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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

I know that some of you are in RMR withdrawals, or at least you wonder if your email is working or not since you have not gotten a message from me for a while. You can rest assured that you are still on the news list and that we are still going great guns at your club.

I had the chance to go back to BC to hunt Stone Sheep with our dear friend and awesome outfitter Russell Cummins from the middle of August to the first of September. Rain got me again and even though I had a great time in the north country, I came away empty handed again while chasing the rams. I needed to have some hot weather to keep the sheep high on the mountains and out of the timber to find them. I saw lots of Bears, Moose, Goats, and Caribou, but no Sheep. Next time!

A bunch of RMR folks are getting ready to go up to BC for Moose in October and they will have a great time chasing the big bulls. We are going again in 2010 if you want to come and play with us then too!

2009-10 SEASON SET TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 19

The long awaited start of the season is around the corner! We will start hunting Pheasant and Chukar starting on Saturday September 19. As we have done in the past, we will hunt in the mornings only until the weather cools down, and start hunting both morning and afternoon the first weekend in October....unless it is cooler before that.

Hunters with their own dogs can hunt in the afternoon, if you have too, but be careful about over heating your dogs. It is always important to carry water with you when you are hunting ANY TIME of the year, but especially when the temps are like they are now. Keep your dogs hydrated!! Not only is it good for your dog, but it helps them in scenting.

When the cover is green like it is now, it is harder for them to scent birds. The cover is VERY thick this year...which is great (it is the best cover the club has ever seen...you will not believe what you will see until you get out to the club and see the fantastic cover we have this year)...and that means that you will need to hunt slow and very methodical. Do not think that you can just run through a piece of cover and think that because you didn't find something on one pass that there isn't a bird there...it will fool you and your dogs!

Until it freezes hard several times, you will need some bug spray. With all of the moisture and cover, the mosquitoes are thick. We have some to buy at the club if you forget it, but pack that with you just like you would your shotgun and shells and water! You will be miserable if you don't.

We look forward to a fantastic year and with the way the cover is, the birds will have more places to hide and eat than ever before. With all of the water we have received this year it has made the grounds a paradise for birds. Having said this, I think we might have a hard winter if the weather patterns stay the same. If that is

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the case, you might want to plan on hunting a few times early to take advantage of the good cover and avoid the possibility of a snowy winter. My crystal ball is broken, but it would not surprise me to see more snow than normal this year too.

GREAT NEWS FOR THE DOGS

We spend hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to get a handle on the sand spur and cockle burr at the club. It looks like we really did a number on the bad burrs in most of the areas. I think that we probably are over 80-90% on our efforts to kill the burrs. The guys really did a great job of killing those nasty weeds and it will be a pleasant walk without having to deal with the stickers. Some of the areas that were so bad in the past are sticker free....that is a wonderful thing!

RESERVATIONS FOR HUNTING

Now that we are back in the swing of things for hunting, some things to remember about making reservations:

You can email your request. Just let me know how many hunters there will be, what time you want to hunt... morning or afternoon, if you need a guide with dogs and what birds you would like to shoot (Pheasant and or Chukar). We will reply back to you with a confirmation and you will be good to go and we will expect to see you on that day. If you get an automatic response that I am out of town for some reason, you will need to call the office to make the reservations. I will let you know when I am traveling so you know that I won't be able to see email.

You can call the office. We are open in the office from 8am to 4pm to make phone reservations. If you call after hours, just leave a message and we will call you back the next morning to confirm your hunt. 719-635-3257

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE **do not** call the clubhouse to make reservations, unless it is on the weekends. They have their hands full running the hunts and we keep the master schedule book at the office.

CONGRATS

Marvin and Christi Boyd have a second grandchild in a little more than a month. Two grand babies to spoil now. Congrats to them!

AMMO

For those of you who are still waiting on the balance of your ammo to arrive, there is light at the end of the tunnel...I think. The manufacturer said that they finally got some bullets and primers and they are working on our order. It looks like they might have the order ready to ship in a month or so. I have heard this before, but their hands are tied when they can't get the components to make the ammo. I have been asked by many of you if we will be putting together another order, and the answer is yes. I want to get this one out of my hair first, and see how their supplies are before doing this again. It looks like the back log may be coming to an end, so that is a good thing.

VENISON VERSUS BEEF THE TASTE CONTROVERSY ENDS FROM THE UNITED STATES VENISON COUNCIL

Controversy has long raged about the relative quality and taste of venison and beef as gourmet foods. Some people say that venison is tough, with a strong "wild" taste. Others insist that venison's flavor is delicate. An independent food research group was retained by the Venison Council to conduct a taste test to determine the truth of these conflicting assertions once and for all.

First a Grade A Choice Holstein steer was chased into a swamp a mile and a half from a road and shot several times. After some of the entrails were removed, the carcass was dragged back over rocks and logs, and through

mud and dust to the road. It was then thrown into the back of a pickup truck and driven through rain and snow for 100 miles before being hung out in the sun for 10 days.

After that it was lugged into a garage, where it was skinned and rolled around on the floor for a while. Strict sanitary precautions were observed throughout the test, within the limitations of the butchering environment. For instance, dogs and cats were allowed to sniff and lick the steer carcass, but were chased away when they attempted to bite chunks out of it.

Next a sheet of plywood left from last year's butchering was set up in the basement on two saw horses. The pieces of dried blood, hair and fat left from last year were scraped off with a wire brush last used to clean out the grass stuck under the lawn mower.

The skinned carcass was then dragged down the steps into the basement where a half dozen inexperienced but enthusiastic and intoxicated men worked on it with meat saws, cleavers and dull knives. The result was 375 pounds of soup bones, four bushel baskets of meat scraps, and a couple of steaks that were an eighth of an inch thick on one edge and an inch and a half thick on the other.

The steaks were seared on a glowing red hot cast iron skillet to lock in the flavor. When the smoke cleared, rancid bacon grease was added along with three pounds of onions, and the whole conglomeration was fried for two hours. The meat was gently teased from the frying pan and served to three blindfolded taste panel volunteers. Every one of the members of the panel thought it was venison. One of the volunteers even said it tasted exactly like the venison he had eaten in hunting camps for the past 27 years. The results of this scientific test show conclusively that there is no difference between the taste of beef and venison.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

Dave was attending his hunting club's monthly meeting and had just told them he couldn't make the hunting trip scheduled for the next day because his wife wouldn't let him go.

After listening to the jeers and other derisive remarks from his fellow biker buddies Dave left to go back home to his wife.

When Dave's friends started arriving to set up camp the next day, who should be there but Dave sitting in front of his tent, beer in hand, camp oven roast stewing away in a hot bed of coals.

"How did ya talk your wife into letting you go Dave?"

"I didn't have to" was Dave's reply.

"When I left the meeting I went home and slumped down in my chair with a beer to drown my sorrows. Then my wife snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said, 'Surprise!'"

When I peeled her hands back she was standing there in a beautiful see-through negligee and she said, "Carry me into the bedroom, tie me to the bed and you can do whatever you want."

So here I am!

A WOMEN'S POEM

He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake.
He said my biscuits were too hard...
Not like his mother used to make.
I didn't perk the coffee right
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.

I pondered for an answer I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and smacked the crap out of him...
Like his mother used to do.