



## DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

# PRAIRIE NEWS



### MEET OUR TEAM

#### JIM KLAGES

#### *Fishing & Hunting Guide*

Jim is involved in many different aspects of the Lodge operations. He guides our pheasant hunters (with his amazing dogs), helps coordinate fishing excursions for guests, and even assists with transportation to and from the airport for anyone flying in. Jim is an enthusiastic outdoorsman who loves hunting species from pheasants to prairie chickens.

His favorite things at the Lodge? The laid-back atmosphere and our wonderful guests. Joe Rossi's duck sushi appetizer is also a hit!

**Hometown:** Ortonville, MN

**Favorite Hunt:** Prairie Chicken

**Favorite Supper:** Prime Rib

### SUMMER ADVENTURES ARE UNDERWAY IN KIMBALL



The temperatures are warming up here in Kimball, South Dakota, and that means that prairie dog hunting and fishing are well underway. We have had excellent luck with finding robust prairie dog towns so far this year, and our hunters are having a blast taking down those varmints.

On the fishing side, the news is just as positive. We have enjoyed a few awesome walleye fishing groups visiting so far this year, with more coming soon. Our fishing guides know the Missouri River extremely well, and they will help you find the perfect place to cast your line.

### WHAT'S NEW? THE LATEST FROM THE LODGE

There is never a dull moment here at the Lodge, and that's just the way we like it! Between guiding prairie dog hunting groups and taking fishing groups out on the water, we are also preparing our fields for pheasant season this fall. You might have spotted Toni out in the combine checking up on our food plots. We make an effort to support our wild pheasant brood with thoughtful farming.

In other news, the pheasant nesting season is here! The hens have been laying eggs during the month of May, and we have spotted some full nests. After the 23-day incubation period, the chicks normally hatch toward the middle or end of June.

We hope to see you at the Lodge this summer! There are still a few select dates open for last-minute prairie dog hunting or fishing plans.



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PRAIRIE DOG HUNTER IN SOUTH DAKOTA

You wake up in the morning to the sun creeping up over the prairie, peeking in through the blinds of your room. The bed is so comfortable, you may want to keep sleeping. But then, you remember what the day has in store: prairie dog hunting! You venture out to find a hot breakfast ready and waiting. After eating your fill, you and your pals climb into the pickup to explore a nearby prairie dog town. Our staff has already loaded up the bed with everything you'll need, including plenty of water, soft drinks, and hearty packed lunches.

Now, it is time to set up your basecamp, from which you will take down those pesky little varmints that drive farmers in our area crazy. You will be totally immersed in the wide-open prairie, taking in tall green grasses waving softly in the wind as a few clouds float by overhead. Nearby, a bumblebee sucks

the nectar from a purple flower. This is the beauty of rural South Dakota, and it is one of our favorite parts of prairie dog hunting. You'll set up a comfortable chair and a stand to rest your gun. Through the scope, you can see the prairie dog town: What initially looks like a mass of light brown dirt now appears to be moving.. Small brown heads pop up left and right, one disappearing under the dirt as another resurfaces. From the comfort of your seat, you focus in on one hole.

Ready, aim... fire! That prairie dog is down for the count. And now, it's time to shoot another one. With no daily restrictions on prairie dog hunting in South Dakota, you can truly enjoy shooting these varmints to the maximum. Enjoy the best of outdoor adventure and endless shooting when you book a prairie dog hunt with us at Dakota Prairie Lodge and Resort.



### MAY 2026 PRAIRIE DOG HUNTING: A GALLERY OF MEMORIES



## PRAIRIE PUZZLE

**May Question:** How many different species of prairie dogs are there in North America?

- a) Twelve species
- b) Two species
- c) Four species
- d) Five species



Submit your answer by June 10, 2026, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE piece of Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort merchandise.