



# HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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## Welcome Back To The 2022–2023 Season

We hope you are enjoying your summer. Pre-season rooster shoots begin September 10th, and the 2022 - 2023 Pheasant Season begins September 24th. We look forward to seeing you.  
*Danielle Earl, Club Manager*

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

Prior to your first hunt, all new members are required to attend an Orientation Class, at the Club. New Member Orientations begin on, Saturday, September 10th, and will be held every Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday, with sessions starting at either 8:00am or 10:00am through December 29th. An advance reservation is required to attend.

Classes are approximately 30 minutes, and cover the Club's *Rules and Regulations*, what is expected from every Member, the various amenities offered at the Club and, most importantly, your conduct at the Club.

Call the Club Office to reserve your required class, as each session has limited seating. For a complete schedule, and to find additional information, please visit the Club's website: [www.hihp.com](http://www.hihp.com)



Brad Prudhel, his granddaughter, Brooklyn Mount, who placed 3rd at the Club Chukar Hunt, with their dog, Maisy

## BIRD CARDS

Pheasant Season begins on Saturday September 24, 2022. Your Bird Card must be paid in full, by September 30, 2022 or your first hunt, whichever comes first.

Bird Cards and Field Permits will be available for pick up, beginning Saturday, September 10th. In addition, you must have a valid California Hunting License and Upland Gamebird Stamp in order to pick up your card and field permit.

If you have not yet purchased your pre-paid bird cleaning, you can do so when picking up your Bird Card or before your first hunt.

Bird Card prices increased this year. Significant increases from our bird breeders was the driving factor. Thank you for your understanding!

## PRE-SEASON ROOSTER SHOOTS

Pre-Season Rooster Shoots will be held on September 7th to 10th, 14th to 17th and 21st, from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

The fee for a four bird Pre-Season Rooster Shoot is \$135.00, or a discounted price of \$300.00 for ten birds. Bird cleaning will also be available at the regular Bird Cleaning prices. Please call the Club Office to reserve your spot.

## ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT

The Club is once again hosting its Annual Trap Shoot, to be held on Saturday, September 10th. The Competition begins at 10:00 am and the entry fee is \$25.00. Eligible guns must be a shotgun, legally capable of harvesting Upland Game in California. The competition consists of three, 25 clay, rounds, with the best 5 shooters advancing to the final competition

round of 25 clays where the Club Champion will be determined.

Please plan to bring enough ammunition to fire four 25 clay rounds. Both lead and non-lead ammunition is allowed.

The Competition Winner will be featured in the Club's December Newsletter, on the Club's website, and the winner's name is engraved on the perpetual trophy, displayed inside the Clubhouse. If interested, please sign up early, as the Trap Shoot is limited to 20 entries.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Chukar Hunts Begin  
Bird Cards available for Pick-Up  
New Member Orientations Begin  
Pre-Season Rooster Shoots  
Annual Trap Shoot  
2022-2023 Season Starts  
Last Day to Pay Off Bird Cards

September 1, 2022  
September 10, 2022  
September 5, 2022  
Sept. 7th to 10th, 14th to 17th & 21st, 2022  
September 10, 2022  
September 24, 2022  
September 30th, 2022

## SIGNING-IN AND SIGNING-OUT

One of the Club's most important rules is that you must sign-in upon arrival, and sign-out when leaving the Club. This is required for all visits to the Club, whether you are hunting, fishing, using our fields, trap shooting, and using the boat launch, etc.

We've noticed Members signing-in and out at the same time, or not signing-in at all, and signing in for other members, none of which are acceptable! Members or guests not complying with this rule, will be asked to leave the Club, and there will be no excuses or exceptions.

## FIELD MAINTENANCE

The Club is located on a working farm, and we would like to remind all of our members the importance of our Field Maintenance operations.

If you see workers and/or equipment in a field, please stay away. If by chance you spot an airplane spraying a field, please do not enter that field.

