



HASTINGS ISLAND HUNTING PRESERVE



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The 2023 - 2024 Season is just around the corner.....

Our summer activities are winding down and the upcoming pheasant season is a little over a month away. Prior to the season opener on September 23rd, join us for our pre-season rooster shoots. *Danielle Earl, Club Manager*

BIRD CARDS

Pheasant Season begins on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Your Bird Card must be paid in full, by September 30, 2023 or your first hunt, whichever comes first. Bird cards with balances after September 30th increase in price and incur a late charge. Every year we have members who pay late and lose the savings they earned by making an early deposit. Don't be one of those people!!

A member statement is included with this newsletter. If you have an outstanding balance, please pay it now, so you don't forget and end up owing more.

Bird Cards and Field Permits will be available for pick up, beginning Saturday, September 2nd. In addition, you must have a valid California Hunting License and Upland Gamebird Stamp in order to pick up your card and field permit.

If you have not yet purchased your pre-paid bird cleaning, you can do so when picking up your Bird Card or before your first hunt.

PRE-PAID BIRD CLEANING DISCOUNT

Bird Cards and Prepaid Bird Cleaning are the perfect companion to one another. Prepaid Cleanings save you money on each bird cleaned and lock you in at a lower price for the entire season. In order to receive this highly discounted price, they must be purchased on or before your first hunt.

While the Club did not increase the price for pre-paid cleanings for the upcoming season, the price for regular bird cleaning did increase slightly.

PRE-SEASON ROOSTER SHOOTS

Pre-Season Rooster Shoots will be held September 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th and 21st from 8:00am to 1:00pm.



Long-time Club member, Jim Camarillo (right), signed up his buddy, Paul Ichord, as a new member for the 2023-2024 Season.

The cost of a four bird Pre-Season Rooster Shoot is \$135.00, or a discounted price of \$300.00 for ten birds.

Bird cleaning will also be available at the regular Bird Cleaning prices. Please call the Club Office to reserve your spot.

ANNUAL TRAP SHOOT

The Club is once again hosting its Annual Trap Shoot, to be held on Saturday, September 9th. The Competition begins at 10:00 am and the entry fee is \$25.00. Eligible guns must be a shotgun, legally capable of hunting Upland Game in California. The competition consists of three, 25 clay rounds, with the best 5 shooters advancing to the final competition round of 25 clay rounds where the Club Champion will be determined.

Please plan to bring enough ammunition to fire four 25 clay rounds. Both lead and non-lead ammunition is allowed.

The Competition Winner will be featured in the Club's December Newsletter, on the Club's website, and the winner's name is engraved on the perpetual trophy, which is displayed inside the Clubhouse. If interested, please sign up early, as the Trap Shoot is limited to 20 entries.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Chukar Hunts Begin
Bird Cards available for Pick-Up
New Member Orientations Begin
Pre-Season Rooster Shoots
Annual Trap Shoot
2022-2023 Season Starts
Last Day to Pay Off Bird Cards

September 2, 2023
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September 9, 2023
September 23, 2023
September 30th, 2023

FALL WOMEN'S NOVICE HUNT



Holly Heyser is a former newspaper reporter and editor who went on her first hunt at age 41 and immediately fell in love with the honesty, grace and humility of acquiring meat the hard way.

The Club will again be hosting another Special Women's Novice Hunt in October, in conjunction with our good friend Holly Heyser. Although she did not begin hunting until adulthood, Holly is now an experienced and avid hunter, as well as a fantastic photographer, writer and cook.

This is a great opportunity for first-time women hunters to gain experience and have a fun day with other ladies, who like to hunt.

We will be providing our first-time hunters with instruction and training on hunting Upland Game Birds. You will then work with a guide and a dog handler, for your first experience in hunting pheasant. The Club has had these hunts in the past and they are a relaxed, fun way to be introduced to upland gamebird hunting.



Stefan Geiger took a first place at the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Northern Sacramento Valley amateur walking derby.

HASTINGS ISLAND LEVEE MAINTENANCE

There will be an extensive levee maintenance project at Hastings this fall. The exact start and end dates of the project have yet to be finalized. Please note that State environmental regulations dictate the time of year when this work can be done.

According to the contractor, this project will involve up to a thousand semi-truck loads of material being brought to the Island. Needless to say, this will create a very large amount of heavy truck traffic coming onto the Island from Hwy 113 and onto our levee roads.

During construction, there may be delayed access from Hwy 113, and portions of our levees will be intermittently closed to member traffic. We will try to post updates on our Facebook page, but you will want to check with the Club Office regarding the current status of using our roads, when you arrive at the Club.



ROAD MAINTENANCE

Thank you to our neighbors to the west, who were able to cover their entire gravel road with recycled asphalt this summer. Hopefully, the road will be much more "weather resistant" this winter, than during the past couple of years.

In the meantime, you will notice that the road is a bit more bumpy than in the past and we highly recommend that you exercise the proper caution and slow down.

GARMIN PRODUCTS

The Club is an authorized distributor of Garmin products including: GPS watches, sports and fitness monitors, outdoor recreation, automotive, marine and aviation GPS devices.

Please visit www.garmin.com to view Garmin's extensive selection of products.

