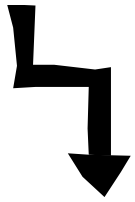




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Last year I entered myself into a contest in search of the most hardcore woman hunter. It was a corporate partnered promotion enticing ladies with all expense paid hunting trips, but I looked at it as somewhat of a title and I wanted to win, badly. All that I had to do to compete was write a 250 word essay as to why I felt I was the most qualified and send in two photos to back up the story. Easy enough, right? To my own surprise I didn't even make the Top Ten. However, once the top ten ladies were announced and their stories published online, I was even more dazed. It baffled me how each story described the adventures of these extreme huntresses who were not only extremely beautiful but extremely wealthy too. Lavish guided trips to Africa, the Yukon and British Columbia were detailed in each of the qualifying stories. My story had portrayed a somewhat "okie" upbringing, hunting the slews and river bottoms near my childhood home. It irritated me to know that you can only achieve the title of "hardcore" if you have



money to spend on high dollar outfitting trips. My idea of hardcore is an outdoorsman (woman) who spends countless hours patterning game, researching and learning hunting areas, taking vacation days from work to hike deep into the back country, who preaches that a successful hunt does not always end in a successful kill. Apparently I was totally off base. As you probably could guess, when the deadline neared for this year's contest, I decided to pass on it all together. I do not necessarily have to win a contest to consider myself an extreme huntress and after many seasons ending with an empty freezer, I was finally able to wrap my tag around the base of very heavy horn this year and finally prove just hardcore I am! Our most recent out of state adventure was a memory maker for sure! Although I didn't fare to well in that particular contest, I have a plenty to be thankful for during this season of thanks. Good friends, a wonderful family, a great career and our wonderful clientele. I am pretty thankful for that wall hanger of a buck too! Hope to see many of you soon!

Until then, happy hunting & fishing!

*Regina Stafford
Editor*

Birds of Fall I

The countdown to Fall Turkey Season has begun. With only a few days left until the November 13th opener, we have started to dust off our gear and polish our calling techniques to prepare for the two week window of opportunity. More often than not, these big birds will not respond too well to a call during the fall season and the ability to have properly patterned the flock is more likely to result in a successful harvest. The CICC Outdoor Adventures team has begun its daily ritual of monitoring the flocks on our properties to determine exactly where and when these birds are moving throughout the day. A few well established flocks inhabit our ranches and we are looking forward to harvesting a few birds during this late season. If you are interested in getting in on some of the action, give us a call. We strictly manage the turkey populations on our properties and therefore only offer very limited opportunities to hunt and harvest these birds. Late season dove hunts are also available for those of you interested. There are not a lot of doves in the area, but that isn't to say that a few shy of a limit cannot be taken. Late Dove Season begins November 13th and continues through December 27th.



Duck, Duck, Goose

Waterfowl Season is upon us and we are still cutting rice!!! The late spring rains and mild summer temperatures were not the ideal conditions for farming rice this year and ultimately has lead to a **later than usual harvest. The remaining few fields left to cut should be finished by week's end and the decomp work will begin.** Decomp work is similar to a game of duck, duck, goose. You never know just **which field will be "it" as the equipment moves in circles from ranch to ranch. Regardless, mowers, discs, chisels and maybe a stomper or two will make quick work of the process and in no time at all each blind on every ranch will be all set for action!**

Season forecasts are definitely encouraging and we are looking forward to having a very productive season on CICC Outdoor Adventures properties. Many members have already set their decoys and brushed up their blinds and some have even had the chance to get in a hunt or two. For those of you who are interested in booking a hunt this season, we promise to make every effort possible to get you out in the field on the day you would like. We are maintaining three main guide blinds this season, one full time dry field goose pit and an additional blind has been set aside for unguided day shoots. Two weeks advanced notice is typically the heads up that we ask for, nonetheless if the weather changes and you feel like you start to come down with some sort of flu, give us call and we will try to fit you in. **We promise we won't tell your boss if you call in sick to work!**

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Hotel Closure

The Hotel at Colusa Casino Resort has been closed for renovation and is not expected to reopen until early spring 2011. We deeply apologize for any inconvenience that this may result in for our Outdoor Adventures guests. Decent rooms at reasonable rates are available in downtown Colusa at the Riverside Motel. Overnight RV parking at no charge is also available. Please call for more information. Restaurants inside the Casino will remain open and please remember to ask about special promotions that may be going on during your visit. We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.



