



HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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Celebrating 50 Years of Hunting - 1968 to 2018



BIRD CARDS

The Club is currently accepting deposits for the 2018-2019 Pheasant Season. An early deposit of \$300.00 reserves you a place in our membership, as well as giving you the best price on your bird card. Discounts are offered for deposits made by cash, check or money order. Regular-price payments can be made by Visa or MasterCard.

The Club sells 20-bird Early Season Cards, 20-bird Regular Season Cards, 40-bird Cards and 100-bird Corporate Cards. Please see the enclosed application, or our website, for details and pricing.

We want to remind you that the total cost of your membership is simply the cost of your bird card. While other clubs may charge a "Buy-in Fee", an Annual Road Maintenance Fee, or even charge for Field Permits, we do not.

Your cost to hunt at Hastings is the cost of your bird card.

Of course, if you want to eat in our Coffee Shop, rent a dog, have us clean your birds, shoot trap or buy something in our store, that costs extra. But, if you want to shoot pheasant, have year-round access to the Club, train your dog in our fields, fish from our levees, launch your boat from our boat ramp, have a picnic, enjoy the Clubhouse, etc. - those things are all included with the price of your bird card. We hope that you will take advantage of all that is included in the price of your membership.

HENS DURING STATE SEASON

After much consideration and lots of discussion with our members, we have decided that during this year's State Pheasant Season (November 11 to December 24) we will be releasing hens. Please see our **Hens During State Season** page on our website, or check in with the Club office to read more about the thinking behind this decision.

PREPAID CLEANING

We highly recommend that you purchase Prepaid Bird Cleaning when you make a deposit on your bird card. Check the

appropriate box on the right side of the enclosed Membership Application, and include the additional fee of \$5.00 per bird to take advantage of the discounted prepaid bird cleaning promotion. Prepaid cleaning saves you money on your cleaning and reduces the necessity to pay each time you visit the Club.

The regular (non-prepaid) price for the bird cleaning is \$5.75 per pheasant.

Did you know that we will also clean Members' chukar, ducks and geese?



ERIC LINDBERG WITH HIS SON LOGAN AND RON LOM WITH HIS SON CARTER HAD A GREAT DAY OF HUNTING AT THE CLUB!

OFF-SEASON FIELD ACCESS

Club fields are open 6 days a week for exercising and training your dog during our off-season. The Club is closed every Tuesday and the entire month of June. Even during the warmest months, the early morning hours are cool enough to allow your dog a good run through a field for some exercise. Off-season field hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm, giving you plenty of time to run your dog, or take it for a nice swim. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deposits Due for Early-Season Discount	May 31, 2018
Club and Facilities Closed	June 1-30, 2018
Summer Canine Events	See back for details
Pheasant Season Begins	September 22, 2018
Last Day to Pay off Cards	September 30, 2018
Becoming an Outdoors Woman	October 13, 2018
Early Season Ends	December 14, 2018

Look for other important dates in the next Newsletter!

FIRST PHEASANT FOR YOUTH HUNTERS!

Another wonderful day at the Club greeted the youth hunters on January 6, 2018. Yolo County Pheasants Forever hosted a Youth Mentor Hunt at the Club with twenty young shooters eager to arrive and begin. Each hunter was given a dog and a handler, one of volunteers from the Club Members. With an opportunity to harvest up to 3 pheasants each, these young hunters did very well on their first pheasant hunt.

Everyone had an enjoyable time at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve. Lunch and a raffle completed the event, and one lucky youth hunter went home with the Grand Prize 12 Ga. shotgun. A special thank you goes out to all Club Members who volunteer their time to make this event such a success every year. "It takes a small army of people to coordinate a full day for the young shooters." – Kevin Reagan, President, Yolo County Pheasants Forever.



BROOK GALLAWAY REALLY ENJOYED THE YOUTH HUNT!

VETERANS HUNT

We would like to thank the Club and Members who assist with Veteran Hunts. This year, Pheasants Forever was able to provide ten veterans with a morning of fun in the field. Each veteran received a bird dog and a handler. They were given an opportunity to harvest 3 pheasants each. Our veterans are excellent shots, and they got every bird. This year, two Vietnam Veterans and eight Gulf War Veterans participated in the hunt. The Yolo County Pheasants Forever is delighted to sponsor this event at the Club.



