

## Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve, Inc. 2951 Curran Road Ione, CA 95640 (209)763-5270

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Dear Preserve License Members,

All of us at Camanche Hills are anxiously awaiting the hunting season which starts October 5th, 2024. We look forward to seeing all of you, your family and/or guests.

#### **Hunt days scheduled:**

The 2024-2025 upland game bird hunting season will run from October 5. 2024 to March 8, 2025, Wednesdays through Sundays. The kitchen opens at 7:00 AM and hunting starts at 8 AM. We would appreciate reservations, but they are not mandatory unless requesting a private hunt. Private pheasant hunts become weekday only starting the first week of February, and are unavailable starting the first week of March. Private Chukar hunts are available until the end of the season.

#### 2023-2024 Long Tail Feather Contest:

 25 7/8"
 First Place
 Charlie Lane
 11/20/23
 Zone D

 25 5/8"
 Second Place
 Jay Willis
 12/21/23
 Zone F1

<u>Habitat & Cover:</u> The outlook for 2024-2025 hunting season. We have an infestation of voles or commonly called meadow mice. They have devastated some of our hunting zones. To combat them we have disc strips throughout all of the hunting zones so the hawks, owls, coyotes, and other predators can clean them up and we have 35 owl boxes which are receiving 100% usage.

We will be planting habitat rye grain and fertilizing in early September and are hoping for early germination and good early cover crop growth.

<u>Lead Reclamation Update:</u> For members of Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve, Inc and clay target shooting enthusiasts. We have been informed of a new policy to begin on January 1, 2025 by East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), due to the California Endangered Species Act and the Safe Harbor Agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, regarding the California Tiger Salamander located on Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve clay target grounds and hunting grounds that have been lead free for the past several years.

Additional reasons for the change in policy include the cost of reclaiming lead, in which EBMUD participates. Also, we place waddles in draws or anywhere there may be drainage from rain run off to help the prevention of lead residue that could flow into the lake contaminating the water however, this does not meet their specifications.

The policy will be that there will be no more lead deposited on the 1485 acres of CHHP. We will be utilizing non-toxic ammunition for clay shooting and hunting.

We will have an assortment of non-toxic ammunition, 12 gauge, 20 gauge, and 28 gauge, for sale in the CHHP pro shop for hunting and clay target shooting.

<u>Great Gun Giveaway with the Gun Owners of California:</u> Thank you to all the members and guests who were able to attend the Great Gun Giveaway shoot and dinner which was held April 13th, 2024 and was hosted by Gun Owners of California.

We had 180 that attended for the dinner and shoot. Congratulations to Kevin Bloom, Topper Van Loben Sels, Frank Van Loben Sels, and Lana Stefanac for winning your classes, as well as brand new shotguns. The "Extravaganza" winners were also drawn at the event for the 2024 Hunting Season: Mike Lane and Ryan Harper. We would like to give a special thanks to Randy Yen for all of his help and for bringing his group to almost all of our sporting clays events.

**Flighted Mallard Ducks:** We have 6,500 mallard ducks this season. These mallards are fully mature with long wing span and full color. If you would like to sign up for one of our scheduled shoots or host your own, give us a call to make reservations. Minimum buy in of 10 ducks per hunter.

**<u>Driven Pheasants and Walk-up Hunt:</u>** Call to reserve your spot on our club sponsored shoots or to set up your own driven hunt. Minimum buy in of 10 pheasants per shooter and an optional walk-up hunt after the shoot.

<u>Canadian Honker Goose Hunting:</u> CHHP will be offering goose hunts this fall for the 2024-2025 hunting season. A minimum of 3 hunters is required. The hunt includes a guide, blinds and decoys. Regular state season is October 26, 2024 to January 31, 2025. Please call for availability.

<u>Ladies Pheasant Shoot:</u> <u>Sunday, November 17, 2024</u>: The day consists of a cock pheasant hunt, breakfast, lunch, bird cleaning, an instruction and practice targets with CHHP personnel. Please call for reservations.

**Ladies Duck Shoot:** Sunday, January 19, 2024: The day consists of a duck hunt, breakfast, lunch, bird cleaning, an instruction and practice targets with CHHP personnel. Please call for reservations.

