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WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

This is our favorite time of the year, as the days grow shorter, temperatures drop, the pheasants are flying fast. Most importantly, we enjoy seeing our members, their families, and their dogs, all enjoying the Club!!!!



Delta Waterfowl Foundation, founded in 1911, is the oldest non-profit in the United States supporting waterfowl habitat.

James Ford Bell of General Mills Corporation is widely regarded as the founder of Delta Waterfowl. In the early 20th century, Bell was concerned about duck populations, particularly canvasbacks. He was inspired to put two ducks back for each one shot by hunters at his club on Manitoba's famed Delta Marsh. Delta Waterfowl is The Duck Hunters Organization, a leading conservation group founded at the famed Delta Marsh in Manitoba, with its U.S. Headquarters in Bismarck, North Dakota.

DW works to produce ducks via intensive management programs and conservation of breeding duck habitat.

For additional information regarding supporting DW, volunteering, student opportunities and more, please visit Delta's website at www.deltawaterfowl.org.

MEMBERSHIP NOW CLOSED FOR THE CURRENT SEASON

The 2021-22 season is now closed for any new memberships and the purchase of additional birds cards. We thank you all for the overwhelming response that we received this season. Please make sure to place a deposit for the coming season at your earliest opportunity.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSURES

Please be reminded of the following changes to our regular hours:

- December 24th **Club Closes at 2:00pm**
(Field Hours: 7:30am—12:00pm)
- December 25th **The Club is Closed. Merry Christmas !**
- December 31st 7:30am—4:00pm, Regular Hours
- January 1st, 2022 **The Club is Closed. Happy New Year !**

EXTRA BIRDS

We want to clarify our policy regarding Extra Birds, as there has been some confusion. The purchase of Extra Birds is only intended for situations where you've shot the last bird on your Bird Card, and inadvertently shot extra birds and have "gone over" the maximum amount allowed on your card. If that occurs, you have two options.

1. You can purchase an additional 20 Bird Card, if still available, at the same price of your original card, and have them punched off the new card, and you can continue hunting the season.
2. Or, you can pay for the "extra-birds" individually you shot during the hunt, and your Pheasant hunting will have finished for the season.

Club Members only, are allowed to purchase Extra Birds, and is only meant to be purchased the day you finish out your Bird Card. Club members also cannot purchase Extra-Birds for "Guests", and the Club does not allow "Guests" to shoot birds on a pay-per-bird basis at any time.

As a host, any birds your "Guest" shoots will be punched off your Bird Card, so its important for you both to have a mutual understanding, prior to the hunt. We do-not allow Members and Guests to "split cards" and we do not allow "day hunts." If your "Guest" wishes to join the Club and purchase a Bird Card, we'll gladly help you in the process of sponsoring them into the Club as a Member.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ENTIRE HIHP CREW!!!
(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT) GWEN, TONANCY, IRMA & MONICA

CLUB DOG TRAINER: RICHARD GEBHART



Richard Gebhart is the “in-house” Club dog trainer. He has trained dogs professionally for 20 years and his experience includes; training top-level field trial and hunt test dogs, upland gamebird, waterfowl hunting, and general obedience. As an avid upland and waterfowl hunter, Richard understands and appreciates the teamwork between the hunter, and well-trained gun dog.

If you need to improve your dog’s skillset in the field, we highly recommend Richard! Please feel free to contact Richard at Royal Gun Dogs (530) 341-4496, or look for him in the kennel, or his training field across from the Clubhouse.

GARMIN DOG COLLARS

The Club is an authorized Garmin Distributor, and we gladly offer a special Members-only discount on Garmin dog collars. After much feedback from Members, we have found the three models below to be the most popular.

The Delta Sport XC - This is the most affordable and light weight collar and transmitter.

- * Single dog use, or expansion for up to three dogs
- * Has a 1-mile range from the transmitter
- * Tone, Vibration, Momentary, and Continuous stimulation levels from low to high
- * Bark Limiter option

The Delta Upland XC - Offers the same benefits as the Delta Sport XC, with additional features.

