



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

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Meeting Announcement **7 p.m. Tues. Feb 6, 2018** at Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. upstairs

The Deer Show, our **only money making event** of the year, is fast approaching, Here's an update.

Your help is needed before, during and after the show. **Set up** is Friday, Feb 16 at 3 p.m. **Take down** is Saturday Feb 17, at 5:30 p.m. We also **need help during the show** with raffle sales, admissions, handling and hanging racks, membership sales, and assisting scorers. Please help out. Some of our regulars are not available this year because of health issues so you need to get involved and put in some effort with the show.

We need raffle ticket sellers **now**. Only a few members are out selling raffle tickets and are doing well, but more selling is needed. One member was at Kramer's gun auction preview Jan 19 selling tickets. If you want to pick up **tickets to buy or sell** contact Denny at 326-2718 or stop at Stark's Sport Shop. This pre-event rifle or \$500 cash raffle is a good money maker for us, but tickets need to be sold. Stubs and money can be turned in at the Deer Show or to Bill Fisher at Stark's Sport Shop or to Denny. Posters are out. An additional poster is included with this newsletter for you to print and put out. News releases are being prepared. Curt Kramer is preparing ads for out of town newspapers. Free-be notices on calendar of events and other such media outlets like Wisconsin Outdoor News have or will be sent out shortly. **If you have Facebook or other social media** please get the word out about the show. The more people through the door, the better our results. The boy scouts will have a food booth again this year. The girl scouts will also be selling cookies. We made a little over \$2000 last year on this event so let's try to do better this year. At the Feb meeting we will be finalizing show plans. We have some **vendors** signed up but could use more. If you know of a vendor have them contact Denny at 326-2718 for details. It only costs \$25 per table. Best of all, **get the news out** about the show.

Only a few items for the **Sportsman's Silent Auction** have been turned in and we have plenty of room for more stuff to sell. If you want to sell your items at the Deer Show silent auction contact Denny at 326-2718. Items should be to Denny or at least let Denny know what you are bringing so paperwork and bid sheets can be made up **before the show**. So far, vintage and decorative duck decoys and a couple of prints have been placed in the auction. The silent auction will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the day of the Deer Show. Any proceeds above the starting bid price you place on the item will go to the club. You get your price and the club makes some money as well. This may be a good time for you to sell outdoor related items to an audience that may want them. Sorry, no firearms can be sold.

If you have not renewed your membership this year this is your last newsletter. **Renew** your membership at the Deer Show or at Stark's as the new combination is in the lock. When renewing your membership make sure the data entered is legible and correct and your choice for receiving the newsletter is also correct.

Upcoming events include the Prairie du Chien Ice Fisheree on Feb 3 & 4 and the Bald Eagle Appreciation Day on Feb 23 and 24 in Prairie du Chien. The Deer Show fits in between all of this activity.

Boscobel Sportsman's Club has joined our effort at the Woodman Boat Landing PFD lender rack. Still waiting on Bloomington Sportsman's Club to join us. Rack should be placed sometime in early May.

Something to think about: What value do our lives have without fish, wildlife, and our natural resources?