



Rice Creek Spring 2025 Newsletter

LeBlanc's Rice Creek
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SAVE THE DATE!

GUN FAIR

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
May 2nd, 3rd & 4th**

Try before you buy!

Gun reps provide the guns and ammunition to shoot on the range, walk across the aisle and Reeds can give you a great price.

We have World Champion shooting shows & exhibitors, over 10,000 guests come to shoot and try the newest guns on the market and buy shooting supplies. Shoot sporting clays courses for fun or begin the Sporting clays League Shooting season. Five-Stand available at Gun Fair. Great food available daily, special treats made from pheasant or duck along with traditional short order - type food all at reasonable prices.

This is an event you and the whole family don't want to miss!



May 2nd

9:00am Gates Open
6:00pm Gates Close

May 3rd

9:00am Gates Open
1:00pm Shooting Show
6:00pm Gates Close

May 4th

9:00am Gates Open
1:00pm Shooting Show
4:00pm Gates Close

Venue and Parking - Parking is \$20 per vehicle.

PARKING CASH ONLY

Free Shooting for Everyone in the Car!

Spring Chukar Hunting has started

We have Chukars!! Chukars are a great bird to hunt, especially in the spring of the year. They are great for dog work, sport shooting and a great bird for table fare. These birds stay in-field and are less apt to run; it might be their shorter legs? It makes them a great bird for spring hunting and dog work/training. We have a limited number of chukars, so book them ahead if you want to save them. \$22.00 per bird, 12 bird minimum per group or 4 birds per hunter if you have more than 3 hunters, add \$3.00 per bird if we clean the birds.



Think Way Ahead For This Fall's Annual Hunts

This is the time of year to think about those annual fall hunts. We would like to give you first opportunity, as a member, to book the date/dates of your choice for this fall hunting season. So please do so at your earliest convenience. We have noticed the times are filling up fast again this year and don't want you to miss out on those dates. With this in mind, especially if you are planning on staying either in the lodge, cabin or both, we wouldn't want you to miss out on your stay here at LeBlanc's Rice Creek.

Membership Information

Full Year Corporate Membership - Three representatives listed. Includes guests & privileges to hunt during prime time fall season Sept 1 - Jan 1, reduced bird prices and reduced trade-in prices. Early Bird price of \$966.38 including tax. Additional reps. can be listed for \$187.91 each. If paid after Sept 1st the cost will be \$1073.15 including tax

Full Year Individual Membership - One representative listed. Includes guests & privileges to hunt during prime time fall season Sept 1 - Jan 1, reduced bird prices and reduced trade-in prices. Early Bird sign-up is \$536.88 including tax. Price does go up Sept 1st to \$643.18 including tax.

Non-Members - can hunt starting first two weeks of September and December 1st until birds are gone.
(All hunting groups must have at least one person that has completed MN firearm safety or its equivalent.)

"NEW" SPORTING CLAYS: *starting later and ending later!!*

With the Gun Fair on, we are going to kick off our Sporting Clays season a bit later.

**First round will start Tuesday, April 29th,
open from 12:00pm-7:00pm**

** Discounted punch card Rates** \$170.00 includes tax (only available Gun Fair Weekend, May 2nd, 3rd & 4th)
Regular punch cards are \$180.00 includes tax.

UPDATED CLAYS PRICING

Per round of 50 Targets \$25.25 League • \$28.25 Non League
\$17.00 Women/Youth League & Non-League
Punch Cards Available: 8 Punches for \$180.00 (all prices include tax)

****Sporting Clays Pre-buy Count-Up Cards****

1000 targets \$425.00 500 targets \$212.50

**Also we will have food available once
again on TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
starting April 29th - September 4th
from 4pm-8pm!**

Competitive league shooters must shoot at 100 targets a month; 400 minimum for a four-person team, 200 for a two-person team, to earn their hunting prizes.

For a sign-up sheet for league, go to www.ricecreekhunting.com

Every team wins a certificate to a bird hunt at Rice Creek if they complete the league. Prizes will be given at the End of the Year League Party, Sunday, September 7th

Sporting Clays Walk-in Hours
April 29th to Sept. 5th
Mondays - Closed

Tues & Thurs 9:00am - start round by 7:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am - start round by 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - start round by 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

8:00am - start round by 12:00pm

Advertising on our Sporting Clays Course

Our Sporting Clays league has roughly about 250+ shooters that visit our course more than eight times during the season and over a thousand non-league shooters and bachelor parties are shooting our sporting clays course as well. We would love for you to become a Station Sponsor through your sign that will be placed on the course. We have two courses of sporting clays with 8 stations each. The money we get from the advertising signs, we purchase prizes and give them away at the end of the year banquet. We also strongly encourage our participants to frequently visit these establishments.

