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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

Old man winter just teased us with some snow Sunday and Monday. We got a few inches, and it was fluffy, but any moisture is a blessing. It is supposed to be nice the rest of the week, so take some time to get you and your friends out in the field.

The 8th Annual Service Group Shootout was another success with the group raising another \$30K for the three charities (Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, LATIGO, and Big Brothers Big Sisters). We had 139 hunters and it was the largest event we have held for this charity. We have already blocked out February 5, 2011 for the next event...put that on your calendar now!

RMR has a new website up and running and we invite you to look at it and see what you think. Same address...rmroosters dot com. We are fine tuning things, but the site is ready for your comments. Check in often to see the changes and updates. Send some pictures for us to put on the web too!

FUN TIME ON MARCH 13

The Colorado Chapter of SCI is holding their annual dinner in Colorado Springs on March 13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. If you have not had a chance to come to this event, you should try to attend. Money raised from the dinner stays right here in Colorado and supports education, conservation and humanitarian efforts of sportsmen. You can go to the RMR website for information about the banquet. Early bird registration saves you \$10 and that is due by Feb 14 (postmarked). If you get a corporate table you get an Alaskan fishing trip for 1 with McDougall Lodge...a \$3250 value.

APPLICATIONS

If you are a turkey hunter in Colorado and apply for limited licenses, you have until tomorrow (Feb 11) to get them done. You can do that online at the Colorado Division of Wildlife's website. The big game apps are starting to trickle out now and you have until April 6 to get them done.

If you want to apply for New Mexico deer, elk and antelope, email me for the information if you want to hunt with Roger and Audrey Mc Queen and Trophy Ridge Outfitters. This is a spectacular hunt and the chances for big animals is great with these fine folks.

SHEEP WATCHING

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Few animals evoke Colorado's rugged mountains like the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Yet the alpine terrain where sheep live limits opportunities for people to view and appreciate Colorado's state animal.

One exception is the Garden of the Gods Park on the west side of Colorado Springs. The best time of year to spot sheep near the park is in the winter when bighorns move down from the Rampart Range to browse in lower elevation meadows.

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To mark the opportunity to see these magnificent animals, a Big Horn Sheep Day is held every February. This year's event takes place Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Garden of the Gods Visitor's Center. Admission is free.

Stop by to find out all about Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, look for bighorns using binoculars and scopes, take a guided nature walk; or participate in a scavenger hunt. There will be educational presentations, door prizes, and free refreshments.

The City of Colorado Springs, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society, Garden of the Gods Visitor Center, and Colorado Division of Wildlife cosponsor Bighorn Sheep Day.

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

In a not quite tongue-in-cheek attempt to make a buck off “the Rapture,” an enterprising atheist has offered to care for pets left behind when believers ascend to heaven.

On his Web site Bart Centre, a New Hampshire retiree, addresses those who may be concerned about leaving Fido in the lurch during Judgment Day.

“You’ve committed your life to Jesus. You know you’re saved. But when the Rapture comes what’s to become of your loving pets who are left behind? Eternal Earth-Bound Pets takes that burden off your mind ... Our service is plain and simple; our fee structure is reasonable. For \$110 we will guarantee that should the Rapture occur within ten (10) years of receipt of payment, one pet per residence will be saved. Each additional pet at your residence will be saved for an additional \$15 fee. A small price to pay for your peace of mind and the health and safety of your four-legged and feathered friends.”

As Bloomberg reported this morning, the money hasn’t exactly poured in, but Centre has put it to better use than cynics might expect, donating the proceeds from his ads on Google to local food banks.

GOOD FOR STARBUCKS

Starbucks has rejected a request from the Brady Campaign to prohibit gun owners from carrying firearms in the company's California stores. In a response to the anti-gun group's request, the company said, "Starbucks does not have a corporate policy regarding customers and weapons; we defer to federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding this issue."

TWO FOR THE ROAD

The judge warned the witness, “Do you understand that you have sworn to tell the truth?” “I do.”

“Do you understand what will happen if you are not truthful?”

“Sure,” said the witness. “My side will win.”

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A lawyer phoned the governor’s mansion shortly after midnight. “I need to talk to the governor, it’s an emergency!” exclaimed the lawyer. After some cajoling, the governor’s assistant agreed to wake him up. “So, what is it that’s so important that it can’t wait until morning?” grumbled the governor. “Judge Pierson just died, and I want to take his place,” begged the attorney. “Well, it’s OK with me if it’s OK with the mortuary,” replied the governor.

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