VETERANS CLEAN UP AT THE VETERANS HUNT

NON-LEAD AMMUNITION

Many of our members ask how the new legislation will affect the Club. Hasting Island Hunting Preserve is a California Licensed Game Bird Club. We fall under the requirement to start using non-lead ammunition for all hunting purposes as of July 1, 2019. This is different than the state-wide Upland Game Bird Requirement which went into effect on July 1, 2016. Members should note that the requirement is not applicable to trap shooting (target shooting).

Phase I was applied on July 1, 2015 with a ban on all non-lead ammunition on state wildlife areas. Phase II began on July 1, 2016. It stopped all hunting with non-lead ammunition for all species, except on Licensed Game Bird Clubs. The Club will be affected by Phase III, the final phase, which requires the use of non-lead ammunition statewide, for all hunting.



ACTIVE SUMMER FOR YOUR DOG!

Our canine friends require regular exercise to maintain their strength and endurance. Swimming and running are the best choices which ensure a good level of activity for your faithful companion. The Club offers a variety of activities all summer long. Here are a couple of useful tips for your dog to get the best of the warmest time of the year.

Swimming does not usually overheat a dog. The water acts as a natural cooling agent. With easy access to the Boat Ramp, Lindsay and Cache Sloughs and the Tidal Flaps, water for swimming is readily available. Most days remain cool in the mornings for your dog to run. When running your dog in the fields, remember to take steps to prevent overheating. Offer the dog a lot of drinking water. Since dogs do not sweat, they cannot cool down that way. Please bear in mind that adding electrolyte solutions to the water is not recommended.

In summertime, work your dog close to a canal or a ditch with water. In case of an emergency, you can quickly cool down the dog in water. Remember to take a cell phone into the field with you, so you can quickly call for help if needed. Lots of water, cool-down swims, wise balance of active and rest periods will ensure your faithful four-paw hunter will have successful summer workouts.



FISHING AND MORE

During the off-Season the Club offers excellent fishing opportunities! Catfish and black bass run all summer in the local waters. Remember that there is a separate Sign-In Book in the Club, which is for fishing only. Therefore, please make sure to use the correct one when signing in for your fishing trip. There are also many prime picnic spots and several BBQ pits around the Club. Moreover, there is an opportunity to complete your day with a round at our Trap Range. Come visit Hastings Island Hunting Preserve this summer for an unforgettable outdoors experience!



BRIAN CULBERTSON GETS A KEEPER! WHAT A FUN DAY FISHING AT HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE!

ENJOY A CHUKAR HUNT!

Chukar are a fast flying, fun bird to hunt. They offer a great opportunity to hunt, even after pheasant season has ended. We offer several options to hunt chukar. Our All-Inclusive Hunt can be tailored to your needs and is ideal for groups of up to approximately ten hunters. The hunt includes a continental breakfast, 100 or more chukar, bird cleaning, a BBQ steak lunch and four rounds of Trap. Everyone seems to love this hunt!

If you wish to bring a smaller group, or don't want the extras, the Club can easily arrange a no-frills hunt for your and your guests, in your own reserved field(s). These hunts are for a minimum of 10 chukar and we will provide birds cleaning if so desired.

Please call the Club office to reserve your Chukar hunt.



THIS GROUP RECENTLY ENJOYED A GREAT DAY OF CHUKAR HUNTING AT THE CLUB!

SAFETY FIRST!

This last Season, the Club doubled its efforts to identify hunters being unsafe or showing a lack of courtesy in the field. Unfortunately, we still find the need to pull hunters out of the field for hunting without a Hunting License and/or Field Permit, shooting ammunition that does not meet the Club's Rules, dropping birds, pass shooting, shooting too low, etc. Many of these people were guests and we are finding that guests remain a significant source of many safety violations. Members must remember that they are responsible for the actions of their guests. Sadly, several Members permanently lost their privileges at the Club, due to serious safety violations this season.

Please be reminded: our patrolmen may stop you to ask for your License, Field Pass, or to check your ammunition. So, know and respect the Rules! Field Safety and courtesy is in everyone's best interest.



