



NEWSLETTER

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

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The April meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee for this meeting will be Vern Seibel, Herman Boettcher, and A.J. Mohr.

DATES OF NOTE

April 8-9: Mentored Turkey Hunt class from 6-8 p.m. The hunt can be April 11 through May 17.

April 13: Spring Hearing at Chippewa Middle School. Contact Jim Morning if you need more information about this meeting at 715.288.6052.

April 11: 4-H NRA Regional Match

April 12: Indianhead Pistol League handicap Match from 1-4 p.m.

April 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 from 6-9 p.m. HUNTER SAFETY classes at the Clubhouse. If you are in fall sports, this is the one to be at.

April 25: SPRING PARTY. Door open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be served around 7 p.m. Help will be needed for setup Saturday morning and help will be needed for cleanup.

EVENTS

The Board would like to have all events cleared through them and not just posted on the calendar. In all cases, Club events would have priority. A couple of events that will be "etched in stone" are the Winter Party the 3rd Saturday in January and the State Steel Challenge on the 2nd Saturday in August. The 3-D Archery Match may fall into this category as well.

FACEBOOK

The Club's Facebook page is undergoing a tune-up. Laurie Seidling is doing the initial set-up, but she will not be the administrator of the page. It is based on the idea that to be able to post items on the page, you need to be an administrator, and that each group within the Club will have such a person. For instance: The 4-H, Archery League, Pistol League, etc. would have the opportunity to post Club related info on Facebook. It is thought that younger members may look at this page for information.

"ROAD TRIP"

Each spring the Rod and Gun Club is involved in a road cleanup project. Our designated area is from the water tower to A, but we try to do up to the Clubhouse as well. Cleanup dates will be set up at this meeting. Be prepared to show up on the designated day. The timeline is from 4:30 p.m. until the job is done—more help equals less time. Bags and vests will be available at the Clubhouse starting at 4:30 p.m. on the workday. **PLEASE NOTE:** wearing the yellow safety vest is *mandatory*. We will set up a work day and a rain date.

"WOWS"

It's not just a comment, it's an organization. WOWS stands for Wisconsin Old West Shootists. They have a range near Connorsville—just north of Hwy 64 on County Hwy Q, then left on 1270th Ave. They have a full schedule of Old West shoots from April 12 through October 24. You can

attend as a spectator or join for competition. The brochures and schedules will be on the Clubhouse bulletin board. They are sponsoring a shooting clinic on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Signup forms will also be on the bulletin board. The fee for the day is \$30 which includes ammunition and the use of Old West guns. Bring your own lunch. You can bring an observer. A child under 18 can shoot free with a paid adult. If interested, read the brochure.

STEEL CHALLENGE

The Pistol team of the Bloomer rod and Gun Club will again be sponsoring the outdoor steel matches. The State match will be held on Saturday, August 8. There will be several practice matches held during the summer, so come out and give it a try. All shooting is done with .22 rimfire pistols and rifles. The thing that slows down the matches is the lack of spare magazines. More is better, five is good. If you can have someone to reload for you, that helps. There are some rules that **MUST** be followed to participate in the events. Tentative dates for practice matches are May 17, June 14, and July 12 starting at 1 p.m. **The State match will be August 7 and 8.** August 7 we will be for setting up at 3 p.m. Those that will be running the event Saturday will shoot their scores on the 7th. On August 8, signups start at 8 a.m. and shooting starts as soon as enough have signed up to start a group. Prize drawings will be done around 1 p.m.

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