The first year advertising on our sporting clays course, the cost is \$166.43 including tax. We use \$66.43 of that for your sign with your logo or personalization of your choosing – and the remaining \$100 can be paid either in gift certificates equaling \$100, or a check for \$100, which will go toward purchasing prizes for the end of the year banquet. Every year after, the sponsorship cost will only be \$107.38, subject to change.

Rachel Hogan



Meet Rachel Hogan our new chef, author and outdoors-woman. She has a unique culinary style merging wild game and comfort food, sometimes with a nutritious twist. As a professional chef for over a decade, she has honed her craft working in the wilds of South Dakota and guiding hunts with her English. Here is a more detailed life story of her....

Life is strange...and weird...and wonderful. Like a well-seasoned dish, life develops flavor and depth by our experiences. We try on different thoughts and practices, just like changing summer clothes for winter coats. And all these paths eventually lead to where we need to be, if we keep doing the next thing.

Yet, the path of my life hasn't been as straight as my grandparents' gravel road. In my teens, I was fortunate to start training and competing with field-bred English springer spaniels. This ingrained in me a deep and earnest respect for sporting dogs and the outdoor lifestyle. I didn't foresee that Lyme disease would present a curve on that road and become one of my biggest teachers. My health deteriorated severely, and I was left in a wheelchair for years during my early 20s. I didn't know at the time that the illness was just the perspective shift and course correction that I needed. I always knew I loved to cook, but this life-changing battle to regain my health let me know just how important food was for physical and mental wellness. Cooking became a way to heal my body and my spirit.

After recovering my mobility and a level of health, I decided to attend a nutritionally focused culinary school. I learned so much about beautiful food and addressing illness with diet. There was a major focus on how to celebrate vegetables and use Mother Nature to nurture us.

It has taken me several years to find my culinary voice. I didn't know if it was possible to marry the clean-eating perspective of my education with the "love and butter" mentality I inherited from my family as a child. I jokingly call the two parts "Jekyll and Hyde." But food is seasonal, just as hunting is seasonal. So is life. My goal is to find a balance, so I look to infuse as much health and nutrition as I can into food that delights the soul. I lean toward approachable food with the hope of empowering others to create on their own. You won't find me saying no to a kale smoothing or some fried pheasant. It's easy to get lost in the details. So, the philosophy I now employ is this: Eat whole food as often as possible. Minimize consumption of processed food. Maximize use of food close to its natural state. A cheese puff probably doesn't qualify, but goat cheese definitely does. Try to connect to where food comes from as often as you can. Eat lots of vegetables but make them delicious and irresistible. And don't be afraid to utilize some good quality pork nectar, a.k.a bacon fat, from time to time. This is my recipe for success.

I now know that a big part of the genius in my mammaw's gift to me was to let food be fun. Let it be interactive. *Taste. Feel. Create.* Cooking as an art, not a science, so let go. This brings to mind a childhood afternoon—permitted as only a grandmother would—allowing me to throw pie dough scraps at the wall while the pies were baking. Imagine! My mom is still traumatized. But there is inspiration in the joy and indulgence of that memory. So this past fall, when I had the privilege of hunting with a teenaged girl at my workplace in South Dakota, I couldn't resist pulling her into the kitchen to create a pheasant pot pie. What could make a golden flakey crust, tender meat, veggies, and a smoky creamy sauce better? Creating it with someone else, especially a younger set of hands. From rolling out savory dough to filling and fluting crust, and finally applying egg wash to ensure golden-brown perfection—we made a one-of-a-kind piece of edible art and memories. It was messy and joyous, just as Mammaw would have loved. I was so deeply honored to be able to spend some time creating, sharing a few laughs, and making a bit of a mess with this lovely young woman.

After the hunting season came to a close, I pondered those times in the kitchen, both as the young mind and now as the mentor. The pieces had finally all fallen into place. Does it age me a bit? Probably. But now, I am the one who can assist in creating that "loved up" feeling, just as Mammaw did for me all those years back. I have the privilege of passing on the joy that creating food can bring to the next generation.

So why should you get in the kitchen? Because it's a way to share your story. Find the balance of nutrition and decadence that's right for you. Why should you utilize game meat? Because it's a pure connection to the source. Game meat is lean and nutritious and delicious. It stems from a beautiful partnership that we share afield with our companions, whether they are canine or the two-legged variety. And why involve the younger generation? Because it's an honor. It's a tribute. And it will be our legacy.

