



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The October meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse.

## IMPORTANT STUFF

The October meeting will be your last chance to get in on the early bird gift card drawing for memberships. Also, it will be the last opportunity to get in on the 50/50 drawing for the Foundation. (See Rich Burow for tickets.)

## COOKS

Kitchen troopers for this meeting will be Brian Hutton and Cory Zwiefelhofer. Be sure to keep in mind that we need to revise the cooks schedule for at least three months. If you are willing to get in on this program, check with Mike Gullickson at the meeting or at 715.556.8896.

## GATE

Do not forget!!! The padlock on the gate will be changed at the end of the October meeting. This means that if you have not renewed your membership, you won't be able to open the gate.

## DATES

The **dates** for the **Ice Fishing Contest**, the **Winter Party**, and the **Spring Fling** should be available now. Plan ahead. The **Archery League** will have the annual organization meeting on December 13 prior to the regular meeting. The **Pistol League** will start on Saturday mornings in December. There will be more on these events in next month's newsletter

**DON'T FORGET THE GATE**

## RANGE

For the next few weeks the shooting range will, no doubt, be pretty busy. The rules are simple and easy. They are posted in the shooting shelter. So, pay attention to them. As club members, this is YOUR facility. Take care of it. Use paper targets only, keep all shots inside the bunkers, and clean up when you finish. BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.

## ELECTIONS

It's that time again, so we need to get the ball rolling for the November elections. This election will require four new Board members and two new members for the Foundation Board. The jobs are not terribly difficult—a few meetings over the year and a few nights of bartending during the Archery League season. Give it some thought and step up to the plate. A slate of nominees is needed at this meeting, but nominations are welcome up to election time in November.

## 4-H

As the new 4-H year begins in September, it's a time to reflect on the success of 2016. We had 160 youth involved in archery, air rifle, pistol, shotgun, and/or black powder. Safety and helping improve skills in each discipline is our priority as leaders. Youth who work hard and practice can achieve all the way to state and national level competition. This year we had two youth represent the State of Wisconsin at the National 4-H Shootings Sports competition in Grand Island, NE. Kyle Hilger was a member of the .22 Pistol team. Christian Wurzer was a member of the Hunting Discipline team. We

would like to thank the Bloomer Rod & Gun Club for their support of our program. The use of the building and grounds allows us to teach 4-H youth shooting sports skills. Hopefully they learn some life lessons as well.

## BARGAIN DAY

From 1918 to 1934 if you wanted a Thompson submachine gun, you could go down to the local hardware store, order one, and it would come in the mail for \$175-\$200. A new Ford would be about \$535. In 1934 the National Firearms Act came along. The Government didn't ban machine guns or sawed-off shotguns or Howitzers, they just put a tax on them of \$200 plus it was required to fill out a form. This stopped the common person from owning a Thompson. At that time \$200 was about the same as \$3600 in today's dollars. Now move up 82 years. The ATF form 1 is still \$200. Fill it out and send it in with a set of prints, a check, and a statement of citizenship and wait. In six to nine months the billions of dollars worth of computers should spit out your approved form. Engrave your name and city on the receiver, and now you can make your AR full auto, saw off the barrel on your shotgun, or buy a "silencer" for your pistol. I'm sure there is some small print that requires reading and compliance. "What a bargain!"

## FREEDOM

*No word has ever been spoken that has held out greater hope, demanded greater sacrifice, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more than the giver...or came closer to being God's will on Earth.*

*Omar N. Bradley*