



NEWSLETTER

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

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The December meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Lunch servers for this meeting are Clyde Allison, Roger Reese, and Judy Scritsmier.

2017

What do you know; another year is fading into history. A number of projects have been done, and there are some to carry into next year. A lot of work was done on the range, bunker repairs, cameras installed (they do work), gas lines re routed in the clubhouse. "THANK YOU" to Chev's Heating, J.H. Larson, and Shadick's Hardware for taking care of the gas lines at no charge to the club. The small propane tanks will be eliminated. We still need to have the road work finished, and we will need to consider what to do with the ice fishing trailer as it is in need of some serious work.

LUNCH

The new lunch committee schedule should be up at this meeting. Check it out. If your name is on it, and you don't want to be on it, you are responsible for finding a replacement. It's not a hard project—just keep it simple. If you have any questions, contact Mike Gullickson at 715.556.8896.

ELECTIONS

The annual elections went off as usual. We have three new Board members and 1 new Foundation Board member. So, we may have some new officers. Come to the meeting and see. The 2018 Board

Member list will be posted on the bulletin board.

TICKETS

Get your tickets for the "Winterama" party on January 20. Avoid the last-minute rush and get them early. The Ice Fishing Contest is coming up on January 27. Tickets for that event should be available at this meeting.

ARCHERY

The winter Indoor Archery League is scheduled to start January 8, 2018. Prior to the regular December Club meeting will be the organizational meeting for the 2018 Archery League. This will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you want your same spot as last year, or want to start up a new team, you need to be at this meeting. If for some reason you cannot be there, you will need to contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.933.2167.

PISTOL

The 2018 Indianhead Pistol League starts December 10 with a warm up match at Rice Lake Fireline. The regular matches will be:

Jan 7, Fireline

Jan. 14, Bloomer

Jan. 21, Fireline

Feb. 4, Fireline

Feb. 11, Bloomer

Feb. 18, Fireline

Mar. 4, Fireline

Mar. 11, Bloomer

Mar. 18, Fireline

The ending handicap match and the awards banquet dates will be determined later on. Times for all matches are 12 noon at Rice Lake Fireline and Bloomer matches at 1 p.m. at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Clubhouse.

PLAN AHEAD

March 17-18: 3D Shoot

March 24: Archer Banquet

March 31: Air Pistol Match

POLITICS

In June of 1789 James Madison brought the "Bill of Rights" to Congress. It seems that many people were concerned that the Constitution did not protect many of the rights which were "fought and bled for" in the Revolutionary War. Thus we have the basis for the "Bill of Rights". So, we have the 1st Amendment, fine and dandy, but what good is it if you cannot enforce it. Then we have the 2nd Amendment. Now you have the means to defend the 1st and all the other parts of the "Bill of Rights". What we are seeing today is courts and governments that think the "constitution" and "Bill of Rights" is just a menu from which to pick and choose whatever suits their whims. It seems that many have decided they can pick and choose what parts of these documents they might use—missing the point that the "framers" made it clear that these rights were for the protection of all the citizens.

TRIVIA

How about a two-bore rifle maximum load 3500 grain lead bullet and 24 drams of black powder? Giles Whittome is the only man to fire it and he said he would never do it again as the recoil is too dangerous to the shooter. Now the standard load is a 2500 grain bullet and 20 drams of powder. The gun will put all its shots into one hole at 50 yards. If you want to order one, I have the address. Prices start at \$75000 for the base model.