Rice Creek Shooting Adventure

Rice Creek is creating the adventure your youth can't miss! It is an opportunity for youth to:

- Get their DNR Firearms Safety Certificate in the Beginners class, held in June
 - Visit Camp Ripley & the Little Falls area
 - Go on a fishing excursion
- Stay at the clubhouse except for one overnight campout in the woods
- Learn about hunting dog handling and gun handling
 - Receive sporting clays shooting instructions
 - Shoot at and break clay targets
- Shoot full rounds of sporting clays in the Advanced Camp
 - Muzzleloading and bow shooting
 - Go live bird hunting
 - Clean harvested birds in the Advanced Camp
- Eat great food, make great friends!



BEGINNERS FIREARM SAFETY

(Youth ages 11-13) - cost is \$989.00

6:00 pm Sunday, June 22nd to

12:00 pm Thursday, June 26th, 2025

(we need 10 or more to have this camp)

You will receive 6 boxes of low base shells.

Mentors and family members will be invited to have a free lunch with us starting at 12 pm on Thursday.

ADVANCED HUNTER

(Youth ages 12-15) - cost is \$989.00

Must have their Firearm Safety Certificate

6:00 pm Sunday, July 20th to

12:00 pm Thursday, July 24th, 2025

(we need 10 or more to have this camp)

You will receive 12 boxes of low base shells.

We have some scholarships available for our 2025 Fire Arms Safety shooting adventure. Please email krista@ricecreekhunting.com for the application form.

Contact Information

Rice Creek phone: 320-745-2232

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Website: www.ricecreekhunting.com

Visit us on Facebook/Rice Creek



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TRAP, 5-STAND & SPORTING CLAYS

at Rice Creek

starting

TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH

PRICES:

- TRAP (round of 25)
\$8.00 for students
\$12.00 for adults
- SPORTING CLAYS
(round of 50/each course)
\$17.00 for students
\$28.25 for adults

HOURS:

Mondays CLOSED
Tuesdays & Thursdays
..... 9am-7pm
Wednesdays
..... 9am-4pm
Fridays 8am-4pm
Saturdays & Sundays
..... 8am-12pm

Rice Creek Shooting Requirements

- SAFETY GLASSES & EAR PROTECTIONS ARE REQUIRED!
- YOU BRING YOUR OWN GUN!
- We have shells for sale \$11.00 a box
You can bring your own shells
- Chambers open when you're not shooting
- If a sporting clay thrower is not working, shoot off one thrower or move to the next station and shoot twice.
Let us know at the end of the round

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE!

Tuesday & Thursday evenings
from 4-8pm starting
April 29th-September 4th

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THE NATION'S LARGEST GROWING YOUTH SPORT

Youth League

Looking for youth interested in shooting and having a great time out on the course.

Regular price \$28.25, discounted rate

\$17.00 per round of 50

Shells are not included, but can be purchased on-site or bring your own

Call for more details if interested!

Rules:

- Shoot 100 targets per month during walk-in hours. Shoot the 2 50-round courses, A & B. Re-shoot as often as you like and keep the best score.
- You can shoot as an individual or shoot on a 2 or 4 person team, your score will be posted for your team and then as an individual score.

Four Disciplines

We offer: 1 5-Stand, 2 Trap Ranges, 2 Sporting Clays Courses and coming soon 2 Skeet Ranges



TROPHIES & PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT END OF YEAR PARTY, SUN, SEPT 7TH

Ladies night out at the gun range

Join us Thursday evenings

May 15th, June 19th, July 24th & August 28th

Time: **5:30pm-7:00pm**

Cost: **\$10.00 to join the Ladies summer league** (one-time fee)

Regular price \$28.25, discounted rate
\$17.00 per round of 50
(you will shoot 4 rounds pay \$68.00 total for the whole season)

Shells are not included, but can be purchased on-site

Call for more details if interested!

Rules:

- **Shoot one 50 round sporting clays course once a month** (we will establish what course to shoot the night of)
- **Can shoot as an individual or make a "ALL GIRLS 2 or 4 person TEAM" you decide what's best for you!**
- **Hors d'oeuvres provided after the shoot and sponsored by Exit Realty Hometown Advantage**



Shoot Your Way to a HUNT and PRIZES at Rice Creek! Join the League

Join our Sporting Clays league and earn points towards hunting here at Rice Creek. Competitive leagues and our walk-in hours start Saturday, April 29th, (see hours at the bottom of page). We have both 2 and 4 person teams. All league shooters and their guests are invited to the End of the Year Party, which is September 7th, 2025 with lots of prizes for league shooters.

