

21st Season Starts Off With a Bang

The start of the 21st season at Rocky Mountain Roosters has been a great way to begin another perfect year of

upland bird hunting at your club. The cover is the best we have had in 10 years. By the end of October we have gone through more than 6000 birds already, and there are plenty in the field now!

We dug out from the blizzard of '06, and we got a good dose of snow but the sun came out and it was gone in a few days, leaving us with mud and good scenting conditions!

The birds are fantastic. I don't think I have ever seen early pheasants as good as this year's crop. Long, beautiful tails and flying hard and fast. The Chukar are nice and fat and ready for the table.

It has been a long summer of repair and additions to your club. You will see that we have been busy in the field as well as at the clubhouse. We continue to battle the bad stickers, and with the few snows that we have had this year, they won't be much of an issue since they tend to get soft and not so bothersome once they are wet. The thicker cover will help as well and also give the birds so much more feed than in the years past.

Make plans now to hunt with us over the holidays. If you have family and friends coming into town, give us a call now to see what availability we have for the days around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. It always gets good around the holidays because so many of our members want to entertain their friends and family during those times. It is a great time to have a party at the club and we can always make that happen for you!

If you are not getting the email updates on a regular basis...almost weekly this time of the year, we might not have your correct email address. Email us at hunt@rmroosters.com to make sure we have your address so you don't miss out on anything!

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Anything is possible when you don't know what you are talking about.

Dr. Axton, Pheasantologist

The reason congressmen try so hard to get reelected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

I have had the opportunity to fly a lot again this year. I took a group of hunters to our lodge in Argentina to hunt Doves and Ducks in August. I went with member Kevin Cavanaugh to his bear hunting camp in Alberta (a great time if you want to shoot black bears) and flew from Colorado Springs to High Level, Alberta. I just got home from a trip with Richard Harvey and Herb Barton to compete in the reality show "SURVIVOR RUSSIA" and flew almost around the world to get to the hunting area just south of Siberia.

I have decided that for the most part the security on the planes and at the airports ... especially in the USA...is great. I have not figured out some of the procedures, but Homeland Security and TSA have a method to their madness, I think.

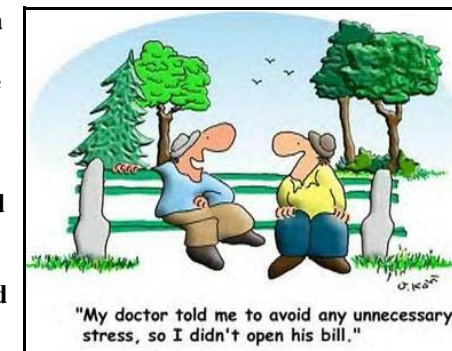
Just before our trip to Russia, some terrorist got caught with some liquid that could blow up a car or plane or train or bus and that made all of us who travel by air, not fly with anything remotely liquid or paste-like.

On top of my one inch tweezers in my one inch Swiss army pocket knife, I can now put my chapstick and toothpaste in my checked bags when flying. I don't have to worry about the shampoo since I am follically challenged anyway, but I do like to brush my teeth after flying all night or after a snack of peanuts or sugar cookies.

I keep hoping that some woman will try to board a plane in some country with a bomb in her bra. I think that would make the screening process even more interesting and my wait time much more enjoyable. I have been wearing slip on shoes when I fly just for ease...I am just trying to think here...not trying to make anything harder than it already is.

I am always amazed at how uptight some folks get about the security at the airports. Does it really make your life so much worse to have them check your ID ten times and look in your bag to see what you are carrying? I know that my time is valuable, but so is my life. I can certainly get to the airport earlier and enjoy the time watching people in an airport and spend \$20 on a burger and beer and not get hijacked or blown-up.

When we started our trip back from Moscow, the Russian version of TSA took EVERYTHING out of my bags and had it out in the open for God and every other passenger to see.



The language barrier was an issue trying to tell them that the energy drink that was in a sealed container was not cocaine, and even after tasting it and snorting a line or two (just joking) they still were not 100% that it was OK. Note to self: Don't fly with white powder...even if it is orange flavored. Plus it makes your nose sticky.

I know that fatigue makes us all more irritable, but it rears its ugly head when you travel.

When was the last time that you had a flat tire and got out of the car singing some silly song about how happy you are that you get to change

the round rubber airless piece of equipment that is now causing you to not move?

