

PRAIRIE NEWS

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1-855-SD Lodge

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Hunting Update:

What a fabulous month! All the factors of great hunting – good weather, numerous pheasants, accurate shots, amazing dogs, awesome guides, and really fun hunters – have made the past few weeks memorable. The Game, Fish and Parks estimated close to 150% increase in pheasants in Brule County, as compared to last year, and seeing the birds flying around the fields



brings a real appreciation of the magnitude of that number. Since our food plots surrounding the Lodge are new, we were uncertain exactly what to expect. The areas furthest from a water source where more sparse, but the spaces closer to water and in low areas yielded quite a few birds. In the morning and at sunset, we often see scores of birds moving between fields, and we can hear them cackling in the trees and weeds, but it is especially gratifying to see them fly up for our hunters.

We have refined our target shooting operation into an organized course with 13 stations that incorporate a range of shots such as fast repeat, rabbit, bateau, etc. so that our hunters have an opportunity to practice with shots they might encounter in the field. Some groups benefit greatly from utilizing this exercise prior to hunting, but others don't really need it. The most impressive shooting thus far goes to a small group of two hunters who were working with pointing dogs. With only a few folks in a group, logistics are sometimes challenging since there aren't enough individuals to block and flank. But these two gentlemen set out one morning and shot six of the first seven roosters that flew up, which we recognized as a very successful and noteworthy effort.





Another trend this year that we find particularly pleasing has been the prevalence of groups representing multiple generations. The camaraderie of hunting is one aspect of the whole experience that is especially gratifying, and we are pleased with the number of hunters interested in passing



this tradition on to their sons and grandsons. To encourage this trend, we continue to offer a 50% discount to all youth under the age of 18. Lack of hunting experience is not a problem as we will spend extra time with them target shooting, and our guides are pleased to offer shooting tips and support.

Also, check your calendars! We still have available dates in December. It's not too late to join us this year for some outstanding hunting!



Pheasant Fest:

Next month we will have an update about Pheasant Fest, coming to the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines in February 2015. We will have a booth at the show and encourage all our hunters to attend and visit us there.

Prairie Puzzle:

The answer to last month's question about the cities offering direct flights to Sioux Falls was all of them. Congratulation to Mr. Haynes of Indiana for winning our Prairie Puzzle.

November question: ***In deference to the cold temperatures of the past week, which of the following are symptoms of hypothermia?***

- a) uncontrollable shivering b) unclear speech c) loss of coordination
d) all of the above e) none of the above

Please submit your answer by November 30, 2014 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!