Ring Neck Revamp

For various reasons we have chosen to restructure our Private Licensed Game Bird Club hunting opportunities. Our main **focus now is to offer only day shoot options within the club's operating season. This new structure will allow us to cater to large groups wanting to enjoy a day in the field hunting a large number of planted birds as well as accommodate individuals wanting to work their dog in the field over a few birds after a slow morning in the blind.** The good news is that our pricing **structure hasn't changed and we are still one of the best priced options around. Our game bird season runs from now through February 6, 2011 for pheasant hunting and we can plant and hunt chukars now until March 31, 2011.** Although the club is structured around the planting of domestically reared birds, we have seen a large increase in numbers of hatchlings over the past two years, resulting in an increase of wild birds harvested within our club boundaries. If you are interested in hunting the club this season, give us a call and we will get a hunt schedules for you. Reservations are required and although you are always welcome to call last minute, a two day notice is best.



Wild Game Grub

What you will need:

- Boneless Dove Breasts (can use Pheasant or Duck too)
- Sliced Bacon
- Blue Cheese Crumbles (or cubed cheddar if you prefer)
- 1 Packet of Weber Seasoning White Wine & Herb Marinade Mix
- 1 Bottle of Italian Dressing
- Olive Oil, Water, White Vinegar
- Favorite Grilling Veggies (Squash, Bell Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions)



Cover skewers in water and let soak.

Cut Dove Breasts in half and place in Ziploc bag with seasoning packet, 2 tbs. vinegar, ¼ water and ¼ cup olive oil. Marinade for 30 minutes. Dove can over marinade easily, try to limit it to only 30 minutes.

Cut veggies into chunks and toss in bowl with Italian dressing. Cover and refrigerate until meat is ready. After 30 minutes, remove meat from marinade and pat dry. Layout a half of a slice of bacon and layer with dove breast and blue cheese crumbles. Roll bacon, breast meat and cheese and secure onto a skewer to hold it in place. Alternate veggies and meat until at least three breasts are on each skewer.

Grill on medium heat for approximately 15 minutes, until bacon is cooked through.

Serve as an appetizer or main course depending on how many breasts that you have.

Wetland Project

CICC Outdoor Adventures is proud to have partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to transform approximately 50 acres of substandard rice ground into a natural wetland preserve on our Getty Ranch Property off of Harbison Rd. in Colusa. Ground work began on the project this past summer as existing roads and levees were removed, the property laser leveled and swales and ponds cut throughout. Nesting islands and peninsulas were formed from the cut dirt and drainage boxes are currently being installed. The irrigation pump on the property is in much needed repair and as soon as this rehab occurs, the transplanting of tules will take place followed by a full flood up of the property for the winter months. Next spring over 1500 willow trees will be planted around the border of the property as well as many native wetland grasses. The result will be a nice little piece of natural habitat for all types of wildlife to enjoy as well as our Outdoor Adventures guests.

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\$5 Hunt Program

CICC Outdoor Adventures is a proud sponsor of the California Waterfowl Association’s \$5 Hunt Program. This unique program provides quality hunting opportunities to all California Licensed Hunters, while spotlighting the organization’s conservation and restoration projects. Any licensed hunter in the state may apply for a chance to hunt some of the state’s most treasured clubs and properties for only a five dollar application fee. Detailed information about the program can be found on the CWA website at www.calwaterfowl.org under the hunting tab on the main page. This program is a great way to help share the tradition with youngsters as well as promote the wonderful work that CWA and landowners have done to enhance duck populations on a variety of properties throughout the Golden State.



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