



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Jan 27, 2023

Meeting announcement: Tues Feb 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Crawford County Sheriff's Dept upstairs meeting room

Unless you have renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter on your 2022 membership. A new supply of membership cards has been received and your renewable is available at Stark's Sports Shop. Thank the crew at Stark's for doing memberships.

Range: The range looks good. **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.

Shrubs, ordered for our annual donation to La Riviere Park, will be ready to plant by late April. If you are looking for **wildlife shrubs or trees** the Crawford County Land Conservation Dept has a good supply of oaks, hazelnut, wild plum, nannyberry and serviceberry. The trees and shrubs offered for sale are all great at providing food and cover for wildlife.

If you don't want to purchase new plants improve your habitat by transplanting existing plants, or suckers to areas in need of wildlife food and cover. Using transplants is sometime a better idea than buying new plants. Serviceberry and high bush cranberry sprouts have been transplanted for years at La Riviere Park to expand the habitat favorable for wildlife. You can also remove growth of invasive plants like honeysuckle. By eliminating that plant you will open up the bush crown and allow other plants that provide wildlife food and cover to receive sunlight and grow in that location. Cutting invasive works as does simply pulling the small plants. Some cutting may require stump spraying or simply following up with a regrowth spraying in May or June.

The IRS **form 990N** is to be submitted soon so we can continue to be a non-profit organization.

Discussion on renewing our raffle license will take place at the Feb meeting.

Range schedule

PDC Police Dept

Crawford County Sheriff's Dept.

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High School Trap Team

Turkey Learn to Hunt April 1, 9-2 p.m.

Pre-deer Season Sight-in Nov 11, 12, 15, 16, and 17, noon to 4 p.m.

Secretary Dennis Kirschbaum