



NIPENNEH NEWS

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We Are Thankful

It has been a great fall so far. A lot of people have asked if we have been having a good fall this year. A great hunting season here at Rice Creek is a safe hunting season, and that it has been, just like past seasons. A 100% safety record this year, with no serious accidents, is a testament to the quality of the hunters and gun safety practices they practice. We have also had a lot of hunters enjoy harvesting birds, despite a much too warm September and a horribly wet and cool October. It seems the really nice weather has just arrived. We also have seen a few faces return that we haven't seen in a while. What a joy it is to see old friends again! It is true that in these financial, times there are a few faces we haven't seen yet, but we are confident, God willing, we will see them soon.

We can be thankful for the great cover we had to hunt in this year. We had a lot of comments on how it was better to see the dogs work. The birds held better in the cover and it just makes for a more enjoyable hunt. We are talking about sorghum and grass cover of course, we still had plenty of corn for food, but we are trying to have less corn in the future. The cover is still excellent as that sorghum has really stood up well.

The value of getting together with friends, as the cliché goes is priceless. Hunting of course, is also about the harvest. Here at Rice Creek you double your hunting experience. First off, you have the fun of shooting, working with a canine companion, the enjoyment of a crisp fall day, and of course you can always count on pleasant conversation over a wild game dinner. The second part of your hunting experience is taking some birds home and cooking them up yourself. If you are like me, I like to sit down in the comfort of my home, enjoy a wild game meal, relive the hunt and think about the camaraderie I shared.

One of the factors contributing to a great fall is that we think most of the visitors to Rice Creek have been keeping their annual hunting outing. Everyone has been hunting with their friends or associates that, throughout the years, have been there year in and year out. As we all know, hunting is all about tradition and I guess for a lot of people making a trip to Rice Creek has become part of their tradition. We thank you, and we thank the Lord that friends, family, hunting and Rice Creek mean that much to you.

God bless you. We look forward to seeing you each and every time you visit and have a great Thanksgiving and Happy Holiday season to you from everyone here at Rice Creek.

Winter Hours - Starting January 4th

The club will be closed Sundays and Mondays from January 4th to March 1st. As always hunting reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Sporting clays will be closed all the time from January 4th to March 1st. We will still have target shooting north of the clubhouse for warm up and practice. Office Hours – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturdays, give us a call!!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER! IF YOU'RE NOT, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE A MEMBER!

Memberships here at Rice Creek help support the great hunting we can offer. Thanks to the members of the club we have this great block of land and we are able to keep it real. Real hunting, real good help, real nice facilities and real good service to you the members.

If you haven't purchased your membership for this season, purchase it now and it will be valid from the time of purchase until May, 15th, 2011. The membership is good for the rest of this pheasant season until March 31st, the 2010 spring turkey season, all of next year's pheasant hunting and the spring turkey hunt in 2011. Of course, as a member you can bring as many guests as you like as long as you are present.

If you would like to hunt pheasants in the off season we do not require a membership to hunt pheasants from December 16 to September 15, this is subject to pheasant availability. The hunting cover this year was excellent and still is great. With your ongoing support, we can keep a hunting club that you, your guests, and us, at Rice Creek can be proud of and keep the tradition of great hunting going strong.

Safety, Safety, Safety!!!

Every year we meet with our guides before the fall hunting season begins to talk with the guides about the most effective ways to try and prevent accidents out in the field. It seems to have been working as this year we have had no serious accidents. Stray BBs and falling shot are common and that is why wearing safety glasses is so important. We also require a blaze orange hat as does the state of Minnesota for upland bird hunting. We all make mistakes, but we need to try and minimize the damage when we do make one and to minimize the frequency that they happen. PLEASE be careful out in the fields and keep listening to your guide's instructions. It may seem repetitive but try and pay the utmost attention when you are out hunting. It's been working so far, so keep up the good work. You and your buddy's enjoyment of the hunt, and ours too, depend on it!

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT RICE CREEK

If you are looking for something new to plan for your Christmas Party this year, think about planning an evening at Rice Creek. We have the large dining room available for you and your guests (up to 80). There is a beer bar available, and you also have the option to bring in your own booze (we can provide the mixers). You can hire one of our bartenders for the night, or you can run the bar yourselves.

We have many great menu items. Besides the wonderful Wild Game Dinner that our kitchen prepares, we also have steak, chicken, BBQ ribs, and pork chops.

