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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Fans!

Can you believe that tomorrow the little rodent will crawl out of his hole and tell us how long winter will last? It hasn't seemed like we have had much of one yet this year....at least to me anyway! Some folks are ready for summer, but we are still shooting birds and we can use the weekly light snow showers at your club and lots of snow in the mountains. I hope he doesn't come out of the hole and we can have some cool wet weather to end the season with!

The conditions have been trying on some days and awesome on others. If it is dry, make sure that you are taking your time and not rushing through the hunting areas. (heck if the conditions are perfect, don't rush!) Slow is good, and let your dogs do the work and find the scent. Make sure you keep them hydrated too. The more water they drink while hunting, the better they can smell.

DINNER IN MARCH

For more details, go to their website [www dot scicolorado dot org](http://www.dot.scicolorado.org)

March 13th is the date for the Colorado Chapter of SCI's annual banquet. For those of you who have not made it in the past, this is one that you don't want to miss! The event raises money for local education, conservation and humanitarian projects and it is loads of fun. Watch your mail for more info, or we will also have this up on our website too. Hunts, guns, trips, gear and lots of other outdoor things for the bidding or winning by just a ticket or two! This is really the best fundraiser/banquet in the state and one that you will want to attend every year! MARCH 13 in Colorado Springs! Plan on it!!

ORDERING GUNS AT COST

Late last week I sent an email out telling you about a program that we are running with RMR Guide Rich Reiley. He owns High Tech Customs in Colorado Springs and he will order you weapons...handguns, shot-guns and rifles...at cost. You have to pay taxes and the transfer fee which is normally \$45, but for the month of February the price is \$30 per gun.

We received a lot of emails and Rich and I decided that it would be best to contact him directly, since he has to do it anyway!

Send him an email and in the subject line put RMR GUNS. Tell him what you are looking for and give him good contact info to get back with you. Obviously he will have your email address, but tell him who you are! (I might know, but he won't)

His email address is htcustoms@pcisys.net and his phone is 719-667-1090. It is best that you email so his assistant can get you the info. He receives a lot of calls during the day, so email will be the fastest way to get your answer, and I am out of the loop.

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For those of you that already sent a request, I will forward it to him and he will be in touch with you.

TO A HUNTING HOME

Retired hunter with love and respect for and an elder four legged statesman.

I have a 10 year old English pointer I would like to re-home. He is a former Colorado Gundog of the Year.

I have hunted with him at the club 4 of 5 times this year. He will back, retrieve, and has a great nose. He still has a ton of stile, (12:00 tail). He will give you 3hrs of hunting once or twice a week.

He is a sweet, loving dog at home and in the kennel. I am getting some new pups in and just don't have room. If interested please call Dale Parker at 719-661-2020.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

Over a remote Scottish island a helicopter lost power and was forced to make an emergency landing. Luckily there was a small cottage nearby. The pilot walked over to it and knocked on the door. "Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asked the woman who answered the door. She scratched her head and thought for a few seconds. "No," she finally said, pointing down the road, "but we do have a McArde and a McKay."

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In a survey conducted Earlier this week, 1,000 American blondes were asked if they would sleep with Tiger Woods and 89% said: "Never again!"

ONE MORE.....

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave side service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back-country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost; and being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy was evidently gone, and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played 'Amazing Grace', the workers began to weep. They wept; I wept; we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I was opening the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.."

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