



# HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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## Our Sincere Thanks!

We would like to thank all of you for another wonderful season! This issue includes information and forms you will need for the 2011-2012 season. Make sure to get your deposits in early in order to take advantage of our discounts!

Danielle Earl

## PRICES AND NEW DEPOSIT AMOUNTS

The Club is pleased to announce it WILL NOT BE RAISING THE PRICES of its Bird Cards for the coming season. Although our breeder did raise their prices to us, we will not be passing that increase along to our members.

Please see the enclosed application for this Season's card selection and pricing.

## CHANGE TO DEPOSITS

The deposit amount our bird card has remained at \$100 for over 30 years. In those "early" years this was equivalent to approximately one-third to one-half the cost of a card. While we don't feel that a 50% deposit is warranted, we do need to raise our the amount of our deposit.

Beginning this season, there will be a \$200 deposit on 20 and 40 bird cards, and a \$1,000 deposit on corporate cards.

Placing a deposit on a bird card before May 31st will ensure you receive the lowest priced card for the coming season.

Already made your deposit - we will honor the old deposit amount for anyone that has made a deposit for a 20 or 40 bird card for the coming season, prior to April 12th.

## Summer Hours:

Please be reminded that the Club's hours have changed for the off-season.

The office is open from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Wednesday through Monday. Field hours for dog training and chukar hunts are 8:00am - 4:00pm.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH FISH AND GAME

The Club has been selling hunting and fishing licenses for over 40 years. While this has not been a big money-maker for us, we have always felt it was an important and convenient service to provide our members.

As of June 1st, the Department of Fish and Game will no longer allow us to sell the traditional paper hunting and fishing licenses that you have purchased over the years.



THE NEXT GENERATION, LEARNING TO HUNT AT THE CLUB!  
CHERYL, TAYLOR AND JOHN VIERA (AND MAX).

The Department will now require that all sales be conducted through a new, automated system called ALDS, that requires dedicated telephone/data and electrical connections.

If you've spent any time out at the Club, you will know that our electrical and telephone systems can be interrupted for days on end at certain times of the year.

We and other businesses in similar situations have tried to explain to the Department of Fish and game why this system won't

work for us. We've written letters, attended meetings and public hearings.

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deposits due for Early Payment Discount "Best Pricing"	May 31, 2011
Club and Facilities Closed	June 1 - 30, 2011
Field Training available	Starting July 1, 2011
Chukar Hunts Begin	September 1, 2011
Annual Club BBQ and Trap Shoot	September 10, 2011
Pheasant Season Begins	September 24, 2011
Last Day to pay off Bird Cards	September 30, 2011

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But the Department of Fish and game doesn't seem to care. They have their new fancy system and they are bound and determined to implement it, even if it means that businesses like ours will no longer be able to sell hunting and fishing licenses to you.

What this means is that you will no longer be able to buy hunting and fishing licenses at Hastings Island.

If you forget your hunting or fishing license, we can no longer help you. The closest place to purchase a license will likely be Dixon or Rio Vista. Unfortunately a number of businesses in Dixon or Rio Vista will also no longer be selling licenses — in their case the cost of the equipment for the system, as well as the dedicated data lines are simply too expensive for them to continue in this low margin business. The commission paid by Fish and Game is only about \$.75 per license.

We think this situation is ridiculous. It hurts small businesses and only reward the large retailers like Wal-Mart and Big 5. Undoubtedly it will create a huge inconvenience to many of our members. For that, we apologize in advance.

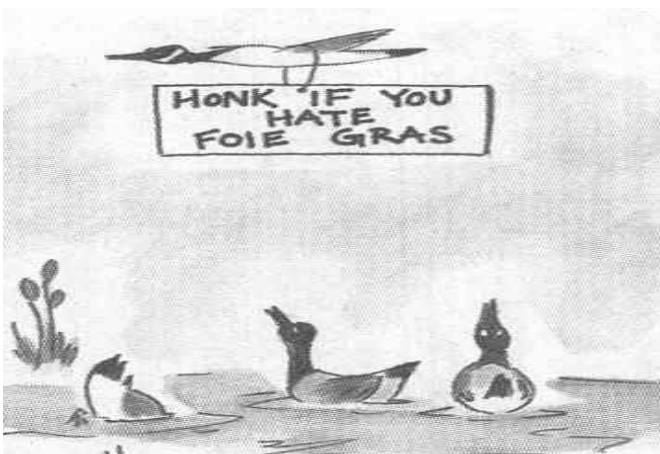
There is no reason that Fish and Game could not continue to sell traditional "paper" licenses through businesses like ours and implement this new system.

We need you to either write, e-mail or call the Department of Fish and Game to express your opposition to the abandonment of traditional licenses for the new automated license data system.

Please express your opposition to the abandonment of traditional licenses by contacting the Fish and Game Commission at:

State of California  
Fish and Game Commission  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

fgc@fgc.cal.gov      916-653-4899



## **NEW MEMBERS**

If you are a new member at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve, or a returning past member who have not been active at the Club for more than 2 years, you are required to attend one of our New Member Orientation Sessions, prior to your first hunt at the Club. Reservations are highly recommended.

