



## DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

# PRAIRIE NEWS



### SUPPORT A CAUSE LAND & LEGACY

Next in our series of charitable causes close to our heart is our very own 501(c)3 organization: Land & Legacy. We created Land & Legacy as a way to share our passion for preserving the wide open spaces of the American West and Midwest. Our mission? Conservation through education and fostering a love of the land and outdoor adventures.

Even Teddy Roosevelt, the 26th president of the U.S. believed in this goal. In one quote, he said: "In a civilized and cultivated country, our wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen." If you are interested in helping further this legacy, get involved here:

[www.landandlegacy.org](http://www.landandlegacy.org)



### THE LATEST ADVENTURES AT THE LODGE



It has been a busy spring season here at the Lodge, and we are loving every minute of it! We have been spending our days prairie dog hunting and planting food plots to sustain our hungry population of pheasants and other upland birds. Next week, we will be welcoming the season's first group of Walleye fishermen. We are excited to see what the Missouri River will yield this year – hopefully great catches!

The weather here in South Dakota has been beautiful, perfect for firing away at prairie dogs and helping our local farmers rid their fields of these scampering pests. We still have some prairie dog hunting slots open later this summer, so don't forget to book with us!

### FUN AT THE NRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

As many of you know, we recently traveled to Dallas, Texas for the NRA Annual Convention, which was held at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center. Over three days, we soaked up 14 acres worth of the latest guns and gear – and of course, plenty of outfitters like ourselves. We love attending all of the hunting shows that we visit, but large events like the NRA Annual Convention certainly hold a special place in our hearts. Why? Because of all of you: our friends and hunters who stop by to chat, book an experience with us, or simply peruse our collection of taxidermy (have you seen our prairie dog?!)

If you did not make it this year's NRA Annual Convention, keep an eye out for information on the 154th year of this event, which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia in April 2025. As for us, we will be attending our last show of the year this August 2024 in Houston at Hunters Extravaganza.



## 4 MUST-TRY GREAT PLAINS HUNTS

Among any community of hunters, there is hot debate over the best (and worst) places to hunt for your favorite game. If you ask us, however, we will happily tell you why South Dakota is an ideal hunting location. This month, we are excited to explore some of the best hunts in the Great Plains area. How many of these incredible hunts have you tried?

### #1: RING-NECKED PHEASANT

The ring-necked pheasant is the state bird of South Dakota and is easily recognized by its colorful plumage. With elegant tail feathers that can exceed two feet in length, pheasants are favored by many as a premier trophy bird and an exciting hunt perfect for companionship with large groups. Pheasant hunting is a classic South Dakota activity – while you may be able to hunt pheasants on preserves on the East Coast, nothing compares to stalking skittish, wild roosters through the corn fields .



### #2: PRAIRIE DOG

If you read April's newsletter, then you know a little bit about the joys of prairie dog hunting already. These tiny varmints are well-known pests – and you can shoot them all day long without a limit holding you back. Hunting prairie dogs offers a unique opportunity to test your rifle skills with virtually endless practice as you set your sights on a prairie dog town.



### #3: TROPHY BUFFALO

It is not just anywhere that you can hunt trophy buffalo, but at Custer State Park in South Dakota, you may get that chance. Every year, eight trophy bull licenses are granted – and the application pool is open to both residents and nonresidents. On these guided hunts, you will have the opportunity to take home a prize that few hunters get to call theirs.

### #4: DUCK

Many people do not think of the Great Plains as a prime duck-hunting area. But in our unique "Prairie Pothole" region, we are situated directly in the migratory path of these birds. With watering holes and sunken ponds abounding on the rolling land here, seasoned and novice duck hunters alike can enjoy the best of bird hunting without wading through marshy wetlands. The Great Plains offers a duck hunting experience like no other – think of it as a brand-new perspective on an age-old hunt.

## PRAIRIE PUZZLE

**May Question:** When does trophy buffalo season start at Custer State Park?

- a) November
- b) September
- c) December
- d) January



Submit your answer by June 10, 2024, 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 Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.