



**By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy.  
If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. Dr Axton, Pheasantologist**

**Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?**

I have had an eventful 8 months or so. In December I asked my long time best friend to marry me, and after careful consideration she said "Yes".

So the planning was on. Not by me of course...I kept telling people that I was just a pawn in the chess game of life. I didn't know how complicated the chess game was until the seven pound "How to Plan a Wedding" book was delivered by FedEx.

I continued on with my normal life knowing that if I showed up at the right church on time and that I had on the proper monkey suit I would be golden. I was partially correct. Emphasize the word partially.

Since this was my first (and last) time down the aisle, I wanted to make sure that my family and friends had a good show. It was certainly different getting married at 45 years of age verses 25 for sure.

I was born and raised in Colorado Springs and I consider all of the Rocky Mountain Roosters members my extended family, as well as all of the charity groups that I am involved with and my business associates and clients. This lead to a difficult problem of trying to narrow down who we would invite to the wedding.

We got the list together and sent out the obligatory "Save the Date" card, which I didn't know we had to do, but I was in the learning mode at this point. Now I was really committed.

The learning process continued as we made a snowy drive to RMR member Ralph Klomp's Trice Jewelers. I told Ralph that I was on a budget, and he told me that I wasn't, she picked out her ring and I went for the cigar band

and that idea was promptly shot down by Rebecca and Ralph.

He did a great job for me and was good about giving me the good guy discount. She was happy and that was all that mattered, right?

I had graduated from grade school to high school in the higher learning experience of wedding planning. Now I started learning about colors and announcements. I thought white notebook paper would be great for the invitations, but I was wrong. (As you can see, I can say I was wrong and it didn't even make me sick)

The 4000 different types of paper were spread out over the house and I was now given the task of trying to pick

what I liked. What I was actually doing was trying to figure out what Rebecca liked. I was wrong again. (it gets easier with time)

She did a wonderful job of picking out the perfect paper, envelopes and tying little bows on each of the notes that would tell people where and when. (Why not an email??)

Jim and Donna Maguire, our good friends and parents of RMR member Kevin Maguire have a beautiful home in Monument, Colorado and after a failed goose hunt we stopped by to see if we could have our reception at their famed "Maguireville" since we were on a budget (yeah right) and we needed somewhere to



hold the party after the preacher performed the "I do's".

They agreed to the idea and did a fantastic job of getting the property ready for the event.

On the 28th of July the stars and moons aligned and after months of playing chess with the perfect party planner (Rebecca) the players were assembled and we tied the knot.

The pastor who was in our church when I was a child and who is a dear friend of the family came back to Colorado Springs from his church in Erie, Colorado and performed the best service that I could have ever imagined.

We had three Buffalo expertly prepared by Bill Raether and his crew and the graduation from single life to married bliss was complete.

The big surprise of the whole process was a bachelors party that my brother Scott and Kevin executed without a hitch. I was completely surprised and humbled by the 100 or so friends that came for the roast.

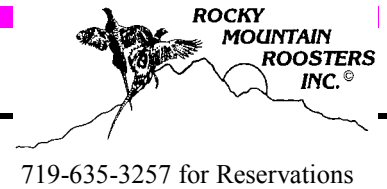
We took a trip to Africa after the wedding where we hunted with our archery gear and it was fantastic!

Rebecca will still be cooking lunches for you all on the weekends as she has done for the past few years, but now she is Mrs. Axton.

I was told there are two ways to keep a marriage brimming: When you are wrong, admit it. When you are right, shut up. I hope she understands this.

Thanks for all of your kind words and support. All of us at RMR are happy that you are a part of our family...my new one too!

Do we have your email address?? If not send it to us at [hunt@rmroosters.com](mailto:hunt@rmroosters.com)



## We Are Ready For The Best Year Yet at RMR

The boots are oiled and the last chores are getting done as we approach the 22nd year of hunting at Rocky Mountain Roosters. It has been an interesting summer at your club.