League Teams - All teams receive certificates to hunt at LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting & Rec. - some bigger, some smaller depending on where you end up in the standings. Prizes at the End of the Year Party and Tournament for teams and individuals. Improve your shooting - shoot at least 100 targets per month at your convenience. Shooters will shoot the 2 courses A & B. Re-shoot as often as you like and keep the best score. You can have up to 6 shooters on a 4 Person Team and 3 shooters on a 2 Person Team; we will use the top 4 (or 2) scores from all the shooters. There will be bonus hunting if you win your division. (Divisions are decided halfway through the league) Small Bore - shoot as individual, 410, 20 ga or 28 ga only (separate cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd).

RULES: Back-shooting is allowed, however each score will get penalized by -5 each time, (example: you shoot a 43, your score will be 38). Must have 2 scores per person on team (must shoot A & B once) in first 200 targets to be counted in 3rd or 4th round.

Sporting Clays Shooting Calendar

Tue. April 29th - 12:00 pm -7:00 pm League Starts
Fri. May 2nd - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Rice Creek/Reeds Gun Fair
Sat. May 3rd - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Rice Creek/Reeds Gun Fair
Sun. May 4th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Rice Creek/Reeds Gun Fair
Sun. June 1st - Last day to shoot 1st 100 8:00 -12:00
Tue. June 3rd - 2nd round of league starts 12:00 pm -7:00
FRIDAY, Closed July 4th - Happy 4th of July
Sun. July 6th - Last day to shoot 2nd 100 8:00 -12:00
Tue. July 8th - 3rd round of league starts 12:00 pm -7:00
Sun. August 10th - Last day to shoot 3rd 100 8:00 -12:00
Tue. August 12th - 4th round of league starts 12:00 pm -7:00
FRIDAY, Sept 5th - Last day to shoot 4th 100 8:00 -12:00
Sun. September 7th - END OF THE YEAR PARTY
Closed all Mondays, closed all weekends at noon

RICE CREEK/REEDS GUN FAIR DISCOUNTED PRICES ON PUNCH CARDS

ONLY Friday, Saturday and Sunday
May 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Price is \$170.00 (includes tax)

OTHER HAPPENINGS IN THE SPORTING CLAYS WORLD

April 19th • WildRice 200
April 26th • Day of Clays
May 13th • MN Concrete Council
July 19th • NSCA Shoot

August 19th • Little Falls Chamber
September 11th • Boy Scouts of America
September 18th • SAVE Foundation
September 30th • Shoot for the Troops

SPORTING CLAYS FOOD DURING LEAGUE

We will be doing Food every Tuesday & Thursday evenings, starting
April 29th- September 4th. Food served from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SPORTING CLAYS LEAGUE SIGN UP SHEET

All league fees are used towards Gift Certificates for hunting birds here at Rice Creek. Top teams get more, lower teams get less, Division winners get extra.

_____ 4 person League \$100.00 per team (you can have up to 6 people on a team)

_____ 2 person League \$50.00 per team (you can have up to 3 people on a team)

_____ Small Bore \$25.00 (Individual Shooter) 410 ga, 20 ga & 28 ga

Must have 5 individuals sign up, can be coherent with your 4 person or 2 person team

Prices for 2025 Per round of 50

\$25.25 League (includes tax)
\$28.25 Non League (includes tax)
\$17.00 Ladies/Youth League & Non League

Punch Cards Available

8 punches for \$180.00 (includes tax)
Discounted at our Rice Creek/Reeds Gun Fair weekend ONLY, May 2nd, 3rd & 4th Price is \$170.00 (includes tax)

****Sporting Clays Pre-buy Count-Up Cards****
1000 targets \$425.00 500 targets \$212.50

Team Name: _____ Contact Person/ Captain - Name _____

Phone: _____

1. Captain Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

4. Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

Alt) Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

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Closed all Mondays, open Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (must start by 7:00 p.m.) Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (must start by 4:00 p.m.), Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (must start by 12:00 noon) or
shooters can make a reservation for any other times except for Mondays (whole day) and Wednesdays and Fridays (evenings).



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To the Shooters and Friends of Rice Creek Sporting Clays



NIPPENNEH NEWS

March 2025

Inside this newsletter:

- Spring Chukar Hunts has started
- Membership Renewal Information
- Youth Shooting Adventure dates
- It's not too early to start thinking about your Annual Fall Hunt
- Walk-in hours for league begins Tuesday, April 29th at 12:00 pm
- Gun Fair is Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd, 3rd & 4th