



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

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The March meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the Rod and Gun Clubhouse. Servers on the lunch committee for March are Shorty Goettl and Doug Steinmetz.

ICE FISHING

Well, here to go, another Marshmiller Lake Ice Fishing contest has come and gone. It was a nice day—maybe a little cool, but nice. I think the crowd was down a little bit, and the fish were a little bit uncooperative. There were a few nice Northern and Bass registered (and not a lot of pan fish.) None the less, it was still a nice day to be out and about. Details of the event will be available at the meeting Tuesday night.

Just a side note on ice fishing: BEWARE of VHS virus. VHS is very active in water below 60 degrees, and it can be spread from fish to fish, or by water that is contaminated by the virus. Specifically, we need to STOP moving both around. Don't move live fish from the lake; drain all water from that lake from all of your equipment. Any minnows taken home at the end of the day can only be taken back to that specific lake if there has been any lake water added to the minnow pail. Check on the rules and follow them! The fines for non-

compliance are substantial. VHS is in Wisconsin, but it has been pretty well contained. Let's keep it that way. There is a video on the DNR website, "Preserving Your Bait". Check it out for more information

ARCHERY

The 3-D Shoot will be history by this meeting (March 6-7). Hopefully all went well for this event. We will have a report on the youth archery shooting clinic that was held on Feb. 13.

PISTOL LEAGUE

Practice is from 10-noon on Saturdays. The last match at Bloomer is Sunday, March 14; and the last league match is Sunday, March 21 at Eau Claire. The Bloomer team has had success this year—winning several matches. This is due to improvement from some team members, and the addition of several very good shooters this season.

4-H

The youth archery program is winding down and the air rifle program will be getting up and running. Both programs will have over 100 youth involved.

TURKEY TIME

Plans are going forward on the Learn to Turkey Hunt program—the turkey with mentor hunt. This will be a one- or two-day program with classroom time and field time. No license will

be needed for this event as it will be provided by the DNR warden in charge. The number of hunters will be determined by the number of mentors that volunteer. April 10 is the target date for this event. For more information, contact Cody Adams 715-720-3646.

There will be a turkey hunting contest. Check with Jim Bohl for details.

FISH HATCH

This year the Walleye Wagon will be set up on Round Lake. The estimated, active date for this event is April 10—give or take about five days.

SPRING FLING

This event is still in the works. Getting the new raffle number for tickets is the key, and time will be short to get tickets sold. Hopefully tickets will be ready at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the February meeting, were 181 unpaid memberships. These will be dropped from the mailing list. The list will be on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. Check to see if these are people you know and contact them about renewal. The Club has been very liberal about renewals, but this may change in the future.

Take a kid hunting or fishing.