It started out so wet that we couldn't get into the fields until the last of May and into the first weeks of June. If it wasn't a tractor going down, it was a seeder getting stuck in the mud! As most of you know, we had the most snow we have ever had at the club during the winter from hell. The ground moisture was a blessing, however, and the Spring rains continued to give us the much needed water that we have been lacking for several years.

The cover looks great! We had a horrible hail storm the 15th of August, and chose to reseed a couple of areas, but luckily we only got hit at the clubhouse and across the road to the north. The hail stopped before you get to Carter's Creek. The cover in the hail hit areas is bouncing back and it is going to be fine. The rains have continued and the grasses and weeds along with the corn, cane and millet should provide plenty of opportunity for hunting Pheasants and Chukar. The other areas are perfect and we are excited about the coming season.

As you have read on your email updates...if you don't get the emails from the office, send your address to [hunt@rmroosters.com](mailto:hunt@rmroosters.com) and we will make sure you are not missing anything...we are only hunting the Quail in the GIANT HUNTS. This has worked out well and it gives you the best shooting at these little Bobwhite Rockets. See the next page for details on the GIANT QUAIL and GIANT CHUKAR hunts.



Ben Garcia, RMR's dog trainer is very busy training the future of the sport and he has a direct number at RMR now. 719-347-2575 . If you need information about his training program, give him a call. He is at the club everyday and he does a super job with the dogs.

Tim Andersen with National Barn just completed the new barn at the club so we can get our equipment out of the weather. Something we wish we had last winter, for certain. That is the big blue roof that you will see as you drive down the road towards the clubhouse. Get ready for a fantastic year! We are ready for you!!



Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely.

After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!!!"

"IMPOSSIBLE !!" said the groom broom.

Are you ready for this?

Brace yourself; this is going to hurt.

"WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEEPED TOGETHER!"

## LUNCHES ON WEEKENDS AT THE CLUB

Rebecca and Dawn will continue to cook you hot meals on the weekends at the club. Meals are still a bargain at \$6 and they will always have a hot pot of chili on the stove as well as a different entrée each week for your enjoyment. Take advantage of their hard work to make sure you are fed a hot meal before or after a hunt. They will start cooking each weekend beginning October 6th. You don't need reservations for lunch and they really appreciate your patronage!



**GIANT HUNTS ARE BACK**

We continue to host a popular hunt at RMR, and if you want a hunt that will absolutely test your shooting skills, and be ranked as one of the most fun trips you have ever had at the club, you need to try a GIANT HUNT!! No we don't hunt big people --read on!

The GIANT QUAIL HUNT is an all day affair starting at 8am. You'll hunt from 8am to 11am and break for lunch. After you relax and eat, you'll be back in the field about 1pm for the afternoon. We will run the Quail hunts from October through December 15th only.

On this hunt your group can kill 100 Quail. Lunch, a guide and dogs are included. The maximum number of hunters we take is four and the cost is \$750 for members. (the cost is a little more this year due to bird prices) You can shoot Pheasant and Chukar while on this unbelievable hunt, you'll just pay for the birds if you kill them.

We are only booking 40 GIANT QUAIL HUNTS this year, so if you want to reserve one, call the office and get on the list. This is the only way that we are hunting Quail this year...we hope it will keep them more wild and we have **two new areas that the GIANT hunts will take place in.**

On the GIANT CHUKAR HUNT you can shoot 100 Chukar. A guide and dogs, lunch and bunches of fun are included!! The cost for this unbelievable hunt for up to four hunters is still only \$950. Get your friends together and take advantage of these fun hunts. Call now for reservations .....719-635-3257.

The GIANT hunts will be available starting October 4th.



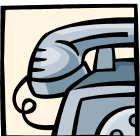
Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over and whispered, "My butt is going to sleep." "I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times."

**Hunt Tests Are Another Way To Train And Show Off Your Dogs and Your Shooting**

Everyone thinks their dog is special. Members of the North American Gun Dog Association (NAGDA) are no exception. The difference is that NAGDA allows its members the bragging right to the hunter who has the top dog.