The best part of spending your holiday party at Rice Creek is that you get the place to yourselves. You can stay as late as you like (we also have rooms available for those who wish to stay the night). You can have a bonfire for you and your guests, go out on a hayride, or just spend the evening inside next to the warm fireplace. No matter what you plan for the evening, your guests will have a great time. If you are interested in booking a date for your party, give us a call, ask for Gregg and he will help you plan a great holiday party. Cost to reserve the dining hall is just \$95.00 and meal special for a party can be as low as \$16.95 per person.

Smoked Wild Turkeys For The Holidays

Each year we have extra hen turkeys that we can sell because we only shoot the toms here in the spring. In the fall after deer season, you can have hens added to your pheasant hunt for just \$30.00 per hen turkey. Most fly well for such a big bird and if they are added to your pheasant hunt you will take a smoked, dressed hen turkey home whether you shoot them or not! These are this year's birds, so they are nice and tender. They make great appetizers or you can serve one for the main course. If you prefer birds without shot in them you could order them without hunting them. These are really nice, clean birds. The un shot hen turkeys are \$27.50 each and Gregg can deliver to the cities the week before Christmas if you are not coming up to hunt. These fresh smoked birds also make great gifts for office staff or workers who deserve a little extra this year. Call our office soon or by December 15th and we will get you some nice, juicy smoked wild turkey for the holidays. You can also order some pot pies at \$25.00 each at the same time. Pheasant pot pie, wild turkey appetizers and a bottle of wine sure sounds good to me. Have a great holiday!

Driven Pheasant Hunting

If you would like to shoot some pheasants but have a hard time walking we would like to put on a hunt for you. We have found we can drive the pheasant out of our pine stands and it makes for great pass shooting. We had one fine hunter exclaim "the wing shooting was even better than our duck pass". This hunt is very much like our duck pass except, of course we are hunting pheasants. Obviously you get to take pheasants home instead of ducks to eat also. You can also do this hunt when there is snow, even lots of snow. We always are done hunting ducks usually by December 1st because of the cold weather. This year the duck hunting is done already, as we have no ducks left. We do have lots of pheasants though and they fly just as well when it's cold and white, maybe even better than when it's warm. On the driven pheasant hunt, after the first initial drive we can make a sweep walking through the fields if hunters in the party want to do some walking. A driven hunt can be had by any number of hunters from few to many.

If a person wants to get in on a really big driven hunt ask about the "Dick Nelson Yankee Doodle Hunt". We will have from 20 to 24 hunters shoot at 100's of pheasants, around 50 turkeys and a couple hundred pigeons. This hunt is the first Saturday in March and because of poor health and age of some of the past participants there are openings. Please ask how you could get invited to this shoot hosted by a great member, Dick Nelson.

"It's Getting Awful Pretty Around The Old Hunting Lodge"

If you have been up this fall you may have noticed the new grass coming up in front of the club house. Also you may have noticed a lot of new plants planted next to the pond by the sporting clays course. Well just wait until next spring; it will all be in full bloom. We plan to host many outdoor wedding celebrations and lawn parties in the near future.

We will also have a memorial garden that will be just beautiful south of the clubhouse. Over the years we have had many people that have helped make Rice Creek what it is today. Thanks to Preferred Credit of St. Cloud, a memorial garden will be a reality. This garden will be a tribute to some of the greatest members and friends a hunt club could ever have.

Before you start planning your next hunting outing at Rice Creek; check the calendar below for dates. These dates are taken as of November 18th. Also included are dates we are closed. As always we set up the fields so your area to hunt in is as big as it can be. We still would like you to schedule for the a.m. or for the p.m. to hunt, or both!

November

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
22	23	24	25	Closed Thanks giving	27 Full	28 Full am
29	30					

December

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Closed Christmas Eve	Closed Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	Closed New Years Eve		

January

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
					Closed New Years	2
3	4 Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 Closed	11 Closed	12	13	14	15	16
17 Closed	18 Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 Closed	25 Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31 Closed						

February

Sun	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
	1 Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Super Bowl	8 Closed	9	10	11	12	13
14 Closed	15 Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 Closed	22 Closed	23	24	25	26	27
28 Closed						

Plan a Super Hunt! Plan A Super Bowl Weekend Hunt That Is!!

