



NEWSLETTER

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

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The October meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Brian Hutton and Cory Zwiefelhofer are on the list for lunch providers.

THE END

October is the month that officially ends the fiscal year 2017 for the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club. I do believe that it has been a "good year" for the Club. There are a few things which will be coming up in the near future that will require some attention.

THIS MONTH

The events at this meeting that are on the front burner: **The drawing** for the Foundation 50/50 raffle will be held just prior to the start of the meeting. October is the end of the year for memberships and there will be a **drawing for a prize** for all who have paid dues by this meeting. Now comes the easy part. We need to establish a **slate of candidates** for the Club and the Foundation Board of Directors. The election will be held at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted up to the election. At this point of time, I would like to issue a big "THANK YOU: to all that have served on the Board as well as all of those who have been involved with all the events and projects during this year.

NOTICE

Be advised that the **gate combination will be changed** at the end of this meeting. If you haven't paid

your dues, you will not have the new gate combination.

RANGE

There should be no events going on at the rifle range during October. Sight-in time should not start before 8 a.m. Follow the rules, be courteous, and clean up when you are finished. **LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.**

PLAN AHEAD

It seems there are so many things going on that it pays to mark your calendars way ahead of time so as not to forget anything going on. The date for the **winter party has been set for January 20, 2018.** There will be the usual effort to get tickets sold and line up helpers.

SHOOTERS TO THE LINE

It won't be long and another event will be on the calendar...**practice for the "Bullseye" shooting events** will start on December 2 and continue for the 2018 season. **Archery** will be getting under way as well. More info is coming on these events later.

RECIPROCITY

This is another on going struggle. The National Right to Carry Reciprocity Act was introduced in 2012 by Democrats (surprise). It is still getting kicked around in Congress. The "antis" are coming with all sorts of reasons that "their" driver's license should be good in all 50 states, but "your" carry permit should not. Politics, bah humbug.

HISTORY

In 1945 Bill Ruger started a hardware and tool business. By 1948 the bank foreclosed and sold the company's assets at auction. In 1949, Sturm, Ruger and Co. Inc. was formed. On September 15, 1949, Ruger sold its first gun, serial number 3, the famous Ruger standard .22 pistol, retail price \$37.50. It was sold to an employee that shot in many matches and who won many medals as well. By the end of 1949, 1138 Ruger pistols were shipped. Fast forward 67 years...April 2015 to May 2016 Ruger firearms produced over two million firearms. Mike Fifer, former CEO at Ruger, pledged to donate \$2 for every Ruger firearm sold between the NRA annual meetings 2015 to 2016. On May 19, 2016, at the NRA annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, a check for \$4 million was presented to the NRA Institute for Legislative Action. This information is from an article by Don Findley in the American Rifleman magazine.

LIBERTY QUOTE

I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within. General Douglas MacArthur

WORDS OF WISDOM

Ole and Lena were at home one evening discussing the need to make a living will. Ole told Lena that no matter what he never wanted to live in a vegetative state, dependent on a machine with all his fluids coming out of bottles. Lena immediately jumped up, unplugged the TV, and threw out all the beer!