



HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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Set Your Sights!

We would like to welcome everyone back for another exciting season of hunting! This issue includes a 2010-2011 Membership Application for your convenience. Please make sure to get your deposit in early in order to take advantage of our great discounts!

Danielle Earl

2010-2011 PHEASANT SEASON

The season begins Saturday, September 25, 2010. Bird cards that are paid in full will be available for pickup at the Club Office starting September 4th.

Early pickup of your bird card, field pass, hunting license and stamps will get you into the field much faster on your first day of hunting.

We are currently selling the **Regular Priced Card** in 20, 40, and 100-Bird (Corporate) increments. We are also offering the Early Season, "20-Bird" Card.

The Regular Priced and Early Season Cards will be available until September 30th. After that date, a **Late Season, "20-Bird" Card** will be available for purchase, at the higher rate.

For those that are not familiar with the **Early Season "20-Bird" Card**, it is a perfect choice for members willing to exchange a shorter pheasant hunting season for a substantial discount in bird price. You may purchase as many of the Early Season Cards as you wish, but keep in mind that all birds sold on these cards must be taken by December 13, 2010. After that date, early season cardholders will not be allowed to hunt pheasant for the remainder of the season, ending March 13, 2011.

All cards must be paid in full prior to September 30th, or the first day you hunt, whichever comes first. If full payment is not received by September 30, 2010, the price will increase to the Late Season Card price and interest may be charged on your remaining balance.

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BARBECUE, TRAP COMPETITION AND JUNIOR CHUKAR HUNT

Please mark Saturday, September 11th, on your calendar for our Annual Competition Trap Shoot and our first Junior Chukar Hunt.



PICTURED ABOVE: STEVE BOYERS AND HIS GRANDSON, AIDAN BOYERS, ENJOYED A GREAT DAY HUNTING WITH DAVID BOYERS (NOT PICTURED) AND MACY, A POPULAR DOG FROM OUR RENTAL STRING.

The Trap Shoot is a fast-paced competition for bragging rights, the winner's picture in our newsletter, and name engraved on the perpetual trophy on display in the Clubhouse.

Beginning at 10:00AM, all registered trap shooters will compete in a regulation, single throw, cumulative score tournament. This event will be shot in five man relays, with a designated puller, official scorekeeper, and standard

firing line commands.

Participants are restricted to non-magnum, 2½ inch or 2¾ inch shells, with acceptable gauges of 12, , 20, 28, or .410. Shotguns may be over/under, side-by-side, single break, pump, bolt action, or semi-automatic.

Guns used in this competition must be configured for

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Hunter Safety Course	September 18-19, 2010
Chukar Hunts begin	September 1, 2010
Pre-Season Rooster Shoots	See article on page 4
Annual Trap Competition	September 11, 2010
Bird Cards ready for pickup	September 4, 2010
New Member Orientations	See article on page 2
2010-2011 Pheasant Season begins	September 25, 2010
Last day for Early Season Cards	December 13, 2010

PUPPY ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are excited to announce that we have a new litter of puppies German Shorthair Pointer puppies!

The proud parents are Sophie, a new member of our rental line, and Mark, a field trial champion owned by Kathi Boyd.

We will be selling the puppies, which will be ready to go to their new homes around the first of October.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Our annual Fall Hunter Safety Course will be held on September 18 and 19, 2010. This two-day class is ideal for anyone that needs certification for the 2010-2011 season.

Reservations must be made in advance as seating is limited to thirty-five students. A small fee of \$15 per student will be charged to cover materials. Hamburgers, fries and sodas will be available for lunch each day for an additional fee.

Participants and their families are welcome to spend Friday and/or Saturday night at the Club in your RV or camper. The Clubhouse will be open 24 hours a day during this weekend event so you will have access to the restroom, shower, television, barbecue and picnic tables.

Please call or come by the Club Office for details and to make reservations.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

Although you come to the Club to hunt and fish, Hastings Island is also a working farm. As such, we regularly need to close certain fields and roads, due to our agricultural practices.

On each visit to the Club, it is very important that you check the large map behind the front counter to see which, if any, fields are closed. If they are marked as closed, you may not enter them for any reason.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

First time members (and returning members who have been inactive for the past two years or longer) are required to attend a New Member Orientation prior to picking up their bird cards.

During the 2010-2011 season, orientation classes will be held every Saturday and Sunday, beginning September 11, 2010, through December 31, 2010. All orientations begin promptly at 8:00AM, and last approximately 45 minutes. If you will require a weekday class, please call in advance to arrange a specific date.

