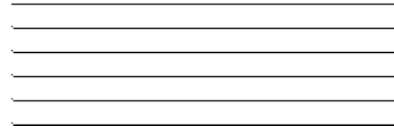


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EDITOR'S NOTE: Items of interest in this issue of the Newsletter are the Annual Landowner and Club Hunting Rules; Pheasant release dates; and a For Sale by Member column. For you new members; there is a posting work party noted in the Committee Reports section "**Posting**" a great chance to learn some of the posted property.

As always the Officers and Board extend their best wishes to all members for a safe and successful season.

In the interim if you have anything you would like to see published in this Newsletter please contact me via email at majsmay@aol.com.

HUNTING POLICY 2009 - 2010

by Board of Directors

There are no changes in the general rules.

Please remember that our Club Rules for hunting were established so that we could keep good relationships with those land owners who allow the Club the privilege of hunting their lands and to insure a minimum number of conflicts between our members. Please obey all State laws as outlined in the hunting guides and observe the spirit and the letter of our rules.

General Club Rules

Remember that as a sports man or woman, you represent all hunters. The actions of a few stereotype all of us. Hunt ethically! Hunt legally! Hunt safely! Hunt courteously! Obey land owner's special instructions. Obey Club restrictions! Please share your game with landowners! Please say "thank you" when you see them!

The following rules, which apply to all lands owned and posted by the Club were approved in 1993 and still remain in effect:

1. Members must wear the Club button while hunting;
2. The vehicle must have a Club bumper sticker displayed;
3. On lands not owned by the Club, parking must be in an area designated by signs or the landowner;
4. Safety Zones must be obeyed;
5. All persons not authorized on the land must be challenged; and,
6. All persons accepting Pheasant tags, must complete a report at the end of the year.

A reminder: The by-laws permit a child of a member to hunt with the parent. **THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ADULT CHILDREN OF MEMBERS, ONLY THOSE TOO YOUNG TO JOIN THE CLUB.**

Pheasant Preserve Rules

The following are the special rules that apply to the pheasant preserve.

1. The shooting preserve is for members of the Philmont Rod and Gun Club only. No guests are permitted.
2. The shooting preserve will be closed during the deer rifle season.
3. All club members hunting on the preserve must have knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the preserve before any game tags are issued.
4. All game tags bought, used, broken or destroyed must be reported to the preserve operators. Tags are on the back of the parking sign.
5. All pheasants released must be reported to the preserve operators.
6. All pheasants shot must be reported to the preserve operators. Reports will be available to the members that receive the game tags.
7. A member may take a maximum of 2 pheasants per day during the regular stocking season.
8. There is no hunting before 7:30 A.M. All hunters must park and enter the preserve at the designated parking area (See Tipples Land).

The preserve operator is Brad Bielefeldt. If you have any questions, please call Brad.

2008 Landowner Rules and Regulations:

All land owners have a strict prohibition about vehicles on their property. Please respect this restriction. Before you use any vehicles, such as ATV's, ask permission.

Harry Bergen (Ten Brook Rd)

Harry has two requests: 1- please park west of the red barn out of sight of his house and 2 - nothing can be nailed or screwed into the trees. Ladder stands, climbers, strap on stands and pop up blinds are allowed. You must carry in and carry out each day whatever you use. Again, the taking of doe deer is encouraged. Harry does not allow except club members to hunt on his land. All members should wear their club button and display the bumper sticker either on your vehicle or placed on the vehicle dash.

Harry Bergen's property needs to be posted. If you'd like to help, please call Jon @ 851-9153 to set up a date and time.

Matt Tipple (Co. Rte. #9)

Members must park on Carpenter Road, there will be a parking sign. Walk across the field until you reach the farm road, go across the small brook through the field until you reach the Tipple property. There is no hunting until the property is reached. There are **no** DMAP permits available this year. Bow hunters beware, this is also our pheasant preserve and you might encounter pheasant hunters during season. Pheasants will be stocked during the month of October and the first two weeks in November. No nails or screw in steps are permitted, hang on, climbers or ladder stands only. The taking of doe deer is encouraged.

NOTE: There is NO HUNTING until you pass the second hedgerow.

Joe Haley (Carpenter Road)

There is no hunting on this property, we only use it to access the Tipple property. Remember, this is a safety zone only. No tree stands allowed. The start of hunting time for pheasant season will now be 7:30 AM.

Hans & Matthew Schober (Co. Rd. #21)

There is no hunting on the north side of County Road 21 because Matthew Schober has Highlander cows in this field. He has no problem with archery hunting on the rest of his property. If you wish to hunt with a rifle, please stop at the house at Windy Hill and talk with Matthew. Please no goose hunting on the property.

