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### RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

What a beautiful way to start the week...sunny with the chance of rain every afternoon this week. Reminds me of the way Colorado weather used to be before the drought hit us 10 plus years ago!

#### **IF YOUR DOGS SWIM**

A lot of you bring your dogs to train, run and swim at the club during the summer and we welcome you to do so. Every year we have to put poison in the water to kill the weeds and algae that grow when the heat hits and this year is not any different.

Yesterday we put the chemical in the big pond across the road from the clubhouse, in Winchester, so we have to keep the dogs out of the pond until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. The gate to the areas north of the clubhouse is locked so if you want to train, go South into Harpers or stop by the clubhouse to see where the best option for you to run the hounds is.

#### **DOG TRAINING SUCCESS**

We had our first training session of the season this past Saturday and it was a hoot! We had a small group with young dogs, but it was absolutely amazing to see the progress they made in a short time. All of the puppies were retrieving (and the pointers were pointing) and they learned some obedience as well.

Ben Garcia is wonderful dog trainer. He is so gentle and good with the dogs! If you need to have your dog trained for hunting, you should consider having Ben do it for you. He has trained a lot of RMR dogs and will be getting our newest dog, Jazz, soon. She was the veteran of the bunch since she gets out a bunch every day and actually got to hunt birds when she was just a 4 month old puppy. She just turned 6 months and will retrieve everything you throw for her right to hand every time. If you want to have Ben evaluate your dog or to make arrangements to have him train your hunting buddy, give him a call at 303-709-6268. Watch the E-news for the next training session. (On a side note...if you make reservations for a class, please show up! We had four folks that didn't come who said they were coming and we bought birds for you and it cost us money. In the future we might have to take credit cards for reservations and if you are a no-show, you will be charged, just like a hunt!)

#### **COVER COVER COVER!!!**

It is so fun to train and run your dogs! Doug Wilson and his wife were out yesterday running their two pointers and they couldn't say enough about how tall and thick the cover is already! A lot of the grass is knee high or better. It will only get better and we seem to be getting a handle on the bad weeds too. Trying to keep both of the BIG tractors running the implements turning dirt is the exercise, and it is frustrating. We are about 75% done with the dirt work, and then the chemical will go down to kill what has grown. Then we will put seed in the ground for the crops. Barring any hail, this will be the best cover we have had in over 10 years!!

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## **DOG TRIAL TO WATCH THIS WEEKEND AT YOUR CLUB**

If you want to spend some time watching some great dog work, this coming weekend at RMR is the place to be. We will have an AKC Gordon Setter dog trial. They were supposed to have the trial the first weekend in April, but were weathered out. They rescheduled for June 13 and 14. Come out and see these 'black Irish Setters' do their thing! They are really fun to watch!

## **REAL BAD VIRUS CHECKED OUT BY SNOPEs**

I have received this one in my in box and have deleted it knowing that I have not asked for anything from either company. Pay attention!!

The newest virus circulating is the UPS/Fed Ex Delivery Failure. You will receive an email from UPS/Fed Ex Service along with a packet number. It will say that they were unable to deliver a package you sent (or perhaps one sent to you) on such-and-such a date. It then asks you to print out the invoice copy attached. **DON'T TRY TO PRINT THIS. IT LAUNCHES THE VIRUS!** Pass this warning on to all your PC operators at work and home. This virus has caused millions of dollars in damage in the past few days.

## **THANKS FOR ALL OF THE HELP**

We need to say thanks to all of the members that offered equipment for the water project we are helping out with on Fort Carson this weekend. RMR member Brain Depue came through with two back hoes and we are good to go this weekend. If you would like to come out and help with the event, email me and I will get you the details. We have to give the folks at Carson a list of people that will be coming on post, so you have to reply so we can get you on the list.

## **OTHER PROJECTS AT RMR**

With all of the response about back hoes and help, we have thought about making some of the water holes larger and deeper at the club. If this is something that you could help us accomplish, we would love to talk to you. We always want to make the water holes bigger, and with the right equipment we can do it. Our goal has been to have water in every area at the club for the dogs to get wet and have a drink. If this is something that you could help out the club with, let me know. The longer the booms on the hoes, the deeper they would go, obviously.

## **TWO FOR THE ROAD**

As a bagpiper, I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends.

The funeral was to be held at a cemetery in the remote countryside and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the backhoe and the crew who were eating lunch but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave where I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I played out my heart and soul. As I played the workers began to weep.

I played and I played like I'd never played before, from Going Home and The Lord is My Shepherd to Flowers of the Forest.

I closed the lengthy session with Amazing Grace and walked to my car. on, it's for handicapped and blind kids.'

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "Sweet Jeezuz, Mary'n Joseph, I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

#### An Inspirational Golf Story

Recently I was asked to play in a golf tournament.

At first I said, 'Naaahhh! I already play 2 or 3 times a week.'

Then they said to me, 'Come on, it's for handicapped and blind kids.'

You got the email today about the Easydriver Gift Set for Father Day. You might have seen them at the clubhouse before. These are the most amazing tools and at a super price! Once you own an Easydriver, you will never let it go! A perfect gift for Dad, or Grad! Every kid needs some tools for the college dorm room or their house!!