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Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end, the faster it goes. Dr. Axton, Pheasantologist

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

I consider myself a fairly intelligent person. At least I tell myself that I am pretty smart, anyway.

This past weekend I drove with my wife out to the club. We remodeled the old clubhouse several years ago and affectionately call it "The Shack". Being married now, it is "The Love Shack".

On our way out we stopped by Wendy's for some dinner. As I drove the 30 miles to the club she ate her baked potato and I saved my dinner to eat when I got to our getaway from home. We unloaded all of her goodies that she was going to prepare for lunch for the hunters and let the dog do her business before we settled in for the night.

By the time I was ready for dinner, the hamburger and fries were cold so I just put the paper sack with the food in the trusty microwave to warm up my first and only meal of the day, and set the timer for a minute and turned it on and went to the fridge for a cold barley pop.

I heard a loud crack and then a series of 'pops' and looked at the microwave in time to see a small inferno blazing inside the glass cooker. I opened the door and grabbed the now fully engulfed happy meal and went for the back door which was only a few steps away.

The bag was now burning better than most of my campfires and I dropped it on the rug that I always (right honey?) wipe my feet on when entering the old house and it promptly lit the rug on fire as well.

After stomping on the flames and trying to miss the burger, I put out the fire and salvaged at least part of my dinner.

I have never put foil in a microwave but never thought the paper the burger was in would erupt in a fast fire like it did. I felt pretty stupid,

but luckily I was able to have a char-broiled burger and learned a lesson. Let my wife drive if I am going to have a hot meal from a fast food take out joint.

This first 45 days of hunting at your club has been good. Good and Dry for sure, but we have shot a lot of birds and it continues to get better. As I write it is snowing softly at the club and we have been waiting for some moisture to get the scenting conditions better for the dogs.

I looked in my crystal ball last Spring and saw what was happening with the slow down in the economy and the horrible rise in gas prices. I didn't know how it would affect the club, but it did

about what I thought it would.

More folks are putting off their expensive trips to South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas and are coming out to hunt at RMR. If my crystal ball would have told me a bit more about the stock market I would have been even more happy, but it broke right after I asked it about the club and the election. 1 for 2 questions were right.

This past summer we tried some different combinations of chemicals for the control of the dreaded sand burr problems that we have been experiencing with the drought. As you know we didn't get any measurable moisture until August, and while the cover is pretty decent, we do have

a problem in a lot of the areas with the stickers. This issue goes away when there is snow on the ground, but when it is open and dry the dogs have a heck of a time in certain areas.

Two things: First, if you have boots for your dogs, they are a good idea to put on if it is dry ground. They look like clowns when they first have them on, but get used to them. (Old tire tubes cut and taped on the dogs feet work well too). Second, we think that we have found how we can control the sticker problem for next year. We didn't want to spend a ton of money if it didn't work, but in the areas that we tried it did well. We are going full force to plow (not just disc) and spray the crop areas this Spring to get these nasty dudes out of the area.

Every farm that you hunt in the wild has the same problem, and it will continue as the coyotes, birds and other critters move the seeds around, but we are actively addressing the problem. It is very expensive to tackle this issue, but we are going forward with a major sticker control program.

I am sure that you are all glad that you are not hearing the political advertising any longer. Whether your candidate won or lost, we have to come together as Americans and support our leaders. Remember that it isn't one man that controls the country, but a slew of them in Washington (and in Denver). Don't be afraid to write a letter or pick up the phone and express your thoughts and concerns.

The same goes at the club....I welcome your comments any-time and we work for YOU!!





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

Elk, Moose, Antelope and Deers...ohhh my!!

For the last 20 plus years we have been putting together trips for RMR members and their



guests that include waterfowl hunts in Colorado and Canada, various big game hunts and several different Turkey hunts.

If you have a hankerin' for a big Moose and want to experience the wilds of British Columbia, we have the spot! RMR will be taking hunters back in 2009 and 2010 for **BIG Moose** and you have the opportunity for Grizzly and Caribou if you choose too. All of the hunters that went this fall had chances at bulls and they shot 6 bulls (2 Caribou and 1 Stone Sheep and a Grizz). If this is a hunt you would like to join us on, the cost is \$9,000 and is 10 days in the field. The September hunt still has some openings for 2009 and the Sept and Oct hunts both have openings for 2010. If you call the office we can send you all of the information about this fantastic hunt. The best thing

about this hunt besides the fact that you see a good amount of game is the fact that we bring back all of the meat, antlers and hides in a freezer truck. Not only do you get a wonderful trophy, but you get to enjoy the meat for the next several years!

If you want to stay closer to home and get a nice Elk, we have just the ticket for you too. New Mexico offers hunting for some of the **biggest Elk in North America** and our good friends Roger and Audry McQueen have the hot spot. This is a must for the serious archery or muzzleloader hunter, but they do take rifle hunters too. You have to draw a tag for these hunts, and it may take a year or two to draw, but you might get lucky like we did this year and draw a tag the first time out of the gate.

