



HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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WELCOME BACK

A hearty welcome to all New Members, and all our returning Members this 2021-2022 Season!

Our Club Fields are ready, and we look forward to you and your trusted companions joining us, on one of our fine summer mornings for a nice morning run.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Prior to your first hunt, all New Members are required to attend an Orientation Class at the Club. These classes begin on Saturday, Sept 4th, 2021, and are held every Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday, at either the 8:00a.m. or 10:00a.m. session until November 30th 2021.

After that date, New Member Orientation classes will only be held on a limited basis. The schedule for these classes can be found on the Club's website www.hihip.com. Please be aware, each class session has limited seating, so be sure to call the Club Office early to secure your reservation for the required class.

Each class is approximately 30 minutes, and will cover the Club's Rules and Regulations, what is expected from each of our New Members, the amenities the Club offers, and most importantly conduct at the Club.

As soon as you complete your class, your Bird Card is paid in full, and you have both your Hunting License and Upland Game Validation, you can immediately pick up your Bird Card.

PRE-SEASON ROOSTER SHOOT

The Club is currently taking reservations for our popular Pre-Season Rooster Shoots.

On the day of the hunt, the field hours are from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The available dates for these shoots are September 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th, 2021.

You can purchase either a 4-bird Shoot for \$150.00 or a 10-bird Shoot for \$250.00. Bird cleaning services will be available for these Shoots at regular bird cleaning prices.

RESERVED FIELDS

Last Season, the Club's Reserved Fields proved to be a popular amenity among Members. The club will continue to offer Reserved Field Hunts on the following conditions:

1. All Reserved Field Hunts require advance reservations, therefore walk-in Reserved Field Hunts are not accepted.
2. Reserved Field Hunts are assigned and reserved for only your party, and there is a limit of no more than 4 hunters.



NEW MEMBERS DAVID & STEPHANIE VAN HOUTEN

A minimum of three Pheasants and a maximum of ten Pheasants will be planted in your field on the day of your hunt.

3. Reserved Field hours are from 8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. However, you're welcome to begin your Reserved Field hunt after 8:00a.m. but please note, after 11:00a.m. all Reserved Fields will be open to all Members and their guests for free-roam hunting.

4. Reserved Field Hunts are not designated for dog training purposes, however they are a good option for introducing Pheasant hunting for younger dogs.

All planted Pheasants during your hunt will be pre-punched on your Bird Card.

If you do not harvest all the pre-punched Pheasants by 11:00a.m. you are welcome to free roam hunt the entire Club until the fields close by 4:00p.m. Reserved Field Hunts are also popular among Families. So be sure to make your advance reservation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Chukar Hunts Begin	September 1st, 2021
Bird Cards available for Pick-Up	September 4th, 2021
New Member Orientations Begin	September 4th, 2021
Pre-Season Rooster Shoots	Sept. 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 2021
Annual Trap Shoot	September 11th, 2021
2021-2022 Season Starts	September 25th, 2021
Last Day to Pay Off Bird Cards	September 30th, 2021
State Season—Club Releasing Hens	November 13th, 2021
Thanksgiving—Club Closed	November 25th, 2021
Christmas Eve—Club Open Until 2:00pm	December 24th 2021
Christmas Day—Club Closed	December 25th, 2021
State Season Ends—Releasing Roosters	December 26th, 2021

ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT

This year the Club is excited to host the 20th- Annual Trap Shoot, Saturday, September 11th, 2021 at 10:00a.m. The winner will be featured in the next seasonal Club Newsletter, along with their name to be added and engraved on the perpetual trophy displayed at the Club. The cost to participate in the Trap Shoot is \$20.00 per shooter.

For the days events, plan on shooting 4 full rounds of Trap (100 shells). Each shooter will fire 3 full rounds of Trap, with the top 5 shooters advancing to the final round, and the shooter with the highest-combined score wins!

For the Shoot, and if you so desire, you may use lead shot-shells, as the Trap Range is a designated target range. Before the Shoot, Trap ammunition will be available for purchase with an Eligibility Check at the Front Counter. All shotguns used during the Trap Shoot must be capable of legally harvesting a Pheasant.



2020 ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT

CHRIS HUTSON, 1ST PLACE & CALEB WILSON 2ND PLACE

If you are new to the world of Trap Shoot, below are few Buzzwords as referenced on [The Amateur Trap shooting Association](#) (ATA) website:

- Caps** Slang term for handicap events.
- Dead** A target successfully broken by a shooter. The target must have a broken piece visible to the scorekeeper to be considered dead.
- House** The Traphouse – the structure from which the targets are thrown.
- Lost** A missed target.
- Post** The location on a trap field, from which a shooter shoots.



