

The countdown to hunting season has officially begun, and we couldn't be more excited! Our crew here at Rice Creek has been working hard to prepare for another great year, and it's all starting to come together.

As fall approaches, now is a great time to start planning your outings. Reserving your hunting dates early; especially during our peak season; not only guarantees your preferred dates but also helps us plan for a successful fall. If you have friends, family members, or coworkers who have always wanted to experience a pheasant hunt or a sporting clays outing, invite them along! There's no better way to introduce someone to the outdoors than a day at Rice Creek.

The fields have all been planted, and they're looking great. This year, we decided to try something a little different with our crops. As I'm sure many of you noticed last year, we have more than a few deer roaming around eating our corn! To help combat that, we planted several more acres of sorghum and tucked our corn in the middle, hoping it will develop a good canopy before the deer discover it. Fingers crossed our plan works, but if not the sorghum and switchgrass will still be perfect cover for the pheasants.

Fall is just around the corner!

As of today, our cover is filling in beautifully, creating ideal habitat for our birds and setting the stage for excellent hunting this fall. Every hour we spent preparing the grounds has one goal in mind, to provide you with the best possible hunting experience. Now all we need is a little cooperation from Mother Nature. A few timely rains over the next couple of months will help finish the crops strong.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces back at the club very soon. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer, spend some time getting your dogs into shape, get your gear ready, and keep your fingers crossed for rain. Fall will be here before we know it!



In Need of a BUS for Youth Adventure!

One of the biggest needs for our Youth Shooting adventure is a reliable transportation. Each day, we need to safely transport campers between different activities, making a bus an essential part of the camp. Without one, we simply cannot provide the experience these kids deserve, and the future of our camp would be in jeopardy. We are looking for a different bus. If anyone sees one

for sale for an reasonable price, or would like to trade hunting for one, or donate towards one, it would be greatly appreciated. We want to continue giving young shooters the opportunity to build confidence, learn firearm safety, develop lifelong skills, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps keep this camp possible for the next generation.



*For donations please write checks out to Rice Creek, memo Youth Adventure!
Please contact Rice Creek for further information!*



Some activities we do during the camp(s) include target shooting, an afternoon of fishing and swimming, a trip to Camp Ripley military base, Two Rivers tubing, big game blood trail tracking, tree stand safety, fence crossing, gun handling, nature identification, and actual hunting of pheasants/chukars.

We appreciate all the help so far that we have received running these camps. Thanks to our counselor's that stayed with the kids 24-7, Craig Smith and Pamela Kosloske our certified Firearm Safety Instructors. Kitchen staff always keeping everyone fed well, and of course Krista our camp coordinator, Gregg and Joe for an amazing facility to host these camps. Thanks to Morrell Companies for donating the youth shooting vest and sponsoring kids!



Mallard Hunting

**DUCKS ARE AT A FIRST
COME, FIRST HUNT!!**

Our Mallard pass is located right in the middle of our shooting preserve and is a series of four ponds. We are able to position hunters in between for great pass shooting. Mallards are only available after Labor Day on a first come, first serve basis. We are usually done harvesting Mallards by end of October.

Steel shot is required, which we have for sale at the clubhouse, nothing larger than #3 shot. We do require a guide with each group, minimum of 4 ducks per gun. Price is \$29.50 per duck, but we do charge for 10% of the total kill. Example: 27 birds harvested = 30 charged for. It typically takes 1½ hours to shoot Mallards, so plan accordingly, this can be a great warm up to a pheasant hunt.

Just a reminder: for new hunters, **we have you fill out your order sheets before you go hunting which we will be REQUIRED now.** This saves us from having to scramble to get hunters out and box birds at the same time during our busy noon hour!

Trade-In Options

Pheasant Pot Pies, Duck Chili, Pheasant Wild Rice Hotdish, Pheasant Sticks, Wild Game Sausage, Filleted Pheasant or Duck.

If you know when you book your hunt that you would like a lot of these products, Please let us know so we can have enough on hand for you.

Late Fall/Winter HOURS at Rice Creek!!

NOVEMBER, starting Nov. 15th, CLOSED Sunday afternoons & Monday's all day.

DECEMBER, CLOSED Sunday afternoons & Monday's all day

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, CLOSED ALL Sunday's, Monday's & Tuesday's.