THESE NEW HUNTERS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE AT THE CLUB IN SEPTEMBER 2017

FIELD AND CLUB MAINTENANCE

Summer is the time of year when we can work hard to maintain and improve the Club fields, in particular field cover and field access. During the summer, you may see tractors working in some of the Club fields.

Also, in order to grow the cover you want during the season we irrigate the Club fields periodically during the entire off-season. This means your favorite field might be flooded on any given day. We regularly note which fields are being irrigated on the large map located behind the Clubhouse front counter.

Therefore, when you come up to the Club during the off-season, be sure to check on the map or ask the office staff which fields are currently being worked or are closed to activities. Please also consider the size of heavy machinery, when passing it on the island roads and make sure to park well off the edge of all roads.



SUMMER CANINE EVENTS

This spring and summer we are excited to be hosting a number of events, many of which are being sponsored by regional dog clubs. These events are a great way to meet breeders, dog trainers and make new connections with people interested in the same breeds as you are. It is also a great resource to find available puppies and see local breeding stock compete in the field, working live game birds.

If you would like to attend or participate in any of these events, please contact the Event Coordinator listed.

May 5 - 6	SF Bay Weimaraner Club Hunt Test Bruce Gross (707) 864-8114
May 12 - 13	Sutter Buttes Pointing Dog Club Judges Seminar Walt Windus (408) 225-1917
May 19 - 20	German Wirehaired Pointer Club Walking Field Diane Marsh (916) 774-0770
May 26 - 27	Irish Setter Central California Hunt Test Matt Czarnecki (707) 322-6241
July 7 - 8	German Shorthair Pointer Club of Northern Sacramento Valley Fun Day Carol Chadwick (916) 681-7077
July 14 - 15	German Shorthair Pointer Club of Northern Sacramento Valley Hunt Test Chuck Ramage (925) 783-9215
July 21 - 22	Northern California Brittany Club Fun Day Jim Murphy (530) 368-0878
July 28	German Wirehaired Pointer Club Fun Day Diane Marsh (916) 774-0770
August 11	SF Bay Weimaraner Club Rating Test Bruce Gross (707) 864-8114
August 18 - 19	Northern California Brittany Club Walking Field Jim Murphy (530) 368-0878



GARMIN COLLARS ARE HERE

One of the best dog training devices ever invented, the electronic collar can be a helpful tool. When properly used, a collar assists in keeping a dog focused on the hunt, and its necessary teamwork with its hunter.

Although there are various brands and types of electronic collars, we feel that Garmin's selection stands above the rest in quality and design. Only Garmin products are used for the Club's Rental String.

Please remember that dogs should be taught the lessons and commands of hunting well in advance of any collar use. Collars should be introduced during normal training sessions. Randy Berry at Von Steuben Kennels is available for the Club Members to assist in learning proper methods of collar use. He can also advise on the best collar to meet your needs.

Hastings Island Hunting Preserve is a licensed dealer of Garmin brand dog collars. Check our prices! You will find them very competitive, even compared to online sellers. Please stop by the front counter for pricing and ordering information!

LOOKING FOR A STUD DOG?

Our outstanding Rental Dog bloodlines are available to Members through our stud service. If you are seeking qualities that our rental dogs possess in your next litter, we provide stud service from our proven hunting dogs. Please contact Danielle Earl at (707) 678-3325 to arrange for viewing, to work with one of these magnificent hunting dogs in the field, or to check their pedigrees and the Club's current stud service policies.

FOLLOW US ON ONLINE!

Spending too many hours on your computer or electronic devices? Remember to visit the Club's website at www.hihp.com. You can read about membership, pricing, download the latest Membership Application, Rules and Regulations, check the calendar of activities planned and access information on all that the Club offers throughout the year. Easy-to-follow driving directions are also posted with maps of the surrounding towns and highways. Bookmark this page as an easy reference for all the information about the Club that you might need!

The Club now has its own **Facebook page!** Find us by searching "Hasting Island Hunting Preserve" and hit like or follow to stay up to speed. Please feel free to post your Club-related pictures or "tag" the Club on your page or photos. We are looking forward to seeing more photos of your exciting experiences with us!

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