



Prairie Rod & Gun Club

Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Jan 30, 2024

Meeting announcement: Tues Feb 6, 2024 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 2023 membership. Your new membership is available at Stark's Sports Shop. Thank the crew at Stark's for doing memberships.

At the January meeting only 2 members were in attendance. We OK'd all of the annual items that are done but there were several items that needed to be discussed and voted on that were tabled until the Feb meeting.

Range: For 2024 we should discuss hiring a tree/brush trimmer to trim back both sides of the range. Anyone know of someone who does that type of work? Give me a call and I will contact them.

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, and other wildlife habitat improving plants. Improving habitat by planting new stock or transplanting existing plants, or suckers, to areas in need of wildlife food and cover will do wonders. Another thing you can do is remove invasive plants like honeysuckle. By eliminating that plant you will open up the bush crown sunlight and allow other plants that provide wildlife food and cover to grow in that location. Cutting invasive plants works as does simply pulling the small plants. Cutting may require stump spraying or simply following up with a regrowth spraying in May or June. Give it a try and see what you can do.

An Outdoor Skills Day, Back to Nature will be held Sat Feb 3 at the Southwest Tech Ag/Auto Center on the east side of Fennimore. There will be free seminars and skill stations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have questions call 608-822-5547.

Discussion on the IRS **form 990N** and our raffle license will take place at the Feb meeting.

We will also need to discuss options regarding the range as it will be affected by Rich Noel's health situation. As many of you know Rich does a lot of work at both the rifle and trap range. While he is recovering he may not be able to do what he has done in the past so we need to come up with a plan B for range care activity.

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

Range schedule

PDC Police Dept April 15, May 13, June 10, July 23, Aug 19, and Sept 30, all from 8-3 p.m. Oct 14, 5-11 p.m.
Crawford County Sheriff's Dept.

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High School Trap Team

Turkey Learn to Hunt

Pre-deer Season Sight-in Nov 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, noon to 4 p.m.

Secretary Dennis Kirschbaum