



Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong. Dr. Axton, Pheasantologist

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway .

I never thought that I would see this monumental birthday at your club. 25 years. I am still having a hard time believing it.

On May 25th, 1985 my college roommate and friend Dan Mommer and I started RMR. With the help from my Dad's brother and his wife, Ron and Nora Axton, and some credit cards and a \$10K line from a farm bank in Johnstown, we started the process of starting the club.

The first project was to find some land, and we did. We were fortunate to find Bob Carpenter via an ad in the newspaper in Colorado Springs. We started out leasing 400 acres and expanded as time went on.

Dan did most of the work those first two brutal seasons. He gave up everything to make the club survive while I continued to work in the TV business in Colorado Springs, hoping to make ends meet for the both of us.

Dan left and married his beautiful wife Kathy after two seasons at RMR and the managerial duties were taken over by Mike Porter, a friend from church. He ran the club until the end of season in 1991.

God was good to us when Bill Lieb came out and hung around and wanted to do 'something like this' and he has been a rock

solid friend and manager ever since.

Bill has done many great things since he started. Dan, Mike and Bill all lived in the cellar of the old clubhouse for many years while they slaved at the club. In 1994 we started construction of the new clubhouse and with Bill swinging the hammers and his knowledge of the building business, he was able to get the current clubhouse so we could use it that fall.

I have had a lot of people



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ask how I got started in the hunting business. True story!

I was in the Broadcast News/Documentary Film program at CSU in Fort Collins (there wasn't another CSU at that time) and when it came to my senior year and I had taken all of the required classes for my degree, I found out that I was two credits short of graduating.

I needed to have two "AG" credits to get out of college and become a high paid journalist for some network being a fancy reporter in some far off country.

My counselor gave me the news and the list of classes that I could take and get out of school that year.

I obviously like to hunt so the "MEATS 101" class caught my eye. How to cut up meat...I could handle that. One credit out of the way.

The only other class that didn't involve prerequisites was "GAMEBIRD PRODUCTION". Easy enough. Still time to hunt and drink beer and get my two credits.

Both classes were great and I really learned a lot. Especially because there wasn't but a couple of hunting preserves in Colorado at the time.

We went into this venture not knowing anything about it and by asking a lot of questions and with dumb luck and lots of hard work, we are here today.

It has not been an easy road to travel, but one that I enjoy every day and I am thankful for YOU, our members for making the club what we are.

Get ready for the best year yet. 25 Years And Counting!

RMR Dog Trainer To Hold Classes This Summer



RMR's dog trainer has had a great season winning the English Setter Nationals in April and several of his dogs won titles in Nebraska in May. He continues to do super things with the hunting dogs at the club and for members.

Ben will be holding several training classes this summer with the first one on June 12th. This is for all breeds and ages and you should take advantage of this 'train with the pro' class for members and their friends. Give Ben a call for details on the class. 303-709-6268

Whether you have a German Shorthair, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, a Labrador or a Brittany, Ben handles all breeds and is available to take on your dog for training. I recommend that you call him to set up an appointment to meet him and see what programs he has available for your specific need. Call him directly at 303-709-6268. If he doesn't answer, he is in the field training but will call you back when he has the dogs down for the night! You can email Ben at ben@hideawaykennels.com or go to www.rmroosters.com and click on affiliates and see his website

May Renewals Are Due Now

May is a renewal month for most of the members at Rocky Mountain Roosters. Members that are due to renew need to have their applications filled out and returned with their dues now to be eligible to get the additional two free hunts for renewing on time, and to get in for the drawing on June 1st. (If you need another app, email me and I will send one..several were lost in the mail)

When you are filling out the application make certain that you sign the liability release and put your email address on the application so you can get timely updates from RMR. Members do not receive the additional hunts if they renew late. Make sure you have yours to us by JUNE 1st!!

If you did not receive a letter and application for renewal, then you are not a member that needs to renew in May. If you are not a May renewing member you will be mailed a letter and application the first of the month prior to your renewal. All current members will be in the drawing for the 4 prizes.

If you have questions about your renewal you can call the office and we can help you. If you have a friend you would like to join the club, let us know and if you refer a new member you receive a free hunt for this season!

FUN TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY THIS SUMMER...Rompin'Stompin' Rodeo!!

Rodeo and we are in charge of the Mutton Bustin' Event again this year. You can go to the web site to see everything about the rodeo.

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo is July 14-17, and we have a street breakfast that kicks off the rodeo season on June 23 in Colorado Springs. Money from the breakfast goes to the military families too. Bring your family, friends and clients...make a fun day supporting the events and helping out the military men and women here in Colorado.

If you have a child that is under 55 pounds and between the age of 4 and 8, sign them up to ride a sheep in the rodeo! Everyone wins, the kids have a blast and they get to say they are a real cowboy or cowgirl for the day! We had a bunch of members bring their kids and grandkids last year and it was an absolute hoot!!

Visit their web site at www.coloradospringsrodeo.com

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo is a tradition that has been held in Colorado Springs for the past 70 years and the money raised from the event goes to support military charities locally.

