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Why do you have to "put your two cents in", but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? What's that extra penny going for? **Dr. Axton, Pheasantologist**

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

I cherish this time of year with many memories of seasons past.

One of the things that I remember as a child was the opportunity to go big game hunting with my father Ralph and brother Scott.

The rule in the Axton household was that we had to maintain good grades and be little gentlemen at home and school and church. The rules made it difficult for me and I sometime wonder how I ever got to go hunting at all, but it was a motivator for sure.

For me, the preparation started many weeks before the season. Laying out my cloths, and trying on the boots, coats, gloves and re-trying them on just to make sure I hadn't missed a finger or an arm somewhere between the last time I had them on!

My father only had one pair of binoculars for the family, so I would look through them at Pikes Peak after school and before he got home from work. I would imagine a big buck walking down the street in the suburbs (if you called them suburbs back then) of our home in Colorado Springs. The neighborhood cats and squirrels could not hide from the old Bushnell eight power optics and a 12 year old master hunter.

We would pack up the green four man Coleman canvas tent and all of the supplies that we would need for the weekend adventure to the Rocky Mountains, and take to the road after Dad finished his work on Friday night. Time ticked away slowly.

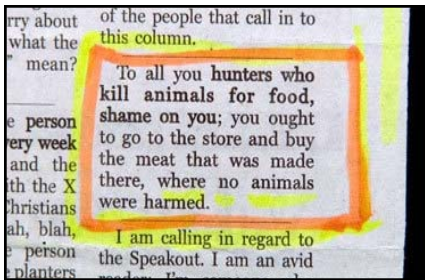
He had an old army mummy bag and he somehow found the money to buy two flannel sleeping bags for my brother and I. They were not expedition quality, but we didn't know the difference and wore our long john's and an extra sweater when it was really cold, and we were fine. I figured that it was sup-

posed to be cold when you were hunting in the fall! Part of the experience, right?

We would get to our camp site hours after dark and set up the tent in the headlights of the Ford station wagon and light the lantern so we could see what lines I had gotten tangled up and what stakes were missing from the sides of the tent. Temperature didn't seem to matter even though my mittens were like wearing boxing gloves to a surgery.

We would settle down on the floor of the tent and I remember how quiet it was. The wind might have been blowing but we were snug in our sleeping bags and we were with family...that was all that mattered.

Dad would then take out a small transistor radio from his duffle bag and we would try to find a clear channel radio station and we would listen to talk radio or if we were lucky we could listen to the World Series.



He would set the radio in the space between our three heads and we would hear the crack of the bats and the crowd cheering for the team that made a play or got an out at the plate. I can't even tell you who was playing, but it didn't matter because we were with family...and hunting!

We all have an opportunity to make memories with our families and our children. It doesn't matter what you are doing, as long as you

are with your loved ones!

In this newsletter you will see an article about mentoring a child or a new hunter. You have the chance and really the obligation to preserve our sport by getting someone else involved in the outdoors.

Thanks to the generosity of the RMR family, we have been able to take a lot of soldiers hunting that have never been shooting other than at targets or people. This has made a huge impact on them and I thank you for that.

We are a family at your club and your fellowship and friendship mean a lot to us. We try hard to make your experiences at your club ones that you remember and ones that you want to share with others. If there is something that we can do better, please let me know and I will try to make it happen.

The gals are cooking again on the weekends at RMR so when you come hunting on a Saturday or Sunday plan on eating with us! They always appreciate your support and you won't find a better lunch for the price!

We are looking forward to another great year of offering super bird hunting for you and your families and friends and we want to tell you thanks for your support and your business for the last 24 years.

The holidays are upon us and we look forward to having you include hunting as a part of the festivities. Give us a call or email us to make a reservation so we can help you make a memory and thanks for letting us be a part of your family!

Remember...YOU really can make a difference!!



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

Take The Time To Mentor a Child or New Hunter

Fall is a time of year parents



and their children enjoy doing things together—attending soccer matches, carving scary jack-o'-lanterns, raking leaves (OK, maybe that one's not so much fun) and gathering around the table for Thanksgiving dinner. It's also a great time of year to introduce a young person to hunting.

Hunting seasons are open across the country. From deer to upland birds, waterfowl, wild turkey, squirrel and rabbits, hunters have their choice of game to pursue. When the time is right for an adult mentor to introduce a youth to hunting, the National Shooting Sports Foundation's STEP OUTSIDE program helps make that introduction fun.

