

Hello RMR Fans!

The boys are on tractors turning dirt getting the fields ready for seed and to plant. It seems like yesterday that we were doing this! The fight begins to get a hold on the weeds and burrs, and we are going to make a real difference with it this year! We got some of the snow last week, but are ready for the rain...bring it on.

We are now on summer hours at the club, which means that we are closed on Sunday and Monday until we start hunting again in September. If you want to shoot targets, just give the office a call and we will get you set to break some clays. 719-635-3257

WORKMAN'S COMP AND THE STATE

I don't get on the "high horse" much when it comes to politics as I end up ruffling some feathers, but this is important info for all of the small businesses in Colorado, especially if you have Pinnacol as a provider. As the economy tightens up, everyone is trying to cut and get lean. A problem is happening in our state in regard to workman's compensation. Read the letter below and contact your representatives and senators....time is crucial.

Dear Friends.

I am sure, you all are aware of the recent legislative efforts to raid Pinnacol dollars for the purpose of infusing cash into the state fund in an attempt to balance the state budget deficit.

Many of you have called or contacted myself and stated how inappropriate this action is. You have also have generously inquired if you can help.

Attached you will find some talking points about Why Legislation to Raid Pinnacol's Assets is a Bad Idea, along with some Pinnacol Fast Facts for your reference.

Please feel free to use these points along with your own when expressing you feelings regarding this proposed legislation.

Any contact you might be able to initiate, through your own legislator, or to those of influence, showing your support of Pinnacol and your displeasure of this proposal would be greatly appreciated. I would offer for you to extend these thoughts and expressions to others such as your policyholders, association executive directors and any editorial friends you might feel comfortable in approaching.

Your support of Pinnacol and your partnership with us is of utmost importance and deeply appreciated.

Please rest assured, We are doing all we can from our side to end this action.

With your help, we will get this alleviated and we will all continue to strive to make this great State of Colorado a wonderful place to do business.

Don Collins, CMO Pinnacol Assurance

Senate Bill 281 and Senate Bill 273 both passed Senate Committee today. Testimony spanned several hours, but nevertheless, both bills passed. The bills will now go to the Senate floor for a vote of the entire Senate and then off to the House for further consideration. They are on a fast-track to move through the legislature. These companion bills have complex and widespread implications for our employers, so here are the highlights of each bill:

SB 281:

The Pinnacol CEO no longer has any authority to make decisions for the company

The Board no longer has control over any of the monies attained or invested by Pinnacol

Pinnacol is mandated to give a 5% dividend to employers of ONLY 50 employees or less. No other dividends will be issued by the company to its policyholders.

The state will create a safety committee (made up of state legislators) that will make recommendations to the state on safety and injury issues as well as the possibility of selling Pinnacol Assurance

The state auditor will audit Pinnacol's finances, reserves and executive compensation and Pinnacol will pay for the audit

SB273:

Before September 1, 2009 Pinnacol is ordered to transmit \$500 million in funds to the state treasurer – for transfer into the state education funds due to shortfalls in the budgets, there.

Pinnacol will no longer be a domestic mutual insurance company, but will revert back to a wholly-owned state agency, with any and all of its funds available to the state for their use. Pinnacol's board will no longer have sole authority to divest these monies as they see fit.

Again, these bills will go to the Senate floor for a full vote this week and then off to Committee in the House.

EASTER WEEK

This is a special time for Christians and I hope that you have a chance to spend some time with your family reflecting and giving thanks for the fact that Christ died for us. It isn't about the Easter Bunny or the chocolate eggs and candy, but about the cross and the fact that HE IS RISEN!

FOR SALE

As I said last week, I am sending you some things that members are wanting to sell. Contact the person that the goodies belong too, not me....I am just the messenger.

PUPPIES

Steve Holt still has a few yellow lab puppies for sale. Males and females--great bloodlines and ready to go home on May 5th. Call Steve at 719-243-1786 Only \$750 for a future hunting buddy.

SHOTGUN

Guerini Tiempo, 20 Gauge. Tasteful scroll engraving. 3" chambers; barrels 28" with solid mid rib and 6mm top rib. Single selective trigger; selective ejectors. Weight: 5:lbs.,10:oz. Stock: LOP:14 3/4",DAC:1 1/2",DAH"2 1/4". Comes with factory case and five choke tubes. Turkish walnut wood upgrade. Photos on request. \$2650 (MSRP \$3195). Call Robin Speiser at 719 598-0521

RIFLE

I have a Browning Bar 270 win for sale. It has gold inlay and engraving on the receiver(very nice), an elk antler engraved in stock, and is NIB and action has never been worked. I am firm on \$1,400. If you can help that would be great. I just picked up another 270 win and do not need two. Thanks! Contact Darrin McDaniel on his cell at 509-953-2482 (he is in Colorado Springs)

VARIOUS GUNS AND STUFF

Brett - doing a little spring cleaning! Here are a few items I will put up for sale:

- * 2004 Honda CRF250X Motocross/Off-road Bike with 44 original miles. Never been dirty. \$4000 OBO
 - * Winchester Model 42 .410 Original Skeet Model, Full, Solid Rib, Large Forearm, 95% Blue \$3800
 - * Ruger Number 1B .270. Beautiful wood, fired less than 40 times \$840
 - * Knight MK-85 .50 Caliber Muzzleloader, Original Laminated Stock with 209 conversion, only 2 hunts, \$450
 - * Remington Model 11-48 16 gauge automatic, excellent original \$300
 - * Browning Citori Grand Lightning, beautiful French Walnut Wood, 12 Gauge \$2000
 - * 8 Bigfoot & 12 Hard Core Canada Goose Decoys like new \$500
 - * Final Approach X-Lander Layout Blind, Used one day \$250
 - * Elk Bugling Mount (Turned) 6X6 340 Class &1800
 - * Elk European Mount 6X6 350" Class \$700
 - * Elk Rack 6X6 325" Class \$500
 - * Elk Rack 6X6 320' Class with a couple broken tines \$350
 - * 10 - Fresh Brown 6 Point Elk Sheds \$150 each or \$1200 for all
- Contact Chris Catlin at 303-520-6216

DOG BOX

Dog Box For Sale. It is constructed from 2 pieces of aluminum sandwiching insulation. It is 48"

wide by 63" long and 24" high. It has a divider down the center that splits it into two compartments. Each side will hold up to 3 dogs. Up to 6 dogs total. The doors have slide in panels to close them off to weather. Each side has a hound heater (2total) to keep your dogs warm on those cold winter nights. Also included is a 25 gallon water tank that is removable. This is a great box. Fits in a full size pick up bed. \$650 Call Bob Buckley @ 719-339-4878

ONE FOR THE ROAD

An elderly couple is getting ready for bed. She says "Oh I am just so hungry for ice cream and there isn't any in the house." He says, "I'll go get some." She says, "Vanilla with chocolate sauce, with whipped cream on top and a cherry." She adds, "Please write it down, I know you'll forget." He says, "I won't forget; Vanilla with chocolate sauce, whipped cream, and a cherry."

Away he goes. Hours later he comes back and hands her a paper bag. "In it is a "HAM SANDWICH". She says, "I told you to write it down! You forgot the mustard."

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