



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The September meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. The Group in charge of lunch this month is Katie and the Noodle Makers. This usually works out to be an excellent treat, so come on out to the meeting.

## THE RITUAL

Well, guess what is coming up at a rapid pace? Elections! That's what. It seems that every year we have to go through this ritual of begging and arm twisting just to get about one percent of our membership to step up to the plate and guide this organization for another year. This year we will need to fill five spots on the Club's Board of Directors. This is because one of the openings was created by a volunteer completing someone else's term. Think about it now! Nominations will be at the October meeting, and the election will be at the November meeting.

Also, there will be two openings on the Rod and Gun Foundation Board. It would be nice to have a slate of seven or more candidates for the Club Board of Directors as well as three or four for the Foundation Board of Directors. As long as we are talking about the Foundation, **at this meeting we will be having the drawing for the fifty-fifty raffle.** Tickets should be available up to drawing time. **DON'T FORGET! The lock will be changed on the gate at the October meeting.**

## SHOOTS

August was a busy month for major shooting events. The an-

nual NSSF Ruger Steel Challenge went off without any hitches. We had 34 shooters from four states. The following weekend was the annual fall 3-D Archery Match. They had around 86 shooters. Keep in mind that the outdoor walk-around target setup will be taken down about the middle of September. All will be pretty quiet in the archery department until the December Club meeting—that's when the organizational meeting will take place for the indoor archery season. There are still some **competitive events going on in Colfax. September 19 is the Bowling Pin match and September 26 is the Steel Challenge.** These matches start at 9 a.m. at the Colfax range.

## PISTOL

The Indianhead Pistol League looks like it will be set up pretty much the same as last year. Practices will be on Saturday and the matches will be on Sundays. More on that later.

## 4-H

The annual 2015 Black Powder Training and Rendezvous will be held September 17, 18, 19, and 20. The rifle range will be closed starting Sept. 18 at noon through the 20<sup>th</sup> for setup and the rendezvous itself. If you want to see what's going on, Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> would be the time to go. The event allows youth the chance to fire various traditional black powder rifles, shotguns, pistols, and Civil War era firearms.

## RANGE

The new bunker is up and working and the range is open—

except as noted for the 4-H group. **PLEASE!!!** If you are going to shoot a .50 cal BMG rifle, use the 250-yard bunker. The new 100-yard bunker is not designed for this kind of abuse. Also, Larry, Moe, and Curley, **STOP SHOOTING AT ROCKS.** This is a totally unsafe practice. If you see this going on, tell the perp(s) to stop. This is YOUR range, so let's keep it safe for everyone.

## WINTERAMA

As far as I know, we still need a chairperson for this program. It's your chance to be a leader and to direct others to do the work. This event will be on Saturday, January 16—the third Saturday in January.

## HISTORY

August 14, 1945 the Japanese surrendered to the Allies with the formal documents being signed on September 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri. Seventy years after WWII, of the 16.1 million Americans that fought in that war, there are about 855,000 left. These vets are dying off at around 500 each day, and by the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary there will be only about 100,000 left. If you have vets from WWII in your family, talk to them. They might open up about their experiences. To quote Thomas Boyd, who on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday bailed out of a B-24 over German territory, "History books will keep WWII alive, but there's nothing like getting it from the horse's mouth." Thomas is 89. "Time lessens the real memory"

**DON'T FORGET—RANGE CLOSED SEPT. 18-20.**