



NEWSLETTER

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

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The July meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on July 9 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. We will have a crew for the lunch committee this month--Jeff Steinmetz, John Schwartz, Fran Yohnk, Don Steinmetz, and Roger Anderson. With that many cooks, it's bound to be good!

FAIR BOOTH

On the front burner for this month is getting the Fair Booth set up and running. Be prepared to sign up at this meeting to work at the booth. It's not that difficult, you just need to commit three hours of time to "man" the booth. The fair will run Aug. 1-4. It officially starts at 5 p.m. on the 1st. Set up will be the same as years past. We will meet at the Clubhouse on Wed., July 31, at 6 p.m. and be at the booth around 6:30 or 6:45 to put up the displays. There will be a sign up schedule to work at the booth. One person can sign up and find someone to partner up with for their time slot. If you have any mounts or items to be in the display, bring them to this meeting, or bring them to the booth around 6:30 p.m. Wed. evening. Prize drawings will be set up the way we have been doing it the past few years. There will be two buildings with merchant display booths this year, so take time to check them out.

RIFLE RANGE

Work on the rifle range is scheduled to be the 3rd week of July—that's the 15th through 19th. The fourth week in July is our back-up time in case of

bad weather or something. We have equipment scheduled for this time slot, so it needs to happen as scheduled. If you can help and are not already on the work call list, then give Mike Gullickson a call at 715.556.8896. Leave a message if you don't get him and he WILL get back to you. We will be working on the bunkers and a gate to shut the driveway out on the range. It has been reported that people have driven out onto the range area while someone was firing on the range. That is a definite "NO-NO", so be sure to check the firing line before you venture out into the range area. The cement work should be finished by the time the construction work starts down range. **PLEASE NOTE: The range will be closed during the time of work.** Come on out and help if you can—even if it's only a couple of hours. **Don't forget: call Mike at 715.556.8896.**

PISTOL LEAGUE

The Rod and Gun Pistol League will be putting on "Steel Challenge matches" on July 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also the "Big One" will be August 24. This will be the Ruger State Match, and it will be a pretty big event with some really nice prizes. **The rifle range will be closed for these events.**

ARCHERY

The summer range is up and running. Bring bug dope for sure! The two-day 3-D match will be August 17 and 18. Need more info on that event? Call Don Lang at

715.404.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.568.4633.

HISTORY

I subscribe to several shooting publications and read about all the "new stuff" being tested and marketed including the "Black Rifle". One staff writer often has a test article on some new gun or manufacturer. He often visits their factories. On a recent trip to Radom, Poland, he made an excursion to a local camp the Nazis called AUSCHWITZ. So, what we have is not an article about some new product or manufacturer, but a five-page article about this place, which was just one of many camps. It doesn't sound bad, but it is a sorrowful place that was the sight of extreme horror. The author said, "Two emotions will be with me forever...sadness and anger." This was only ONE camp. Between 1940-1945 about 1.5 million people—men, women, and children—arrived by train, never to be seen again. This is just a reminder of how things are when only police and military have guns. The article is on the counter at the Rod and Gun Club. If you don't happen to read this article, look it up on the Internet. There are a lot of American gun owners that do not belong to pro-gun organizations. If you can afford more ammo magazines or a few beers with the boys, you can afford to belong to one organization. NRA is the largest; but, Gun Owners of America or Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (no, you don't have to be Jewish) are also good.