



NEWSLETTER

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

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The March meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, March 14, at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. On deck for lunch for the March meeting will be Shorty Goettl.

MEETING TIME CHANGE?

There was discussion about changing the meeting up to 7:00 p.m. It was decided to bring this up to a vote at the March meeting. If this time change is voted in, the change will start at the May 9 meeting. The general response was favorable. If you have any comments, now is the time to bring them up for discussion.

4-H

The 4-H archery season has been wrapped up for now. There were 85 youth participating in the program at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club, and 40 more at the Stanley Rod and Gun Club. The 4-H rifle program will be at the Chippewa Armory with practice sessions until March 24. Chippewa County will host statewide Junior Olympic, and the NRA competition in early April. The season will end with the awards banquet on April 23. The 4-H pistol program is at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club in March and April. Check the bulletin board for dates and times. The Chippewa Valley 4-H thanks the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club for use of the building, grounds, and for supplies provided for the youth shooting programs. It is great to see so many young people involved in these programs.

ARCHERY

The 2017 Archery League will be wrapping up this month. Shoot off dates for the end of the season will be March 20th through the 23rd. The 2017 archery banquet will be held Friday, March 24. Details are posted at the clubhouse. The spring 3-D Shoot will be held on March 18 and 19. Help will be needed Thursday and/or Friday, and also on Sunday afternoon on March 19 after the match. Kitchen help will be needed as well. If you can help out, contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.933.2167.

ANTLERS

Also going on during the 3-D Shoot will be an antler measuring event. There will be scoring for Pope and Young, Boone and Crocket, and Wisconsin Buck and Bear records. This will be handled on a first-come, first-served schedule. For more information on this event, contact Mitch Hilger at 715.202.0595.

SHED DOGS

There will be two events this year (spring and fall). All I can say at this time is that the spring one will *not* be at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club, but the fall one will. For more information, contact John or Brittany Beyer at 715.568.3329. It is an interesting event to participate in or just to be a spectator.

PISTOL

The last league match to be held at Bloomer will be on March 12 from 1-4 p.m. The last matches of the season will

be March 19 and 26 at Fireline in Rice Lake starting at noon. The year end handicap match will be on April 9 at Fireline. The Pistol League awards banquet will be on April 30 at Bloomer Rod and Gun at 6 p.m. In the "Something New Department" we will be having an air pistol match. This match will be on Saturday, April 18. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the match starts at 9 a.m. There will be an \$8 entry fee for this event. There will be four classes, but you can only enter one. Pre-registration is available. Make checks payable to Bloomer Rod and Gun Club for \$8 and mail to: Chip Eckardt, 1020 Olive St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. If you want more details, contact Chip at 715.577.9455 or chipecardt@gmail.com. I think you can get the entry form from Chip via email. On Saturday, April 1, there will be a practice session for the air pistol match at Bloomer Rod and Gun Club starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be available on match day.

LEARN TO HUNT

Last fall the mentored pheasant hunt was held on September 10. There were 14 hunters signed up. This was promoted by the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club along with Bloomer. This event is being planned for the last Saturday of September this year. They are also looking at the possibility of a grouse hunting event. More information will come later or call Bill Kellerman at 715.723.8782.

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