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CHUKAR HUNTS

Chukar Hunts are a popular amenity, and we offer a few options to accommodate your needs.

All Inclusive Hunt – You'll begin your day with a Continental breakfast, followed by 4 rounds of Trap at the Club's Trap Range. Then it's off to a private field planted with a minimum of 100 Chukar for hunting on these fast flying birds. Also-included, are bird-cleanings and we end the day's festivities with a New York Strip BBQ lunch with all the trimmings.

No-Frills Hunt – These hunts are for our members who want to experience the thrill of Chukar hunting, but on a smaller scale and without the amenities that accompany the All Inclusive Hunt. Bird cleaning services are available for these hunts at regular Club prices.

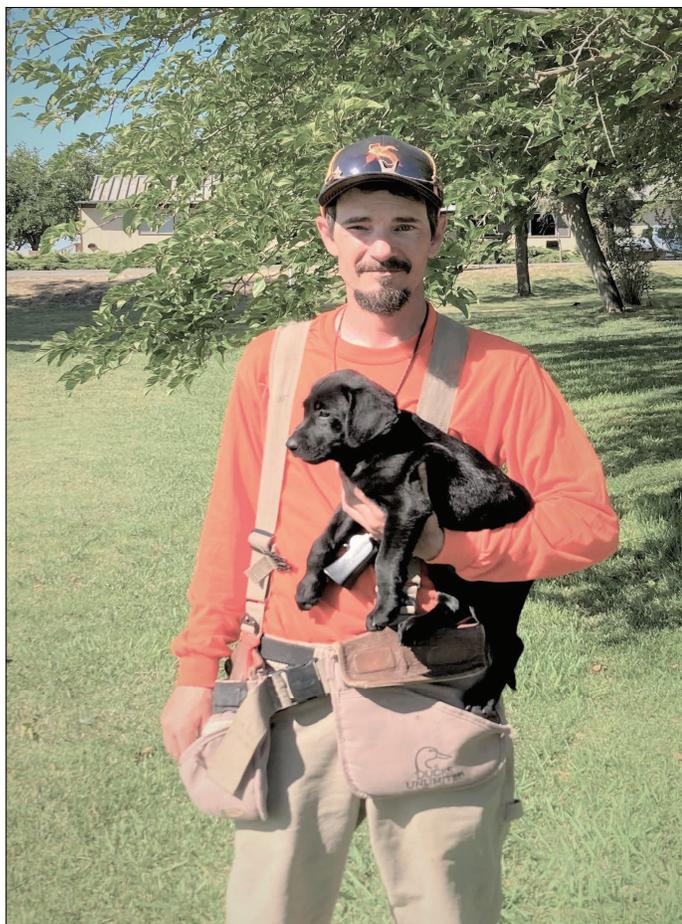
If, you'd like to bring a smaller group and still enjoy a Chukar Hunt with any of the same amenities, we'll gladly arrange a hunt for 5-9 hunters. Please contact our Club Manager, Danielle Earl, and remember to book in advance for your desired hunting date.

For additional information on Chukar hunts please visit our website at www.hihp.com.

MALE AND FEMALE CHUKAR DIFFERENCES:

Adult male Chukar partridges are slightly larger than females, but their heads are more blocky. The female's head is smaller and more refined, and females often have spurs on the metatarsal. Sounds very believable !!

MEET OUR NEW DOG TRAINER



Richard Gebhart has trained dogs professionally since 2002.

His start was with Hunting and Field Trial retrievers under Billy Sargenti, and is where he learned the Rex Carr method for training retrievers. In 2013 and under Steve Klassen, he expanded his training with pointers and other upland breeds at Blue Ridge Kennels. His experience includes top level field trial hunt test dogs, and your everyday hunting, and home companion.

As an avid upland and waterfowl hunter, he understands and appreciates the teamwork between the hunter and well-trained gun dog – and how it can reward and enhance the hunting experience for both, as well as reducing lost game.

He is active with the AKC retriever-hunt test community, and has run and qualified in the AKC Master National. Richard also enjoys training the handlers as well as their dogs in one on one, and group lessons.

His Training Philosophy: Balance, encouraging the hunting drive and desire in the dog coupled with the necessary “team player” attitude to develop an exceptional hunting partner or competitive team.

DEVELOPING A HUNTING PUPPY

Numerous books have been written on training a hunting dog. Depending upon your intended use, different paths for training can be used. Most Club Members are interested in a family dog, which can also provide a good hunting experience.

The first step is to determine which breed best suits you and your needs. Pointers or flushers can both become good upland hunters. The next suggestion, is to select a puppy from a proven set of parents. Buying a dog from a friend or neighbor is the most frequent reason adult dogs don't turn out to be quality hunters, of course that doesn't mean you can't get a good hunting dog, however the odds might not be in your favor.

