



GOPHER CAMPFIRE NEWS

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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Tom Benson, President

Another beautiful Fall season has come and gone and Gopher Campfire is getting ready to begin another great year of events. Gopher will begin the year with the January Elections. This year's elections

include President, Vice President, Secretary, and 2 Board Members. If you know of someone who is interested or are interested yourself, please voice that to a board member and make your nomination. Elections will be held at the January membership meeting on Tuesday January 11th starting at 8pm. Come early and enjoy a steak dinner starting at 6pm. January 29th is our 27th Annual Fishing Contest. The fishing contest has become a great event. We can always use help

at the event! Shoot us an email if you interested in helping! Volunteers are always needed for many ongoing needs at the clubhouse. Whether for an event or clubhouse/grounds maintenance, volunteers are what makes it all happen. Thank You to all the volunteers in 2010! In 2011, we are challenging all members to come and volunteer for an event! Many wishes for wonderful Holiday Season!! See you in 2011!

Upcoming Events:

- Jan - Board Meeting
- Jan - General Meeting and Elections
- Jan 29 - Fishing Contest
- Feb 12 - Ice Races (DATE CHANGED)
- Mar 19 - Wild Game Feed
- See www.gophercampfire.com for CURRENT Event Schedule!



*Gopher Campfire is
now on Facebook!
Become a fan
today!*

MEMBERSHIP COSTS GO UP FOR 2011!

Membership costs will go up in 2011 from \$30 to \$35. The rate increase will help with continually rising grounds and building upkeep costs. This

decision was not taken lightly and was decided by the Executive Board members, which includes, current officers and past presidents.



Help Cut Costs and Save Trees!

Receive the Gopher Newsletter by Email!
Send an email to

gopher@gophercampfire.com

and let us know you would like to be added to the email list for the Gopher Newsletter! Not only are you helping cut costs and save trees but also decluttering your mail box!



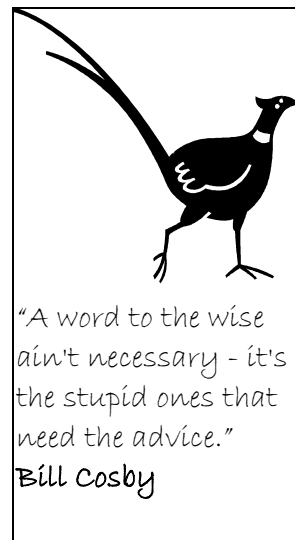
**NEEDED
55 OR 30
GALLON
BLUE OR
CLEAR
BARRELS!**

Feeders will be made out of the barrels! If you have barrels or know who we could contact regarding barrels, please send an email to gopher@gophercampfire.com

100TH YEAR MEMORABILIA STILL AVAILABLE!



100th Anniversary prints are available for \$161.00
 100th Anniversary Glasses are available for \$
 Hard Cover and Soft Cover Anniversary Books are also available for \$35 and \$100.
 For any of these items please contact Don Merkins @ 320-587-5138 or Tom Benson @ 320-587-5616



2010 Sporting Clays Season Summary



It has been a fun clays season in spite of the economic downturn.
 * In 2010 we had 15 teams competing in our League competition.
 * In 2009 we had 17 teams.
 * In 2008 we had 25

teams.

We shot 2008 rounds of 50 in 2010.
 We shot 2746 rounds of 50 in 2009.

Bob Williams and Crew added income through 5 stand and a big shoot at Major Ave. THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED!

Our League winning teams were:
 Class AA

- 1st Cabin Fever
- 2nd Little Crow 1
- 3rd Yamaha

Class A

- 1st Berwalds Blackjacks
- 2nd Progressive Ins
- 3rd Crushers

Class B

- 1st Country Ins.
- 2nd Lee's Loupere
- 3rd Spectralytics

Top Gun: Dave Prockpahler of Cabin Fever



Happy Holidays to all our members!
 Have a great holiday season!

2010 Firearms Safety Classes

Once again this year the Gopher Campfire Club offered 2 Firearms Safety Classes, one in April and one in September. We had 29 students in the Spring Class and 20 students in the Fall Class. Thanks to the Club for supplying the Saturday lunch for both classes and allowing us to use the club house and range. Also, Thanks to all of our volunteers that help us with Range Day, and to the Little Crow Archery Club for also helping with the range day.

"I love to go to Washington - if only to be near my money."
Bob Hope

GOPHER CAMPFIRE 2010

President:	Board of Directors	Sanctuary Board
Tom Benson	Jeremy Anfinson	Jack Clausen
Vice President:	Galen Carlson	Robin Dolezal
Don Merkins	Randy Flaig	Leon Goldschmidt
Secretary:	Jeff Micka	Dan Neubarth
Dale Ross	Jen Mohs	Skip Quade
Treasurer:	Ray Wight	Virgil Voigt
Craig Schmeling	Outing Coordinator	Newsletter Editor
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2011 Gopher Campfire 27th Annual Family Fishing Contest

Live Indoor Trout Pond

**Saturday January 29, 2011
Fishing Contest from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Buy \$1 Raffle Tickets! Get 2 chances to win!
1 for Grand Prizes and Cash Prizes
(need not be present)**

1 for 3 minute Raffle Drawings (MUST be present)

**GRAND PRIZE
FULL DAY GUIDED FISHING TRIP
OR \$150 CASH**

Plus 8 Cash Prizes

**Meat Raffles sold throughout the day
3 Minute Raffle Drawings**

**1 chance for 3 minute raffles with each \$1
Raffle ticket purchase**

**Need only be present for 3 minute raffles
3 minute raffle prizes courtesy of Area
Merchants**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR
AREA BUSINESSES!**

Gopher Board Elections

Elections of new board members will be at the January members meeting! Positions up for elections are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and 2 board positions, currently held by Jeremy Anfinson and Jen Mohs, are up for election in 2011.

If you are interested in running for a position or know someone who is, please send an email to gopher@gophercampfire.com or contact a current board member.



Sanctuary Benches

The benches for the sanctuary have all been sold and delivered! Thanks for assembly by Tom Benson and Bob Williams. The benches have not been placed at the sanctuary yet but will be by spring!

OUTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS BEING SOUGHT!

The Gopher Campfire Annual Outing has become way more than one person can handle. We are looking to form a committee of people to handle it together. If you are interested please shoot us an Email at gopher@gophercampfire.com.

Some events being looked at are a bean bag tournament and possible casino night. If you have ideas, suggestions, or know someone that could be a great addition, please email us the info at gopher@gophercampfire.com.

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Telemarketer season

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2011 Gopher Campfire Membership Application

(2011 Memberships available in December)

Annual = **\$35.00** Lifetime = **\$600.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail: _____

Clip & Mail with payment to: Gopher Campfire

PO Box 336

Hutchinson, MN 55350