

PRAIRIE NEWS

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First Quarter 2015

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Hunting Update:

The season ended the first weekend of January with great hunting and a wonderful flavor of South Dakota weather. Friday was almost 30°F, sunny and beautiful - the sort of day when you start shedding layers of warm clothing in the afternoon. Saturday was cold and gray and windy, with basically blizzard conditions that made everyone want to shoot the birds quickly and spend the evening in the Lodge in front of the fireplace. Sunday was sunny again but very cold, with temperatures staying well below zero.

Overall, the winter has had some snow and cold days but nothing so extreme that the pheasants should be in distress. The food plots still have plenty of corn and sustenance so the birds should have a high survival rate this winter. It's fun to watch them playing on the fences and trails during sunny afternoons.

Also, a reminder that we have access to preserve land as well, so if anyone would like to hunt until March, we would welcome you. The winter months are so beautiful with the blanket of snow covering the ground, and we like to think of these cold days as brisk and refreshing.



Newsletter:

This year we will be producing *Prairie News* on a quarterly basis. There are always new and interesting facets to hunting and the pheasant theme, and we hope to still cover these topics thoroughly. If any time-sensitive issues occur, we will release a special bulletin in addition to the regular newsletter. Previous editions of the newsletter are archived on our website, and as always, please email or call us if you have any specific questions or comments.

Pheasant Fest 2015:

In just a few weeks, hunters everywhere will descend upon Des Moines to explore the latest wisdom on pheasants and quail, conservation, bird dogs, shooting, cooking wild game, and passing on our hunting heritage to the next generation. If you haven't been to this trade show recently (last year in Milwaukee and the previous year in Minneapolis), this is the year you should definitely attend.



Check out the website at <http://PheasantFest.org> for a full list of attractions, vendors, exhibitors, seminars, maps and hotels. There is truly something for everyone whether you prefer to browse the booths for free pens and cozies or would rather listen to the amazing seminars given by industry experts. Some of our favorite events from last year were the bird dog parade and the auction at the Saturday evening banquet.

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And, most importantly, please visit Dakota Prairie Lodge in Booth 706. We love to meet new hunters, but it is especially nice to see a familiar face in the crowd. In addition to new pictures, an updated video and some fun freebies, we will be holding a raffle for a free hunt!

Prairie Puzzle:

The answer to last month's question about the vice-president who hunted in PA and donated the birds to charity was Cheney. Congratulations to Mr. Cluchey of South Carolina for winning our Prairie Puzzle.

First Quarter 2015 question:

What city has previously hosted the national Pheasant Fest convention?

- a) Kansas City, MO b) Omaha, NE c) Madison, WI
d) Bloomington, MN e) all of the above

Please submit your answer by February 1, 2015 to be included in the prize drawing for a free Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hunting hat. Responses will be accepted via mail, phone, or email. Good luck!