



NEWSLETTER

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

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Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Lunch will be served by Clyde Allison, Roger Reese, and Judy Scritsmier.

COMING UP

Well, what do you know... another year is slipping by. There are a few things that are on the front burner for December. One item will be to set up a new schedule of lunch committees for 2017. Elections are over, mercifully. For the Rod and Gun Club, new Board members are Jocelyn Zenner, Don Lang, Mark Petska, and Bob LaTour. At this meeting we'll learn who the new officers will be for the 2017 year. New members for the Foundation are Rich Burow and Bones (Ron) Yakesh.

EVENTS

January 21, 2017, will be the annual "Winterama" party. Lots of great prizes, great food, and great fun! Tickets are already in short supply, so, if you don't already have them, contact Don Lang 715.568.1265 or 715.404.5627 to see about availability. Right after that event will be the annual Ice Fishing Contest on January 28 at Cedar Bay. Those tickets are now available. Check with Jeff Steinmetz at this meeting or call 715.568.5485.

ARCHERY

IMPORTANT! At the December meeting there will be an organizational meeting for League Archery. This will be at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regular meeting. If you want to

keep your spot on the League, or start up a new team, you need to attend this meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting, you need to contact Mark Petska at 715.933.2167 or Don Lang at 715.404.5627. League shooting will start on January 2, 2017.

PISTOL

Pistol practice will get underway starting on December 3 at 9 a.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. There will be three sessions in December—December 3, 10, and 17. On the 24 and 31st there will be NO PRACTICE. Our first match at the Bloomer range will be on January 15 at 1 p.m. Rice Lake Match dates will be in the next newsletter. Practice dates in January will be the 7th, 17th, and 28th. As always, new shooters are welcome at the practice dates even if you do not want to be in the competition. If you just want to try bullseye shooting with .22 rimfire pistols, come on out and give it a try. Want more information? Contact Judy Scritsmier at 715.568.4100 or Clyde Allison at 715.568.5028.

4-H

The Chippewa Valley 4-H will be getting started with their programs on January 7 and 8. If you need more information on their events, contact Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158. They always have a lot of things going on, so check out their events.

HISTORY

December 7, 1941, at about 8:00 a.m., the world was changed drastically. Japanese aircraft (353) swept into Pearl Harbor bombing and torpedo-

ing the fleet of 150 US Navy ships in the harbor. On that day 2403 Americans Died. 1177 of those were on the battleship USS Arizona. On December 8, 1941, the USA was officially in WWII. Today the Arizona remains a memorial to those who died. If you have the opportunity to visit this sight, don't miss it. This place is visited by millions of people every year. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated, "December 7, 1941 is a date which will live in infamy."

TRAVEL

This fall we covered about 4,000 miles to "see stuff". In Iowa and Nebraska we saw corn and soybeans. In Colorado—mountains. In Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico, you can see why it takes 100 acres to feed one beef animal. Hoover Dam is a "must see". When was the last time you saw a government project that came in years ahead of schedule and under budget? Lake Mead? Now that's a lot of dammed water! Grand Canyon is erosion at its best. In Albuquerque we saw hundreds of hot-air balloons. Awesome! Oklahoma City hosts a solemn memorial where the Murrah Building once stood. In Kansas City we toured the home of Hallmark Cards. You could spend many weeks on this loop and see many more things. Stop and see the "stuff". We have a lot to see in this country.

**HAVE A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**