



If you think you have the answers to everything, you have been asking the wrong questions. Dr. Axton, Pheasantologist

Who ever said "It Ain't Easy" Might have been talking about Grammar

I have said many times over the last 22 years that I never talk bad about moisture. I will continue to keep my promise about never talking bad about the water that we need for drinking, fishing, bathing, washing our cars and most importantly in the 'Bird Business' water to grow crops for the birds to live and hide in. Hopefully there is enough moisture to produce a grain seed for them to eat, but most grasses and weeds provide enough food for game birds to eat.

We have had the most amazing winter in our history and in the memory of most of the old timers that live around us. I can only recall a few years where we actually had to shut down because of weather. I mean we might have had to close the club for a day because the roads were so bad you couldn't get around, but not closing the club for a week because the drifts were over the top of the fences and because every tractor we had was buried and the cavalry wasn't coming to save us! It has been brutal!

I know that cabin fever got to many of you and when you called and asked what it was like, you didn't believe us. Once you made it past the little towns on the way to the club your eyes opened up bigger than saucers and your jaw dropped to your chest and you sputtered words that were between swearing and praying....we were not kidding!

I kept telling people it was between ankle and waist deep...most people didn't hear the 'waist' part of the sentence, and it wasn't until you were in the field up to your waist that you remembered me talking about trying to swim out of the field.

We can only look back on the snows and laugh, because crying will not kill any birds and the good thing is that I think we will be open for hunting

well into April this year. Heck, we might be open into May if we have birds to shoot and the weather holds!

Because we have basically lost 6 weeks of hunting, we have a ton of birds left to shoot. I have told the folks that renew their memberships in January and a few of you have February renewals, that we will carry the hunts that you didn't get to use due to the weather, until the end of the season...whenever that is!

Look at your calendar and schedule some time to come and hunt. Since things have really started to melt the hunting has been pretty darn good. The cover is sparse, but it is bouncing back better



than we thought it would.

I think that most of you know that all of us at RMR are a pretty jovial group. We enjoy what we do and it is a lot of fun to hunt with our friends who just happen to be members. I do know that the weather definitely caused some depression among the dogs, guides and especially with the owner...ME!! It is so easy to get depressed, irritable and downright sad when you can't be outside with the dogs chasing birds without snowshoes! It was so physically hard on the dogs (and guides) that we were and still are very careful about running them too long for fear of them

hurting themselves and over extending. We have a greater appreciation for snow, now that we have had to move it, and move it, and move it!

I thank God for the sun and I will never...EVER... think about moving to a place where they have REAL SNOW!! Can you say Buffalo NY??!!

I had the chance to read a book while I was snowed in one day and I want to recommend it for any man that wants to challenge himself to be a better man (father, son, brother, leader, friend etc) Member John Eldredge is the author and until I read the book I didn't realize what he did for a living! Great writer!

(Smoking Jacket, John??)

It is a spiritual journey for men, but the women who read this will get something out of it too... The book is titled "Wild at Heart" and if you want a good read, you can find it at most book stores or on line at Amazon.

I want to thank everyone that made the 5th Annual Service Group Shootout a success. We raised \$21K in conditions that man nor beast should have been hunting in, but when we have 5000 acres of lemons, we made some sweet lemonade!

I also want to thank everyone for your business and your patience. We are running at half speed, but we are running! Thanks to Bill, Jim and Kyle for shoveling more snow than you can imagine.

I don't want to hear that the cover is too thick or too tall next year. The water is our blessing and we will all benefit from the cold white stuff this fall!



Change your Clocks

You don't need to try to make them into something they aren't, but you will need to change the time! (That was a joke...get it?)

March 11th you need to set your clock ahead one hour so you can be on time for work Monday!

This is new from previous Day Light Savings times

ONE YEAR AT YOUR FINGER TIPS

Enclosed is a calendar that you can put on your computer...on the frame or on your keyboard. We bought these last year and the crowd went wild so we had to get them again. You feel lost without a year staring you in the face when you're typing! The adhesive is easy to get off, so it won't leave any residue. You'll note the RMR hotline is right in the middle so you won't have to look us up! If you would like more for different computers, just call and we will send you a few more. RMR at your fingertips back by popular demand!

Intelligence Test

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| 1 | 24 H in a D | 24 Hours in a day |
| 2 | 26 L of the A | |
| 3 | 7 D of the W | |
| 4 | 7 W of the W | |
| 5 | 12 S of the Z | |
| 6 | 66 B of the B | |
| 7 | 52 C in a P (W J) | |
| 8 | 13 S in the U S F | |
| 9 | 18 H on a G C | |
| 10 | 39 B of the O T | |
| 11 | 5 T on a F | |
| 12 | 90 D in a R A | |
| 13 | 3 B M (S H T R) | |
| 14 | 32 is the T in D F at which W F | |
| 15 | 15 P in a R T | |
| 16 | 3 W on a T | |
| 17 | 100 C in a D | |
| 18 | 11 P in a F (S) T | |
| 19 | 12 M in a Y | |
| 20 | 13 is U F S | |
| 21 | 8 T on an O | |
| 22 | 29 D in F in a L Y | |
| 23 | 27 B in the N T | |
| 24 | 365 D in a Y | |
| 25 | 13 L in a B D | |
| 26 | 52 W in a Y | |
| 27 | 9 L of a C | |
| 28 | 60 M in an H | |
| 29 | 23 P of C in the H B | |
| 30 | 64 S on a C B | |
| 31 | 9 P in S A | |
| 32 | 6 B to an O in C | |
| 33 | 1000 Y in a M | |
| 34 | 15 M on a D M C | |

Scoring:

1 to 5 is Average
6 - 11 Somewhat Intelligent
12 to 18 Intelligent, 19 + Genius

Answers: Look on the website under 'newsletters'
www.rmroosters.com

Two Great Trips to Try

We have two great trips for RMR members and their guests.

NEW MEXICO ANTELOPE

This hunt takes place in northern New Mexico between Raton and Clayton the last weekend of August...25-27. This is a guided hunt and includes your meals and lodging. You will kill a nice trophy goat and the hunting is not strenuous. Last year RMR hunters all killed and had a great time. You have to draw a license for this hunt, but the outfitter will take care of applying for you, but the deadline is **April 6**.

The cost is \$1750 plus your license and we can take a total of 20 hunters on this hunt. It is all on private ranches and the first to send in a check for the deposit will be on the trip. Call Audrey McQueen to get set on this hunt or for more details...719-276-3346

CANADA WATERFOWL HUNT

We are heading north again for our annual trek to hunt Geese and Ducks and there is a possibility of shooting some upland birds too.

This hunt is September 27-29 and we can take a total of 15 on this hunt. The cost is \$1200 and it takes a deposit to secure your spot. You must have your money and paperwork into the office by **March 19** to go on this trip.

This is a semi-guided hunt and in the past the shooting has been fantastic. The word is that the hunting will be great again this fall. Don't miss out on this trip if you want to experience wild shooting!

Email the office or call for the paperwork for this trip. **Don't forget the deadline!**