



## *Fox Tracks*

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Greeting from all of us at Fox Ridge,

Here we are only a couple weeks away from pre-season, September 1<sup>st</sup>. So much has happened since the end of last season. We truly hope that everyone is safe and healthy. With so much to talk about there is going to be a lot to read. Please make sure to check all of the dates, prices, guidelines and other important information.

**COVID-19:** Feel free to check the website for our updated guidelines. (They could change at any time)

**Cover:** The Sorghum cover is not too good this year. Best guess is the early rains stunted the growth. If we get a winter like last season it won't be too bad, but we can't count on it. The fall cover is looking good as usual so if you have a choice try to come out early to enjoy it.

**Wild Game Feed:** We want to let everybody know about the annual wild game feed at the Blue Spruce. It is currently planned for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 starting at about 5:30 pm. A whole variety of roasters filled with pheasant, deer, bear, and other game will be available. All proceeds from the food go to Cerebral Palsy and it has been a great success in the past. If you can make it we highly recommend stopping by. Feel free to call the Blue Spruce to check for any changes or to place an order for takeout. 920.829.5960

**Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt:** Last year we had to cancel due to COVID-19 as did so many other events. We are hoping to make up for it on **Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Mark it on your calendars and join us for this wonderful event. We have new facilities and some great K9 competitions planned. There will also be raffles and drawings with prizes such as fishing trips, quilts, dog food, guns, chainsaws and many other items that anyone would be excited to win. Look it up on Facebook and watch for more information about what will be happening, it will be a great time! Also March 27<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> will be a special stray hunt for chukars. Any chukar shot during that time will be only \$10 each and all money will be donated to Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt.

**Memberships:** We are currently filled for memberships this season and have about 120 names on the list for future seasons. If you know anyone who is interested in joining, have them contact us and we will put them on the list and try to get them in as soon as we can.

**Season Information:** *Preseason* begins Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> with hens at \$17 and chukars at \$13. Regular season bird release starts September 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on St. Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup> as always. Open hunting runs all season and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will be closed entirely November 20<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> for gun deer hunting season, and there will be no bird releases December 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. Open hunting is available during the Christmas break, and the cleaning room and lounge will be open.

**Clubhouse:** The new kitchen/dining area with seating up to 20 people attached to our meeting room is now available! As well as our expansion that can be used for banquets or receptions with enough tables and chairs for seating of up to 300 people. Those capacities are without social distancing taken into account. Also we are still working out pricing. If you have an event and are looking for a place in the future that isn't fancy we can accommodate you. Catering is available from the Blue Spruce as well.

**Bird Prices:** We have made changes this year. Extra birds are \$20 each for straight run, roosters are \$23, hens only are now \$18 each, and chukars are \$14 each.

**Large quantity bird release packages:** Packaged hunts for our members are still available. 50-75 birds at \$18.75 each (\$937), and 100 or more birds at \$17.50 each (\$1750) (all prices are subject to late season release fees). This includes up to 10 free guest hunters, and use of several hunting areas on the farm. All birds used in the package must be released the same day, and none of the birds will count toward your membership. (no bank birds) All extra birds are limited by availability.

**20 bird release discount package:** This is a one day, 20 bird, *single* release hunt for \$340. This package will only be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays that we normally release birds starting September 15<sup>th</sup> and ending in February, and these 20 birds will apply to your bank so you can hunt those missed birds later. All extra birds are limited by availability.

**Hunting Rules:** We are looking forward to having another outstanding season with your help, so as always our main rules are as follows. Everyone is to **wear orange while hunting**. No orange, no hunting. **No beer or alcohol** before or during hunting. **No hunting from the roads** (on or off the farm) equally as important, **all hunters must stay in their designated hunting areas**. We would like to thank you in advance for abiding by our rules. This provides a safer hunt and more enjoyable outing for everyone.

Hope to see you soon,  
Mike, and Bill