<u>The Full Hunt - for smaller groups of 2 to 8 hunters</u>: The Full Hunt consists of a 10 bird Duck Hunt, a 10 bird Driven Pheasant Shoot, and a 5 bird Chukar Hunt per hunter. Breakfast and lunch are included as well. Please call to make your reservation

**Shootouts:** Our upland game shootouts are scheduled for the upcoming season.

Pheasant shootouts will be on September 28 & 29, 2024, March 12, 2024, March 14-15-16, 2025, and March 21-22-23, 2025.

Chukar shootouts will be December 14, 2024 and February 8, 2025.

Quail shootouts will be November 18, 2025 and February 16, 2025.

Please call for reservations.

**Dog Handler & Rentals:** CHHP can help to schedule dog rentals with handlers. Call in advance to make sure a handler is available to run one of their amazing dogs for you. Head dog handler—Lee Owning, 299-786-2608 for reservations, Pat Russell, Bernie Daviner, Ken Van Konyneburg, and parttime Bob Scruggs. All of the regular dog handlers harvested over 300 game birds during the 2023-24 hunting season for our clients.

**Junior Duck Shoot:** October 27, 2024. Must have Junior Hunting License. Call for reservations.

Annual Junior Pheasant Shoot: The Annual Junior Pheasant shoot is scheduled for Thursday, December 26, 2024. The hunt includes 2 pheasants released per Junior (16 and under with hunting license), dogs with handlers, and bird processing at no cost. These birds are all donated by our generous members and bird breeders. Reservations are limited - call to secure your spot.

<u>Master Craftsman Gun Maker - Dale Tate:</u> If your gun does not fit, you will not hit. If your gun fits and you still do not hit, you need a lesson. If your gun fits and you can hit when the gun works, you need a strip and clean. Dale is a level II NSCA instructor. Contact Dale at (209) 763-9040 for reservations.

**Shooting Instruction:** Randy Yen, and sometimes Aeriel Skinner, are happy to show new shooters the ropes or improve your shooting abilities. They are all about safety, safety, safety. Contact Randy for reservations at (916) 524-0120.

**R.V. Park:** Our RV Park is open. You must be self contained. The maximum stay is 7 days. All members and guests must check in at clubhouse with all information **before** setting up RV.

*Improvements made for the upcoming season:* 

We have upgraded the 3D archery range with multiple new Rinehart targets. In addition, we now have Marshall's new "Sex Shooter" mobile flurry game, which contains 6 clay pigeon machines for non-stop action. We are working closely with East Bay MUD to eradicate all of the toxic blue-green algae. This has been most prevalent in zone E (Honker Pond) in previous years. In addition, we are also currently working on adding shaded parking areas for dogs, which we hope to have by the end of the year. We are upgrading with new metal picnic tables in the hunting zones parking areas. We have also upgraded the men's clubhouse bathroom with new urinals and dividing board. Also, the front gate is being repaired and refurbished.

### CHHP Upland Game Hunter of the Year

# CHHP Waterfowl Hunter of the Year



Six 20 bird Pheasant cards + 10 additional Pheasants



Tom Donaldson

He is a resident of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and still managed to kill 186 Mallard ducks

### **Honorable Mentions**

100+ birds bought and shot (not including shootouts)

Ken Rohlfing, Jim Minkle, Dave Wood, and Bud Bugni

### We appreciate our members and guests and eagerly anticipate the new season!

Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve, Inc. Management



Randy Yen and Aeriel Skinner were late to work and missed the picture.

# NOTICE TO ALL PRESERVE LICENSE MEMBERS AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS HUNTING AT CAMANCHE HILLS HUNTING PRESERVE:

Effective January 1, 2019, the upland game bird hunting areas will be restricted from the use of lead shot. As of January 1, 2025, the policy will be no more lead deposited on the 1485 acres of CHHP. We will be utilizing non-toxic ammunition for clay shooting and hunting. We will have an assortment of non-toxic ammunition, 12 ga., 20 ga., and 28 ga. for sale at the CHHP pro shop for clay shooting and hunting.