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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

September 1st is a hunters holiday! The official opening of bird season...if you are hunting Doves, don't forget that you have to have a small game license and your HIP numbers. You can do that on line with the division of wildlife. See Dove hunting info below.

Do you know where the names for the areas originated? Marshall's was named after RMR's first member, Stan Marshall. Stan was a super friend and a huge supporter of the club from the first day we started. He and his wife Marge came out to the club when Dan Mommer and I were putting a band-aid on the old clubhouse roof. We hadn't even bought our first bird yet when Stan said he wanted to join the club. He was a member until he died a year ago March. He was the man that set up the fishing trips to Dore Lake in Saskatchewan and we really miss his sense of humor and weekly coffee stops at the office in Colorado Springs.

If you have been paying attention at all while you are driving around Colorado Springs and Denver...there are a lot of medical marijuana shops popping up everywhere. I saw a guy on the side of the road with a big green arrow, dancing around like a disco bunny, with the name of one of these shops on the arrow. Business must be good or maybe not? Maybe he was hungry and needed money for the prescription and the owner said..."if you go out to the corner and drum up some business for me, I will fill your order." Amazing to me to see that.

EPA BACKS OFF OF LEAD QUESTION

On Friday, the Environmental Protection Agency denied a petition that called for an EPA ban on the production and distribution of lead in ammunition. In his explanation of the ruling, EPA assistant administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Steve Owens said the reasoning behind the decision was simple:

"EPA reached this decision," he wrote, "because the agency does not have the legal authority to regulate this type of product under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)." It was the clause following that explanation that has the firearms industry celebration: "...nor is the agency seeking such authority."

The back story on a ruling that denied the petition filed by the American Bird Conservancy and the Center for Biological Diversity is more interesting than the short statement from assistant administrator Owens, however, is considerably deeper than a jurisdictional decision. It may, in fact, point to the idea that it might not be too late to restore some sanity to the increasing encroachment of the federal government into our lives.

On Wednesday, the firearms industry issued an unprecedented call to action, asking shooters across the country to let the EPA know that a ruling banning lead would be viewed as a political, not scientific decision. In fact, language many of us provided our readers, members or friends from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) stated clearly that such a decision would be based on something other than demonstrable scientific findings.

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LAB PUPPIES OUT OF RMR'S GATOR

If you are looking for a great hunting companion and want one with a father that has had thousands of birds shot over him, now is the chance and the price is right for sure! Gator, the fantastic black male of the RMR kennel is the proud papa of 7 little future hunters. The puppies are 5 wks old today and they are quite the sight to see.. There are 3 yellows available, 2 males and 1 female, and 3 blacks, 1 male and 2 females. The purchase price is \$650.00. Give Marty Newcomb (the dam's owner) a call if you want to see them or get one for yourself. Telephone is 719-783-2092 and cell is 719-371-0092. They will be ready to go home on the 13th of September. Go to our website and click on NEWSLETTERS and WEEKLY NEWS for today and see the pictures of these little guys.

ROSES ARE RED

You can get a pat on the back and even a get out of the dog house pass when you buy some Roses. This is a great price to have a dozen long stemmed roses delivered to your significant other/wife/kids/grandma/neighbor/best friend (you get the point)....only 25 bucks!

Every year we help the Rocky Mountain Sertoma club by announcing their annual ROSE SALE. This is the best buy of the year....pay attention men.....

For \$25 you can have a dozen long stem red roses delivered to your wife, daughter, mom, friend, secretary, church, office...where ever you want (from Monument to Fountain and Woodland Park to Calhan) This is the cheapest kitchen pass you can buy and you can really make someone smile 'just because'



The delivery date is Friday September 17. All orders need to be placed by Sept 9. You can call the RMR office and Janna can take your order with a credit card or you can send a check made out to Rocky Mountain Sertoma. Money raised from this annual event goes to help speech and hearing impaired children. Call 719-635-3257 and let us make you a hero at home!!

SIGHT IN YOUR RIFLES

We added a 200 and 300 yard range for rifles. Since the Rampart Range location closed for shooting there is not a place for people to shoot. We will be open for non-members to sight in their rifles daily from 12 noon until 6pm. The cost is \$20 per person. We will only offer this until Sept 30. Members are still no charge, but if you bring a guest the cost is \$20 for them. You will need to check in and pick up a rifle standard in the clubhouse to take out to the range.

DOVE HUNTING USHERS IN COLORADO'S FALL HUNTING SEASONS

DENVER, Colo. --After months of anticipation, hunters can celebrate the beginning of Colorado's small-game hunting seasons when dove season opens statewide Wednesday, Sept. 1. An abundant dove population coupled with nearly 170,000 acres of "free" walk-in hunting access will offer ample opportunities for eager wing shooters.