We urge you to compare the Club's pricing to any competitors, even those you find online. We are confident that we can get you the best deal available.

2023 -2024 RENTAL DOGS

The Club takes great pride in the quality and performance of our rental dogs. Our field trained dogs have been the key to many great hunts throughout the years.

In addition to our seasoned kennel veterans, we will have several new, young and well-trained dogs on the line this coming Season.

We will also have several experienced dogs that are for sale. These dogs are great hunters. They are at an age when we rotate them off of the rental string and find them a good home.



This allows you to buy a dog that has had the experience of receiving hundred of hours of training and hunting thousands of birds. It allows the Club the capacity to bring in new dogs and keep our rental string filled with young, athletic dogs, who are at an age to keep up with the demands of a busy working schedule.

If you are interested in purchasing one of our highly experienced dogs, please contact the Club office for details.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

Prior to your first hunt, all new members are required to attend an Orientation Class, at the Club. New Member Orientations begin on, Saturday, September 9th, and are held every Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday, with sessions starting at either 8:00am or 10:00am, through December 28th. An advance reservation is required to attend.

We do not hold orientations at other times, so please plan accordingly.

Classes are approximately 30 minutes, which cover the Club's *Rules and Regulations*, what is expected from every Member, the various amenities offered at the Club and most importantly, your conduct at the Club.

Call the Club Office to reserve your required class, as each session has limited seating. For a complete schedule and to find additional information, please visit the Club's website: www.hihp.com



The Club is very fortunate to have Rich Gebhart, of Royal Gun Dogs, as our on-site professional dog trainer. In addition to training his own clients' dogs, Rich trains and maintains the training for the Club's rental string.

Rich is now available to provide dog training sessions, on an individual basis, for Club members. Unlike traditional training, when you leave your dog for an extended period of time, Rich is providing our members with day sessions, which last approximately 45 minutes and cost \$70, plus the cost of any birds used.

Some of the typical training techniques that Rich will work with you and your dog during these sessions, include:

- Introducing game birds in the field environment.
- Exposure to upland hunting fields / handling your dog in a hunting field.
- Retrieving methods / force fetch / retrieving to hand / mark and locate downed birds.
- Honesty on point / steady to bird / steady to wing and shot.
- Waterfowl fieldwork.

If you are having specific issues with your dog, Rich can help identify the cause of those issues and develop a training program to get you and your dog back on track. The approach is to give you a foundation that you can then implement into your training schedule and during your hunts, to ensure the best possible outcome in the field.

With a hunting season rapidly approaching, it is time to get your favorite dog "tuned up" and ready for a successful hunting season. You can schedule a training session with Rich by calling him at (530) 341-4496.



AMMUNITION AT THE CLUB

The Club sells ammunition only to our Members. We currently have in stock:

- Steel and Bismuth Shells for 12 Gauge
- 20 Gauge Steel Shells
- Lead Trap Ammunition in 12 and 20 Gauge (only to be used at the Trap Range)

For a limited time, the Club is selling 12ga, 2 3/4", No. 6 steel shells to our members by the case. (1 Case=10 boxes). This is a limited time special offer, while supplies last. Once the inventory has been sold, the Club will be returning to its standard ammunition sales policy of one box per Member, per visit.

The Club allows non-lead No. 4, 5 and 6 shot size for hunting pheasant and chukar. You may use smaller shot sizes and/or lead shot for trap shooting.

Please keep in mind that you will have to pass the State of California Department of Justice background check to purchase ammo at Hastings. If you have been through this process in the past, it will likely result in a quick approval. If not, please call the Club office regarding the requirements to purchase ammunition, so that the process works smoothly for you, when you make your purchase.

COFFEE SHOP HOURS

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday and Friday: 10:00a to 2:00p	(Grill off at 1:30)
Saturday and Sunday: 7:00a to 2:00p	(Grill off at 1:30)



The Club has great fishing, as well as Upland Gamebird Hunting.

Pao Thao was fishing with his dad, member Jason Thao, at the Club this summer.

Pao, that is a great Stripped Bass!! He looks like a happy young man!!!

What a great kid - he also put the fish back in water, after getting his photo.

CONNECT WITH US

facebook is a great place to get current updates about the Club, but our Facebook page is not maintained onsite and so it is NOT a good way to get in contact with us. Facebook messages will likely go unanswered for days.

The best way to contact the Club office is by telephone. If our phones are out of order, you are always welcome to email us at: clubmail@hihp.com



Blake Pitto, with his young Britney, Diesel. This young man is at the Club with his father every week working his dog and getting ready for the new Season.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

The Club is pleased to host our annual Fall Hunter Safety Course on August 26th and 27th. The class is limited to 25 students. The fee is \$10.00 per student, payable on the



Mark Phelps (fourth from the right) generously devotes his time to our Hunter Safety Classes. He is joined by fellow instructor, Dennis Deanda, and some of the participants of our last class.

first day of the class. Instruction starts at 8:00am sharp, so please make sure to arrive on time and participate both days. The Club will be offering lunch for a modest cost, or you are welcome to bring a lunch of your own.

In order to register for the Hunter Safety Class, please visit the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife website:

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/201186>

This class is very popular and early reservations are highly recommended!

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