



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Feb 21, 2022

Meeting announcement: Tues March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Crawford County Sheriff's Dept upstairs meeting room

Range: Last bill for the new range gate has been received and paid. **Thanks** to all of you winter shooters for keeping the range clean. Taking your used targets and other trash home for disposal and picking up used brass to take home or put in our recycle barrel makes for a clean range for all to enjoy. Don't forget to keep your targets level with target holders so your rounds hit soil at the base of the berms and not at the top of the berm, or over the berm. Remember, **all rounds need to hit the earthen berms** so they do not stray from the range.

The draft **revised Range Rules** has been attached to this newsletter. You can also find a copy on our web site.

At the February meeting the club renewed our donation of **trees and/or prairie seed** for use at the range, La Riviere Park, or other areas. Shrubs will be ready to plant by late April. The Crawford County supply of one of the shrubs to be purchased was sold out but Vernon County had what we wanted so we ordered from them. An offer was sent to the Richland County Archery Club for the **sale of 16 display boards and 18 legs** from our supply used at the Deer Show. New **fishing targets** are to be created and/or purchased. Precision Graphics is doing the upright fish targets and the on-the-ground targets are being purchased off the internet. The treasurers report shows we are in good standing with **our checking account and savings**. The **IRS form 990N** was submitted so we can continue to be a non-profit organization.

If you didn't get in on the annual spring Crawford County Land Conservation plant sale to **improve wildlife habitat** look for other ways. Simply transplanting sprouts this spring from existing plants to other sites is good for wildlife food or cover. For example, transplanting small high bush cranberry plants or crab apple sprouts found near larger plants will **provide food and cover for wildlife** for the future. Next fall you can harvest acorns and plant them like a squirrel. This will increase the amount of wildlife food and cover for years to come. If you have property with the invasive honeysuckle plant take time to kill and/or remove this plant as it is a real menace to wildlife habitat. What we do today to **improve habitat** will improve our hunting and wildlife viewing for years to come. Also remember that what you plant today is for the future and the tree planted today may not give you shade before you are gone. Get your kids and grandkids involved working on their future habitat.

Range schedule

April 11, May 16, June 13, July 11, Aug 15, 8-3 pm, Sept 12, 6-11 pm, Oct 7 8-3 pm PDC Police Dept
May 5, May 18, June 23, July 28, 10-5 Aug 11, 8-5 pm, Aug 18, 10-5 pm, Sept 21, 5-10 pm, Sept 22, 10-5 pm,
Oct 20, 5-10 pm, Crawford County Sheriff's Dept.

Nothing from DOC yet. High School Trap Team will use range 6 nights (Monday and Wednesday) during April and May. They will be shooting at Cassville on other dates. Makeup shooting may happen on Wed nights when range is open to all. Firm dates will be in next newsletter