OPEN Wednesday's, Thursday's, Friday's & Saturday's

FALL Office Hours – 8am – 12pm Monday – Sunday, give us a call!!

Call us before noon and someone will be here to answer any questions about booking (probably Gregg, Krista, Pamela or Charlie). Info you should have ready for us should be:

- **What type of day** you will want to enjoy. Pheasant hunting, duck hunting, chukar hunting, sporting clays, meals (Lunch, dinner, or just hors d'oeuvres), staying overnight, all the above or any other ideas you may have.
- **How many birds** your group will want to be hunting for and will be taking home. Please tell us the total number of **birds** for the whole group. This is the number you will be charged for as we price by the hunt. This can be changed as late as **a day before the hunt**. (minimum 4 per person).
- If you are planning a **guided hunt** or **hunt on release** and **how many guests**, you will be having.
- If you are planning to shoot **sporting clays** or **warm up targets**, **before** or **after** your hunt.
- **What time** you will be **arriving** and **when** you will be **hunting** (Pheasant & Chukar hunts start at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (12 or less), 1:00 p.m or 1:30 p.m. (12 or less) hunt, Ducks can be hunted any time before 3:30 p.m.).

Get your reservations in early, this helps us plan our Fall!

We've had some confusion in the past, so to make everything clear. At Rice Creek, we charge by the hunt. If a guided group schedules a 25-bird pheasant hunt, the guide tries to put up at least 25 fair opportunities to bag all 25 pheasants, a lot of times more. It is up to the guide if they determine that birds shot at should be added to the total birds, as pheasants get hit by BBs and continue to fly and soon die and are never recovered. Some hunts, the dogs may catch wounded birds, or find dead birds and it is up to the guide to decide if they should be added to the bagged pheasant's total. In summary, hunters are guaranteed the 25-bird pheasant hunt, get to shoot at and have a chance to bag at least 25, they are also guaranteed take home 25 cleaned pheasants.

BRINGING A DOG, BUT ALSO TAKING A GUIDE.....

All dogs are welcome, but here are some things to think about when considering bringing a dog: if you are a guest of someone else's hunt, do they want you to bring one? Can your dog handle lots of birds, lots of shooting, lots of hunters, without freaking out?

Here are some suggestions to help us, you, and your dog:

- Let us know if you will be bringing a dog ahead of time.
- You can separate from your group and you can take a small number with you, or just get an area to hunt by yourself and your dog.
- Ask to take the dog where there are less birds first, if the dog gets too excited.

Bird hunting & dogs go together, and your dog may be quite mad if he gets left behind, we can help make a great hunt for all. Our policy is, if your dog is wrecking a hunt with a guide, (chasing birds away out of range, dog fighting, or totally out of control) the guide will ask you to put it away, that's the guide's call.



Meet. Connect. Hunt

*Let's make it More Than a Meeting but an Experience
Your Team Will Remember.*



Our Sunroom can hold 4 - 8 people



Large Dining room 20 - 50 people

Lets skip the ordinary conference room and bring your team somewhere they'll actually look forward to. At Rice Creek, your business can host productive meetings in a comfortable setting, we offer three different spaces for groups of 4-400, then step outside to strengthen relationships through sporting clays, upland hunting, and the great outdoors. After a day of collaboration and friendly competition, gather around the table for a homemade wild game meal thats been a favorite.



Event Center for 50 - 400 people

Whether you're entertaining clients, rewarding employees, hosting a leadership retreat, or bringing your team together, Rice Creek offers an

experience that goes far beyond the agenda. It's where business gets done and connections grow stronger. We promise you it's an experience they won't forget!



Hunting at Rice Creek This Fall - How Much Does It Cost?

Membership

- One person in the hunting party must be a member (Individual – \$536.88 w/tax, Corporate \$966.38 w/tax before Sept. 1st (**after Sept 1st prices go Individual \$636.88, Corporate \$1066.38 w/tax**) (3 people can be listed on Corporate) or one day membership of \$300 to hunt at Rice Creek between the dates of September 15th and the last day of Thanksgiving weekend.
- No membership needed after thanksgiving weekend. Birds cost extra for non-members and their guests. Depending on bird availability, it might not be available to non-members.