RMR has teamed up to help promote the PPOB



GUN SAFETY CLASSES AT RMR We are holding the basic pistol classes at RMR for anyone that wants to learn how to use a handgun safely. After you complete the class you can get your concealed carry permit if you chose to do so. The cost is still only \$80 and we have them monthly. Classes start at 8am and run until 4pm with about 3 hours on the range shooting. The next class is JUNE 19 and this is open to everyone....even young adults. This is a perfect class for those that have never shot since we start from the very basics of safety and gun handling. Call the office or email us for more information or to register for a class.

THANKS TO THE BEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

RMR has been blessed with the hardest working and most dedicated guides in the hunting business. Many of these folks have been with us a long time and some are fairly new, but they give it there all and there are many hours of work done before and after you hunt to make your hunting experience the best possible. Their dogs give it their all to find birds and these handlers appreciate you and your patronage at Rocky Mountain Roosters.

Manager Bill Lieb has been running the ship at the club since 1991 and has done a great job with all aspects of the club. His wife Kim is a person that most of you don't see, but can appreciate what she does behind the scenes for the club. Janna Younger has been the friendly voice on the phone in the office to make your reservations. These two folks really make the club run and without their dedicated service, we would not be where we are today. We can't tell the spouses of these fine individuals 'Thanks' enough for letting them work at your club. They give up a lot at home to come and hunt with you and your guests.

This list isn't in any particular order, but as the owner, I wanted to publically tell them thanks for all you do and we as the RMR family and members appreciate what you do for us!

Thanks to the following for an outstanding job over the seasons:

Dave Allgood, Herb Barton, Rick Fitzpatrick, Ben Garcia, Randy Gibbs, Jared Greenwood, Justin Greenwood, Amy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Lee Markowski, Dale Parker, Cody Peterson, Bill Raether, Rich Reiley, Dennis Rosenkranz, Kyle Schomaker, Wayne Schomaker, Jim Slater, Dennis Warnecke, Paul Warnecke, Dawn Eckelberry
and a special THANKS to my beautiful and understanding wife Rebecca...I Love You!
Brett M. Axton, President - Rocky Mountain Roosters, Inc

The Haircut

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I can not accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

GIANT QUAIL AT RMR



We will continue to offer the 100 bird Quail hunts this season at RMR for Bobwhite Quail. We used one big area without a bunch of tall trees and good cover and only ran 100 bird hunts. It went very well and we ran out of quail faster than we could imagine and we had hunters waiting in line to shoot these great birds.

We are still running the giant hunts on Quail Hill and this has made for an exciting hunt and more coveys.

We have contracted enough birds for **40 GIANT QUAIL HUNTS** and we will only hunt Quail from September 15 through December 15. If you want to put your name on a GAI NT hunt or two, call the office and get on the list. Put your group together and we will go have a blast. If you like to shoot the little rockets, think about some dates and we will book you. Scheduling will be critical as you can imagine.

The GIANT QUAIL HUNT is an all day hunt for four hunters and includes 100 birds, guide and dogs and is only \$900 for the day. You can not have more than four hunters on this hunt.

You don't have to know what days you want to hunt, but you do have to reserve your hunts since we will not be bringing in more birds than the 40 GIANT HUNTS. If you reserve a GIANT QUAIL hunt you will be responsible for using it or paying for the birds. Remember that we will only hunt the Quail from September 15– December 15 (this is so we can guarantee you good flying birds) It is a blast....you need to try one, or two...three??

RMR CELEBRATES IT'S 25th BIRTHDAY

On May 25th we will celebrate a huge birthday with our great RMR family. 25 years of offering hunts to our friends and their family and friends.....a long time and several hundred thousand birds and shells!

We are holding an exciting drawing for all current members on June 1st. If you are a paid member as of that day you will be in the drawing for one of FOUR prizes.

1st Prize—An Argentina Dove Hunt for 2

2nd Prize—A One Year Membership to RMR

3rd Prize—A Goose Hunt for 4 with Stillwater Outfitters

4th Prize—Custom Hearing Protection from Electronic Shooters Protection

If you know someone that would like to be a member of RMR, have them call us and we can get them an app so they can be in the drawing too, and you will also get a FREE hunt for referring them to your club.

There will be several other FUN things that will go on this summer and all year as we celebrate our birthday and THANK YOU for being a part of our family. Watch your email for the updates on the different things we will be doing. **If you are not getting our emails and want them, send me an email and I will add you to our weekly newsletter list.**

We are almost ready to spray for the bad weeds and put seed in the ground and we are giddy with excitement about the upcoming season. The new PYRAMID is about finished and the guys are getting done with all of the things that couldn't be finished during the hunting season and starting projects that we can finish this summer.....it is non-stop at your club and things just keep getting better.

Thank you all for a great 24 years of hunting and get your shotguns and dogs ready for our 25th year of serving you and your family. We really mean it when we say that your are a part of the RMR family!!

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