



NEWSLETTER

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

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The March meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The lunch committee for March is Shorty Goettl and Doug Steinmetz.

PISTOL

Coming up on March 8th we will host our last match of the 2015 season. The last match for the league will be at Josie Creek on March 22. The spring handicap match will be on Sunday, April 12, at Bloomer Rod and Gun. Sometime after the handicap match will be the awards banquet. The date and time for that event will be announced next month. Pistol practice for March will be on the 7th, 14th, and 28th. There will be **no practice on March 21** as the spring 3-D shoot will be going on.

ARCHERY

March will be a major month for the wind down of Archery League. The spring 3-D shoot will be March 21 and 22. Setup will be Thursday, March 19, in the afternoon. Help will be needed for setup, during the match, and takedown on Sunday afternoon. If you can help or if you need more information, contact Mark Petska at 715.933.2167 or Don Lang at 715.404.5627. The following week will be the Archery League shootoffs with the archery banquet on Friday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. The shooting bunkers will be replaced this year. If you want to purchase a used bunker, make the arrangements at the banquet or talk to Mark or Don. The outdoor walk-around range will be

updated and set up as soon as weather permits.

SUMMER LEAGUE

Jim Kleingartner would like to set up a summer league at Jimmy's Juke Joint (formerly Trout Creek). If you are interested, call Jim at 715.579.0621. This program would not involve the Bloomer rod and Gun Club. So, if you would like to get in on this, contact Jim or stop out and see him. This will only fly if there are enough archers interested.

"BIRDS"

There are still a few spots open for the Mentored Turkey Hunt. Time is running short, so contact Bob LaTour at 715.933.0812 to get signed up.

The Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be getting pheasants again this year. We will be ordering 200 birds. If you want to get on board with this program, you will need to talk to Rich Burow at 715.568.3096 or at the next meeting. The program will be set up the same as it has been in the past—10 birds for \$20, and the Club will pick up the rest of the cost of the birds.

SPRING FLING

The annual spring party will be held on Saturday, April 25. Tickets will be available at this meeting. There will be the usual need for help to make this happen—setup, cleanup, and help running the event. Please contact Laurie Seidling and let her know if you will help out or if you have items to donate for the raffle tables. Call Laurie at 715.933.2626.

MARSHMILLER DAM

The dam inspection has been completed and the next major

hurdle is the engineering report on the flood plain below the dam. These parts of the project take up horrendous amounts of money. The simple solution is taking out the dam. Otherwise, if the lake is to be saved, there will have to be a lot of fundraising going on. CVORA seems to be keeping an eye on what is going on in this area. Our CVORA representative is Mike Gullickson. He may have more information. You can call Mike at 715.556.8896.

MARKSMANSHIP

Learning to be a sharp shooter has proven to be important throughout history. From our own Revolutionary War up to and including today's shooters from the ranks of civilians has been a notable force. The NRA of America was formed in 1871 to promote rifle shooting in the US. The NRA of Britain was formed about 12 years earlier. Belgium marksmen slowed the German advance on Paris in 1914 until British riflemen were on the scene. By February 1914, most of these men were killed or wounded on the "Western Front", and the need for men in the trenches outweighed the need for training. American Commander, General John J. Pershing (Black Jack) made sure Americans could shoot before going to France. It has followed through the years that being a rifle shooter before going into battle increased your chances of survival. The NRA is still involved in promoting shooting skills as an important part of national and individual security. Support the NRA, as it is one of the very few sources of information about the "attacks on YOUR rights".