Pheasant hunts start at \$148.00 per person hunting

- Four birds hunted and guaranteed birds in the field, four birds cleaned and packaged to take home.
- Must have your own dog if going without a guide.
- Guides and their dogs available to hire for ½ day at \$70 plus \$100 gratuity or more. Guides take from one to six hunters per group. Groups can be one to 60 hunters in the am and one to 60 hunters in the pm.
- Hunters can harvest additional birds and have them cleaned at \$37 each. Pheasants that are knocked down are counted in the bag – cripples caught by the dog may be taken away from the count at the guides discretion. We try not to plan more than 10 birds per half day/ per hunter, as it gets to be more than can be harvested.

Mallard hunts start at \$148.00 per person + guide(s) required; guide fee is \$50 + \$70 gratuity.

- Four birds hunted and guaranteed bagged per hunter.
- Hunters are required to count and add to the actual downed ducks of 10% for ducks wounded as part of their harvest which we can recover later after the hunt. Example 7 birds bagged for a group of two, pay for 8 and take home 8 cleaned mallards.
- Hunters can harvest additional birds and have them cleaned at \$37 each, there is no limit to how many can be harvested.

MEALS AVAILABLE IN THE LODGE

- **Breakfast**, LIMITED...must call for available spots. You are welcome to bring your own “fixin’s” to make in the small kitchen in the main clubhouse. There are also full kitchens in the North cabin or CB South cabin. (We are short-staffed, so we hope you understand). Perkins is 7 miles Southwest of us. Breakfast will be at 8:30 am if you have a reservation.
- **Lunches** will be served in two shifts this year due to improve service quality: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm for morning hunters and 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm for afternoon hunters. **Lunches** will be buffet style only “it will be chefs’ choice of the day”, \$18.50 + gratuity.
- **Dinners** will be served 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm - no later than 6:00, \$20.00 buffet style ‘chefs’ choice” or \$21.50-\$35.00 per plate, per other options.
- **Our Wild Game Feast** will still be available, it is our signature meal since the hunting club was started in 1961. The Wild Game Feast is only available to members and their guests, as we use the pheasants/ducks you harvest.

Lodging available: **10% deposit day of booking for lodging**

- The clubhouse, five individual rooms with multiple beds and their own bathrooms, one is handicapped accessible; range from \$150 to \$160 per room, per night (no dogs)
- The cabin, (west of the clubhouse) five rooms with 10 beds, three bathrooms, kitchen, two lounge areas with TV’s, dogs allowed: \$450 per night.
- The CB South Cabin - (1/4 mile away, but on property) four bedrooms with 10 beds, two bathrooms, kitchen, one lounge area with TV’s, dogs allowed: \$450 per night.
- Stay in Pierz (six miles east) – Hillbilly Haven Motel – right on main street and allows dogs.
- Stay in Little Falls (six miles west) – Country Inn Suites allows dogs.

Extra Fun

- Trap, 5-Stand and Sporting Clays: 2- 50 target courses open until the snow flies: \$28.25 per 50 targets, special prices for youth and ladies

Pheasant Hunting with a Guide at Rice Creek-What an Experience!

Our guided pheasant hunts are second to none; a lot of birds, good dog work and a lot of shooting and sometimes a lot of missing. We always keep ample amounts of birds in the fields, they become very strong-flying pheasants. We also have large areas to hunt and tons of cover. For this reason, the birds can be a challenge to hit, retrieve and put in your actual bagged bird possession for you and the guide.

In the early years we hunted by what we called the fair shot rule. The guides would keep track of how many fair chances the hunters had at each pheasant and charge accordingly. They would pick up a rock or a kernel of corn each time a bird was shot at and should have been hit and charged accordingly. These fair shot misses were added to the actual number of birds bagged and then paid for.

Our guides do the very best they can do and their efforts toward providing a quality hunt is their highest priority. Please inform Gregg or Joe of a good job or an unsatisfactory job and any issues you may have with our guided hunt policies we have here at Rice Creek.

HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF OUR GUIDES



Kurt Litke

Kurt started guiding for us part time in 2002 and went to full time in 2017. He was a 5th grade teacher in Pierz, MN. Kurt's choice of guide dogs are labradors, but on occasion I will add a pointing dog to the mix. He is one of our go to guides and runs over 120 hunts a fall.



Craig Smith

Craig started working for us in 2003. He helps out wherever we needed him, from sporting clays to guiding we could always count on him!! Craig retired from Camp Ripley with 25 years of military. If you get him as a guide you'll see him run 2 black labs and a shorthair.



