

December, 2006 Newsletter

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March 31st – Hunt Season Ends

Driven Pheasant Hunts

January 20th

February 10th

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There will be 4 driven pheasant hunts scheduled this season. All hunts will begin at 9:00am. A driven pheasant hunt differs from our traditional field hunts because the birds are typically flying over the heads of a line of shooters. 8-12 hunters will participate in each hunt and 120-140 pheasants will be released in 3 different flights. Each shooter will be assigned a peg to begin the hunt and will end up shooting from a different peg for each of the different flights. We will release the birds from the backside of a ridge and the birds will fly from the ridgetop over the line of shooters simulating how many European estates 'drive' their birds over their 'guns'. Most of the birds will present high overhead shots and provide a whole different perspective on pheasant shooting.

Upon finishing the last drive, the hunters will break up into small groups and hunt up any stray birds with one of the guides and dogs. After this 'clean-up' portion of the hunt a full lunch feast will be served at the clubhouse before the hunters head home.

The driven hunts have limited space and you must be a hunting member or a guest of a hunting member to participate. Your stocking fee can be applied towards the cost of the hunt. The cost of the hunt is \$205.00/hunter. Please call the clubhouse to sign up for one of these fun hunts. (330)725-2097

2007 Shoot Schedule

The shoot schedule for 2007 is in to NSCA and awaiting approval. There will be a shoot on the first Saturday (or weekend) from February through July. The listed 'NSCA Class Shoots' in Dec., Feb., Mar., and May will be \$45.00 plus target fees (\$4.00) for registered shooters. Flight times will be 9:00am and 1:00pm. Please call ahead to reserve your flight and squad preferences. All shooters are welcome to participate even if you are not a members of NSCA or Hill 'n Dale Club. There is a hunter class division for all non-NSCA shooters. The cost for non-NSCA shooters is \$45.00.

2007 Shoot Schedule

February 3rd – NSCA Class Shoot
March 3rd – NSCA Class Shoot
April 7th – Ducks Unlimited Shoot (Class Shoot)
May 5th – NSCA Class Shoot
June 1st-3rd – NSCA Zone III Championship
July 7th – 8th – Marlin Mid America Cup
August 11th – Northcoast Classic
September 15th – Charity Shoot
December 8th – NSCA Class Shoot

Fall League results

The fall league saw 47 shooters participate in the 8 week session. Upon its conclusion on November 5th, a clambake and award ceremony along with prizes was held for all participants that could attend. The results from the league are listed below (all scores are out of 300 targets – the shooters' 2 lowest scores out of the 8 weeks were dropped):

Master

Bill Mayer

280

AA

David Hastings

256

A1

John Kovacs

237

B

Bill Elliott

260

B2

Mike Prexta

260

C1

Doug Cox

258

C2

Dave Clements

249

D1

Sherri Kovacs

242

D2

Don Fozio

229

E1

Gary Sopnicar

234

E2

Homer Smith

224

Hunter 1

Bob Kallstrom

213

Hunter 2

Bob Dequinze

201

Hunter 3

Laura Cruse

189

Lady 1

Sherri Kovacs

242

Lady 2

Barb Hastings

218

Winter League

The club will hold a winter league beginning January 2nd and conclude on March 25th. This league will be structured differently than our normal league. Because of winter and probable cold conditions, we will shoot 2 rounds of 25 targets on the 5 stand and 25 targets at the skeet field (75 targets total). Of these 3 rounds, your 2 highest scores will count for that scoring period. You will have 2 weeks to post a score for each of the 6 courses. Because of the extended time that each course will be available, all 6 scores posted will count towards the total score (300 targets) per shooter.

The cost for the league is \$15.00 entry and \$15.00/ week (75 targets). By using the 5 stand and skeet field, we hope to make it easier to come out and shoot quickly for this league. A sign up sheet will be located at the lodge. Your first score must be shot by the end of the day on January 14th.

