



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Feb 27, 2017

Meeting announcement: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7 at Crawford County Sheriff's Dept, upstairs meeting.

A very big **Thank You** goes out to all who helped with the **Deer Show**. Set up and take down went well, especially with only putting up 24 display boards. The event trailer left the armory about 6:15 p.m. Saturday for use at Richland Center. **Paid attendance was 193**, about the same as last year. Despite the warm weather, second year in a row, people still came to see the mounts on display. We brought in almost \$2000 on the pre-event gun raffle. Once again **Mike Hazen, Joe Prew, and Dave Walz** were big sellers of raffle tickets prior to the event. Thanks guys for that effort. The Cabela's raffle netted \$525 while the other raffles didn't do very well. Only 3 T-shirts were sold. This year's event was very similar to the 2016 event. We had 5 paid vendors and two vendors we partner with. The use of the new brackets to hold the European mounts worked very well as did the flat-metal hanging brackets made by the Richland Center Archery Club. In the **Silent Auction** participating club members earned \$235 while the **club made \$174**. Five of 27 items did not sell. Thanks to those who participated. Brent Posten did a great job with the **scorers**. Those individuals did an excellent job scoring racks. Racks in the door count was a few below last year's count. We had elk, moose, deer, and an African visitor. With a few bills yet to come in it looks like we made about the same as last year. More free "weekend or calendar of events" posting, including Wisconsin Outdoors magazine helped get the news out and keep costs down. Additional Facebook and other social media use didn't hurt. We should discuss problems, solutions, and changes for the 2017 show, our 20th Deer Show, at the March and April meetings. We did receive our **non-profit designation, 501(c)** therefore saving \$1260 on our armory rental.

Sometime in March we will have a work night to put in the bat houses at La Riviere Park.

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. Woodcock were present at La Riviere Park Feb 22. Contact Denny at 326-2718 for further info on dates and times.

A work day, or at least an afternoon, is needed at the La Riviere Park **archery range** to place new targets and do some brush work. The ditch at the rifle range needs to be burned and as well as some general cleanup too.

On March 9, from 6-8 p.m. there will be a **workshop on landowner/wildlife habitat** at the Crawford County Admin Bldg. The cost is \$12 and is sponsored by the Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council, a non-profit organization. Contact Brandon Bleuer at 309-738-2607 for more info.

Range schedule

April 1, 10-4, Learn to hunt turkeys

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

April 12 & 20, May 18 & 25, 11-3 pm, May 25, June 22, July 20, 11-3 pm, Crawford Co. Sheriff

April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15, & 22, June 5, 6-2p.m. DOC