We are committed to maintaining the Club's fields at the highest quality, and after several years of drought, we hope that you will notice our efforts in keeping our fields green and lush.

Many other clubs are not as fortunate as we are: that due to our location, we have accessible water to maintain our fields.

When visiting the Club, please check the large map behind the counter at the Club Office to see if there any updates on areas that are closed to field activities.

## GARMIN PRODUCTS

The Club is an authorized distributor of Garmin products and we gladly offer a special members-only discount on their products, which include: GPS watches, sports and fitness monitors, outdoor recreation, automotive, marine and aviation GPS devices.

Please visit [www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com) to view Garmin's extensive selection of products.

We urge your to compare the Club's pricing to any competitors, even those you find online. We are confident that we can get you the best deal out there. Once you place your order with us, it will then be delivered to the Club for pick-up. Keep in mind that all sales are final.



(Left to right) Chad and Bruce Hardcastle, Nick and Dylan Kerns and their Lab, Jacke, after a Chukar Hunt

## WHY WE DON'T ROLL-OVER BIRD CARDS

As you likely know, your application and bird card explicitly states that the Club does not provide refunds for any reason after September 30th, 2022. Yet, each season we have a number of members who ask for refunds, or to have their money "rolled over" to the next season. Many people have "legitimate" reasons for their requests, so why are we not able to accommodate them?

Pheasants are a perishable commodity. We forecast the birds needed, based on our current bird card sales and prior season's data. We then contract with our bird breeders months in advance of the start of the Season. When you make a bird card deposit for a specific number of birds; we contract for those birds. The Club then, will fine tune its purchases through the end of September.

While we can generally source a few more birds, if needed by September 30th, our breeders have already raised a specific number of birds based on our contracts with them. The flip side is, we will never sell memberships in excess of the birds we have contracted. The increased interest in bird card sales the past few seasons, is in part the reason we had closed our memberships early in recent years. We simply are not going to sell birds we cannot reliably get from our breeders.

Regarding refunds after September 30th, we are unable to hold pheasants in our pens from one year to the next. They simply would not survive.

With all that being said, if you wish to request a refund, for any reason whatsoever, prior to September 30th, 2022, please do so by mailing your written request to the Club Office. Before September 30th, we will gladly honor your request.



## 2022 –2023 ALL-STAR RENTAL DOGS



The Club takes great pride in the quality and performance of our rental dogs. Our field trained dogs have been the means behind many a great hunt throughout the years.

In addition to our seasoned kennel veterans, we are in the midst of training several new dogs, and we look forward to incorporating them into our current rental string.

On that note, we can tell you, all of our dogs are ready, and excited to get out in the fields and hunt for you this Pheasant Season!

## CLUB KENNEL BOARDING

If you are not already aware, the Club provides Kennel boarding services, including exercise and shampoo services for your much-loved canine companion.

Our facility is an excellent place for your dog to spend a night, weekend, or even longer, when you are traveling. The kennel offers spacious, shaded, open air runs with misting systems installed to help alleviate the summer heat.

You can certainly bring your preferred choice of food for your dog or have us feed our own high performance diet at no extra charge. We will also gladly administer any medication that you would normally give your dog.

Our 30 minute walking sessions are available for a nominal fee. Please call the Club to discuss the shots your dog needs to stay in our kennel, and to book your reservation as available spaces can fill up quickly.



## DOGS FOR SALE

The Club currently has three great, seasoned dogs for sale!



*“Izzy” - An 8 year old German Shorthair Pointer. She’s been a favorite in our rental string for several seasons, last year recovering 157 birds. Her pleasant demeanor and friendly attitude would make for an excellent hunting companion for hunters of all ages.*



*“Gunner” - A Llewellyn Setter - His distinctive Orange and White Spotted Coat and high standing on-point tail, make this experienced bird dog easy to spot and recognize running through the field. Last Season Gunner recovered 172 pheasant for renters.*



*“Lightning” - This 4 year old English Pointer is obedience trained and comes from excellent bloodlines. Her close attention to everyone she’s with is perfect for families, but not appropriate for a different handler on every hunt.*

We would love to find forever, loving homes for all three wonderful dogs. For more information on their pedigrees, and/or to arrange for an in person visit with any of them, please contact Danielle Earl, at the Club Office.

