



# NEWSLETTER

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

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The July meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be held on Tuesday, July 13, at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.

Lunch committee for July consists of Dan Stolt, John Sykora, and Dennis Dennis Nelson.

## FAIR BOOTH

The 2010 Bloomer Fair runs from July 29 through August 1. The booth will be run pretty much as usual. There will be drawings for prizes for kids up to 11 years old, and then for 12 years and up. Setup time will be Wednesday evening starting at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse and 6:30 p.m. at the booth. There will be display items. The main feature will be the renewal of memberships. Last month there were 573 newsletters sent out, so I do hope that there will be a minimum of arm twisting needed to fill the eight time slots to "man" the fair booth. Please come to the meeting with that in mind. If you have items to display, bring them to the meeting or to the booth at setup time.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The shooting range will be closed JULY 12-15 AND JULY 19-22 FROM 8 A.M. TO NOON.* The reason is that a class from the Bloomer School Summer Archery Program will be using the range.

## FOUNDATION

The Bloomer Rod and Gun Foundation is a "work in progress". Corporate papers are being set up for the 501C3 status. The Board of Directors members for the corporation are:

Rich Burrow  
Skeeter Stolt  
Dave Huse  
Ralph Roggenbuck  
Jim Kleingartner.

When you have to jump through all of the government's hoops, it takes some time. The purpose of the Foundation is for education. That is what makes any contributions to the Foundation tax deductible.

## 4-H

**ANOTHER NOTE:** *The shooting range will be closed SATURDAY, JULY 24* for a 4-H shoot. There will be archery indoors as well as outdoors, and shotgun shooting.

## WHAT'S UP?

July 17—pistol practice  
July 17—Golf outing (we sponsor one hole for this youth football fundraiser)  
July 24—4-H Shoot  
July 29-Aug. 1—Fair  
Aug. 14—pistol Practice  
Aug. 21-22 3-D Shoot  
Sept. 18—pistol practice  
**Sept. 25--Tom Knapp Shoot**

(The intent is to have tickets at this meeting for the Tom Knapp Shoot. If not, they will be available at the fair booth.)

## SCHOOL

Last month's newsletter contained a letter requesting support for the "Archery in the School" program for Bloomer High School. If you haven't already done so, please send a letter or email to the people on the list.

## HISTORY LESSON

During the mid 1300's about 1/3 of Europe was wiped out by the "Black Death". Laborers and craftsmen were in short supply. This resulted in demands for higher wages and the nobility's efforts to suppress this trend. Inevitably, this led to revolts. The French government did not arm the peasants unless a battle was on the horizon. The French Revolution was long and brutal. The English government recognized the value of a peasant infantry of trained archers, so they required the peasants to have a bow and arrows. Practice on Sundays was mandatory. The English Revolution was quelled with relatively little loss of life. They even met some of the peasants' demands.

**The difference?** The French issued crossbows at the time of need. They were deadly, but you could maybe get off two or three shots a minute. The English peasants were armed with military grade weapons that could fire 10 to 15 arrows per minute. The English nobility knew that being on the receiving end of an "arrow storm" was likely to ruin your day—if it didn't kill you and your horse. This could be why they didn't go far out of their way to upset the peasants. You could say the peasants were armed with the "M-16 of the 14<sup>th</sup> century." *"The Right to Keep and Bear Longbows" from an article written by Clayton E. Cramer*