



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

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The June meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. In charge of chow for this meeting will be Mike Gullickson, Pat Ruffedt, and Bob LaTour. The June meeting has been a special event for many years. Wives and girlfriends are welcome to enjoy the traditional steak dinner that will be served. So, ladies, come on along to have a delicious meal and socialize a bit.

JULY MEETING

Be advised that if you want to have a lunch for the July meeting on July 11, someone needs to step up to the plate and volunteer to head up the kitchen committee for that date.

STEEL PRACTICE

A steel match practice session was held on Saturday, May 13. There were around 10 shooters. A couple of the shooters were new to any sort of competition shooting. Your next chance to try this event will be on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One more practice will be held on Saturday, July 22, and then the "BIG ONE" on Saturday, August 5. Registrations are already coming in from out of state contestants for the annual Ruger NSSF Match. Remember, prizes are awarded by random drawings, so all you have to do is shoot the complete match to be eligible for all the prizes available.

3-D

Keep in mind that right after the "Steel Match" will be the fall 3-D archery shoot to be held on August 12 and 13. The call for help on that will be coming up in the next two newsletters.

FAIR BOOTH

Perhaps you may have noticed how time seems to slide by. It's time to start planning for the annual fair booth set-up for the Rod and Gun Club. The biggest share of new memberships and renewals are sold during this event. It runs from August 3 through August 6. The booth setup will be much the same as it has been in years past. Signup sheets will be available at this meeting. So, check your schedules and see if you can fit in a few hours at the booth. Shifts are usually for three hours. Along with memberships, the Club Foundation will be sponsoring a 50-50 raffle during the fair.

SCHOLARSHIP

This year a \$1000 scholarship has been awarded to Dante Martino, a graduate of Bloomer High School. He will be going into the field of wildlife management and law enforcement. Congratulations to you, Dante.

WEATHER

Weather is awesome. It can be your friend or a deadly enemy. I just spent the three-day weekend doing cleanup at our cabin at the Eau Claire Lakes. I was pretty depressed at the loss of the

many tall pines around the place during a storm last July. Then I went past the Cameron area, and it occurred to me that, "Hey, the cabin was repairable, trees will come back, and nobody was hurt"--Not at all like those folks around the Cameron/Chetek area that were left with *nothing*. The need for funds to help the cleanup effort is going to be ongoing for some time. There is a matching fund set up through the Red Cedar Church. Here are some places that have funds started to help tornado victims: **Red Cedar Church**, 1701 W. Allen St., Rice Lake, WI 54868; **Chetek Lions Club** (put Disaster Relief in the memo line), 427 Second St. Chetek, WI 54728; and **any Sterling Bank location**. Just driving up Highway 53 gives you a peek at some of the damage. The damage goes on for miles. See www.explorechetek.com for online updates about ways to make cash donations.

POLITICS

There are currently 12 states that have permitless carry laws. If you can legally own a firearm, you can carry it. Wisconsin is working on legislation to allow this "Constitutional Carry Law". These are assembly bill AB247 and Senate bill SB169. These bills are "stuck" in committees, and the push is on to get them moving. Contact your State Representatives. These bills should be voted on—up or down. It's as simple as that.