



## *Nebraska One Box* PHEASANT HUNT

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**From Jim Duncan**  
**2010 Past Shooter President:**

### **PRE-REGISTER OR FACE A TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCE:**

Got your attention? The Past Shooter members voted at the November meeting to assess a fee/penalty/charge/incentive/donation – whatever you want to call it - for registrations made after **September 15**, the pre-registration deadline– the vote was “no exceptions, no excuses”. I’m telling you now to get the word out so everybody knows.

Your pre-registration form will be sent out with the spring letter.

We are starting a little earlier this year to get information out and get started on the process of pre-registration. We are expecting more Past Shooters than we have had the last several years. The hunt board will need to know as early as possible how many of us to plan on so they can get a sufficient number of guides lined up, and also to place orders for birds for those of you who choose a released bird hunt.

This year’s activities will begin **Thursday, November 4**. The locations and activity times will be listed in later mailings and posted on the One Box web site. Even if you are not positive you will be coming, please still pre-register – it’s easier for us to cancel pre-registrations than to scramble at the last minute accommodating a bunch of late entries.

### **COME TO THE HUNT – EVEN IF YOU DON’T PLAN TO HUNT:**

Even if you aren’t that excited anymore to go out and stomp weeds, that doesn’t mean you are not still welcome! For most of us, the social aspect is the best part of “the hunt” anyway.

### **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**

It would also be a good idea, if you haven’t already, to make your hotel reservations now. The hotels are already filling up. The Arrow Hotel, Gateway Motel and America’s Best Suites are already full. The City of Broken Bow has an RV park for those of you who want to bring your camper or motor home. Many of you have friends here in Custer County who would be more than happy to put you up for the weekend, and that would also save pressure on hotel rooms. If the hotels fill up, or you have trouble getting a room, let me know.

I know that a few of the Past Shooters have reserved more than one room to be sure they and their friends have a place to stay. As we get closer to the hunt, if you find you don't need the rooms you have reserved, please let Paul Ulmer or myself know rather than simply canceling your extra room reservations so that the One Box can maybe have some control and coordination on helping those without rooms.

#### **HOTELS/MOTELS:**

**Arrow Hotel** – 308-872-6662

**Gateway Motel** – 308-872-2478

**Bosselman's Motel** – 308-872-6845

**Big 12 Motel** – 308-872-2412

**RV Park** – contact me at 308-872-6868 or Elaine at 308-872-5047/872-5831

## **CONTACT YOUR PAST SHOOTER BUDDIES**

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary hunt will be a great celebration. Get in touch your Past Shooter friends, especially the ones we haven't seen for awhile and encourage them to come back for this special event.

In past years, you have been able to list one buddy on your pre-registration that you wanted to hunt with. For this year only, you can list more than one buddy to request to hunt with. Maybe you want to get your original team back together to hunt in the 50<sup>th</sup>!

## **RECRUIT NEW TEAMS**

One of your jobs as Past Shooters is to recruit new hunters to the event. Getting quality new teams and getting celebrities is a year-round process. I don't know how many Past Shooters I have heard tell me they "know someone" that is famous and they are just waiting for the right time to get a hold of them to have them apply to the One Box...

### **THIS IS THE YEAR!!!**

If you have a lead on a new team or a contact to a "celebrity", please pass that along to Paul Ulmer or myself as soon as you can so he can get to work on them...or better yet, YOU get the team put together and their applications and give it that personal touch that makes this one of the best hunts in the country. You can find the New Team applications on the One Box web site: [www.nebraskaonebox.com](http://www.nebraskaonebox.com). All New Team applicants must be 21 years of age and the \$750.00 per person (\$3,750.00 per team) entry fee must accompany the application. Application deadline for new teams is **April 1**.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR V.I.P. TEAM**

Every Past Shooter is eligible to nominate individual candidates for the VIP team. The VIP application form is also available on the hunt web site.

- Candidates should be individuals who would enjoy our format, support the hunt and return in future years.
- Celebrity applicants are encouraged!
- Deadline for new team and V.I.P. applications/nominations is **April 1**.
- Send your nominations to our Past Shooter Executive Secretary, Elaine Bayer, P.O. Box 294, Broken Bow, NE 68822/ [ebeyayer@gmail.com](mailto:ebeyayer@gmail.com).

## ANNUAL DUES/LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

We want to make it as easy as possible for Past Shooters to participate this year. (well, actually every year, but especially for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hunt.) In past years, if a Past Shooter was behind in his or her annual dues (\$30.00 per year), they had to get caught up on their delinquency in order to be able to hunt. Additionally, if a Past Shooter gets more than 3 years behind, they are removed from the mailing list and in order to be reinstated, must purchase a full life Past Shooter membership which is currently \$250 (pretty reasonable for a life membership – everyone should have one!). The good news is that by switching to a lifetime membership, annual membership dues are a thing of the past!

For this year only, if you are not already a life member, and are behind on your annual dues, you don't have to make up the years you are behind, and only have to pay the \$30.00 fee for 2010 dues. Any delinquency will still remain and need to be paid for next year's hunt.

[If you are delinquent, dues statement will be sent out with the spring letter]

## HUNTING LICENSES

Nebraska Hunting Licenses and Habitat Stamps can now be purchased online at the Nebraska Game and Parks web site at [www.ngpc.state.ne.us](http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us).

## DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GUNS

As Paul mentions in his letter, there are still a few 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary guns available. They are truly works of art and we are offering them at what is actually below suggested retail price. There are only 20 left for sale, so if you have been trying to decide whether to get one, you better move now, because there may very well not be any more for sale by November's hunt.

## MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

This year – we need you here and you won't want to miss the good times and special memories that will be made!

I'm not "that" old yet, but I am getting old enough to realize all the times I have *thought* I had too many important things going on or I was too busy to take time off work or to schedule to be away from home for a few days because of even the possibility *something* important might happen. I think of the family reunions and class reunions that I have missed or the hunting trips I have passed up because I *thought* I had too much work to do.

I am still working on making myself follow through as often as I should, but I have come to the realization that those special events with friends and family are the moments of my life that I will look back upon from my nursing home bed and remember as some of the best days of my life. My wife has told me several times that my kids won't want to put "He sure worked a lot" on my tombstone.

I'm pretty sure that this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary One Box Hunt is going to be one of those occasions that I will be glad I was there for. I hope you will be here too.

If you have any questions what-so-ever; (especially if this is your first year as a Past Shooter) just let me know. Send me an email at [jduncan@sdj-law.com](mailto:jduncan@sdj-law.com), or call me at 308-872-6868 (work) or 308-870-0275 (cell) with any questions you have.

Please get your pre-registrations in as early as you can.

See you at "THE HUNT".

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**From: Paul Ulmer, 2010 One Box Chairman**

Hello Past Shooters:

The 2009 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt was a huge success. Our new teams had a fabulous hunt, and with the exception of a couple of teams, our Past Shooters also had a very good hunt. The financials are still being tabulated but it looks like 2009 is going to be one of the best financial hunts we have had for several years. This only can happen with the help of the Past Shooters. One thing that I am most proud of is that we listened to our Past Shooters and tried to tone down our fundraising efforts and yet you all responded with wonderful support. An added feature we utilized this year was to involve some local businesses in sponsorships and they responded very well. This will be something that the One Box Hunt Board will try and cultivate for future hunts.

Another thing that we saw this year is the payoff of our Surrogator birds. At hunt time we did not harvest very many Surrogator birds but some of these spots have been hunted since then. Those hunters are seeing large groups of birds that are moving back into the cover where we originally released the birds. The encouraging thing is that there are a lot of hens still in the country. So hopefully with our wild bird population on the rise and more released birds next year, we will have a great 2010 Hunt.

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a monumental achievement not only in marriage but also in the world of organized hunting. I'll just take a moment to thank, not only the **Varney Family**, but every other family that has made the One Box the huge success that it is today. With the help of all of you, we hope to be around another 50 years.

Speaking of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary hunt, we still have **20 shotguns** left to sell. The price is still **\$3000** for a Grade VII Browning Citori Lightning. We will be raising the price of the guns **10%** as of Jan **25<sup>th</sup>**. If anyone wants to purchase a gun, either Past Shooter or a friend of yours, have them go to the website at **nebraskaonebox.com** and download the application form and send it to myself or Matt Thomas. For the people who have already ordered, I just want to thank you for your support!

At the time of writing this I have had two teams already apply for next years hunt, and have had several more people tell me they will be sending their applications in shortly. I am not telling you this to discourage anyone from applying, only to tell you that you can apply at anytime. With the uniqueness of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary One Box Hunt, we will be accepting all applications for new teams both from new and past shooters. However, realizing our organization's goal is to increase its membership, we will set priority to new shooter applications prior to accepting past shooter team applications. This exception applies only to the 2010 One Box Hunt. The deadline for applications for New Teams is April 1, 2010. As in the past we will vote on our New Teams in the

month of May. I encourage everyone to find that special team and have them apply. Also, we are hoping to have some celebrities at this years hunt and we will reserve the right to place them on a team where needed. You might also check the website to see if we have announced who is coming to the hunt, as we will post this when we have a commitment. As in the past all new teams and their bios are posted online for anyone and everyone to read.

Also, the website will be under repair after the first of the year, so their might be a time where things look strange and might not work quite right. With a little patience, things will be smoother and better to navigate when we get all done. The website also has a link for putting your favorite recipes in our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook**. We are also trying to post news articles and current One Box events on the site, so you might check it once in a while to see what is going on in the world of One Box.

Finally I just want to invite each and every one of you to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration and enjoy the fellowship that is **One Box!**

**From: Connie Ulmer, 2010 Ladies Board Chairman**

Hello from the Ladies Board of the Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt. We have begun meeting as a committee to organize some interesting and entertaining events for all of the wives that come and participate in the weekend with their husbands.

Our Ladies events will begin on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the early afternoon. This event is usually open to 25-30 women, both local and non-local, and transportation can be arranged for anyone unfamiliar with the area. This is a more intimate setting and provides an avenue for our visiting guests to get to know some of the people involved in the organization and community that they will be seeing throughout the Hunt Festivities.

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, is our Ladies Luncheon that is a little more formal and lasts about an hour and a half. It begins around 11:30-12:00 noon and involves a wonderful meal designed especially for the ladies with some form of entertainment directly following the meal. Entertainment in the past has ranged from a Style Show with vendors from around the state, the Pantomime Players (a local theater production company), to Elvis (Impersonator of course)! This event usually draws around 180 women and has become a major part of the One Box event schedule.

As always, there will be a craft fair in town and the very unique local shops will be open for shopping. There are a couple of local pubs that will also have the Nebraska Football game on TV for those interested in watching that as well. All in all, we want you to feel welcome to come and participate in the One Box events even if you are not a hunter! Please feel free to e-mail or call me or find out more about our events on the One Box website ([www.nebraskaonebox.com](http://www.nebraskaonebox.com)) Specific events will be listed as the One Box Hunt gets closer.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at this year's Nebraska One Box Hunt!