There will be a Snowmobile Safety class on Friday evening, December 14, and Saturday afternoon December 15. For more information, contact Delon Lambert at 715.933.1233.

PISTOL LEAGUE

Pistol practice will start December 1 from 10 a.m. until noon. We will have practice every Saturday unless there is a major conflict—such as the winter party on January 19. The first league meet will be on Sunday, January 13 at 1 p.m. Because one of Ladysmith's top shooters passed away, Ladysmith is not going to participate this year. It will be just Rice Lake and Bloomer teams for the 2013 season. There will be schedules at one of the practice sessions and on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. New shooters are always welcome. There will be some orientation as to procedures and range rules. As always, safety is top priority. All indoor shooting is with .22 rimfire only.

ELECTIONS

November elections were held at the November meeting. New regular Board members are Dick Marquardt, Mark Petska, Darren Knutson, and Roger Zimmer. New Members for the Foundation Board are Delon Lambert and Seymour Steinmetz. **THANK YOU** very much to those who are leaving the Boards.

DEER HUNTING

The buck/doe pool will be taken care of during the December meeting. Also, keep in

mind that the meeting drawing will have a quadruple pot at this meeting. That should be some incentive to be present if you are currently in the drawing. If you wish to donate deer hides to CVORA, the pickup location is at the Farmer's Union in Bloomer.

FYI

There were **1500 walleye** fingerlings planted in Round Lake.

Pearl Harbor Day—Dec. 7

First day of winter—Dec. 21

COOKS

The list for the lunch committees for 2013 was reviewed and will be close to the same as last year. This is good news. The BAD news is that these groups have been doing this for several years and have done a terrific job, but like other areas, we need some new people to step up and get on the program.

HISTORY

Where did "assault rifles" come from? Probably the first successful rifle actually used in the field was the German Sturmgewehr. Development started in the 1920's and the STG44 was put into service in WWII. The rifle was "ok", but its downside on the Eastern Front was lack of ammunition. Historically the first assault rifle design goes to the Russian Vladimir Fedorov. His rifle dates to 1908. Tsar Nicholas II was against it as it wasted too much ammo. Some 3,000 were produced. They could fire 400 RPM.

MERRY CHRISTMAS