Orientations for the 2011-2012 season begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Sessions begin promptly at 8:00am, and are held on weekends during the first months of the season. The orientation is approximately 30-40 minutes, and it is a great way to help you get the most from your membership at the Club.

Questions are encouraged, as we want to make sure that you are aware of the responsibilities that you will be held accountable for, as a Club member.

Please make sure to sign the attendance sheet at the orientation so that you will receive credit for your participation.

You may still use the Club facilities during the off - season, but you will not be able to pick up your Bird Card, until you attend this short class on the Club Rules and Regulations.

## **THE CHUKAR CHALLENGE!**

Chukar make a wonderful off - season hunting experience at the Club. This small, flighty bird is quick to wing when flushed, does not normally run from a dog pointing it, and is capable of being repeatedly flushed without any delay to allow it "recovery time." All of these are challenging characteristics for a very tasty Upland Game bird.

The most popular method of enjoying Chukar is an All - inclusive Group Hunt. This hunt is designed for 10 people which includes, 100 chukar, continental breakfast, private fields, New York Strip lunch with all the trimmings, four rounds of Trap, and bird cleanings. This makes a great all day event for families, friends, and co-workers.

We also offer hunts for smaller groups. These hunts offer a private field for your group, and chukar in the amounts of 10 to 90 birds. Bird cleaning is also available for a nominal fee. The Trap Range is open during these events if you desire to purchase rounds of Trap from the Club. We have BBQ pits and picnic tables on the Front Lawn for your enjoyment. We offer special discounts if your hunt will be 30 or more birds.

Lastly, there are training Chukar for improving your field work. These can be purchased by any member with a valid Hunting License and an Upland Game Stamp or Validation, and can be bought in any quantity, from one to as many as you may need. There are price discounts for training chukar if you buy 6 or more birds at one time. We now offer 10 and 20 bird chukar cards for training chukar that can be used until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, at special prices. You can use these to punch off a few training chukar each time you visit the Club to work the dog. These birds are provided to you in a portable cage, for you to plant in the field you are working the dog.

## VACATION FOR YOUR DOG!

Summer Holidays like Memorial Day, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July are coming up fast, and the canine member of your family likes a vacation also, so perhaps they will need a place to stay for a few days while you are traveling.

In either case, we offer boarding at the Club's outstanding Kennel. This spacious building includes 160 square foot runs. Each spacious 160 sq. ft. run is equipped with a misting system to keep your dog cool on hot days. Runs are individually assigned, cleaned twice daily, and provide plenty of room to both run and play, all for just \$15.00 per day.

Your dog will receive fresh water and a twice daily feeding of either our own high performance diet, or your food you supply, as well as a bath before going home. For a nominal fee, 30 minute walking, swimming or exercise periods are also available. If you need to board you dog for 30 or more days, we offer 10% discounts. We highly recommend early reservations, as the kennel fills up quickly for the summer.

Remember that you can obtain your boarding agreements, vaccination requirements, and emergency information cards in advance from the Club Office, in order to avoid delays during drop off.

Although the Club is closed during June for all activities, dog boarding is still available. Any June Dog Boarding requires advance notice to the Club office, for special drop off/pick up instructions.

## SUMMER DOG TRAINING

We have noticed that hunting dogs do much better during the season with regular exercise through the summer months in order to maintain their strength, endurance and agility (this probably applies to hunters, as well).

Two of the best ways to keep your dog in shape are swimming and running. The Club is the perfect environment! Members can access Lindsey and Cache Sloughs, the Boat Ramp, and the Flap Gatess, as well as the numerous deep water irrigation ditches that surround the Club. All of these provide easy entry and exit for your dog to participate in swimming exercises.

The Club is proud to have a resident professional dog trainer, Randy Berry, owner of Von Stueben Kennels. He is available for our members training needs. Randy offers several different programs and services, depending on the needs of the individual dog.

From puppy starter training to basic field work, to field trial training, his variety of services at affordable prices is a great asset to the Club and our members. You can reach Randy at (707) 344-1230, or by e-mail at [GWPPRO1@aol.com](mailto:GWPPRO1@aol.com).

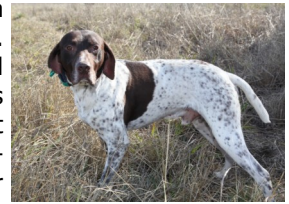
## HUNTING DOGS FOR SALE

The Club is proud to offer an excellent selection of dogs for sale this Spring. First we are offering three professional trained hunting dogs from our Rental String to hunting homes.



Cowgirl - Female / GSP a 6 year old wonder dog with a great personality. She loves to hunt and also loves families and kids. Her steady average is over 5 birds per hunt, and her close - in hunting makes it very easy to set up the birds.

