



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd 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 14 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen privileges for this meeting go to Dan Sarauer, Ralph Roggenbuck, Marvin Zwiefelhofer, and Kenny Newton.

SPRING??

Perhaps now we can get on with the projects that should have been under way already last month, in a normal year. Work on the archery walk around, work on the rifle range, and work on the walleye wagon, can perhaps get under way. While late spring seasons are not unheard of, they can prove to be unhandy.

ACTIVITIES

Now that most indoor activities are past, what else is out there? One event that has tweaked my interest, and perhaps may appeal to others, is Cowboy Action Shooting. I would like to check this out—it is something different. This is the Wisconsin Old West Shootists, Inc. that is located just west of Connorsville and a little north of Highway 64. There will be a brochure with directions and a schedule of events on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. If you want more information, you can check their website www.wowsinc.org Old West saying for the day: “If you are thinking of

buying a mule, talk to the people who use them and not just the person selling them.” Another type of event to consider is an “Appleseed Shoot”. These events are held throughout the US, and you can check the schedule at www.rwva.org You will get hands-on rifle training, history lessons, and you can learn why you should quit being a “couch barnacle”.

POLITICS

There is a subject that usually can spark controversy—the recent lack of support for gun, magazine, and proposed background checks shows at least there are some thinking bodies in government. Banning technology that is more than a century old is not going to solve the problem. While statistics show that rifles of any type are used in about 2.5% of murders, you are twice as likely to be murdered by a criminal’s use of bare hands. The US Attorney from Colorado was asked if he knew how many murders involved rifles. He said, “No”, and went on to say that he had not filed any prosecutions for criminals that failed a background check. The point is, be careful what you wish for...you may get it. How about doing ten years in a federal lockup because the crime you committed was giving that nice Parker side by side 20 ga that has been in your family for several

generations to your grandson? One thing is for sure: There are many things the “antis” have tucked into bans that do not come to light until the laws are passed. OK, off the soap box.

NEXT

Moving along, finally, we should be getting spring projects under way. Outdoor archery should be coming soon, the walleye wagon should be on Long Lake, work on the rifle range, and road cleanup should be set up at this meeting. The cleanup will have to be soon before the grass gets up.

SPRING FLING

Another spring party has entered the history book. There were about 200 tickets sold, many nice raffle prizes, and of course a great meal. If you want details, come to the meeting and get the blow-by-blow information. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make this event happen.

PISTOL

The Indianhead Pistol League capped off the season with their awards banquet on May 4. This ends league events until practice sessions start in December. Steel Challenge matches will now start up with the first match on Saturday, May 18, at noon in the rifle range area. **Notice: the rifle range will be closed May 18 after 10 a.m.**