Assuming you've done your homework, your first priority in training are the three motto's for hunt dog-training:

1. Do not over think your dog.
2. Do not set too high expectations for your dog's performance at a young age.
3. Set up every training session for your dog's success.

Whichever the choice, training should start the first day your dog comes home. Obedience taught early will assist later with training and development. Dogs think in individual steps, people think in concepts. Dogs learn through mind, pictures and repetition. People learn by linking ideas together. Doing the same thing, the same way, every time, is the best way to train your puppy and provides them with the early development they need.

Retrieving is an attribute which will be used by all hunting breeds. Make an early game of it with your puppy, as early as 8 weeks old. Pointers have a natural instinct predisposition. Through decades of breeding, this instinct is highly developed in pointing dogs. You'll want to start bringing this instinct out, between 8 to 10 weeks old.

Introducing a young dog to the sound of a gun is critical. Done correctly, your dog will never become gun shy. Done incorrectly, you could cause a lifelong problem which might render your dog useless in hunting. When in doubt, we recommend consulting a professional dog trainer for gun training.

Lastly, all puppies benefit from getting out in the field. They learn what grass, weeds, ditches, mud, water, rabbits, and birds are. These outings should be limited to about 5 minutes for very young puppies, and 15 minutes for mature dogs. You'll want these outings to be fun for your puppy and for them to look forward to.

As you complete each part of your training, and the more often you can get your puppy out to the Club and onto the field, the better shape you and your dog will be.



DID YOU KNOW

As an additional amenity, Hastings Island Hunting Club's Trailer Park offers a one year lease for its members. The lease includes full hookups, water, electrical, sewage and garbage services. Members who opt in, or renew for a Trailer Park space must maintain an active Bird Card during their lease term. Year-round access to your R.V. space is accessible if you wish to use it during the off-season, holidays, and or vacation.

The Club also offers Dry Storage R.V. spaces on either a month-to-month, and or a discounted one year lease for its active members. As in the same case for our Trailer Park leases, you will also have year-round access to your Dry Storage Space, and by renewing your membership and lease you'll have the assurance of keeping your reserved space.

As there is limited availability for both the Trailer Park and Dry Storage spaces for active Members, both amenities often have waiting lists, so if interested please do not hesitate to inquire on availability. For more information, or to reserve a space, please call or stop by and ask for our

LOOKING FOR A NEW PHEASANT RECIPE

SLOW COOKED PHEASANT IN MUSHROOM

INGREDIENTS

1. 2 Pheasants, Cut into Fourths
2. 1 Medium Onion, Diced
3. 1 Can (4 ounces) Sliced Mushrooms, Drained
4. ½ Cup Chicken Broth
5. 2 Tbs All-Purpose Flour
6. 1 Tbs Worcestershire Sauce
7. 1 Tsp Salt
8. 1 Clove Garlic, Finely Chopped
9. 1 Can (10.75 ounces) Cream of Chicken Soup
10. Paprika

DIRECTIONS

Place the Pheasant pieces in the crock pot. Pour the Onion and Mushrooms on top.

In a bowl, combine the Broth & Flour until the Flour is dissolved. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, Salt, Garlic, & Cream of Chicken soup. Mix well. Pour over Pheasant.

Lastly, sprinkle everything with Paprika to your liking, then cover the crock pot & cook on low for about 6 hours or until the Pheasant is cooked. This recipe can also be adapted in the oven.

Serve the Pheasant with the gravy over noodles, rice or your favorite side. Add a green salad. Enjoy!!!

As with all recipes, this can be adjusted to your liking. Experiment, and let us know thoughts.

HUNTING CAN CHANGE A KIDS LIFE FOREVER

We are pleased to share the below message from our very own member, Anthony Yaccarine regarding his great-nephew, Grady Kershaw from Carson City, NV, and his first hunt at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve.

During the pandemic, and this past year Grady worked hard in school to maintain good grades, and as with most schools, there were no sports activities, not to mention the Trap and Skeet league he had started also shut down in Nevada.

In his spare time he went online and took the Hunter safety class. It paid off for him, and we were able to take Grady out to Hastings Island Hunting Preserve during a road trip to California where he secured 3 Roosters on his first hunt, not to mention, his safety in the field was perfect! More importantly, I was able to spend quality time with Grady. This hunt changed his outlook on life, and he is hooked on the sport of hunting. He was also amazed to see how hunting dogs work, and realized the bounty is only a small part of what we all love to do. He is now working harder than ever and knows that privileges are not given but earned.



GRADY'S BOUNTY DURING HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE CLUB!

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