NAGDA, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to promoting bird-hunting activities at host clubs and sponsors hunting competitions for pointers, flushers, seniors, women, youth, amateurs and advanced dog-handlers. Attention is given to mentoring youth to enjoy upland bird hunting with dogs in a safe and caring environment. The goal is a national network of hunting dog enthusiasts participating in local, regional and national events with host hunting clubs.

With host hunting clubs from California to Maryland, there are nine divisions of competition in NAGDA events: (1) open flushing, (2) amateur flushing, (3) open pointing, (4) amateur pointing, (5) youth division, (6) senior division, (7) women's division, (8) puppy division and (9) doubles. In each event, five birds (pheasant or chukar) are released in a 14-15 acre field with good cover. The competition is a timed event and typically involves one hunter, one dog, two pheasant, two chukar, eight shells and 20 minutes. When 4 birds are bagged the competition is over and the hunter and dog are awarded points for birds found (pointed), flushed and retrieved as well as leftover shells and minutes. Events are held at private hunt clubs beginning September and ending with a National championship in April in Stratton, CO. For more information about these fun hunting tests, call RMR member and champion dog owner, Sam Taylor at 719-527-9656. Sam is also on the board of NAGDA.



**RESERVATIONS PLEASE...**

I know it sounds like a broken record to most of you, but we are starting a new season and I have to go over the reservations policy, again.

**To make reservations call the office, not the clubhouse.** The number is 719-635-3257. Brett has the master reservations book and so he or the office staff, Janna or Brett, will make all reservations. The office is open Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5pm. If you don't get a live body, we have voice mail, so leave a message.

You can also book hunts online by emailing your request to [hunt@rmroosters.com](mailto:hunt@rmroosters.com). We will respond to you via email and the only thing you need to do is show up for your hunt. **Cancellations can not** be done via the email, and must be phoned in. This is to make certain that we have them and they were not lost in cyberspace.

**REMEMBER!!!!** Cancellations are required 48 hours prior to a hunt. If you don't show for a hunt or forget to cancel, you will be charged for the hunts scheduled. This is not a new policy, just a friendly reminder.

If you just want to hunt pheasants, that is fine. That is our standard hunt, which allows each hunter to kill five birds, either sex. If you just want to hunt Chukar you can kill 7 birds per person. If you don't specify a certain species of birds, the limit is 5 in combination...what ever you kill. If you kill more than five, you just pay for them after they are in the bag. Let us know if you are using your own dog or if we need to provide you a handler and dogs, still at no charge.

# RMR's 22nd Season To Open on September 15th

August and September has turned out to be a different year for us at Rocky Mountain Roosters. We normally kick off the season with an annual Dove hunt in Las Animas, but as most of you know, the birds didn't cooperate with us and left the state for the most part before the opener. We had to cancel the hunt due to lack of birds and there have been mixed reports of success in different parts of the state. Some birds were put in the pot, but for the most part it was an exercise in futility.

We are ready to start shooting upland birds at your club, however, starting on September 15th. As usual, we will only hunt in the mornings until the weather cools down enough for the dogs to hunt in the heat of the day, and that means after noon.

If you want to hunt in the afternoon, you can with your own dogs, but be very careful about overheating your hunting partners and yourself! Keep plenty of water in your vehicle and carry a water bottle for your dogs as well as staying hydrated yourself.

Many members wonder why we choose to hunt in the mornings only in September. It is a simple fact that the dogs can't handle the heat and the cover is still green and scenting conditions are harder after the cover starts to dry out in the mid day and in the afternoons. When there is dew on the ground in the early mornings the dogs can smell the birds better and you get a better hunt

Whether you hunt when it is hot or when there is snow on the ground, you need to make certain that your dog has plenty of water to drink while he is hunting and after you are done. We have some great one quart water bottles in the store in the clubhouse if you need one and they are great for the vest or your game bag. Bright colors so they are easy to find if you drop them in the field! Only \$5 each...cheap enough for one for you and one for the pooch!

**KEEP YOUR DOGS  
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