

## 21st Season Opens with Annual Dove Hunt

us that pursue game with a shotgun it is the official start of the hunting season in Colorado. Dove season kicks off the hunting year as usual at Rocky Mountain Roosters. We will be sponsoring a group dove hunt in Las Animas again this year on September 1st. This event is for members and their guests and the cost is \$25 per person. RMR's waterfowl outfitter Jeff Baylor with Beaten Path Outfitters is putting the trip together and the trip is limited to the first 40 hunters.

We will meet in Las Animas at 5am on the 1st at the Loaf and Jug on Hwy 50, and if you are interested in going you might want to consider going down the night before to avoid having to get up at 'O Dark 30' to drive there for the hunt. The Best Western's phone number is 719-456-0011, and the Colonial Inn is 719-456-0303. If you strike out there, try La Junta for a place to stay, but I don't have numbers for you in that town.

You must have a Colorado Small Game License, Hunters Safety Card, Habitat Stamp and HIP number (it sounds harder than it is) to hunt this federally regulated bird. It is a lot of fun and this trip fills every year, so call the office to make your reservation to join us on this trip.

You are probably wondering when we will start hunting upland birds as well. We will be watching the weather and will only hunt in the mornings the first few weeks or until it cools down. We have a tentative opening date of September 16th for Pheasants and Chukar. By the first of October we should be in full swing hunting both mornings and afternoons.

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. If you have your own dogs and want to hunt in the afternoons, that is an option you have, but there are no guided hunts in the afternoons until the weather cooperates.

**KEEP YOUR DOGS  
HYDRATED!**

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. Keep a water bottle with you and a jug in your truck for a cool drink after the guns are up and you are ready to call it quits for the day.

September 1st is a National Holiday for hunters. It isn't marked on any calendar that way, but for those of

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**Women and Cats will do as they please.  
Men and Dogs should just get used to the idea.**

**Dr Axton, Pheasantologist**

**Have you ever noticed that the people who are late are much jollier than the people who had to wait for them?**

I have always been one to look at the glass as half full. The thing that I want to know is what it is full of...water, whiskey, sand, gold, milk...what are we talking about here??

The first part of the summer started out as another dry-hot-dusty 'mutha'. We didn't know if we were going to have enough cover to hunt and if we did how long would it last. My glass had a crack in it somewhere and it was wanting to leak.

Along came the first of July and the clouds opened up and the wonder of nature took place with amazing speed. We have cover in every area and the feed is fantastic and the grass areas and meadows are beyond our expectations.

I have said this before, and I will continue to spout it...I never complain about weather since you can't do anything to change it. I am always calling the club and asking Bill if it rained. Most of the time he tells me that he would have already called me if it had!

I read somewhere that in the winter we are constantly trying to keep our houses at the temperature that we were complaining about during the summer, or something to that effect. We don't seem to be satisfied with what we have. I am all for creature comforts, but sometimes the creature turns into a monster.

Most of you know that my Mother is going through some tough rehabilitation from a simple surgery that had a bad side effect. While she was laying in her hospital bed, unable to move from the waist down, she said something to me that I will never forget.

She told me that she went to group therapy that day

and the people that are on the same floor she is on have much greater problems than she does. "If we all took our troubles and threw them into the middle of the floor, most of us would pick our own back out of the pile."

That made sense to me. We all have our own set of problems, but they are the ones that we can deal with and we don't have a whole lot of choice over what they are. We do have a choice in how we deal with them.

Today the 'spooks' and military caught the 21 men that had intentions on murdering more innocent people in the air from London to the USA. The way we board an airplane will be changed again, and it won't



on about how they thought the homeland security folks and the TSA were over reacting.

I personally can do with out my dippity doo and toothpaste in my carry on luggage if it means that I don't become a crispy critter thanks to some religious nut that hates everyone that isn't just like him.

It isn't just the USA that the Muslim terrorists are after. It is anyone that isn't a Muslim. I see that there are 11 missing folks from Egypt running around the country somewhere. They are probably looking for a job, and are trying to melt into our society because they like what America stands for, or maybe they are here to blow up a mall or a museum or a football game...we can't assume

be the last time. The media on one of the Denver radio stations just couldn't leave the issue alone and went on and

anything.

We have porous borders, and it isn't only from illegal aliens from the south, they are coming in from every direction. Why do they want to come to America? Is it because it is the best place on earth to live, worship, work and raise a family? I think so.