You can start by sending your son or daughter an electronic postcard with a colorful photo of the game animal or hunting scene of your choice. This helps youth visualize the experience, and it's a nice surprise when the e-postcard pops up in their inbox. www.stepoutside.org

Enjoy the hunt: remember the sights, sounds and smells. Then when you're back home, take a moment and together enter the STEP OUTSIDE Sweepstakes and earn a chance to win one of five \$1,000 gift certificates at Bass Pro Shops. It's easy. Tell NSSF about your experience by taking a short survey. Maybe you were successful in harvesting your game, or maybe not. It doesn't really matter because, as all hunters know, it's the experience afield with family and friends that counts. www.stepoutside.org

Not a hunter? That's OK. Introduce a youngster to target shooting and you can still enter. Just take the survey by the deadline of Jan. 1, 2010. Winners will be selected in a random drawing on Jan. 19, 2010.



The valuable survey information helps NSSF design programs like STEP OUTSIDE and other initiatives that encourage youth to enjoy the outdoors. As a hunter and a target shooter, you're in a unique position to share your knowledge of the outdoors and pass on a great tradition.

Many states are making it easier to do this by offering apprentice hunting licenses that allow youth to join a licensed adult mentor on a hunt. Keep in mind that autumn is a time of year when we harvest many things that began as a seed in the spring. Yet it's also a time of year when we can plant a seed that just may turn a youngster into a lifelong hunter, target shooter and conservationist.



FOOTBALL ON WEEKENDS AT YOUR CLUB

Before or after hunting you can watch the football games on the big screen at RMR, thanks to Doug Estrada of **Valcom and DIRECT TV** and Hughes Net. We have a huge TV and the NFL Football package, and you can watch your favorite teams battle and hunt the same day! If you need any Satellite Services or computer repair and service along the front range, support Doug since he supports RMR by donating the service. **719-648-7122**



*If you look in the mirror
and see a beer belly,
bald head, big red nose,
varicose veins, and a
complexion like leather,
...Look on the
bright side...
at least your eyesight
is OK!!*

MILITARY HUNTING BANK NEEDS YOU

Six years ago in the fall of 2003 we started a program at RMR to honor our men and women in uni-

form by taking them hunting for FREE. It has been a very successful program and we have taken more than 2000 soldiers out in the field since then.

Members of the club donated a hunt or two from their membership or bought a hunt for a soldier and we have outfitted them with guns and shells and many of you have taken them with you on a hunt that you already had scheduled or set one up especially to have an extra service man or woman out for a day in the field.

We are continuing with this program and are asking for donations of hunts again to the **MILITARY HUNTING BANK**. If you would be willing to donate a hunt we will put it in the BANK and let the points of contact that we have with the different military installations know they are available to use.

We had a soldier call us from Iraq and ask if he could hunt when he gets back this month. He was so excited about being able to do something he loved and obviously could not afford it. We set him up and he said he had another reason to count the days until he is back home in Colorado!

If you would like to have a soldier come with you on a hunt, let us know and we can arrange that, too. If you have good dogs and want to take a group of soldiers hunting we can make that happen too. It is a very rewarding experience and several members have asked us to keep them on call for such an occasion.

Keep our men and women in harms way in your prayers and thank them whenever you see them!!!

LET'S JUST SEE HOW OBSERVANT YOU REALLY ARE

(Answers on the RMR Website under Newsletters and Quarterly Newsletter...www.rmroosters.com)

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or bottom?
2. How many states are there in the USA? (Don't laugh, some people don't know.)
3. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
4. What six colors are on the classic Campbell's soup label?
5. What two numbers on the telephone dial don't have letters by them?
6. When you walk does your left arm swing with your right or left leg?
7. How many matches are in a standard pack?
8. On the United States flag is the top stripe red or white?
9. What is the lowest number on the FM dial? (Don't look at that dial!)
10. Which way does water go down the drain, counter or clockwise?
11. Which way does a "no smoking" sign's slash run?
12. On which side of a women's blouse are the buttons?
13. Which way do fans rotate?
14. How many sides does a stop sign have?
15. Do books have even-numbered pages on the right or left side?
16. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
17. How many sides are there on a standard pencil?
18. How many hot dog buns are in a standard package?
19. On which playing card is the card maker's trademark?
20. On which side of a Venetian blind is the cord that adjusts the opening between the slats?
21. There are 12 buttons on a touch tone phone. What 2 symbols bear no digits?
22. How many curves are there in the standard paper clip?
23. Does a merry-go-round turn counter or clockwise?

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.



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The season is in full swing at RMR and the only thing missing now is YOU! It was a wonderful summer with rain and sun, and as you know those are the two things that can make the cover grow, and grow it did! We had an extensive weed control program that looks like it did pretty well. We got a good handle on the stickers and even though we didn't get them all, it is so much better than it has been in the past several years. We will stay on the program and continue to try to get on top of these pesky sand spur and goat heads.

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 busy 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!

You probably have noticed that you are not getting paper newsletters as often as before since we are doing weekly E-News via email. This saves us a lot of money and is much more timely. 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. You can see the E-news on our website too by going to the NEWSLETTERS tab and clicking on WEEKLY NEWS.

24th Year At RMR Starts With The Best Cover Ever