This fully guided hunt takes place in September and October and is \$4200. If you want to apply for the hunt, you will need to let us know by March 1st so we can make certain you get in for the right area and the right season.

We all know how hard it is to find a **trophy Pronghorn Antelope** in Colorado, but they are over running New Mexico. You have to draw a license for this hunt too, but it is worth the price of admission if you get a license! This hunt is in August and is only \$1750.

The last great opportunity that I can tell you about in NM is **big Mule Deer**. This takes place in November and last week all of the hunters filled out with most bucks in the 160 plus range but several



over 180 and one of the hunters missed one that was a non-typical that would easily go over 230! This is a very comfortable hunt and after you draw the license the hunt is \$3500.

If you would like more information about any of these hunts, call the office and we can get you references, and if you want to talk to the owners of the outfits we can pass along their numbers to you as well.



FOOTBALL ON WEEKENDS AT YOUR CLUB

Thanks to Doug Estrada of Valcom and DIRECT TV and Hughes Net we have a big screen TV and the NFL Football package and you can watch your favorite games before or after you hunt. If you need any of the Satellite Service along the front range, support Doug since he supports RMR by donating the service. 719-648-7122

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. 'Oh, I really liked it,' she replied, 'especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents. Dumbfounded, her date asked, 'What do you mean?'

'Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like, hello, it's only 25 cents!'

MILITARY HUNTING BANK NEEDS YOU

Five years ago RMR started a program at your club that we affectionately call the **MILITARY HUNTING BANK**. This program was set up to take enlisted men and women out in the field for a morning or afternoon hunt. We have taken more than 1200 military hunters since then .

The way the program works is RMR members and their friends donate a hunt and in turn we work with the military institutions to find soldiers that want to come out and hunt for a day, free of charge. You can donate one or more of your hunts or send a check to buy a hunt or two. We have a lot of soldiers that want to come out, and we have not turned anyone away, even if the HUNTING BANK account is empty.

If you want to be put on a list to have soldiers hunt with you or if you have dogs and would like us to schedule you to take these fine young Americans out for a day of shooting, let us know too.

Here is an excerpt of an email I received a few weeks ago from a soldier who went with us last year:

Greetings from Iraq!!! I recently received some photos from a friend that were taken during a recent pheasant hunt he was just on. Seeing them reminded me of the hunt that I participated in last year at Rocky Mountain Roosters.

Even though it has been a year I can not begin to thank you enough for providing me with such a great hunting experience. It was the first time in many years that I had been able to hunt pheasants. It may have been a howling blizzard but that did not stop it from being a great time. Two weeks after the hunt I was on a plane heading to Iraq for another deployment. During the last 11 months of this deployment I have remembered that hunt almost daily.

I wish I was able to put into words just how much I appreciate the kindness and generosity you and your members showed in providing the hunt for me. The pleasant memories from it have been a bright spot during some rough times over this deployment.

Please accept my "thank you" for the great hunt and know that your kindness means so much more to me than I can say. The hunts you have provided for us military folks are an amazing gift that has provided us with a gift that no money can buy.

Sincerely, SSG William Berger

WITH ALL OF THE RECENT FINANCIAL TURMOIL ON WALL STREET, HERE IS A REVISED COURSE ON MARKET TERMINOLOGY---FOR OUR TIME:

CEO --Chief Embezzlement Officer.

CFO-- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET -- A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER -- What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR -- Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

SUBPRIME MORTGAGE - A loan that allows you to buy a house in less than prime condition for way above market value.

BAILOUT - What you do in the basement of a subprime house following the first rains after you move into it.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- An archaic word no longer in use.

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried.

The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. 'Disregard.' He says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

HOUSEKEEPING, 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.
- Hunts end at 11am and 4pm. Watch your time, please.

23rd Season Starts Off With a Bang

The start of the 23rd season at Rocky Mountain Roosters has been super so far.

The first month has been unseasonably hot and dry, but the fall and cooler temps are here, now.

Since August we have held 3 gun safety classes at your club. This class gives you the necessary paperwork to take to your individual county to get your concealed carry permit, if that is something that you want. I would recommend that you take the class and get your permit before it becomes harder to do so. We have another class scheduled for January 10th at the club and the cost is \$70 and includes lunch. This class is open to any member and their family and friends. When this one fills up, we will hold another one if there is enough interest and demand.

If your dog needs some help or you have a new hunting buddy, don't forget that Ben Garcia is RMR's full time on-site trainer and you can call him direct at 719-347-2575.

Don't forget that we are still supporting our men and women in uniform with the HUNTING BANK. Read about this great program inside the newsletter.

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! Put us on your good guy list in your email program so our emails don't get sent to your spam file and you don't miss out on anything that we might send you. Come play with us! The hunting is great, and so are you!

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