



NEWSLETTER

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

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The February meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Lunch will be served by Chuck Durch and Gene Harnisch. There was a little confusion regarding servers. Sorry about that.

Mike Gullickson is working on the 2017 cooks' schedule, and I think he still has a couple of months to fill in. If you can help out, give him a call at 715.556.5896. While we are on the subject of lunch committees, April will be the annual "fish fry". Jim Bohl has asked for a little help getting fish. If you can spare a few fish fillets for this event, get in touch with Jim Bohl at 715.568.2970.

ARCHERY

The 2017 Archery League is off and running. This appears to be pretty much business as usual with a full roster of teams competing. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for info on tournament dates and times and the banquet date.

PISTOL

The 2017 pistol matches are under way. The matches are getting more competitive this year. **Match dates** are:

Feb. 12—Fireline,
19—Bloomer,
26—Fireline

The March dates are:
12—Bloomer,
19—Fireline,
26—Fireline

The annual handicap match will be April 9 at Fireline. **Something new** will be coming up on April 8 at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse—an Air

Pistol Match. Registration will start at 8 a.m. (pre-registration appreciated) and matches start at 9 a.m. There are registration forms on the bulletin board. You may contact Jim Ruch at jkr32@gmail.com or call 715.943.2223 or Chip Eckardt chipeckardt@gmail.com or call 715.577.9455 for details and more information. Match entry fee is \$8 and side match is \$2.

"NEW STUFF"

March 18 and 19 will be the spring 3-D Archery Shoot. Along with that, we will have another event going on. We will be scoring deer antlers during the 3-D shoot. There will be an opportunity to have your antlers scored for Pope and Young, Boone and Crocket, or Wisconsin Buck and Bear registers. This will be done on a first-come-first-served schedule as long as time permits. For more information, contact Mitch Hilger at 715.202.0595.

EVENTS

The Bloomer Rod and Gun Club is always interested in having related events. It is imperative that you contact Mark Petska if you want to set up an event on the Club calendar. Mark is the Club President and the "Keeper of the Calendar". All events need to be set up through him—PERIOD. Just writing it on the calendar doesn't do it. Mark can be reached at 715.933.2167.

CWD

The February/March issue of Outdoor Life has an interesting article on the CWD. From this article, "theories behind the origins of CWD

are varied and controversial, and they are just that—*theories*. The truth is that we don't know where it came from." It was first noted in 1967 in a captive deer heard near Fort Collins, Colorado. Fifty years have passed, and we still know very little about it. This article will be on the bar at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse if you want to read it.

FIREARMS

The reasons why law-abiding Americans use their 2nd Amendment rights varies considerably; but on November 25, 2016, "Black Friday", there were 185,713 background checks run through the FBI's NICS system. This was the highest number of checks on any single day since the system started in 1998. While this is not a definite count of guns sold that day, it would indicate very strong sales. It is interesting to note that AR style rifles are still high on the sales list. Small, semi-auto, single-action, metal-framed, and low capacity pistols of century-old designs are more popular than ever.

TRIVIA

If you are traveling in India, it should be noted that on average, big cats kill about 30 persons per year. Don't wander around the bush at night. Along those lines, if large bore rifles, for dangerous game are your thing, Sir Samuel Baker is your go-to guy. He designed a 2 gauge rifle. Bore size was 1.326 inches. It fired an 8-oz. round ball at about 1500 FPS with a muzzle energy of 17,500 ft lbs. Now, that should stop a charging jack rabbit right in his tracks.