

January 24, 2024

Greetings Fisher Folk,

I am excited to announce that the Rotary Club of Gunnison will be holding the 32nd Annual Blue Mesa Fishing Tournament again in 2024, on May 4-5, 2024. This year we are publishing an alternate date for May 18-19, 2024, if conditions are not safe to conduct the tournament on May 4-5, 2024. The ideal date would be on the first weekend in May, but the tournament committee decided to publish an alternate date in the event participants needed to plan for the alternate date.

Thank you for your participation and support of this tournament in the past. We hope that you can join us again in 2024. The registration form and rules are included in this email. (Please note the Mackinaw contest described on #5 under Special Information)

As you are aware, the lake filled up with water last summer, but we are always dependent on the Spring thaw and getting a good runoff. The lack of water in the lake has canceled this tournament for the past couple of years, but we hope this year will be successful in allowing us to run the tournament safely. Also, we hope that Elk Creek Marina will be open again this Spring to allow that to happen.

With that said, please register and send in payment for your registration. We will not cash your check until we know that we will be able to conduct a safe tournament. If the conditions are not conducive to running a safe tournament and we must cancel, we will shred your check. By using this process, you will not have to wait for refund checks to be written and sent back to you. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please let me know.

Again, we are extremely excited about being able to offer this tournament again and hope the conditions allow us to do so safely. Participants have told us that they enjoy this tournament, and we hope you will too. Best of luck, and if you have any questions, please let me know.

The proceeds of this tournament will allow the Rotary Club of Gunnison to complete our numerous projects like scholarships to high school students, grant funding to local organizations, roadside cleanup in Gunnison, and many more that create a better world. The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Sincerely,

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