



NEWSLETTER

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

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The February meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. On deck for the lunch committee for February are Wayne Steinmetz and Joe Rubenzer.

LUNCH

While on the subject of lunch committees, they are posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. Please note the April meeting lunch has traditionally been a fish fry. We generally have a large turnout for that month, so, if you can spare some fish fillets for that meeting, contact Jim Bohl at 715.568.2970.

ARCHERY

The 2016 winter Archery League is rolling right along smoothly. It is not too soon to mark your calendars for the upcoming spring 3-D match. It will be held on March 19 and 20. If you really want to plan ahead, the summer 3-D match is on the schedule for August 13 and 14. There will be the usual need for help to set up and take down at these events, as well as help in the kitchen and registration areas. More info? Contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627 or mark Petska at 715.933.2467.

WINTERAMA

The winter party, held on January 23, was a "sell out" crowd. There were lots of very nice drawing prizes, and as usual, the meal was terrific. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all helpers and the attendees for making this event possible. If you want the blow-by-blow details, come out to the meeting.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

The ice Fishing contest and raffle will be history by the time this newsletter is out, but it looks like it should be a good event with lots of drawing prizes.

TURKEYS

It's time to get rolling on a spring mentored turkey hunt. There will be a need for mentors, hunters, and places to hunt. This event is open to adults as well as youth. If you want to learn about and participate in turkey hunting, there are some rules as to eligibility. Some class time is also required. Contact Calvin Swartz at 715.933.1279. Don't wait as this program does require advance planning.

PISTOL

February practices will be February 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 9-11 a.m. February matches will be the 14th and 28th at Rice Lake (Fireline) at 12-4 p.m. and at Bloomer February 21 from 1-4 p.m. March practices are on March 5, 12, and 26. March matches will be at Bloomer on March 6 and at Rice Lake on March 13 and 20. More information about the handicap match and awards will be in the next newsletter.

4-H

That group is busy all the time! Their schedule of events is posted on the bulletin board at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Right now they are in archery and, I believe, air rifle will be coming up soon. Need more info? Contact Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158.

HORNS

Soon there will be some action starting up with the shed dogs group. Stay tuned for up and coming news about that pro-

gram. For information, contact John or Brittany Beyer at 715.568.3329. NASHDA is a fast-growing sport for dogs and handlers.

INFO

There is a lot of information available that you will not find through the news channels. We get a number of magazines and papers at the Clubhouse. These are usually found on the bar at the Clubhouse. Info about new products, legislation, and conservation on the State and Federal levels is there. So, take time to have a look at these publications.

POLITICS

The attacks on our constitution are relentless efforts to curtail many freedoms, not just gun ownership. The current administration is big on pushing "gun control laws", while at the same time reducing the number of prosecutions for gun crimes. In spite of the facts, the media is telling us that the USA is a violent place to be. The government's own reports from the FBI show a "significant decrease" in violent crimes during a period of major increases of firearms sales. Am I on my soap box here? YES, I AM. I have been involved with firearms, knives, and archery for over 70 years. To my knowledge, none of these weapons have been used in the commission of violent crimes. Guns in school were a common occurrence when I was there. What has changed? Are "gun-free zones" just hunting preserves for psychopathic murderers?

Today's thought: You can't steer a ship that isn't moving.