



NEWSLETTER

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

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The March meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on March 13, 2018. Meeting time is 7 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Kitchen duty for this meeting falls on Shorty Goettl.

4-H

The 4-H Archery Program is done for this year. Coming up now is the air rifle portion of their program. Events coming up will be the NRA and Jr. Olympics matches to be hosted by the Chippewa Valley 4-H. For more information on these events, contact Steve Siverling at 715.568.3158.

ARCHERY

The 2018 Archery League is winding down for the season. The 2018 Archery Banquet will be held on March 24. The main event for March will be the 3-D Shoot on March 17 and 18. There will be the need for help to set up and take down the target range as well as help in the kitchen during the match. The next 3-D Shoot will be August 11 and 12.

ANTLERS

Going along with the 3-D Shoot will be an Antler Scoring event both days. There will be displays as well as scoring, so stop and have a look at some spectacular racks.

PISTOL

The Indianhead Pistol League will be wrapping up this month as well. The last match at Bloomer will be on March 11 at 1 p.m. The last Rice Lake match will be at

Fireline on March 18 at noon. Following that will be the annual Handicap Match. Shortly after that will be the awards banquet. The last pistol practice will be on Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m. To wrap up the season will be the Air Pistol Match on March 31. Signup will at 8 a.m. The match will start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided for the participants. Some nice prizes will be available too. Pre-registrations slips are on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. If you want more information, go to chipekardt@gmail.com

STEEL MATCH

Some years back the Bloomer rod and Gun Club had the opportunity to host the Wisconsin State Steel Challenge sponsored, at that time, by Sturm-Ruger Firearms. After a couple of years, Ruger involved the National Shooting Sports Foundation to be in charge of making the arrangements and getting sponsors for this event. Some of the equipment was given to us by Tom Drazy. The time to "pass the torch" has come. Two people stepped up to take over the match. Now their situation has changed and they will not be able to take over. Some help is available from the Pistol League, but we need someone to head up the program. Part of our equipment will be going to Colfax. If we are going to stay in this State event, someone needs to volunteer to take over. Contact Judy at mail to: scripsjk@gmail.com or 715.350.2543 for details.

SPRING FLING

April 21 is the date for the annual Spring Fling party. Things are pretty well lined up for the event. If you have items for the raffles, check with Jocelyn Zenner. Tickets are available from her or at the Bloomer Hardware Store. Last year was a sellout, so get your tickets early if you want to go.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

The 2018 Ice Fishing Contest was well attended. We are now at a place where some serious decisions need to be made before the next contest. We had a nice trailer donated to the club for use for the ice fishing contest and possibly other events. Due to almost total neglect, it has become in a state of serious disrepair. Do we want to get a different trailer? It seems like having to buy another unit for a one-day event may not be a practical thing to do. At the next meeting or two, this issue will be discussed. The immediate plan is to get a "trailer committee" together to assess the possibility of making repairs to this unit to continue its use. It should not take a lot of time to decide if it is possible to save the trailer or not. It is just one more case of "anyone could do it, but no one did". Let's get on this project and see what can be done.

HISTORY

History teaches us that men and nations only behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.

Abba Eban