



HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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Hastings Island Hunting Preserve is starting its 50th Season of Upland Game Bird Hunting. Since 1968, it has welcomed generations of hunters and maintained the great tradition of outdoor fun. We are happy to share this anniversary with our Members and their families and wish the Club many more happy years!

2018-2019 SEASON

The Pheasant Season officially begins on Saturday, **September 22, 2018**. We would like to remind everyone of several important things that will make your start easier.

Regular prices are now in effect until September 30, 2018. The Early Season Card remains the best deal for 20 pheasants at a significant discount in exchange for a shortened time for hunting. Please remember, this card's hunting season ends on **December 14, 2018**. You will not be allowed to hunt pheasants after that date, even as a guest. You are still welcome to use the Club facilities for trap shooting, fishing, or Chukar Hunts after the cut-off date.

Bird Cards that are paid in full will be available for pick up beginning Saturday, September 8, 2018. New Members cannot pick up Bird Cards until they complete the New Member Orientation. All Bird Cards must be paid in full by **September 30, 2018**. Starting October 1, 2018 the price for unpaid cards will automatically increase to the Late Season rates, and we will only be selling the 20 Bird Late Season Cards after that date.

As always, Members are highly recommended to purchase prepaid bird cleanings when making a deposit on your Bird Card at the discounted price of \$5.00 per bird. It will save you money and reduce the necessity to pay each time you visit the Club. The regular (non-prepaid) price for the bird cleanings is \$5.75 per pheasant.

Please also be reminded that the Club does not sell Hunting Licenses, Upland Game Bird Validations, or Fishing Licenses. You can purchase your license needs online at the Department of Fish and Wildlife website: www.wildlife.ca.gov.

SPECIAL CLUB CLOSURE IN FEBRUARY

Please note: In addition to our regular closure dates, the Club will be closed to all activity on Wednesday, February 20 and Thursday, February 21, 2019.

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 the **Hens During State Season** page on our website, or check in with the Club office to read more about the thinking behind this decision.

CHUKAR HUNT!

Chukar Hunts are always great for spending time with friends and family. As usual, All-Inclusive Hunt and No-Frills Hunt are available for your group. Call the Club for reservation and enjoy a fun day outdoors!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

New Member Orientations begin Saturday, September 8, 2018. Each Orientation starts at 8:00am and lasts 30-40 minutes, so please arrive a few minutes earlier to check in and locate the class. Material covered includes: the Club's Rules and Regulations, our expectations for hunters in the field, as well as an overview of the Club amenities and activities. Please see our website, or call the Club office, for available Orientation dates.

All new Members, and any Member returning to the Club after more than two years of being an inactive member, must attend an orientation session before their first day of hunting. Guests may, but are not required to, attend an Orientation. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests. Please call the Club to reserve your spot at one of our Orientations ahead of time.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

New Member Orientations Begin	September 8, 2018
Bird Cards Ready to Pick Up	September 8, 2018
Club Annual Trap Shoot	September 8, 2018
2018-2019 Pheasant Season Begins	September 22, 2018
Last Day to Pay off Cards	September 30, 2018
Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program	October 13, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Club closed
Early Season Ends	December 14, 2018

BECOMING OUTDOORS WOMAN

Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program is always an extraordinary experience for female hunters. Over the years the Club has been getting great reviews and a very positive feedback about the event.

The activities start early morning with participants meeting at the Club for introduction and a field dog demonstration. Observing hunting dogs working up a field in a coordinated manner is something you will never forget. Afterwards, the B.O.W. ladies are broken up into hunting groups. A dog and a guide are assigned to each group. It takes a short but exciting experience to get hooked on a sport that will last a lifetime.

We look forward to sponsoring this event again this fall on October 13, 2018. The morning hunt is followed by lunch with a taste of pheasant included, while the birds just hunted are cleaned for the ladies. To sign up for B.O.W or to receive more information on the event, please contact Sarabeth Gonsalves at CWA: (559) 972-3441 or sgonsalves@calwaterfowl.org. You can also visit the B.O.W. website at www.calwaterfowl.org/cwa-bow.

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, Manager of the Club, at (707) 678-3325 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.

SAFETY ALWAYS FIRST!

This last Season, the Club re-doubled its efforts in identifying hunters being unsafe or showing a lack of courtesy in the field. 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 are the important things to remember:

1. Treat every gun as if it is loaded;
2. Always keep the muzzle of a gun pointed in a safe direction;
3. Know how far your shot can travel, be aware of what is beyond your target;
4. Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot;
5. Never load a shell into the chamber or place your finger on a trigger until you intend to shoot;
6. Always strive to be a safe and responsible sportsman.

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ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT COMPETITION

Join us on Saturday, September 8, 2018 for an exciting morning of 5-Stand Trap. This will mark the Club's 15th Annual Trap Shoot Competition. Our competition rules require using a shotgun that is legally capable of harvesting a pheasant. Shooters should bring 100 rounds of ammunition, or they can purchase target ammunition from the Club on the day of the shootout. Three qualifying rounds of 25 clays are shot with 5 man squads. The best five aggregate scores advance to the final Championship round of 25 clays, and the total aggregate scores from all four rounds will be used to name the winner. Any tie scores are resolved in a "sudden death" shootout - with the first miss deciding who wins in case of a tie.

The winner will appear in the December Club Newsletter, and their name will be added to the perpetual trophy in the Clubhouse.



OUR FIRST TRAP SHOOT WINNERS: JOHN COOK, FIRST PLACE (RIGHT)
AND BEN STOAKES, SECOND PLACE (LEFT)
FIRST ANNUAL TRAPSHOOT, SEPTEMBER 2004

GARMIN (TRI-TRONICS) COLLARS: BEST PRICES!

With the new hunting season approaching, you should be preparing your dog to perform his best in the field. One of the most effective and useful tools in helping your dog achieve its optimum potential is an electronic collar. When properly used, an electronic collar assists in keeping a dog focused on the hunt, and maintaining proper teamwork with its hunter.

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

Collars should be introduced during normal training sessions. Randy Berry at Von Steuben Kennels is available to assist Club Members in learning proper methods of electronic collar use, as well as advise on the best collar to meet your needs.