Kurt Butenhoff (Co. Rd. #21 and Pheasant Lane)

No permanent tree stands are allowed, no nails in the trees, ladder stands, climbers, strap ons are fine. The house at the corner of Pheasant Lane and Ten Brook Lane has been sold. There is a safety zone around the house, please make sure that you comply with this request. **All** members, please make sure that you display your bumper sticker where it can be readily seen.

Kurt Butenhoff (Pheasant Lane by Upper Club)

Mr. Butenhoff has an autistic child, therefore would appreciate everyone proceeding with caution as you pass this property as he and his family are currently living here. **There is no hunting on this property.**

Please be courteous to all of our landowners, remember they are allowing us to do what we enjoy. If you carry it in, bring it out. Do not litter!

If you run into any of our landowners, please introduce yourself and thank them for the use of their land.

EDITOR NOTE: This being the annual Hunting Season edition I think an article on Tree

Stand safety is also in order. Took this one from the September 17, 2009 Buckmasters Tip of the Week. Have a SAFE season.

IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

- Mike Handley / editor / RACK magazine

Frankly, ladies and gents, I'm sick of writing stories about deer hunters who fall from treestands. Some folks survive to hunt another day, even if from a wheelchair. I've interviewed them because they could still talk, though the little things like walking and even turning their heads are no longer options.

Stories about the ones who don't make it are easier. Just the facts. Another statistic. No awkward moments like when I stick out a hand to shake theirs, unaware that my hosts cannot. My hand lingers in the air like a fish out of water, while my cheeks burn.

Remember that seeing the deer isn't harvesting it. You have to be able to raise your gun or bow, and you have to be able to take the shot ... let alone make it.

I'm not trying to be cute. I'm dead serious.

I've chosen this time to mention the S-word (safety) because the last man whose story I chronicled fell not while hunting, but while hanging a stand in advance of the season. With bow season starting or drawing near in many states, there's no better time for a reality check.

PLAY IT SAFE: First, consider taking a buddy along whenever you want to hang or erect a fixed-position stand -- even a ladder model. Not only will it be easier, especially when it comes to trimming limbs for shooting lanes, but it might also save your life. If you're too stubborn to reveal your secret spot, at least tell someone where you're going and when you'll be home. And if there's a signal, keep your telephone on and accessible.

Second, determine where (a very alive and straight tree) and how high you want to hang a stand. Use some type of secured ladder, climbing sticks or steps to attain that height -- preferably while wearing a lineman's belt. Then attach one of the several climbing accessories to the tree that'll help you stay attached to it while ascending or descending. While actually attaching the stand to the tree, be sure to wear a full safety harness. There have never been so many great harnesses and climbing accessories on the market. And, trust me, the money will be well spent.

Even if you have a harness ... even if you're one of those hunters who smugly suggests that the \$15 nylon belt you bought at Wally World is just fine, thank you very much ... I urge you to at least take a look at today's offerings.

Check out Summit's Seat-O-The-Pants harnesses, a favorite of hunter education instructors, at www.summitstands.com.

Vest-type harnesses, as well as other climbing aids can be seen at www.huntersafetyssystem.com and www.gorillatreestands.com.

Do this; because should we ever meet, I want to shake your hand. And if I write about you, I'd rather we talk about a monster buck you've shot.

2009 PHEASANT SCHEDULE

by Brad Bielefeldt

Release Dates:

Oct 9 20

Oct16 25

Oct 23 20
Oct 30 25
Nov 6 20

No hunting after 4 pm on release dates.

Only two birds a day may be taken by a member.

Tags are available on the back of the parking sign on Carpenter Road, please keep track of the number of birds taken and report this number to Brad before April 1, 2010; this also includes any pheasants stocked by a member.

Parking for the preserve and all hunting is on Carpenter Road. The parking area has been moved by request of the landowner, there will be a parking sign posted. Please observe the Safety Zones. Also note that the start time is now 7:30am unless otherwise noted. See additional rules for the Pheasant Preserve earlier in this newsletter.

Questions, contact Brad Bielefeldt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to space constraints only Committees having reports will be shown!

This space is for Committee Chairs to report ongoing, or planned, activities for their respective committees. It is hoped this will give members who are signed up for committees the information they need to become more involved in Committee and Club activities.

Archery: Chairman – Nicon Zasorin: There is work that needs to be done around the range; dead falls cut down, etc. The Archery Chairman is looking for help to get our 3D range back in an operational condition so we can once again have shoots in 2010. Contact Nick, Mitch, or Dave Siter for information or to help out.

