



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd 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 Tuesday, September 13, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Heading up the lunch program this month is Katie and the Noodle Makers.

RECAP

August proved to be a very busy month for activities. On August 5 & 6 we held the Ruger Steel Challenge on the Club's range. We had 27 shooters and some spectators for the match. It was a beautiful day for the event. There were some very nice prizes given out. The farthest any shooter came from was Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There were also shooters from Illinois, Minnesota, and (I think) Iowa. Thank you to all who helped make the event happen and a very special "THANKS" to the National Shooting Sports Foundation and Ruger Manufacturing Company. We are looking forward to next year's event.

The next weekend, Aug. 13 & 14, the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club was host to the fall 3-D Archery Shoot. They also had nice weather for the match. They had 118 shooters for that event. Everything went off quite well and **many thanks** to all of those that helped put on this match.

Next up was the Shed Dog Competition. There were 26 teams in the competition and a number of spectators. Teams came from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. There were lots of compliments for the location of the event. This concludes the local dog events for this year. **Thank you** to all who helped with this event. Watch for upcoming information about archery and pistol leagues.

NOTICE

The Rod and Gun Club rifle range will be closed on the following dates: Sept. 16, 17, and 18. During those days the 4-H will be having their annual "Rendezvous".

Friday is set up camp, Saturday is the main event, and Sunday is take down and clean up time. Flint locks, cap locks, and tomahawks will all be there to try out. There probably won't be too much fur trading going on as in the "old days". This should be the last time for the range to be closed for the rest of the season. The range will be available for sight-in shooting. **REMEMBER: when you use the range, follow the posted rules, be courteous, clean up, and be SAFE!**

FAIR BOOTH

The fair booth event went off pretty well this year. We sold a little over 200 memberships (mostly annual renewals), and the displays had "lots of lookers".

RAFFLE

Tickets are still available for the Foundation's 50-50 raffle. Drawing for the prize will be at the October meeting.

MEMBERSHIPS

The official date for annual dues is October 31. If you want to be in the Early-Bird drawing, you have to have your dues in at the October meeting. Also, be advised that this is when the lock is changed on the gate.

COOKS

It came up at the last meeting that we should be taking a look at the cook program for meetings. Some of those on the list have been there year after year and have mentioned that it is time to get some new people on that list. A couple of items came to mind—one is that we need to get some changes and additions to that list. The other, in my personal opinion, is that the lunches have progressed into full-blown meals. Years ago this started out as a few snacks after the meeting. Perhaps we need to be going back in that direction. Let's talk this over at the meeting and see what you think.

DOCKS

There has been discussion on the needed repairs to the handicap fishing dock. This needs to be on the front burner, and a plan of action put in place. There is on-going research into the warranty of the dock materials now in place. Also, there is on-going talk about getting a dock at the North Park. If you have some input on these projects, let's hear it.

DOC-U-MENTATION

Something that is now showing up is the lack of recordkeeping on various projects of the Club. This Club goes back many years, and there is very little history of Club doings. Maybe it's past time to be looking into having a Club Historian to keep documentation of what's going on. While we are on this subject, if you can identify any sources of the mounts that we have on display, it would be nice to make this known and to record them.

COMING UP

As you may have noticed, fall is on its way with a very rapid pace. Soon we will be faced with some annual chores to be done. The main one will be the election of officers for 2017. At the October meeting, we need to be looking for a slate of candidates to fill the spots that will be open at the November election. Also, it is not too early to start looking at dates for the ice Fishing Contest and the winter party.

CWD

It's here, but the attempts to keep it isolated or reduced have not been ongoing. Part of the problem seems to stem from Madison changing the DNR programs from science to politics. One thing that seems to stand out is that it can be transmitted in mud. If you go hunting in areas that are infected, clean any mud off equipment and vehicles before going into areas that don't appear to have CWD.