Attitude is so important in everything we do, and every situation we have to deal with. From missing a flight to dealing with a problem at home or work. If we can just take a breath and tell ourselves that it just doesn't matter and that in the scheme of things "It ain't no big thing".

I have been telling our guides at the club that same thing. We are out to have a good time and a safe hunt. Watch the dogs work and enjoy the great outdoors with our members and their friends. Killing birds is great, but don't lose too much sleep if the hunters miss or the dogs can't find all of the birds that day. Have a positive attitude and enjoy the whole experience. Hopefully the hunters have the same attitude.

You will see a sign at the club this year and I want you to pay attention to it. "If you have a problem, tell us". I mean that. We can only make your club better if we know what we can change. We have made some significant improvements to the club and we will continue to do so, but since you are a part of the club, you can be a part of the growth and improvements.

I value every member of RMR, and after 21 years I value the friendships and relationships I've made. I want to continue to cultivate them and have many more memories to cherish and share.

I will leave you with some famous words from a well known song..."Don't Worry. Be Happy!"

Do we have your email address?? If not send it to us at hunt@rmroosters.com



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RMR OWNER STARS IN NEW TV SHOW



September was a month of vacation for me. I had made arrangements several years ago to go back to Russia to hunt Giant Moose. The trip turned out to be one that was out of a horror movie or horror hunting magazine, anyway. We decided that we were on some hidden camera show, or the new reality TV Show SURVIVOR RUSSIA, and we desperately wanted voted off of the island, but the counsel would never vote!!!

I hate to re-live the whole experience, but in short my two friends (Richard Harvey and Herb Barton) and I spent several weeks in the far north-eastern part of Russia in some of the most unforgiving conditions I have ever been in. Physically it was brutal, and it was a mental exercise every day to keep on an even keel. Having said that, I always try to look at the positive in every situation.

Since we were in the middle of nowhere, and they were not going to come get us for 14 days, and the weather had turned from the partly cloudy low 50's to minus freezing degrees, we were given the opportunity to test our hunting gear in these extreme conditions.

When you travel by air to hunt in different locations, and if you are going in by small plane, helicopter or horseback, you are limited to weight restrictions. If you know this when you are packing and planning your trip it will make it much easier to know what to take and what to

leave home.

COLD WEATHER GEAR: The most amazing long underwear...UNDER ARMOUR. This stuff is by far the best I have ever used, and believe me, I have used all kinds. You can get this at Sportsman's Warehouse, Cabelas and other outlets. It is tight fitting, but that is partially why it works. Get one long sleeve shirt and the pants to stay warm all day long. With proper layering you will not get cold. You need to get the GOLD GEAR to keep you warm, the HEAT GEAR will keep you cool in the summer or when you are moving or working out. This is a must and you should tell your family this is on your Christmas List.

SOCKS: I have used the ULTIMAX and POLARTEC and the SMART WOOL socks. They all worked well and kept my feet as warm as possible...given the fact that my boots leaked and my feet were wet for two weeks, on top of being frozen. Always take more socks than you think you need. Keep your feet as dry as possible and as warm as possible.

HAT: Make sure you have a good wool "watch cap" or something that will cover your head, ears and neck. There are several styles out there and the all in one type balaclava's work well. Have a 'beanie' to wear when you go to bed at night. A lot of your heat goes out the top of your head and you will stay a lot warmer if you wear a warm cap to bed at night.

GLOVES: I had a lot of trouble with my 'water-proof' gloves this trip. Nothing stayed dry and I was disappointed with most everything except the wool gloves. I am looking for the perfect glove and have not found them yet. Still searching, and looking for suggestions.

OTHER GEAR: I was happy again with my Cabelas DRY PLUS clothing. Great waterproof pants and jacket kept me dry and warm, along with a wool sweater. I bought some of the wind shear stuff and it keeps you warm, but if you get it wet, put it away. Synthetic clothing has made huge gains in the last 20 years, and anyone that plans on being in the elements and has to worry about weight restrictions needs to look at all of the options.