We would like to invite a member of Rice Creek (and their guests) to take advantage of a premium date. Sunday, February 7th, 2010 is the date of the Super Bowl. Plan a hunt for the morning or afternoon, party, watch the game, party, stay overnight, party, and maybe even get up in the morning and hunt again. Now that would be a Super Party. The lodge has 15 individual beds in five individual rooms. A big screen TV, lots of room to party and a super atmosphere. If you have a group of over 10, and you hunt at least 10 pheasants apiece, cost per person will be \$200.00 per person which would include the birds cleaned and the overnight stay. We could reserve it just for you, but you will have to call before anyone else books it first.

Cross Country Skiing at Rice Creek

You are invited to come and do some cross country skiing this winter. During the summer of 2008 we put in over three miles of cross country ski trails. The trails are in the same woods that we hunt turkeys in so there will be beautiful scenery and some great hills to go up and down. The trails were really great last winter. The trails will be groomed by the Little Falls High School Ski Coach. The trails will be groomed for classic and skate skiing. The Little Falls team will be practicing on the trails after school so they should be well maintained. Come up and stay overnight in the lodge (maybe the Bunny suite) and you can use the trails for free. Call for more info and to check out trail conditions.

Rice Creek's Hunting & Shooting Summer Youth Camp 2010

Rice Creek has created an adventure your child can't miss! It is an opportunity for youth to:

Get their DNR Firearms Safety Certificate if needed,
Shoot full rounds of sporting clays in the advanced camp,
Stay at the clubhouse except for overnight campout in the woods,
Learn about hunting dogs and gun handling,
Bow hunter education cert. for advanced camp,
Visit Camp Ripley & the Little Falls area,
Eat great food,

Go live bird hunting,
Shoot at and break clay targets,
Go on a fishing excursion, Go canoeing,
Learn woodsman skills, Bow shooting
Receive sporting clays shooting instructions
Clean harvested birds in the advanced camp
Make great friends

This is an opportunity designed to provide fun and learning with hands-on participation. There are two adults with the youth 24 hours a day. Both boys and girls are welcome. Get someone you know more involved in the outdoors. You will not be disappointed.

Fire Arms Safety Camp

6 p.m. Sun. 6/14/10 to 12 noon Fri. 6/19/10
(Youth ages 11-15) - Cost is \$595.00

Each camper will receive cleaned pheasants to take home. Mentors and family members will be invited to have a free lunch with us in honor of your youth starting at 12:00 noon on Friday.

Advanced Hunter Camp

Must have their Firearm Safety Certificate
6 p.m. Mon. 8/3/10 to 10 a.m. Fri. 8/7/10
6 p.m. Mon. 8/24/10 to 10 a.m. Fri. 8/28/10
(Youth ages 12-15) - Cost is \$645.00

Youth will be required to have ten boxes of low base shells. Each camper will receive cleaned pheasants to take home. Mentors and family members will be invited to shoot a round of sporting clays and have a free lunch with us in honor of your youth, starting at 10:00 a.m. each Friday.

Call to get a registration form, or send us a e-mail, a \$150.00 deposit is required to register for a camp.
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The New Cook Books Are Here!

The 2nd edition cookbooks are here; they are just \$10 each and contain almost all of the recipes that Donna and the kitchen gang use here at Rice Creek. Pick up one at the club. I overheard Donna explaining how she gets her great creations together to a person on the phone wanting a little more information "well you just, Pour, Pour, Pour, - Stir, Stir, Stir, - Taste, Taste, Taste"

My Simple Rules for Life – A Sportsman

1. Use big bait, catch big fish. – Hunt hard, get big trophies - Do it right the first time, have no regrets.
2. Bad things happen fast, enjoy every catch and love every hunt – tomorrow brings no certainties.
3. Let other people pick the color of the lure, size of the gun – you show them how to use them.
4. When the hunting season is closed and the fish are not biting work hard –save up, store it away, you need time and the resources to rejuvenate – make plans to have a good day.
5. All the other people are nuts, you have to be the sane one – hunting & fishing and all other things are a gift, your life is really the only thing you can control.
6. Chose Christ as your hunting and fishing partner, use him for your compass, follow his lake maps, be thankful & appreciate the rewards.

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To the Members and Friends of Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation



November 2009

- The Weather is Just Right For Hunting
- Rice Creek Hunting & Shooting Summer Youth Camp 2010
- Getting ready for the Holidays
- Winters coming Soon