- * A built in beeper to locate a dog on point in heavy cover
- * Capability to allow up to 9 dogs to be controlled from a single transmitter
- * An extended range, up to 1.5 miles from the transmitter

The Pro 550 Plus - The single best collar we’ve seen for Upland hunting.

- * Capable for use on a single dog, or up to three dogs at the same time
- * Tone, Vibration, Momentary, and Continuous levels of stimulation from low to high
- * Built in tracking arrow to show the direction & range to the dog in feet or yards
- * Maximum 2-mile range from the transmitter
- * Built in Bark Limiter
- * Optional beeper to locate a dog on point

If you would like to learn more, and or to place an order, please see Danielle Earl at the Club.

JOANNE GRAHAM, AWARD-WINNING ARTIST



Joanne Graham painting at the Nevada County Christmas Faire during Thanksgiving weekend.

Joanne Graham is an award winning wildlife artist, with a long history of creating portraits of sporting dogs. Ms. Graham’s work has been used for several California and Idaho game bird stamps, and been featured on the cover of Shotgun Sports, along with creating works used by Ducks Unlimited, and the California Waterfowl Association.

She has received numerous awards for her art over the years.

We recently had the opportunity to visit with Joanne and get an update on her work following the Paradise Fire, where tragically, she lost most of her original collections. True to form, Joanne is upbeat and moving forward, creating more beautiful artwork for which she has long been known. In addition to sporting dogs, her portraits have also included horses and African wildlife.

We highly recommend Joanne Graham’s artistry.



If you are looking for a heirloom quality portrait to honor your hunting partner or favorite four-legged friend, and or would like additional information on her commissions, please visit her website: www.joannegraham.com.

NON-TOXIC SHOT OPTIONS

Considering the California Non-toxic Ammunition laws, Club Members still have several options other than steel shot for ammunition for use at the Club. California Department of Fish and Wildlife provides the following options as acceptable shot material for hunting:

Steel or Stainless Steel: If you use either, please remember the muzzle velocity is the most important consideration. Steel is faster as it exits the barrel, but also slows down faster than others. This means, your range at which you can effectively down a pheasant is going to be lower than with other materials. Also, steel is inflexible, and can damage a fixed choke firearm that's not made to withstand regular use of steel shot. For the life of your shotgun, consult with a gunsmith prior to using steel shot.

Bismuth: With older fixed choke firearms, Bismuth can be an excellent replacement for lead. It's malleable and its properties are very close to the lead shot which many hunters are familiar with. Over the last two years, and at most locations we've seen Bismuth readily available. The price per box is the major difference between bismuth and other shot materials. Bismuth tends to be one of the more expensive options. Most hunters agree that Bismuth downs birds at almost identical ranges compared to old lead shot.

Hevi-Shot: This is Remington's brand name for trademarked, copper-plated nickel cored, shot. Copper-plated nickel offers many advantages of both the previous types of ammunition, while minimizing many of their disadvantages. The nickel core of each pellet provides a solid metal which retains its velocity, giving the shot an ability to down birds at longer ranges than steel shot. The copper-plating jacket of each pellet also allows this ammunition to be used in older, fixed choke shotguns without damaging the firearm. Although priced lower than Bismuth per box, the cost remains more expensive than compared with that of, steel shot shells.

Copper-plated Tungsten: Has become among the best selling shot shells. Copper-plated tungsten gives the hunter all the possible advantages of a non-toxic shot material, providing a malleable copper jacket that also allows for use in older fixed choke shotguns, and ranges better than steel shot. While In addition to being lower priced than Bismuth per box, they are among the most popular, which makes them a bit difficult to find as the demand in California is high.

In summary, Steel shot shells remain the most produced by all ammunition manufacturers, therefore an easy find for hunters.

The Club carries a limited supply of steel shot ammunition in 12 ga and 20 ga. We only sell to Members in limited quantities, and limited to one box of ammunition, per Member, per visit.

