



NEWSLETTER

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

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The June meeting of the Bloomer rod & Gun Club will be held on June 8 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.

June is a special month for lunch. This will be the annual "Steak Feed" sponsored by Vicki Hanson and Willie's RV Sales. This is an event you can bring your significant other to and treat them to a steak dinner.

FOUNDATION

Something new is in the works for the Rod & Gun Club. There is going to be a *Bloomer Rod and Gun Foundation*. This will be a separate corporation, and it will be have a tax-exempt status. Money put into this foundation can be used for various things such as education. All the details have not been worked out yet, but may be by the June meeting. The format is similar to other programs by other clubs. As I understand it, money put into this program are tax exempt and donations put into the Foundation will be a tax-deductible contribution. More details will be coming along soon.

ELECTION

Foundation Board members will be elected at the June meeting. Some members will be elected from the Club Board and some from the members at large. Questions? Come to the meeting and ask away.

ARCHERY

Archery in the Schools is an on-going program. We, along with the Lion's Sportsmen and White Tails Unlimited, sponsor this program in Bloomer, Cadott, and New Auburn Schools. There have been shooters going to State matches and doing very well in these events. The Bloomer School programs seems to be lagging behind somewhat. So, *be sure to read the letter regarding the Archery-in-Schools Program enclosed with this newsletter.*

4-H

The .22 pistol shooting program is about to wrap up for this year. There were eight shooters involved with this event. Thanks to all that helped get this program rolling. Next up will be skeet and trap shooting which starts June 8. This will run for eight weeks. There are 15 shooters signed up. Trap shooting will be at Cadott and skeet at Rice Lake.

CLEANUP

This year's road cleanup program was a washout. NOBODY showed up. It was planned for a Saturday because of the poor turnout on week nights in the past. Obviously Saturday morning was NOT the answer. Next year this event will be planned at a much earlier meeting with an evening scheduled. We'll also plan a backup night in case of bad weather.

PISTOL

Pistol practices will be at 10 a.m. until noon on
June 19

July 17

August 14

September 18

EVENTS COMING UP

July 24—4-H Shoot

July 29-Aug. 1-Bloomer Fair

Aug. 21-22—Archery 3-D
shoot

Sept. 25—Tom Knapp Shoot

There should be more information on the Tom Knapp event at the June meeting.

HISTORY LESSON

Awhile back I was having a conversation with someone who said, "No one should be allowed to have an assault weapon." Well, guess what? They have been banned since 1934—sort of. If you have considerable funds to invest, you CAN own one. If you pay a sizeable amount of money in taxes (yes taxes get around the constitutional issues), and do a lot of paperwork from the Federal level down to the local police level, you may get a permit to purchase one. Now that done, let's look at prices. A WWII M-3 (Cost \$12 to produce) sells for \$5,000; WWII BAR \$9000; M-16 \$9000. (a quote taken from a particular ad in *Shotgun News*.) Other SEMI AUTO rifles and pistols work on principles that have been in use over 100 years. Even Great Grandpa's Civil War Henry rifle (1865) is considered an assault rifle by the anti-gun crowd. It was "that damned Yankee rifle that you could load on Sunday and shoot all week". It held 15 rounds in the magazine. When you talk about "assault rifles", be sure you are on the right page.

Assault weapons—Selective fire fully auto.

Semi—one pull of the trigger equals one shot.