



NEWSLETTER

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The August meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, August 8, at 7 p.m. The lunch list for August consists of Dan Stolt, Dennis Nelson, and John Sykora. If that has changed, I don't know about it.

NOW

You may get this before the fair is over, so you can renew your memberships at the fair booth. Also, we have the Ruger Steel Challenge on Saturday, August 5, starting at 9 a.m.—or possibly a little sooner. Registration will start at 8 a.m.

NEXT

The next major event of the Club will be the summer Archery 3-D Shoot. At this meeting we will be looking for helpers for this event. There will be help needed for setup, take down, and kitchen for both days. That will be Saturday, August 12, and Sunday, August 13. Setup will be on Thursday and Friday afternoon. Check in with Don Lang at 715.404.5627, or Mark Petska at 715.933.2167.

MEMBERSHIPS

The membership cards are set up a bit differently this year. If you want to get your newsletter via Email, be sure to put your Email address on the new membership cards. Do Write this very clearly so that Delon can read it. Also, if you change your address, contact Delon Lambert. The object here is to try and reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter. We are currently sending out over 500 news-

letters each month. So, by going to Email, or getting it off our website, you will save the Club postage. Also, if you have changed your mailing address and we get your newsletter back because of a bad address, we get to pay postage again. The solution to that is, if we get one back, just take your name off the mailing list. Just a reminder: There will be an early-bird drawing after the fair. Memberships are due in October, and the gate lock will be changed at that meeting.

LOOSE THE DOGS

Coming up will be two shed dog events. The first will be held on Saturday, August 26, at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club. This is a 2018 NASHDA World Championship qualifying event. There will be two courses running and handlers can run one or both courses. Grounds open at 7 a.m. and the event starts at 8 a.m. The second event will be outside Bloomer at 9941 157th Ave. This will also start at 8 a.m. This is a United Kennel Club Elite event. If you want to get more info, contact <http://www.ukcdogs.com/elite-shed-dogs-events-calendar>

You could also contact John or Brittany Beyer at 715.568.3329. Spectators are welcome at no charge.

CONSERVATION

There are a number of meetings coming up regarding hunting, fishing, water quality, etc. What is missing here? People, that's what. When we are subject to the whims of Madison or DC, we lose. Contact Jim Morning,

Jack Christianson, or Mike Gullickson to find out about these meetings and show up. Do you wonder why the State and the Country are in such bad shape? Two words—political hacks. We put them in power via voter apathy.

REMINICING

What's all the hullabaloo about teaching firearms safety in school these days? In my day, by the time you were six or seven you already had firearms safety drilled into your "noggin". I was a Chicago suburb kid, and I was shooting Dad's .22 by the time I was six. When I was ten, we moved to northern Wisconsin. When asked if I could shoot, of course I could. You can imagine my dismay when I found out I was the only boy in my seventh grade class that did not have my own deer rifle, shotgun, or .22. There were guns in school much of the time for shop work or going home on Friday with other kids to hunt on weekends. The need for teaching now is because kids are not getting this training at home. We need to be training our kids. If they are in 4-H, Scouts, hunter safety classes, training is ongoing.

ACCIDENTS

The National Safety Council facts show that fatal firearms accidents are continually going down. There were 489 in 2015 out of the 146,571 total accidental deaths from all causes. This statistic came in a year when record gun sales were made to millions of Americans. This is also the lowest number of accidental gun deaths since records started being kept in 1903.