Sonny- Male / GSP At 6, he is a professional bird hunting machine. His drive and desire to find another bird is matched only by his exuberance at returning your shot bird to hand. With a long - standing average of 6 birds per hunt, his experience shows through every time.



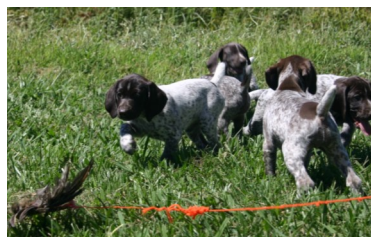
Kojak- Male / GSP our 7 year old go - getter. His unique talent is the ability to crawl into and under even the thickest cover or growth to locate and point birds consistently. He has a very friendly temperament and is easy to get along with. He has been hunting for us consistently since his arrival

here two years ago.

Next we are offering 6 month old, started German Short hair Pointer puppies. These two males have been exposed to game birds, and show lots of promise as good bird dogs. The litter is from "Sophie", one of our Rental All-Stars and "Marc", and all age Field Champion GSP.



Von Stueben Kennels is also offering the following top quality dogs: Topper- Male / GWP Here is a fully - trained, ready to hunt dog that is 2 ½ years old. A likable temperament, and excellent bloodlines make him a perfect choice for someone who may not have the time to invest in training a hunting partner.



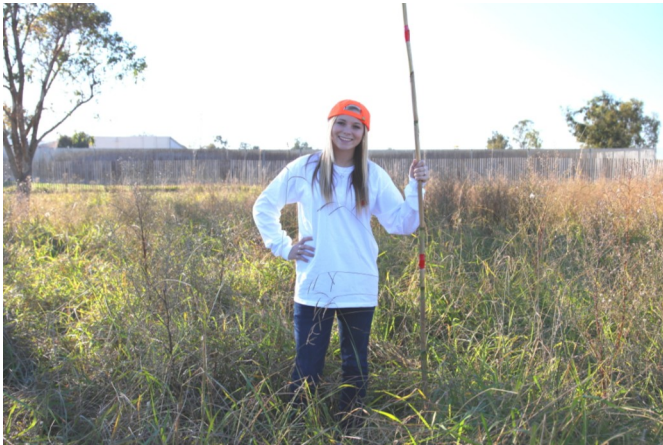
5 Male / GWP puppies These pups are 8 months old, and have received continued exposure to upland game birds. They are primed and ready to

train as perfect hunting companions.

To view any of these dogs in the field, or to examine their impressive pedigrees, please contact Danielle Earl at the Club Office.

# Club Cover Girl

Many of you will recognize Kathie, from the front counter, in the photos below. Why is she standing in the field next to the bird pens holding a bamboo stick marked at 3' intervals?



The top photo was taken in early November, after almost two months of activity in the fields. The bottom photo was taken on the last day of the season.



What a difference in the amount and quality of our cover, in these photos!

Every Fall we have hunters and "dog trainers" asking why we keep the cover so high. Even with excellent cover at the beginning of the season, the weather and activity in the fields takes its toll on the vegetation.

In order for us to provide you with the best cover possible throughout the ENTIRE season, we need to start the season with heavy cover in our fields.

# Summer Field Trial and Hunt Test Schedule of Events:

The Club sponsors several Field Trials and Hunt Tests, during the summer. These events are a great way to meet people interested in the same breeds you hunt. They also make a great resource for both available puppies and to see breeding stock run in the field "for score" on live game birds.

If you are interested in entering your dog into an event, please contact the Event Coordinators listed below:

<u>CLUB:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>CONTACT:</u>
Vizla Club of Nor Cal	4-30 & 5-1-11	Walk Field Trial	Mike Menasco (925) 370-1808
Gold Empire Brittany Club	5-7 & 5-8-11	Walk Field Trial	Ned Castillo (925) 757-9481
Irish Setter of the Pacific	5-7 to 5-9-11	Walk Field Trial Hunt Test	Matt Czarnecki (707) 322-6267
GWPC of Nor Cal	5-14 & 5-15-11	Walk Field Trial	Rob Lewis (707) 322-4937
Sutter Buttes GSP Club	5-21 & 5-22-11	Hunt Test	Jack Scullion (510) 919-0001
GSP/NSV	7-16 & 7-17-11	Hunt Test	Chuck Ramage (925) 252-1907
Nor Cal Brittany	7-23 & 7-24-11	Fun Day	Wayne Ricciardi (530) 559-4214
GSP of Central CA	7-30 & 7-31-11	Hunt Test	Pam Brann (916) 784-0136
Nor Cal Brittany	8-13 & 8-14-11	Hunt Test	Jan Schmoltdt (530) 742-1488
GSP / NSV	8-20 & 8-21-11	Walk Field Trial	Sandy Miller (916) 363-7680
Sutter Buttes GSP Club	9-3 & 9-4-11	Hunt Test	Jack Scullion (510) 919-0001

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**www.HIHP.com**



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