

NEWSLETTER

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

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The December meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. The lunch committee for the last meeting of 2014 will be Clyde Allison, Judy Scritsmier, and Roger Reese. Lunch committees have been reviewed for 2015 and are pretty much the same as usual. The new list will be posted on the bulletin board along with the list of 2015 bartenders.

ARCHERY

NOTICE!! The 2015 Archery League organizational meeting will be held on Dec. 9 at 6:30. This is an important meeting if you want to keep your slot or start a new team. If you cannot attend the meeting, be sure to contact Don Lang 715.404.5627 or Mark Petska 715.933.2167. Any spots not claimed will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

4-H

The 4-H archery program will start with a set-up time on December 13 and 14. This will be to get equipment ready for the season which starts the first Saturday of 2015—January 3.

PISTOL

Pistol practice will start Saturday, December 6, at 8 a.m. Sessions will run each Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. If there is a major event for Saturday, there will NOT be a practice. January 17, 2015 there will be NO practice. Matches will be as follows: Bloomer--Jan. 18, Feb. 8, and Mar. 8. Ladysmith—Jan. 25, Feb. 22, and Mar. 22. Warm-up match at Ladysmith Dec. 14. Handicap match at Bloomer April 12.

All matches will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We refer to the Saturday shooting sessions as "practice", but we do encourage shooters that are not going to compete in matches to come out and shoot. It's all indoors, .22 cal only, and you do have to follow range rules, but you can come out to just shoot. If you are a new shooter, there will be help to get you started. The shooting range fee is \$4 per session.

TURKEYS

This seems to be an appropriate time to "talk turkey". LaTour is working on the spring turkey mentored hunt. It takes a lot of time working with the DNR to get the program rolling. The class will be held in April. We will need hunters as well as mentors and landowners to get involved to make the program work. The program is for "novice hunters" from 10 years old or older. The DNR has defined a "novice hunter" as a person that did not receive a turkey license or tag the previous year. If you want to get involved in the program, you need to con-Bob LaTour 715.933.0812 to get on board. Bob puts a lot of effort into this event, so "THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK".

ELECTIONS

The annual election for Board members was held at the last meeting. Your new Board members are: Mike Galetka, Gale Seefluth, and Bryan Hutton. For the Foundation Board, the new member is Rod Schmidt Sr.

EVENTS

Coming right up will be the **Winterama** party on January

17. If you need tickets, contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627. At last count, tickets were going fast, so act soon. January 24 is the **Annual Ice Fishing Contest.** Tickets and posters will be available at the meeting. Keep in mind that help is always needed for these events.

FOUNDATION

The winner of the recent 50-50 raffle was Scott Johnson of Colfax. The Foundation is sponsoring another raffle to go along with the Ice Fishing Contest. Prizes will be related to fishing. The drawing will be at the end of the Ice Fishing Contest. Contact Rich Burow at 715.568.3096 for ticket information. Tickets will be sold at the Ice Fishing Contest up to drawing time.

LOST AND FOUND

Awhile ago a man's ring was found. If you know of anyone missing a ring, call Mike Gullickson at 715.556.8896 to identify it.

NEW

Something new has been added. You will find a jug at the bar for pull tabs from beverage containers. These tabs will be given to the Ronald McDonald Foundation. They sponsor housing for parents of sick children near many children's hospitals. It's a good cause, so let's help out.

VETERANS

We have just passed another "Veteran's Day". I fear that we have a number of people out there that have no understanding or appreciation for the sacrifices veterans have paid for our freedom. We need to be talking about this so that our youth understand how fortunate we are.