



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

December 28, 2015

Meeting announcement: At Fort Mulligan's Grill pub, 7:00 PM, Tues, Jan 5, 2016.

It Deer Show time!!! This month's meeting will have reports from members handling the different parts of the show. We will also be preparing **letters to send out to past participants and vendors**. We need to finalize our raffles. We currently have the pre-event raffle for a Weatherby Vanguard S2 or \$500. What other raffles do we want? If you need **tickets** to sell or purchase for the pre-event raffle please pick them up at Stark's Sports Shop, at the Jan meeting, or contact Denny. This raffle is a **big money maker** for the club so do your best in selling the tickets. Posters to be put out are also available from Denny, 326-2718. Your poster is attached and can also be posted as you see fit. Thanks.

Once again this year we will have a **sportsman's silent auction**. Here is how it works. Let's say you have a print you won at a DU event and you want to sell it. Bring it to the show and sell it on the silent auction. You put the price you want for the print on the bidding list as the minimum price. The print is displayed and people at the show can bid on the item by placing their name and phone number on the bid slip. At the end of the silent auction bids will be pulled and winners will be notified. When the item is paid for you get your price and the club gets whatever is over your minimum price. If you put \$80 as the minimum price on your print and it sells for \$100 you get \$80 and the club would get \$20. Please limit your items for the auction to those within the outdoors related disciplines. Sorry, no firearms are allowed. If you have questions about this type of auction please contact Denny.

If you know of possible **vendors** for the Deer Show contact Denny with their name and address so a vendor invite can be sent to them. Vendors are charged \$25 for an 8 foot table to set up at the show.

Set aside some time on Feb 19 &/or 20 to help out with the show. **We will need people** to help with set up at 3 p.m. on Friday, take down, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, placing racks and mounts on display boards, assisting scorers, running raffles, taking admissions, and registrations. Your help is needed. This is our only club money maker event so make an effort, even if only for a couple of hours. Thanks.

As discussed at the December meeting a **budget meeting** was held on December 8 to look at our financial status and possible projects. No action was taken on any of the matters discussed as it was not an official meeting. First off we are in good financial shape. We have enough working income to handle our expenses like insurance, electricity, annual donations, etc. But if we want to do a project we need to have some money to work with. The increase in dues will help provide for some of the smaller project costs but anything major will require more funds. It was strongly suggested that we establish a contingency type fund that will contain enough money to cover one year's expenses. Some of the suggested projects included electricity to the range shed, a concrete base for the new porti-potti, reshape berms including reworking the 200 yard berm, an archery range tower at La Riviere Park, make Wood Duck and bat houses.

The new **membership** program, with December sales, is going well according to Kathy at Stark's. All memberships expire the end of December. The new combo will be posted sometime in early January as usual. Upon renewal you will again be asked if you want the newsletter and if so, by email, regular mail, or off the web site. Currently about 200 members get the newsletter by email, 100 members get it by mail, and a few others chose not to get a newsletter. If you have previously signed the **Hold Harmless Form** you will not have to do it again, simply check on membership card that you have signed the form before. New members are asked to sign. Range rules are available Stark's Sport Shop or our website, www.prairierodandgunclub.org or at the Deer Show. If you have questions on this matter contact Denny at 326-2718.

Range schedule:

Nothing new for 2016.

Hunter Education Class starts Jan 7 at the High School.