Craig Kempenich

When Craig isn't working his full time job at Northland Drilling wells, you will find him at Rice Creek. He started guiding for us in 2000 and he's on his 6th generation of shorthair.



Rob LeBlanc

Rob started guiding Full-time in 2016 but grew up at Rice Creek as his father was one of the founders. Rob raised German Shorthairs and loves hunting and watching fellow hunters, old and new, shoot as many pheasants as possible.



Krista Smude

Krista started working for us in 2003 in the processing plant. She graduated and we hired her Full-time in 2007. Krista is the manager of Rice Creek. She loves to get out and guide when she can. Krista has 3 of her own dogs, shorthairs "REMY" & "WINDSOR" and a pointing lab Maverick".



Greg Koury

Greg is retired from Air Force both active duty and active reserve. He moved up to Little Falls from St Paul and has worked for us for 9 years. He hunts with a German Wire Hair pointer "Weston"



Jeff Johnson

Jeff Johnson started guiding for us in 2012. Jeff runs all shorthairs anywhere from 2-5 dogs. His dogs love to get out as much as the can and hunt!! When Jeff isn't guiding, you'll find him inside a grader blading township roads.



Matt Seymour

Matt has become an avid upland and waterfowl hunter. This passion led him to start running his own dogs, he currently has two chocolate labs, and has been hunting and guiding over them for 10+ years. His goal includes a safe & fun hunt, with of course plenty of action!



Scott LeBlanc

Scott started guiding when he was just a little over 10 years old on the duck pass. He runs short hairs and labs. When Scott isn't out in the field guiding you'll find him taking care of all of our ducks.



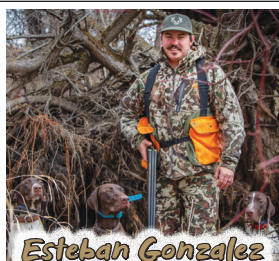
Larry Wielinski

Larry has two dogs he uses for pheasant hunting, Pike and Jenny. He has been guiding since 1990. Larry likes to hunt, fish and some gardening. He also volunteers work through the Sobieski Lions. Larry is retired from laborers union.



Tom Karels

Tom is a full time meat cutter for 35 years at Jerry's Foods in Edina. He also has been a horse farrier for the same amount of time. He loves training flushing dogs and breeding Labradors.



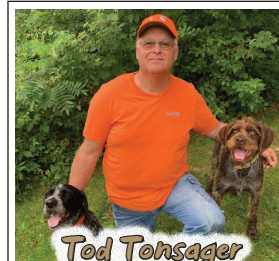
Esteban Gonzalez

Esteban, known as Este. He's been guiding on/off for about 10 years. He loves running 3 to 4 dogs at a time and watching them work. When he is not guiding, he is in the kitchen working as a food blogger alongside his wife on their website, Pretty Simple Sweet. He loves creating recipes and sharing them with others.



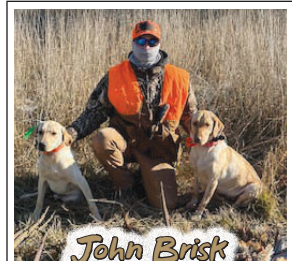
Andrew LeBlanc

Andrew started guiding on his dad's shoulders 30 years ago running his own labs now switching to spaniels he loves watching his dogs work. He spends his non guiding days as a full-time firefighter or with his family and hopes to continue his family's legacy in the business



Tod Tonsager

Todd is an retired state worker with the DNR in Little Falls. He is going into his 5th season with us. He has two German Wirehair Pointer dogs this year, Trigger & Buck. He enjoys sporting clays and is an avid pheasant hunter



John Brisk

John works carpentry and is an avid outdoorsman. He has two dogs this year, Bailey and Pete. He has been pheasant guiding for a few years now and works mainly on the weekends. He enjoys bowhunting, rifle hunting, sporting clays and fishing.

These dates are taken as of July 28th. Also included are dates we are closed. If you find a date that works, make sure to call us and double check before lining up the groups. To help you better understand the calendar, the number listed on that day is the number we have available. For example, if we have pheasant 7 A.M. we have 7 fields left in the A.M. Another is if we have pheasant 0 P.M. we don't have any fields left.

SEPTEMBER

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To the Members and Friends of Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation



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