



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The first meeting of the New Year at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, **January 9, 2018**, at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

## LUNCH

On deck for the lunch at the January meeting are Jeff Steinmetz, Wayne Steinmetz, and Joe Rubenzer. Please note: The 2018 cooks list is on the bulletin board.

## 2018

Well, here we are, having survived the passing of another year. There are a number of projects on the front burner with who knows what will come up during this year. Coming up we have road work, range work, planning and construction of the members' memorial as well as the usual things we do every year. If you have some ideas or suggestions, let the Board know about them. Keep in mind the three things that pop up:

1. **Anybody** could do it.
2. **Somebody** should do it.
3. **Nobody** did it.

With all the bodies we have, and with new members, we shouldn't have to deal with those three bodies mentioned.

## EVENTS

**January 20** we will kick off the annual "Winterama" party. All seems to be set to go for this event. Getting tickets at this late date may be a little "iffy", but you can call Don Lang for an update on that situation. His number is 715.404.5627. Don't wait!

**January 27** will be the Annual Ice Fishing Contest on Marshmiller Lake at Cedar Bay Resort. Tickets? If you

need tickets or posters, call Jeff Steinmetz at 715.568.5485.

## ARCHERY

The 2018 Archery League shoots will be starting on January 8. With new target bunkers, new lights, and new bow hangers, it should be a great season for teams. If you need more information about teams or shooting, contact Don Lang at 715.404.5627 or Mark Petska at 715.933.2167. Don't forget to plan for **the spring 3-D Shoot on March 17 and 18.**

## PISTOL

Pistol practice starts at 9 a.m. every Saturday except January 20. There is no practice that day because of the winter party. Indianhead League matches for January and February are: Jan. 7, Rice Lake/Fireline; Jan. 14, Bloomer; Jan. 21, Rice Lake/Fireline; Feb. 4, Rice Lake/Fireline; Feb. 11, Bloomer. Rice lake marches start at 12 noon. Bloomer matches start at 1 p.m. Sneaking right up on us is the **Air Pistol Match on March 31.** Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. More details are coming in future newsletters. Early registration is appreciated.

## Newsletter

New and renewal advertisers are being set up for the 2018 year. We will be missing some advertisers that were "charter members" since 1984—but look forward to some new ones. Most of these advertisers have been supporting the Rod and Gun

Newsletter for a long time. Please take time to look over the ads and patronize these people whenever you can.

## HISTORY

What's old is now new. Sources of the Old World War I and II firearms are now getting dried up. There are still some rifles available, the prices have increased considerably. The one area that has really taken a jump is in the availability of old machine guns. There are a lot of serious collectors of these items, but they are toys of the rich collectors. Since many of the originals are in the \$30,000 and up range, that leaves most collectors out. Now we have some innovative inventors that are making replicas of some of these weapons. In a conflict of words, they are making replicas in the form of semi-auto machine guns. Now you can fill in your collection with legal replicas at a lot less money.

## POLITICS

What will be new in 2018? Probably nothing. The antigun crowd will be spending millions of dollars to bring out rehashes of the same old attacks on law-abiding citizens. They keep telling us that we need "just one more law", and then criminals will just quit committing crimes. By the way, would you like to buy some ocean-front property in Arizona? Or, maybe you would like to own a big red bridge.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**