Participants must sign the class register in order to receive credit for attending this mandatory class.

PREPARING YOUR SHOTGUN

There is a right way and a wrong way to store a shotgun after the end of a season. If you neglected to store your shotgun the "right" way, we have a few tips to help you address some of the problems you might encounter.

The first step is a measure of safety. Check carefully to make certain your gun is unloaded. Always consider that **every gun is a loaded gun** until you personally verify that it is unloaded.

Break the action down. Remove the barrel and forearm if possible. Clean the vegetation, sand and dirt from every part. Check the action for proper range of motion.

Disassemble the barrel and examine the inside using a mirror and flashlight. If the interior surfaces are clean, a light coat of oil over all moving parts and down the barrel should remove the dust. If you find powder residue, a full cleaning of the gun is recommended.

Inspect the metal surfaces for rusting or pitting. If found, remove, clean, and re-blue to restore water resistance of the outer surfaces.

Check the forearm and stock for cracking or swelling. If you find cracks or swelling in the wood, it may prove dangerous to use the gun. Have the gun examined by a professional gunsmith before firing.

Test the safety and release mechanisms, as well as the unloading mechanism. Any problems with these systems should prompt a visit to the gunsmith.

If your inspections and cleaning have gone well, apply a light coat of oil over the outer surfaces, reassemble the shotgun and store it in your gun case until opening day.



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Please note that refunds on bird card deposits are not issued after September 30th, for any reason.

If you would like to pay by credit card, we ask that you do so in person at the Club. As a security precaution, we do not take credit card payments by phone or facsimile.

We do not mail receipts for each payment made on your bird card. If you would like a receipt for your payment, please come into the Club Office.

If you have purchased a 2010-2011 bird card, an invoice, enclosed with this newsletter, will show payments made through the date shown on the statement. This is the only statement you will receive before the September 30th payment deadline. Remember, you must meet that payment deadline in order to avoid an increase to the Late Season Card price.

If you have any questions regarding payments, please call or stop by the Club Office to verify your payment history.

LOOKING BACK...



Hastings Island Hunting Preserve opened its doors in August of 1969.

Through the decades of seasons and the generations of hunters that have spent time at the Club, many of you have shared your love of hunting with us.

Recently, we came across a poem written by the

Club's first Manager, Georgette Klinge, in 1969.

Even though many years have passed, this beautiful piece still remains a fitting tribute to our favorite companions...

A dog is a comfort and ally in a sometimes unfriendly world.

A dog is a welcoming committee that lets you know you are home, All Right!

A dog is a certainty that home is where you most want to be.

A dog is a chance to express yourself without the fear of seeming foolish; a chance to share emotions that others of our kind too often repel; a chance to find tenderness, outright joy, and love.

A dog hears your secret needs and sympathizes or distracts you from your woes.

A dog defeats loneliness, defies unhappiness, and teaches humans the virtue of play.

A dog gives you the feeling that you are worth his affection.

A dog holds to values this world has forgotten, duty, loyalty, and respect.

A dog will obey you, bestowing upon you power your own children come to challenge.

Most of all, especially in times like these, a dog is the truest and most reliable friend you will ever have.

We feel that these words hold as much value for us today as they did over forty years ago.

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legal upland game bird hunting in California, with magazine plugs, etc. No shot size larger than number 6 or smaller than number 8 may be used. Competition trap guns and sporting clay guns are acceptable, as long as they are legal for harvesting an upland game bird in California.

The fee will be \$20.00 per shooter. Advance reservations will be accepted up to one week prior to the event. Relay placement will be drawn at 9:45AM on the Trap Range the day of the event.

After the tournament, trap shooting will be available to all participants, at half-price, for the day. Lunch, including hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and soda is included in the tournament fee. Lunch for those that did not participate can be purchased for \$10.00.

The Junior Chukar Hunt will be from 8:00AM to 1:00PM and includes a 4-bird hunt, barbecue lunch, and a round of trap for \$50.00 per junior hunter. Bird cleaning will be available for \$2.50 per bird.

All junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult member during the hunt and on the trap range. We are currently taking reservations for this exciting junior event.

We will have sprinklers on the lawn to keep the kids cool, the horseshoe pit will be ready for some serious pitchin' and the trap machine will be stocked with clays! The fields are ready - bring your dog for a workout. Come enjoy a day of fun!

