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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

Colorado has the best weather! I can live without the bitter cold, but when you get a couple of inches of the white stuff and you are a bird hunter, it just doesn't get any better than this! The hunting was awesome this morning after the wet snow came and went, but the water on the ground will really make the hunting fantastic. They are calling for some more over the next few days, but not much accumulation...just perfect for hunting.

RMR member Carl Donner brought out a guest last week who landed on D-Day. A wonderful gentleman and at the end of this E-News there is some interesting WWII history that was fun for me to read. What a great generation and it is sad that they are dying every day. Make sure you talk to one of our countries hero's before they are gone.

I can honestly say that I am not much of an Olympic watcher, but this year has been different. It has been fun to watch the athletes compete. One thing has been driving me crazy for the past few days.

Did you see the "fluff" piece the woman did about the polar bears? How endangered they are and how cute and cuddly they are? She failed to say that there are more polar bears now than there have ever been...thanks in part to sportsmen. She also failed to say that they are not allowing them to be imported into the USA any longer and that because of that many native villages are going bankrupt because sportsmen's dollars are not coming into the area any longer. She failed to say that human bear conflicts are increasing because the population is growing.

Definitely one sided, but isn't the media anyway? By the way...they are not cuddly.

SPORTSMEN'S DINNER ON FEB 26 IN COLORADO SPRINGS

The Woodman Valley Chapel in Colorado Springs is sponsoring a dinner at the Flying W Ranch on February 26. The dinner is for the whole family and is from 6-9pm. They will have a great chuck wagon dinner and a speaker as well as some raffles. It is for families that hunt together and love the outdoors. Call Paul Matthys for more info or reservations 719-388-4982

5 LONG GUNS AND A 22-GUN SAFE

Wouldn't it be great to win a safe full of guns? RMR member George Hess did last year and you might be a luck-duck and win this year! The Colorado Chapter of SCI is holding the Great Gun Give-away again and tickets are just \$100 per chance. The great thing is there are only 150 chances! You can go to the RMR website and print off an entry form and get one of these chances. RMROOSTERS dot com. Drawing is March 13 at their annual banquet and you do not have to be present to win. All money raised from this event stays right here in Colorado for education, conservation and humanitarian projects. Come to the dinner and have some fun! Details are on our website as well. RMROOSTERS dot com

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BIG GAME APPS ARE AVAILABLE

The big game apps have been mailed and hopefully you have yours by now. You have until April 6 to get them done. You can apply via the internet in Colorado.

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 McQueen and Trophy Ridge Outfitters. I have had the chance to hunt with these great folks for several years and you really have a great chance at harvesting some trophies with "Trophy Ridge"! We have to have those done by March 10. Let me know if you would like to apply with the RMR groups. (Your chances of drawing with an outfitter in NM is increased vs doing it on your own)

MOOSE HUNT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

My wife Rebecca and I will be going back to BC for a Moose hunt again this fall. If a big Moose is something that you are after, you should consider Canada. We have had great luck with Russell Cummins in the past and this is definitely one of the best hunts for the money that you could go on. If you would like more info on this great opportunity, email or call me at 719-635-3257. October 2-15 are the dates for this hunt.

POWER OUTAGE...PASS ALONG TO YOUR WIFE

At my recent assault trial, I offered a plea of "Guilty with an explanation." The judge asked me what my explanation was, so I told my story.

"Your Honor," I said, "I had a mammogram appointment, which I actually kept. I was met with: 'Hi! I'm Belinda!' This perky clipboard carrier smiled from ear to ear, tilted her head to one side and crooned, 'All I need you to do is step into this room right here, strip to the waist, then slip on this gown. Everything clear?' I'm thinking, 'Belinda, try decaf. This ain't rocket science.' Belinda skipped away to prepare the chamber of horrors.

With the right side finished, Belinda flipped me (literally) to the left and said, 'HmMMM. Can you stand on your tippy toes and lean in a tad so we can get everything?' 'Fine', I answered. I was freezing, bruised, and out of air, so why not use the remaining circulation in my legs and neck and finish me off? My body was in a holding pattern that defied gravity (with my other breast wedged between those two 4 inch pieces of square glass) when we heard, then felt a zap!

Complete darkness and the power went off! 'Oh, maintenance is working. Bet they hit a snag.' Belinda said, and headed for the door. 'Excuse me! You're not leaving me in this vise alone are you?' I shouted. Belinda kept going and said, 'Oh, you fussy puppy...the door's wide open so you'll have the emergency hall lights. I'll be right back.'

Before I could shout 'NOOOO!' she disappeared.. And that's exactly how Bubba and Earl, maintenance men extraordinaire, found me ... half-naked with part of me dangling from the Jaws of Life, and the other part smashed between glass! After exchanging a polite 'Hi, how's it going' type greeting, Bubba (or possibly Earl) asked, to my utter disbelief, if I knew the power was off. Trying to disguise my hysteria, I replied with as much calmness as possible 'Uh, yes, yes I did thanks.' 'You bet, take care' Bubba replied and waved good-bye as though I'd been standing in the line at the grocery store.

Two hours later, Belinda breezes in wearing a sheepish grin. Making no attempt to suppress her amusement, she said, 'Oh I am sooo sorry!' The power came back on and I totally forgot about you! And silly me, I went to lunch. Are we upset?'

And that, Your Honor, is exactly how her head ended up between the clamps...."

The judge could hardly contain her laughter as she said 'Case Dismissed!!'...

WWII INTERESTING INFO

You might enjoy this from Col D. G. Swinford, USMC, Ret and history buff. You would really have to dig deep to get this kind of ringside seat to history:

1. The first German serviceman killed in WW II was killed by the Japanese (China, 1937), the first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians (Finland 1940); highest ranking American killed was Lt Gen Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies.
2. The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.
- 3... At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'), the shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika.' All three were soon changed for PR purposes.
4. More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required 30 missions, your chance of being killed was 71%.
5. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.
6. It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. Tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down.
7. When allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill (who made a big show of it) and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).
8. German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they decided it wasn't worth the effort.
9. German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.
10. Among the first 'Germans' captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the US Army.
11. Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 United States and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands. 21 troops were killed in the assault on the island. It could have been worse if there had been any Japanese on the island.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

A man wakes up one morning in Alaska to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the yellow pages and sure enough, there's an ad for 'Bear Removers.' He calls the number and the bear remover says he'll be over in 30 minutes.

The bear remover arrives and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old pit bull. "What are you going to do," the homeowner asks? "

"I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, and then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the pit bull is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to the homeowner."

"What's the shotgun for?" asks the homeowner.

"If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog!"

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Little Johnny attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Johnny asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?'

His father replied, 'because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy.'

Johnny, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom.'

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