I had the good fortune to take a week off this summer to visit Alaska. I wanted to go fishing with some RMR members in September on my way to Russia, but the airline that I was scheduled to fly on went bankrupt.

While we enjoyed our short but very eventful trip to the land that never sleeps, or at least the land that made me feel like I needed a long nap after I got home, we visited long time RMR member Michael Rocereta. He has always told me that if I ever made it to his neck of the woods to look him up, and I did.

Michael took us on a personalized flight-see tour of the glaciers around Anchorage. We saw things that most people will never see from the air and up close and personal. It was really the icing on the cake. He is a geologist and it really made the trip special to have the information to go with the view.

We spoke a lot about oil in Alaska, and it is strange that the pipeline is closed for repairs so soon after we were visiting. Oil is such an important part of the Alaskan economy, and he works in the industry.

Today the price of oil is high, and the price of freedom is even higher...expect it all to cost more in the future. I think it is worth it.

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



719-635-3257 for Reservations

## RMR'S 21st Year Could Be a Record Breaker!!

We are about to start the 21st year of gunning upland birds at Rocky Mountain Roosters, and the cover is the best that I have seen in several years. If you get the email updates, you know that we have received some critical rains this summer. Early on, we were wondering where we would hunt, but that thought is far from our minds now. There is great holding cover and the open grass areas are lush and green. We have been blessed!

The guys have been hard at work all summer getting ready for the upcoming bird season. The club looks the best that it ever has! Bill, Dennis and Jim have done a super job of cleaning up the facility from the previous season, and it shows. The next time you are out you should notice a big difference in the landscaping and the general appearance of your club.

The first weekend of August was a work day at RMR. Most of the guides got together to finish the flight pens complete with a new top net, side mesh, automatic heated water founts and six new 175 pound automatic feeders. We have always tried to have as little contact with the birds as possible, and that is what has made our birds the best in the west.

We are going to try something different this year with the Quail hunts. Because Quail are the hardest bird to keep in captivity, and they are the hardest bird to keep wild and flighty, we have changed the way we will hunt the Bobwhite Quail this season. We are only hunting the Quail in one area and these hunts are only of the Giant variety. We will do large releases in this area and schedule the Giant hunts close together so there are more birds to shoot at.

By having the Quail hunts in one area that has medium grass and good waist high brush, we think that the birds will be better flying targets and that they will covey up at night to avoid freezing and predators. The big issue for us, is that they fly well and that they are safe to shoot at. In the past we have had marginal results with the Quail and we are trying to eliminate that problem.

If you want to hunt Quail, put together a group of no more than four and put your name on the list so we have a hunt or two saved for you....you will have a blast!



Corn and Sorghum tall and thick



## My Mother Superior on the Mend

For the members that receive the email updates, this is old news, but the update is new. On July 7 my Mom, Peggy, had a routine epidural injection in her spine for pain related to bad discs. The needle punctured an artery and a blood clot formed leaving her paralyzed from the waist down.

The initial prognosis was not good and I sent out an urgent prayer request to the membership and it was immediately taken to heart with loads of prayer and concerned calls.

Five weeks after the surgery, we are happy to say that she is getting better. She has some feeling in the legs and feet and the physical and occupational therapists are doing a great job with her. She is walking short distances with a walker and is hoping not to have to use a wheelchair when she goes home. A true miracle and one that happened because of the love and prayers of the RMR members.

Peggy wanted me to tell everyone that she is going to walk out of the hospital, thanks to YOU!

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said:

"If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress.

He assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it was just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

God brews the coffee, not the cups . . . enjoy your coffee.

## 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.

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 20 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 a new area 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 7th.



I finally remembered—red with hunter, white with fisherman.

Most of the "You might be a REDNECK" jokes from Jeff Foxworthy are pretty good. Here are some things that we might think about. I am certain that there are other things that we could come up with as a TRUE AMERICAN.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, "One nation, under God."

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You still say "Christmas" instead of "Winter Festival"

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You bow your head when someone prays.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem.

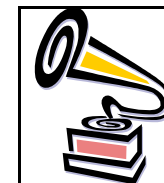
You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You treat Viet Nam vets with great respect, and always have.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You've never burned an American flag.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You respect your elders and expect your kids to do the same.

You might be a TRUE AMERICAN if: You'd give your last dollar to a friend.



## A Broken Record??

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 Vikki, 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.