



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The January meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Cooks for the January meeting are Chuck Dorch, Gene Harnish, and Wayne Steinmetz.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well, well. Another year has slid by. We are off to the races. Archery League is up and running, the first pistol match will be on January 18, and 4-H is started with their archery program. It looks like a busy year is under way.

## WINTER PARTY

This has slipped right up to the front burner. The party will be on **January 17 (Sat.)**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The meal is usually served right around 7:00 p.m. Prizes that go with your ticket will be a Savage 308, Stoeger 20 ga., and a Savage 17 HMR. The house raffles for the evening will have four tables with guns as follows:

**Table 1:** Henry Lever 30-30 (made in Rice Lake); Tikka T3 SS 22-250; Howa 1500 Camo SS 270; Weatherby Vanguard S2-243; Kahr Arms CM9-9mm pistol. **Table 2:** Browning X-Bolt – 25-06; Savage 10 XP 22-250/Scope; Ruger 77 Hawkeye SS 30-06; Henry lever 22 Mag.; Taurus Model 85-38 Spec. pistol. **Table 3:** Browning X Bolt 243; Henry lever 45-70 (Made in Rice Lake); Glock 23-40 SW pistol; Savage 25 Varmint 17 Hornet; Weatherby Vanguard 30-06. **Table 4:** Tikka T3 300 Win Mag.; Browning X Bolt 7mm-08; Ruger Vaquero-45 Revolver; Thompson Venture 308; Marlin XT/Scope 17 HMR.

**Two ladies' tables** will also be available with things ladies like.

If you don't already have your tickets, it could be a problem. For ticket info, contact Don Lang at 715.568.1265 or Cell 715.404.5627. The past several years this party is sold out.

## ICE FISHING

Right on the heels of the winter party, we have the ice fishing contest. This will be held on January 24 at Marshmiller Lake at Cedar Bay Resort. The setup should be pretty much the same as years past. The festivities will start officially at 1:00 p.m. with the major drawings at the end of the contest. There will also be drawings at the end of the contest for the raffle prizes from the Foundation raffle. Tickets for that raffle are on sale now and will be available until the close of the ice fishing contest. The prizes for this are some nice items related to ice fishing.

## PISTOL

The first league match is on January 18 at Bloomer. All matches are on Sundays scheduled from 1-4 p.m. The other matches at Bloomer will be on February 8 and March 8. Lady-smith matches are on January 25, February 22, and March 23 at Josie Creek. Practice sessions at Bloomer are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. unless there is another major event scheduled. **NO PRACTICE** on January 17.

## ARCHERY

Archery League shooting runs smoothly Monday through Friday. Check the bulletin board

for schedules of events. Also check the bartenders for the League nights. The first 3-D match is scheduled for March 21 and 22. Mark your calendars to participate or help out running the event. More on that later.

## TURKEY HUNT

Bob LaTour is busy working on the spring mentored turkey hunt. Class will be in April, but we need to get on board already. Novice hunters and mentors will be needed. Call Bob LaTour at 715.933.0812 for information.

## HISTORY

If you had spent Christmas of 1944 in Bastogne, Belgium, there would not have been any "Silent Night"! Seventy years ago we were in the "Battle of the Bulge". December 16, 1944, the Germans launched the attack in the Ardennes which was a complete surprise, catching the Americans without supplies, clothing, and equipment outnumbering them for the next six weeks. It finally became a victory, but at a great cost. Records indicate there were over 80,000 dead, wounded, and missing on both sides. The battle ended late January 1945. if you should be in that part of the world, there are a number of museums and memorials dedicated to this event in history—including the building where Anthony McAuliffe made his famous response to the German ultimatum of surrender, "Nuts!"

HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!