If you want a great GAITER for walking in the field chasing Pheasants or Elk, the best I have found is the one made by RIVERS WEST. Member Roger Grace told me about them last year and I swear by them now...water-proof and durable without a strap on the bottom of the boot. You can find them on line at www.cabelas.com. Good lightweight head lamps are a must, even for your pack or glove box. Buy the best gear you can afford, including sleeping bags, GPS and boots. Don't skimp on the stuff that will make your trip more enjoyable and could save your life! The Tribe Has Spoken! BORIS AXTON

ANTIQUE MIRROR FOR SALE

After living in the remote wilderness of Kentucky all his life, an old hillbilly decided it was time to visit the big city. In one of the stores he picks up a mirror and looks in it. Not ever having seen one before, he remarked at the image staring back at him, "How about that! Here's a picture of my daddy." He bought the 'picture', but on the way home he remembered his wife, Lizzy, didn't like his father. So he hung it in the barn, and every morning before leaving for the fields, he would go there and look at it. Lizzy began to get suspicious of these many trips to the barn. One day after her husband left, she searched the barn and found the mirror. As she looked into the glass, she fumed, "So that's the ugly witch he's runnin' around with."

RMR WINS FUDGE COOKING CONTEST

3 - Minute Microwave Fudge



Need a "chocolate fix" in a hurry? This fudge is super quick to make, super good to taste and super fast to disappear. You will hopefully find some samples in the office at the clubhouse and the packages ready to take home and surprise your friends and family on how good of a cook you are! It made even the Chief Pheasantologist the hit of the party with the goodies from Bear Meadow Gourmet Foods!

Empty mix into a 2-quart glass bowl. Add ½ cup (1 stick) butter, cut into pieces. Do NOT substitute margarine or light butter! Microwave on high, uncovered, for 2 minutes.

Add ¼ cup of milk and stir until well-mixed. Microwave on high for 1 minute more. Pour into a buttered 8" square pan.

Refrigerate until firm. Optional: Add ½ cup chopped nuts before chilling. Ingredients: Powdered sugar, cocoa, flavoring, salt.

Tera and Herb Barton are the owners of the company and have all kinds of great...EASY TO MAKE...goodies. I just had the KEY LIME PIE that takes all of about 10 minutes to make and it is absolutely delicious! The cost for the mix is only \$5 and it will be available at the club or you can call them and they will ship any of the mixes to you directly.

Take advantage of the three different fudges, two pie mixes, and 7 different dips for chips! The dips are so easy to make and are very addictive and are only \$2!! What a steal! The dips--Jalapeno, Onion, Spinach, Tomato, Dill, Garlic, and Salsa. Call the Barton's and put together a holiday order. They are in Colorado Springs and they can ship daily...1-877-886-9088. Tell them you heard about the dreamy fudge from Chef Axton!! (We really didn't win an contest, but I could enter one and tell a lie about my secret recipe handed down for generations...naah, I'll just eat the fudge!)



BUFFALO-BEEF-DEER-ELK-PIGS -ELEPHANTS-SMOKING BIRDS

OK, no Elephants, but if you are looking for a great guy to butcher your wild game or if you would like to have cow or Buffalo for the freezer... Randy's Custom Meats is only a few miles from RMR on Ellicott Hwy and he does a SUPER JOB and is VERY REASONABLE!!

Randy is offering to smoke your Pheasants after they are cleaned for only \$2 a bird.

Randy Kerchal is the owner and does a fantastic job and the turn around is quick. He can get you a custom fed beef or buff and he can handle all of your big game needs. His jerky and summer sausage are wonderful and his 'slim jims' are out of this world.

Take advantage of leaving your birds after your hunt so you can have some smoked for the holidays. They would make great gifts too!! His number is 719-347-3204.

POLICE OURSELVES PLEASE

We need your help at the club. Since it is your club and we are trying to keep things in the best order as possible, please help us with the following:

- When you use the cleaning room, clean up after yourselves when you are done cleaning your birds. I haven't figured out how people can get blood on the ceiling and more feathers on the ground instead of in the trash cans. If you would tell your guests to be careful and clean up after they are done too. If you clean up after you are done, it makes it so much easier for us at the end of the day when the guides are tired as well.
- Pick up your empty shells in the field. If you are shooting an auto-loader, and can't find your own shells, pick up someone else's.
- Remember that we don't allow shot size bigger than 6 shot. 8, 7.5 and 6 shot are OK....nothing bigger. Make sure you let your guests know our policy as well.
- Stay in the designated parking areas. Park where the area sign is and do not drive around in the hunting area. We don't want hunting groups driving around on the roads or in the fields.