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Dates To Remember

Membership Renewal for Dog Training and Preserve Membership - August

Trained Retrieve Seminar – September 13th

Youth Day and Hunters Cookout - September 27th

October/ November - Hunt Specials

Chukar Challenge–December 7

Ronnie Smith – Foundation Seminar - March 27-29,2008

Ronnie Smith – Intermediate Seminar - March 30 – April 1, 2008

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Bird Hunting At It's Best!

At least we think so. 😊

The cover is incredible this year. We have planted thicker and added more to the variety. Our dogs are feeling well rested and itching for the season to begin. That's an itch that their Frontline plus can't fix! We have been busy with dog training, 4-H and other fun with the kids and some outside improvement projects this summer and the time has gone by quickly. These cooler days have set our sights on the fast approaching season and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Hope the summer has been good to all.

Membership Renewals



Dog training membership runs annually from August to August. The cost is \$120 per year and you must attain a \$5 Retriever Training Permit from DNR prior to working your dog over live birds. The dog-training fields are set up separate from the regulated hunting preserve to allow for more flexible usage. The fields will be rotated to accommodate the agricultural needs.

There will be a mix of tall grasses, crop stubble, hedgerows, and hayfields. The cost of the birds will be the same as the hunting preserve prices. Dog training assistance is available if requested in advance at \$25/hour. Please call in advance to reserve the field.

New Members to the Dog Team

We have 4 new faces to add to the dog team this year. Three of them are German Shorthaired Pointers and one is an English Setter. Rex, Tess, and Gabby will be working with Jim and Kim and Adam's new dog Abbey will be joining him in the field this year. 😊

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Youth Day and Hunter's Cook-out



Youth Day September 29th, 2007 was a great success. We had 38 kids come out to enjoy a fun and safe day of hunting experiences. We want to give a special thank you to the volunteers and sponsors listed below that made last year's event so special. (Pictured are Seth Dillon with instructor Annette Ensor with Ethan Pomraning and Terry Dillon watching from behind.)

Rocky Mountain EIK Foundation – Habitat information/ gifts/ & monetary support

Ducks Unlimited – Habitat information and gifts

North American Gun Dog Association- Monetary support

Cohen & Swanson, P.C.- Monetary Donation

Annette Ensor and Don Kagel – Shooting instruction

Neck of the Woods / Danny Diamonte – Video crew and DVD for every child

Bass Pro Shop – Raffle Gifts and hats

Broom's Bloom Creamery – Ice Cream

Woodduck Alley – Equipment use

JLR Design / Jerry Rutkowski – Safety volunteer

Little Electric / Mike Leighty – Guide and safety volunteer

Adam Cunningham – Guide and safety volunteer

Keith Pomraning – Safety volunteer

Ron Cox – Safety volunteer

This year's annual youth day and hunter's cook-out will take place on **September 27th** from 1 PM-5 PM. It promises to be another fun day for all and is to be followed by a cook-out for hunters of all ages. We currently have 30 children signed up for this event. We can put others on the reserve list for the bird field due to time restrictions there, but we can welcome more to enjoy the archery, shooting instruction, retriever demonstrations, and habitat information from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Ducks and Turkey Federation. We also welcome everyone to join in on the picnic fun that follows.

Sensational Season Start-Up

Get your Dogs Ready – Have a Fun – Get Out of the House and into the Field

**6 Quail + 4 chukar + 2 pheasant for \$110 per gun –OR- 10 chukar for \$110 per gun
hunt) – No other cost.**

(1-4 hunters per

Tuesday and Thursdays in October and November – 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm hunt time

Guide and dog not available from MDGO & crew. (Sorry)

Call or email for your spot. Limited Space Available for this Bargain!

Puppies all in Great New Homes

We have had a fun time raising some German Shorthaired Pointer puppies and English Pointer puppies this summer and now most of the pups have gone to their new great homes. We have had several stay nearby in Maryland, 2 that now reside in Virginia and one that went to the State of New York. We have selected a few to stay here with our family and they are some really cool pups. They are already following simple commands and pointing birds/ bird wings. We look forward to seeing them come back around for training and hunting and look forward to the pictures that we get.

Trained Retrieve Seminar – With Denis Witmer of Tudor Farm

Tenatively Scheduled for September 13th

During the seminar Denis will work with each dog to introduce it to the table and to demonstrate different techniques. He will also have his own dogs along with varying skill levels that will be the primary demo dogs. Denis would like to cover the following items:

- History and theory of force fetch
- How he teaches trained retrieve without the traditional FORCE
- Basic obedience and how it relates to the trained retrieve
- Introduced to the training table
- Rubbing out the dog
- Teaching hold
- Introduction to e collar
- Teaching fetch
- Introduction to birds on the table
- Using the "CAT" system to assure success on the table and later on the ground
- Beginning handling on the table
- Taking handling skills to the ground level
- Transition to the ground and eventually the field

cost \$195.00 per student for the one day basic seminar.

Ronnie Smith Dog Training Seminars

Foundation Seminar: \$350/student- If you're looking for a better relationship with your dog, both at home and in the field, you've come to the right place.

From puppyhood through the basics of being a bird dog, all the basic skills you and your dog will need can be found here. You will be trained to train your dog, with Rick and Ronnie's guidance.

You'll work with the Command Lead, check cord, and whoa post, as well as the chain, and your dog will have numerous opportunities to work birds.

Intermediate Seminar: \$750/student- If your dog has the foundation prepared and you're ready for the new challenge, sign up for the intermediate Seminar! You will work one-on-one with your instructor on live pigeons in field conditions. This will help you work out any basic problems you've been having, as well as providing your dog with numerous opportunities to hunt. The camaraderie, support, and fun helps everybody learn, and you'll be amazed at the difference these finishing touches can make. Don't miss this! Stimulating the point of contact that has been introduced in the foundation seminar into a remote queing with an e-collar.