



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The May meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Lunch committee for the meeting is Kenny Newton, Dan Sarauer, and Marvin Zwiefelhofer.

## SPRING FLING

The 2016 spring party now is history. If you missed it, you missed out on an evening of excellent dining, lots of really nice door prizes, and lots of camaraderie. For a blow-by-blow commentary of the event, come to the May meeting at Rod and Gun. We definitely owe a "HUGE THANK YOU" to all of those that made the event possible. It is only possible to have these events because a lot of people put in a lot of time and effort to organize the program. So, once again, thank you to all who did the work to make this happen.

## RANGES

The walk-around archery range is up and running. The rifle range is good to go. Please make an extra effort to keep the ranges cleaned up and follow the safety rules.

## CCW CLASS

On May 14, from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. there will be a concealed carry permit class. There are several options available. If interested, call Cory Zwiefelhofer at 715.568.4680 or 933.0991. Class size will be limited, so check in soon. You can also check this out on Facebook.

## PHEASANTS

Once again the Rod and Gun Club will sponsor a pheasant program. The Club will be ordering 225 pheasants to be picked up around the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. The exact time and date will be announced later. You may reserve 10 birds at \$2 per bird, and the rod and Gun Club will pick up the rest of the cost. If you want to get in on this program, you will need to contact Rich Burow at the meeting, or call at 715.568.3096. I don't know how many years the Club has been doing this, but I have seen more pheasants around the area in the last several years.

## 4-H

I'm not sure what all the 4-H programs are just now. The Woodmohr 4-H is planning to do a cleanup around the Club grounds on May 14, so, thank you in advance for taking on that chore. If you want to know what's going on, the go-to guy is Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158.

## HISTORY

WWII brought about a vast variety of "new" things. One of them was the M-1 carbine. It was developed in a short time span, and by the time production had ceased, 6.5 million had been produced. It was never intended to be a replacement for the M-1 "Garand" rifle. It was designed to be an effective light rifle to take the place of the .45 pistol. In the effort to design a light rifle, Winchester came up with the accepted design. It soon became evident that Winchester could not produce enough of the carbines to meet the need for weapons. In all, ten compa-

nies were set up to build them. So, that made for a serious lineup for collectors. Original rifles have now become an expensive collector's item. Back in the 50's you could buy one from the Civilian Marksmanship Program for \$15. Now, because supplies have been bought up by collectors, there are few originals on the market. Two companies have come on line to offer new ones made to original specs. Now you can purchase a "new" Rock-Ola, or Inland Mfg Co. carbine in the \$1200 range. So, now if you cannot find an original one, you can buy a new one. There are, no doubt, thousands of these little rifles in warehouses around the world. The government won't let them back into this country for collectors to snap up. Anyway, these much sworn by (or sworn at) rifles are now available once more.

## POLITICS

We continue to see an unending flow of laws designed to affect law-abiding citizens while having no affect on criminal activity. I came upon a description that may fit the persons that come up with those ideas. They are "the hapless victims of some especially conspicuous form of mental aberration", or in the words of Sam Elliot, "A special kind of stupid".

## SUM IT UP

With the summer season at our fingertips, enjoy the season's activities, but BE CAREFUL out there...and TAKE A KID FISHING!