Land Owners: Chairman - Jon Wilder, 851-9153: Tipple farm is up for sale. At this point it does not effect our ability to use the property but if a sale closes before, or during, the upcoming season we don't know what will be the impact. The current owners will do their best to help us out with any new owners but that is no assurance that we will continue to have privileges. We are rapidly losing property and need to work toward finding some new places to acquire. If you know of any property owners who might be willing to allow access, or leasing, of their property please pass the information to the Board of Directors so we can pursue the opportunity on behalf of all members.

Legislative: Chairman - Steve May, 378-8405: **Please call your lawmakers TODAY and urge them to oppose all bills that impact our rights as firearms owners.** State Assembly Members can be reached by phone at (518) 455-4100. Your State Senator can be contacted through the Senate switchboard at (518) 455-2800.

Editor Note: More detailed content and a list of sponsors and supporters of various bills can be found at:

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/> You can either type in the bill number if you know it, or just type in firearms if you want to see a full list of pending bills.

Lower House: Chairman – Dave Carl: Dave Carl coordinated with contractors and some major upgrades have been completed at the Lower House. There is still some work to be done, specifically replacing chimneys for the stoves at both the main clubhouse and the trap house. Funds were approved at the September membership meeting to proceed with this work.

Pheasant: Chairman –Brad Bielefeldt: Pheasant season opens 10/1. Arrangements have been made to get birds and release dates will be published soon. The annual pheasant committee

raffle is about to get underway and all are encouraged to purchase and/or sell tickets to help out this cause.

Posting: Chairman – Jon Wilder: 851-9153: Posting at Caso Lane has been completed and boundaries painted. One other member showed up to help Jon with this work.

Harry Bergen's property needs to be posted. If you'd like to help, please call Jon @ 851-9153 to set up a date and time.

Range: Chairman – Range rules are being reviewed and revised and will be published soon. In the interim all

members are reminded that there is no shooting before 9am.

The annual PUBLIC RANGE DAY is set for 10/31: the RAIN DATE is 11/1.

Sporting Clays: Chairman – Ted Kunuth: There are no more events scheduled for this year.

Trap: Co-Chairmen - Dale Rowe/Doug Cropper/Dave Siter/Charlie McGowan: Regular shoots are being held every Sunday morning starting at about 9am. The committee would like to see more members participating.

Just a reminder that anyone who has never shot trap before can receive lessons and shoot a couple of rounds for free on our NRA grant.

Youth Day: Chairman Dave Carl; John Ohlerich. Our first Youth day was held on 9/26 and is being considered a success. It was disappointing that members did not show more support by bringing their children to the event. We will plan on doing another vent next year with more publicity and try to add some more activities.

FOR SALE, BY OWNER: This column is provided as a service to the members of this Club. Posting of goods or services for sale in this column merely establishes a link between the seller and a prospective buyer and does not constitute in any way that the Club, its Officers or its members, endorse or promote said goods or services.

#1 - Arthritis forces me to sell my Cowboy Action guns and supplies.

They include:

-2 Colt Cowboy Pistols, .45 LC, 5 ½" barrels, with cases and papers, in excellent condition. **\$1599**

-2 Ruger Blackhawk Bisley Pistols, one 5 ½", one 7 ½" barrel, with both Ajax Custom white grips and original grips, with cases and papers, very nice guns.

\$1050 both had trigger work and are very smooth

-Complete set of Redding Titanium Carbide .45 LC reloading dies. **\$75**

-800 rounds of reloaded ammo. **\$250**

Contact Jack @ 585-880-0212

Email: jww333@frontiernet.net

Permit holders only for pistols.

#2 - Moss. 500 (12GA) Pump Slug Barrel (24in.) Scope fits on extended piece from barrel

3 in. Mag. Contact the seller to get the asking price.

Call (518-765-4584) or (330-7455) Frank Pierro

CLUB RENTAL

The Lower Clubhouse is available for rental for personal events. It can be rented by Club members or by members of the community. There are different rates for members versus non-members.

The point of contact for information and bookings is Dave Carl and he can be reached at 672-4855.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events in **bold** type are opportunities for work parties. If you want to schedule an event please contact:

Dave Carl at 672-4855.

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Regular shooting events:

There are TRAP Shoots every Sunday morning starting at 9:00am. If you would like to shoot, just show up, Dale and the others will gladly get you into the swing of things.

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>General Info Point of</u>
(Dave Siter)	Oct 31	Public Range Day Lower Club Range	Work Party Opportunity
	Nov 1	Range Day Rain Date	