## FIRST AID FOR DOGS



Taking good care of our dogs helps them perform at their peak on every hunt. Amongst the many concerns for hunting dogs are: ensuring they remain sufficiently hydrated over the course of the hunt, monitoring their energy at peak levels while hunting, caring for their eyes, and removing external debris from their coats, paws and ears.

**Hydration** – During early autumn and late spring, it is particularly important to keep your dog properly hydrated. Dogs do not release heat, or cool down, like humans. We always suggest bringing a decent sized water bottle for two reasons: one, to provide drinking water; two, to wet your dogs coat if they start to overheat.

**Energy** – Many times a dog will run out of usable energy. Therefore, we recommend carrying a small, sealable bottle of Karo corn syrup. It will quickly provide the energy boost needed, allowing the dog to recover, if they start to tire.

**Eyes** – A simple solution to eye washing is to buy a refillable plastic bottle and fill it with lukewarm water. You can then properly flush a dog's eyes, while holding the dog's muzzle, and squeezing the water in along the dog's eye so the water flows from outwards towards the muzzle.

**Fur** – After every hunt, it is always important to give your dog a bath at the dog washing station. Our tables allow you to elevate your dog and examine their coat, paws, eyes and ears as you wash them clean of debris, seeds, burrs and foxtails.



## NEW COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday and Friday: 10:00a to 2:00p	(Grill off at 1:30)
Saturday and Sunday: 7:00a to 2:00p	(Grill off at 1:30)

.....and, back by popular demand, "Eggs Rancheros"

## "CROWDED" AND RESERVED FIELDS

We continue to be aware of hunters "bunching up" in the field and at times giving the feeling of crowded conditions. We would like to revisit this subject and remind you of a few points.

First, it is our policy and practice, that we do not allow more than 125 people in the field at one time. The Club operates under a free-roam system. However, our experience shows that over time, some Members tend to "bunch up" and hunt closer to the main road, bird pens and the Clubhouse.

The Club offers over 800 acres of natural cover, as well as 4,700 acres on the entire Island. With that much land, there is always an opportunity to find a quiet, uncrowded place to hunt. Did you know, some of the best hunting is often on the outskirts of the Club? Take the time to walk or drive a bit further out, as it will usually result in finding areas without too many hunters and sometimes more birds!.

You also can always choose to hunt in one of the Club's Reserved Fields. Visit our website's **Hunting | Reserved Fields** tab for information on reserved fields and/or call the Club office with any questions or to book a reserved field.

## AMMUNITION AT THE CLUB

The Club offers ammunition sales only to our Members. We currently have in stock:

- Steel and Bismuth Shells for 12 Gauge
- 20 Gauge Steel Shells
- Lead Trap Ammunition in 12 and 20 Gauge (only to be used at the Trap Range)

For a limited time, the Club is selling 12ga, 2 3/4", No. 6 steel shells to our members by the case. (1 Case=10 boxes). This is a limited time special offer, while supplies last. Once the inventory has been sold, the Club will be returning to its standard ammunition sales policy of one box per Member, per visit.

The Club allows steel No. 5 and No. 6 shot size for hunting pheasant and chukar. You may use smaller shot sizes and/or lead shot for trap shooting.

In addition, with the transition to non-lead ammunition for hunting, the Club is considering expanding the shot size allowed for hunting to include: No.4, No. 5, and No. 6 shot. We are very interested in our Members' opinions on the potential use of No.4 shot in Steel and Bismuth.

Please stop by and let Danielle Earl know your thoughts on this topic and if this change would benefit the Club.

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