



NEWSLETTER

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The September meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Sept. 10 at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee is Katie and the Noodle Makers.

It seems I just did a newsletter and it's time for another one.

FAIR BOOTH

Another Bloomer Fair has slid by, and it turned out pretty well. Our booth was pretty much the same as it has been in years past. The turnout at the table was about on average with other years. There were 249 memberships sold or renewed this year. There were lots of signups for door prizes, and there are still a few prizes to be picked up at the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse will be open at about 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10. There were a few glitches in the scheduling for the booth this year. We did survive, but this will NOT be the case if we have a booth again next year.

ARCHERY

The 3-D Archery Shoot went well. They had 77 shooters, and there was enough help for the event. Having enough help makes things so much nicer. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped out in some way.

SHOOTING

The annual Ruger Steel Challenge was held on August 23rd and 24th. The range was set up on Friday evening. Those who were to be range officers on Saturday shot their scores on Friday evening. We had a rain delay on Saturday morning, but everyone was great as they knew we really needed the rain. As it was, all the shooters were off the range by 5:15. We

paused at 2 p.m. to do the prize drawings. Ruger had supplied four guns, hats, and gear. There were many other nice prizes as well. All prizes were awarded by random drawings. We had 52 registered shooters, and a few spectators. Shooters came from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. THANK YOU to all that helped on that event. **The September 15 steel match has been cancelled.** The main hangup is finding .22 ammunition. We will be back at it in the spring of 2014. Bulls-eye pistol practice will start in December.

4-H ROUNDEZVOUS

There is always something going on with this organization. The last major outdoor event is coming up—that is their annual Rendezvous. The main event will start out on Friday afternoon, Sept. 27. It continues on Saturday and Sunday. If you want to check out “what’s cooking”, the time to go is on Saturday. You can see events that are going on, and maybe get a bite of stew out of the big pot. There will be a training session on Saturday, Sept. 21 in preparation for the big event on the 28th and 29th. **Be advised that the rifle range will be closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 and all day on Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and 29th.**

RANGE

The range is all set on the new bunkers. There should not be anymore closed time for the rifle range, but always keep an eye on the bulletin board calendar and the newsletter. The cement work around the building has not been done yet. No further information on the cement work is available.

NORTH PARK

Handicap fishing at the North Park has been brought up again. Possible options could stand another look-see to determine if anything might be done. If you have any thoughts or ideas, bring them up at the meeting.

DEER ARCHERY CONTEST

Jim Bohl is the go-to guy for the Archery Buck and Doe Contest. If you want to get in on that, see Jim and sign up. The entry fee is \$1 for each class.

POLITICS

I am a member of several organizations besides the NRA that are working to protect our Constitution. In the last year and a half, the number of requests for donations has at least doubled. The anti groups seem to have an endless supply of cash. The Second Amendment Foundation just sent me a list of lawsuits they have been involved in recently. Of the list of thirty actions, thirteen have resulted in wins, seventeen of the list are either not settled yet or are in the process of appeal. As, you may have guessed, the problem areas are usually California, Illinois, and DC—but not always. Prior to 1968 the NRA was an organization of sportsmen, competitive shooters, educators in many shooting sports, as well as Second Amendment Rights protectors. Since then, the organization has not changed its mission, but is now “the powerful gun lobby”. Fighting the rabid left in court is costly, so monetary support is important. Belong to some organization that supports the Constitution. Remember: in most organizations, ours included, membership dues are not enough to cover operational costs.