Used Guns for sale

The rental guns from the past year are now available for purchase. We will be replacing these guns with new rental guns in the upcoming weeks. These guns were used for just under a year and probably have 2000-4000 shells through them. There may be a few dings and/or scratches in a few of them but they are all in very good shape. Here's what we have available:

391 Teknys Gold Sporting 30"

\$950

391 Sporting 28"

\$650

682 Gold E Sporting 30"

\$2250

391 Urika Sporting 28"

\$700

391 Urika Sporting 30"

\$800

391 Urika Youth 20ga./24"

\$800

Xtrema II Synthetic with KO system 28"

\$1075

White Onyx 28"

\$1250

All guns come with hard carrying case and all original accessories (chokes, oil, etc.)

New Guns for sale

Here's a listing of the guns that we have in stock. It sounds like another price increase will be coming from Beretta in the near future so you might want to purchase one before they go up again. Prices are not listed here because most of them are less than what Beretta allows to be advertised.

391 Urika Sporting 28' &30"
391 Teknys Gold Trap 30"
391 Urika Target RL 28"
687 Silver Pigeon V 20ga. 28"
686 White Onyx 20ga./28"
686 Silver Pigeon S 20ga./28"
687 Silver Pigeon V 28"
391 Urika target SL 30"
687 Silver Pigeon II Sporting 20ga/30"
687 Silver Pigeon III 28"
3901 Target RL 28"
391 Teknys Gold Sporting 28" & 30"
686 Silver Pigeon S 28"
686 White Onyx Sporting 30"
686 Silver Pigeon S 28ga/ 28"
391 Urika Field 28"
391 Teknys Gold Field 28"
All guns are 12 gauge unless designated.

Dog Trial

On November 4th a members' field trial was held. There were a total of 15 teams that entered the trial. Points were awarded for bird finds, birds in the bag, retrieves to hand, and the number of shells returned. Each team (2 hunters and 1 dog) had 10 shells and 20 minutes to hunt 5 birds that were released within a certain marked area. 8 teams participated in the flushing division and 7 teams participated in the pointing division. Fun was had by all and plans for another trial are in the works for sometime in January or February. The results from the trial were:

Flushing Division

Mike Garrity

170(X2)

Mike Schieman

160

John Kovacs

125

Bill Kirkpatrick

120

Gene Reusch

110

John Kovacs

85

Tom Bossman

80

Pointing Division

Mike Coudret

165

Bill Oliver

130

Sue Klein

120

Terry Friedl

115

George Klein

105

Mike Schneider

100

Terry Friedl

95

We hope to see you at the next trial.

Wild Game Dinner - January 13th

There will be a wild game dinner on January 13th at the main clubhouse. Come out and shoot in the afternoon, then make plans to stay through the evening and enjoy the many different wild game dishes that the chef will be preparing. The menu will include a wide variety of different wild game such as Caribou, Wild Boar, Elk, Bear, Alligator and many other possibilities. Dinner will be served at 6pm with cocktails beginning at 5:30. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Seating is limited to 24 and advanced reservations are

necessary. Please call (330) 725-2097 to make your reservations. The cost is \$35.00/person.

28 gauge members' fun shoot - February 24th

There was a request to offer a 28 gauge tournament by a group of members this winter. So here it is: Come out on February 24th for the 28 gauge members' tournament. This will be an informal tournament. Shoot anytime; just make sure you get a scorecard before hitting the course. The course will be changed slightly, but don't expect the course to be a 'close' or 'short' course only. If you don't have a 28 gauge, we will have a limited number of guns and/or tubes to use so everyone who wants to can participate. The cost will simply be the regular cost of a round of clays; \$29.00. A few door prizes and awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the shoot. A Lewis class option may be available if there is any interest.

Feel free to bring out a snack plate or dish to munch on in the afternoon while comparing notes on how we all shot the small gauge gun. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us and there will be a nice turnout for this fun event.