



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Feb 24, 2016

Meeting announcement: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1 at Fort Mulligan's in downtown Prairie du Chien.

Special guest for the March meeting is Ben Wegleitner. Ben is the Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council. He covers most of southwest Wis. He has a Fisheries Degree from UW-Stevens Point and a Masters Degree in Invasive Species Biology from Central Michigan University. His talk will cover aquatic invasive species of our area.

A very big **Thank You** goes out to all who participated in the annual **Deer Show** and with raffle sales. If you were at the show you saw that rack numbers were down but still an excellent presentation of the deer harvest. Set up and take down went well. The event trailer left the armory about 6:30 p.m. for use this next weekend in Richland Center. As of the writing of this newsletter I do not have the final figures but attendance seemed to be down but raffles did well. Many people commented that the weather was too nice and that a lot of people did other things. If the weather was cold and snowy we may have had a bigger crowd. We had six vendors, including some with interesting wares, including furs, knives, and a hook for displaying European Mounts. The Silent Auction again went over well. Those that brought in items to be sold at auction earned \$220 while the **club made \$287**. Eleven of 36 items did not sell. Thanks to those who participated. Brent Posten did a great job of getting scorers. Those individuals did an excellent job with the racks they scored. Our racks in the door count was 97. **Preliminary data** will be discussed at this month's meeting as there are a few bills yet to come in. Alice Kirschbaum and Barb Barbian, again this year, did a great job with raffles. Thanks for your help. The pre-event rifle raffle did well. Three club members, Mike Hazen, Joe Prew, and Dave Walz sold \$1800 worth of tickets prior to the event. Thanks guys for that effort. We also did good on the Cabela's and the Night on the Town raffles. Neither raffle cost us much to put on with Cabela's donating four prizes for their namesake raffle and the Night on the Town Raffle items were donated by Country Inn and Suites, Fort Mulligan's, and Leisure Time Sports Bar and Bowl. The club picked up another gift certificate to finish off the raffle. New signage worked well. Our efforts with paid ads should probably be looked at with a possible replacement with more free "weekend or calendar of events" posting, including Wisconsin Outdoors magazine. Additional Facebook and other social media use should be increased. Your comments are welcome.

A free fun event open to all was the **Guess the Score** contest. Two racks were displayed. Participants where to guess the total gross score of the two racks. There were two winners in this contest guessing 307. Prizes were a National Guard sweatshirt and a Cabela's hat. The actual total gross score was 306 3/8.

Now is a good time to check your **wood duck and blue bird houses**.

"**Dancing with the Timberdoodle**" will again be a spring event at La Riviere Park. From late March through April guided tours will be held watching the American Woodcock doing his courtship display. Contact Denny at 326-2718 for further info on dates and times.

The **Bluff Country Longspurs** annual banquet is in March. Contact Mike Hazen for further info.

Range schedule

April 3, all day, JAKES Day

Dates to be set, April and May, Prairie du Chien High School Trap League

April 7, May 5, 11-3 pm, May 26, noon - 2, June 9 or July 14, all day, Sept 15, 11-3 pm, Crawford Co. SO

Nov 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, Noon - 4 pm, Pre-deer Season sight-in