



# NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Shorty Goettl will be in charge of the “cooksters” for this meeting.

## BOAT DOCK

The dock at the public boat landing on Como Lake was damaged this fall. The Rod and Gun Club voted to donate up to \$500 to make the needed repairs. The work is done, and the project came in at less than \$500. Thank you to Ralph Roggenbuck, Dan Sarauer, Homer Sarauer, and the City Street Department for getting this project done.

## TURKEYS

This is the last call for anyone interested in the mentored turkey hunt. This is open to novice hunters of all ages and gender. A “novice hunter” is a person that did not receive a turkey license or tag last year. This event will take place in April, but needs to get organized now. There will be a class session and an actual hunt. The tags will be provided by the DNR. Hunters, mentors, and places to hunt will be needed. If you are interested, contact Calvin Swartz at 715.933.1279.

## 4-H

The Chippewa Valley 4-H group has started their pistol program as of February 27. They have just finished a substantial archery program. Need to know more about what is going on? Contact Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158. This is a real active bunch, so there is always something going on for youth activities.

## PISTOL

March 6 will be the last match at Bloomer. March 13 and 20 will be the last league matches for the year at Rice Lake. A handicap match will be coming soon to cap off the shooting and the awards banquet will follow shortly thereafter.

## ARCHERY

Indoor Archery League will be winding down also. The shoot-off matches will be March 21 through March 24. The awards banquet will be on March 25. Be sure to check the signup sheet for details on this event.

## 3-D

The spring archery 3-D Shoot will be on March 19 and 20. There will be the usual need for setup, takedown, and kitchen help for these days. If you can help out, contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.933.2167.

## TREES

The Chippewa Rod and Gun Club will be having their annual tree and birdhouse sale. There are many species of evergreens deciduous, shrubs, fruit, and nut tree seedlings available. Bird, duck, and bat houses are also available. Order forms are available at most Chippewa Falls area convenience stores as well as Kwik Trip in Bloomer (back by the restrooms). Their website address is <http://rodngun.org>. This program will run from March 1 to April 1. For more info, you can contact Bill Kellerman at [tyeeguy@yahoo.com](mailto:tyeeguy@yahoo.com)

## SHED DOGS

On March 26 the North American Shed Hunting Dog Association will hold a world qualifying event and hunting test. It will be hosted by the Duncan

Creek Kennel and Wisconsin Shed Dogs. Starting time is 9 a.m. at Duncan Creek Kennel, 6762 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bloomer. It is a fast-growing dog sport, so come out and see what it's about. Food and refreshments will be available. For more information, see [www.nashda.com](http://www.nashda.com) or [www.duncancreekkenel.com](http://www.duncancreekkenel.com)

## TECHNOLOGY

A new item that has become available is a “polymer” bullet. This is a projectile made up of a mixture of copper powder and resin. “Look Roy—no lead.” So far it is loaded in pistol ammo with favorable results. The mixture is injection molded, hot, and under high pressure. Scraps and residue can be ground up and re-used. It can be loaded in polymer or brass cases. The use of the polymer cases is a one-time, not reloadable, item. In foreign uses, terrorists cannot pick up empties and reload them. Also, we are hearing more talk about “smart” guns. Some politicians already want to pass laws that require them. The key is the technology doesn't exist. Some even want to be able to shut off the weapons, as in police leaders or military leaders. Won't that be a great opportunity for criminal hackers? “Hey, let's rob a bank. We'll just shut off the cops' and bank guards' guns before we start!”

## SPRING PARTY

The annual Spring Fling is scheduled for April 23. Get your tickets early. As usual, there will be a need for volunteers to help. Make this a success. Here's a plan for good food, good prizes, and a good time.