



NEWSLETTER

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

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The October meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee for this month is Jim Kleingartner and others.

FOUNDATION

The 50/50 raffle sponsored by the Rod and Gun Foundation is ongoing, but time has a way of slipping by. The drawing for this raffle will be in November. So, it is time to be getting those tickets in soon. For information on getting in on the raffle, contact Rich Burrow at 715.568.3096. Proceeds from this raffle will go into the education fund for scholarships.

SHOOTING

The rifle range should be open from now on. The 4-H Rendezvous was the last scheduled event to require the range to be closed. There may be some time for work to require closing, but that is usually early in the day. **Congratulations** are in order for the Rod and Gun trap team. They won first place in their division this year! **GOOD JOB GUYS!**

MEMBERSHIPS

The October meeting is the official date for memberships to be due for the 2015 year. All those paid up by this meeting will be eligible for a prize drawing.

NOTICE!!!

Do not forget **THE PADLOCK ON THE GATE WILL BE CHANGED AT THE END OF THIS MEETING.** If you can't get the lock open after October 14, check to see that you have

the new combination. Bloomer Hardware has memberships available if you need to upgrade.

HUNTING

I haven't seen anything to indicate that grouse hunting will be great this fall, but there does seem to be a fair number of squirrels around. I haven't seen a lot of deer in my neck of the woods, but we have had a couple of does and a six-point buck in the front yard looking for apples. I hope you all have your deer licenses in order and are able to make sense out of where to hunt, what weapons go where, and what is shootable. If there is going to be a deer gun pool, we should get a start on that program. That can continue to the next meeting as well.

ELECTIONS

Like it or not, this is an important part of the Rod and Gun Club agenda. A slate of candidates needs to be set up before the November 11 meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor before the vote, but it is nice to have a selection set up before hand. Three regular Board members and one Foundation Board member will need to be voted on. To make this a "real" election, we need to have more than four people to be on the ballot. Arm twisting to get four people to agree to be representatives on the Board does not, in my opinion, constitute an election. So, step up to the plate to keep this club ongoing.

RAMBLINGS

It must be election time. The number of letters requesting donations has doubled in recent

weeks as the "snake oil peddlers" assault us in their quest for funds.

If you are traveling in Missouri, you may want to take in the NRA Arms Museum in Springfield. It's located at the Bass Pro Shops flagship store. It is open daily and admission is free.

It has been noted that an anti Second Amendment activist, Michael Bloomberg, is known as "a guy with millions and the NRA is millions of guys and gals with \$25".

I just finished reading a newsletter from the Second Amendment Foundation. They have just celebrated their 40th anniversary. Their slogan is "Winning firearms freedom, one lawsuit at a time." Some of the high profile ones are DC, State of Illinois, City of Chicago, New Orleans, and San Francisco. This is a good organization to support. Their website is www.saf.org

Did you know that in Australia being in possession of any item—guns, knives, tasers, pepper spray—for the purpose of defending your home and family, is a criminal offense.

Moving on, be careful out there while hunting, and don't forget the bug dope. Also, don't forget to keep your boats and trailers free of weeds, etc. when taking them out of the water.

Those who say we are in a time where there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look.

--Ronald Reagan