

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 13, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. On deck for kitchen staff will be Dan Sarauer, Ralph Roggenbuck, Marvin Zwiefelhofer, and Kenny Newton.

"FINALLY"

We are now entering the slate of activities that do not require a lot of shoveling and chopping. Leagues are all done; the banquets are done, so get out the fish poles, kayaks, and boats for summer activities—I think.

ARCHERY

The summer walk-around range is up and running. Remember—NO BROAD HEADS!

RIFLE RANGE

The range is open for shooting. Remember to sign in at the shooting house and CLEAN UP after shooting. There are some repairs to be done on a couple of bunkers, so watch the newsletter for more information. Better yet, contact Mike Gullickson 715.556.8896 to get on his call list to help on the range.

ACTIVITIES

Trap shooting will be under way. I'm not sure what the team status is at this time, so if you need information, contact Rod Schmidt Sr. 715.568.1987

for an update. For information on summer events and activities for 4-H, contact Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158. They always seem to have a good slate of activities and events going on—some of which do require a lot of advance planning. These usually include attendance at some out-of-state shooting tournaments.

STEEL CHALLENGE

Steel matches are on the schedule for May 24, June 21, and July 19. matches start at 9 a.m. on The "BIG these dates. MATCH Is the Ruger match on August 9, starting at 8 a.m. Advance registrations are appreciat-Some out-of-state shooters have already registered. Those helping run the matches will shoot their scores on Friday, Aug. 8 in the afternoon and evening after the setup is finished. All Ruger rules will be followed. Ruger is still the main sponsor, but the event is administrated by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Prizes are awarded by random drawings, so if you complete the event, you will be eligible for the prize drawings. Last year we had over 50 shooters, so it is pretty much an all-day event. We will have soda, water, and hotdogs on the grounds for sale.

FAIR BOOTH

The Bloomer Fair will be July 31, Aug. 1, 2, and 3.

The Rod and Gun booth is being planned for those days. Mark your calendars. We will need helpers to tend the booth for all of those days. Plan some time now so getting the schedule set up is not the usual arm-twisting match.

3-D

The summer 3-D archery shoot will be held on August 16 and 17. Plan ahead.

TRIVIA

May and June are shaking out as relatively quiet months. So the next couple of newsletters may be a little skimpy. Of the various side notes I have come upon, one is hearing protection. While most of us use ear muffs for shooting, there is a long list of other things that create noise levels which can damage your hearing—lawn mowers, leaf blowers, sports events, band concerts, hand driers, food processors, and the list goes on and on. In fact, I will cut out the article and leave it at the Rod and Gun shooting building.

Another interesting bit regards the dreadful AR style of rifle so vilified by the media as the cause of everything from horrendous crimes to warts and hangnails. It has been selling at a rate of one out of every five gun sales in the last couple of years. Gun sales in general have been way up these days.

Thank you to all who helped at the Spring Party!!!