Please contact the Club Office for reservations and information.

DID YOU KNOW...

✧ Did you know we sell hunting licenses, upland game bird stamps, fishing licenses, ammo and other hunt related items?

✧ Our store is filled with items you need during the season. Among other things, you will find hats and Club logo t-shirts in short and long sleeve.

✧ Need a place to store your RV or boat? We lease dry storage space. We also have space available in our trailer park, with hook-ups, if you are looking for a nice place to get away on weekends.

✧ We offer smoked pheasants for exchange during hunting season. Smoked slowly over alder wood, they have a delicious, unique flavor. They are a great treat for family gatherings and parties.

✧ If you need a place to board your dog while you are on vacation, please ask for information about our kennel.

PRESEASON ROOSTER SHOOTS

September 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18 are scheduled for Preseason Rooster Shoots from 8:00AM to 1:00PM.

Due to the limited number of dates and the popularity of these shoots, advance reservations are required.

The fee for a "4-Bird" Preseason Rooster Shoot is \$100.00. Bird cleaning will be available at \$3.50 per bird.

Since these are preseason hunts, the birds you take during a Rooster Shoot will not be counted against your bird card.

For your convenience, the Coffee Shop will be open for lunch from 10:00AM until 2:00PM on these dates.

CHUKAR HUNTS START SEPTEMBER 1ST

If you're anxious to get an early start on your hunting this fall, you may want to consider one of our popular Chukar Hunts. These hunts are available starting September 1, 2010 and continue through May 31, 2011.

We offer an all inclusive "100-Bird" Chukar Hunt, which includes a continental breakfast, barbecued New York steak lunch made to order with all the trimmings, free bird cleaning, and four rounds of trap for only \$1,575.00. This fun event can accommodate up to ten participants for an exciting day of hunting.

For those that hunt in smaller groups or prefer to forego the extras, we offer the "No-Frills" Hunt. Starting at a minimum of ten chukar for \$157.50, the "No-Frills" Hunt is a great way to get back into the swing of hunting. Additional birds can be purchased in any quantity. For thirty or more chukar, a price break is available. Cleaning is available with a "No-Frills" Hunt for \$2.00 per chukar.

We also offer individual chukar for use in the designated training field. This is a great way to tune up your dog's field work. Since chukar season overlaps pheasant season, you also have the opportunity to arrange a "mixed bag shoot," for chukar and pheasant, during the season.

Due to the popularity of these hunts, we do ask that you call the Club Office to make reservations at least one week prior to your hunt.

If you need a four-legged hunting partner, we have excellent dogs for rent, trained by Randy Berry of Von Steuben Kennels. Short descriptions of some of our rental dogs are included in the article "Presenting our All-Stars!" on this page.



PRESENTING OUR ALL-STARS!

The Club's Rental String All-Stars are ready for hunting season! Please allow us to introduce you to our top notch hunting professionals:

Sonny: Our grand old man at 7 years, Sonny is a real go-getter that *just wants to hunt!* He is quick, responsive and a pleasure to hunt over. Sonny adds a lot of excitement to wingshooting.

Macey: Her hunting skills are well known. She is the proud mother of our latest litter, and as soon as her puppies are whelped, she will be rejoining our all star team.

Cowgirl: Her fondness for children makes Cowgirl a great choice for families. She is full of energy and responds very well to all commands. She is mother to the puppies we now have for sale. If you are interested in this outstanding pedigree, please see Danielle Earl at the Club Office.

Sophie: Strong drive and great style make Sophie a pleasure to watch. From the same bloodline as our retired champion "Buck", Sophie is a great bird dog, just right for anyone.

Kojak: One of newest additions, Kojak joined the team last season. He shows great drive to find pheasants, even in the thickest cover.

Mak: Our resident English Pointer is a favorite with many. Mak's "user friendly" attitude makes him a perfect choice for someone just starting out with our rental dogs. Working close or from a distance are both acceptable to this excellent dog.

Star and Spur: We call them "the wonder twins". These litter mates are our in-house secret wingshooting weapon. They work in close and respond quickly to any hunter.

These fine hunters are available by advance reservation through the Club Office. Our rental line is very popular, so early reservations are recommended.

If you are considering purchasing a hunting dog in the future, you may want to familiarize yourself with the dogs that will be available for sale at the end of the 2010-2011 season. Working with a prospective dog during the hunting season is a wonderful way to "test drive" before you buy! Please contact Danielle at the Club Office for more information.

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