"This year's dove season looks very promising," said Ed Gorman, Division of Wildlife small-game manager. "Bird numbers are good and we haven't had any significant cold weather in August to expedite migration. If this trend continues, there should be an excellent number of doves out there for the season opener."

Approximately 14,000 hunters participate in Colorado's dove season annually, making the small, fast-flying birds one of the state's most popular and sought-after small-game species.

"Doves pose a significant challenge for even the most experienced and skilled shotgun enthusiast," said Mark Cousins, DOW hunter education coordinator. "In most cases, people miss more birds than they bring home, but a little practice goes a long way to improving success. There is still some time for hunters to get out there and shoot a box or two of shells at the local sporting clays course before opening day."

Colorado is home to three species of doves: the native mourning dove, the native white-winged dove, and the nonnative Eurasian collared-dove.

In addition to their popularity among hunters, doves are also Colorado's most plentiful game bird and are widely dispersed throughout the state. Doves are most abundant in the plains areas east of I-25, and according to annual harvest surveys, hunters in Weld, Morgan, Adams, Arapahoe, Logan, Larimer, Yuma, Pueblo, Otero and Prowers counties harvest the greatest number of birds.

Although plentiful, doves are affected greatly by changes in the weather. One major cold front can trigger migration, causing the fair-weather birds to flee south to New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Mexico. Therefore, Gorman offers the following caveat to hunters:

"Hunt early and often, particularly in northeast Colorado where doves typically begin migrating by late August," Gorman said. "Hunters should also pay close attention to the weather in the upcoming days and weeks. While it is rare that a cool front will result in a mass migration, extended cool weather can reduce the numbers of doves and, more commonly, change distribution in certain areas."

As the season progresses, Gorman says hunters should follow the birds as they move south.

"As dove populations decrease in northern Colorado, dove numbers in the southeast are building, offering great late-season opportunity into October," said Gorman.

The DOW has opened more than 170,000 acres of private land to hunters through its early-season Walk-In Access program to provide even greater opportunities and land access to dove and other small-game hunters.

Beginning this year, small-game hunters are no longer required to purchase permits to hunt Walk-In Access properties. WIA properties are now open to all hunters who possess a valid small-game license.

"Removing the barrier of the access fee makes this already successful program even better," said Gorman. "In addition, hunters who plan accordingly and do some pre-season scouting could be well rewarded on some of these WIA properties."

Early-season WIA properties open Sept. 1, and many offer good opportunities for dove hunting. For best results, hunters should search for properties supporting food crops, including wheat stubble, proso-millet stubble and sunflower fields. Areas located near water and roosting sites should also hold good numbers of doves, helping hunters to fill the generous 15-bird daily bag limit.

Colorado's dove season runs from Sept. 1 through Nov. 9, statewide.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

A drunk was walking down the sidewalk with a limp. A man coming in the opposite direction notice that he only had one shoe on. The man said to the drunk, "hey buddy, what's the matter, lose a shoe"? The drunk replied, "Nah, found one".

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At graduation, everybody is going to get their diploma but Tom. At the assembly Tom's entire senior class screams "Let Tom graduate, let Tom graduate!" The principal in a moment of weakness agrees to give Tom one last chance. "If I have five peaches in my left hand and five peaches in my right hand, Tom, how many peaches do I have?" he asked. Tom thought long and hard and then said: "ten." And the entire senior class stood up and shouted. "Give Tom another chance. Give Tom another chance!"

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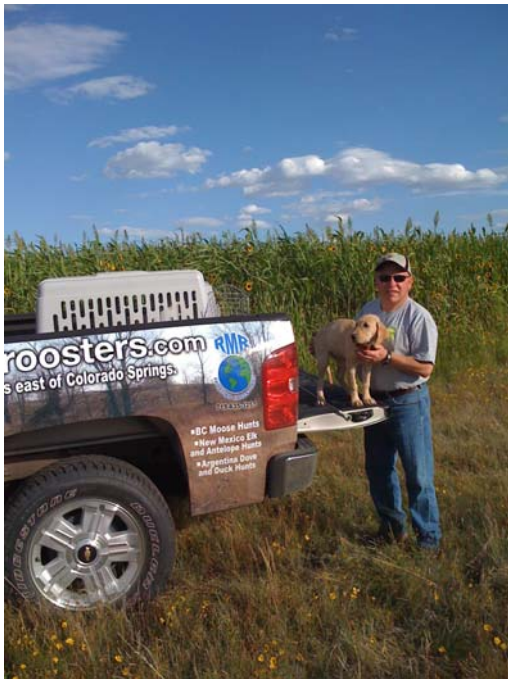
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**Pictures on
August 28**

**Taken in Johnson's
which is just east of
the clubhouse!**