Please understand, you will need to pass a DOJ

background check at the time of purchase, and depending where you may stand in the process, you could instantly pass, and or have to wait to collect your ammunition upon approval notification. If you elect to do a "Basic Eligibility Check" with us, we will take, input and submit your information for a single sale. There is often a several day wait in hearing back from the CA DOJ, so plan accordingly.

PHEASANTS FOREVER LADIES HUNT

The Club is once again, pleased to host the Yolo County Pheasants Forever Women's Hunt for 2022. It will be held at the Club on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

This event is a great way to introduce Pheasant Hunting to your wife, daughter, granddaughter or the special woman in your life. Space is limited, and you will need an advance reservation to participate.

For more information, or how to register for this great event. Please check the Yolo County Pheasants Forever website at www.yolopf.org.

20TH ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT WINNER !

On September 11th, with near perfect shooting conditions, the Club held its 20th Annual Trap Shoot Competition.

For his second consecutive win, congratulations goes to Chris Hutson. Again, his name will be added to the Clubs Perpetual Trap Shooting trophy located in the Clubhouse. Thanks to all of the competitors this year.



CHRIS HUTSON, 1ST PLACE WINNER
20TH ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT COMPETITION

A TRIBUTE TO BOB HAYES



Most of you will remember Bob and Sheila Hayes, Club Managers from 1998 to 2002. Prior to managing Hastings, Bob and Sheila ran their own Zone A Club, for many years, near Williams, California. As top-flight operators, they had a loyal membership, many of whom followed them to our Club.

Upon Bob and Sheila's retirement, they moved to the Redding area, where they continued to take full advantage of all the hunting and fishing opportunities available to them in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Bob and Sheila were very well liked and respected, and many of our Club Members considered them a valuable resource for local waterfowl conditions during Duck and Geese season.

Bob was a decorated Army combat veteran in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded a Silver Star, and three Purple Hearts during his tours of duty.

Sadly, Robert Allen Hayes passed away this past October. Our condolences go out to Sheila and their family.

ROADS AND DOGS DO NOT MIX

Almost every Season, we hear about a dog that has been lost because it was not properly secured while being transported. Dogs are naturally curious, and if left to their own devices will certainly move about the cabin. In order to prevent serious injury or worse, their safety inside a vehicle is paramount!

We highly recommend that all dogs be transported inside a hard-sided airline kennel. These are inexpensive, readily available and come in all sizes to fit both, your dog(s) and your vehicle. Not only does this provide your dog a safe space within the vehicle, but it also detracts from any interference with your driving.

And as an important reminder, prior to traveling, please always double check your crates, and that your restraints are properly secured and tied down.

FYDO DOG BEDS

We were recently in need of a new dog bed for our hunting partner and re-discovered a great, very high quality, locally made product line that we highly recommend.

Dina Calloway owns and operates For Your Dogs Only (FYDO), and has been making dog beds at her Berkeley facility since 1997. We took the opportunity to stop by her production facility and see all the amazing fabrics that she offers, and check out the process of how she makes her beds. Each bed is hand-made from high quality fabrics and cushioning. She has "bagel" beds and flat beds/dog mats in different shapes, sizes and fabrics. All of the fabrics are of excellent quality and the covers are completely removable for easy washing. The interior cushioning comes in different levels of fluff and firmness, and can be replaced in the future if needed. We have a 20+ year old bed that is still in great shape, but we wanted to get a firmer padding for a new dog.

We have seen FYDO's product line in several high-end pet stores around the Bay Area, but you can also buy directly from Dina. If you are considering a high quality bed, in good looking fabrics, we highly recommend that you check out her product line: www.foryourdogsonly.com, and or call her at (510) 527-6512.



ACE IN AN EXTRA SMALL BAGEL BED

SMOKED PHEASANT

Did you know that, by trading in one of your cleaned birds and paying \$8.50, you can bring home, a delicious smoked Pheasant from the Club. Yes, its that easy and, if you've never tried one, they make for a wonderful game day or holiday appetizer. Try one today!



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