



Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt

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March 2009

Dear Past Shooters:

Hello! I hope that each of you are doing well and have had a good year hunting in 2008.

The 2008 hunt went very well. All of the teams had birds to hunt and enjoyed a great time. We are hoping that if you missed last year's hunt you will return this year and spend time with your friends in Broken Bow.

V.I.P. NOMINATIONS:

It's also time to consider and nominate New Shooters to our 2009 VIP Team.

This is to ask you to start thinking about nominations to the Past Shooters VIP Team for the '09 hunt. This is a great hunt and a truly amazing experience that you can give to a friend or acquaintance. Also keep in mind that the people you nominate this year and next will get to hunt in the 50th Anniversary Hunt next year.

We would like you to nominate people that will be great additions to the membership and interested in coming back each year, making friends and sharing experiences with the current Past Shooters.

Now the particulars:

- This year's hunt is scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 5th and conclude with our Past Shooter meeting on Sunday, November 8th.
- All applicants for the VIP Team must be 21 years old
- Entry fee of \$750.00 must accompany the application
- Every Past Shooter is eligible to nominate one candidate for the VIP Team
- Candidates should be individuals who would enjoy our format, support the hunt and return in future years
 - Celebrity applicants are encouraged, if they fit the above
 - Deadline for applications is May 15, 2009
 - Please send your applications to our Past Shooter Executive Secretary, Elaine Bayer, P.O. Box 294, Broken Bow NE 68822

PAST SHOOTER DUES:

As most of you know, if you do not pay your annual dues for three years, you will be removed from the Past Shooter list and in order to be reinstated, you are required to purchase a Full Life Membership of \$250.00; a very reasonable fee for a life membership. In hopes of getting as many of you as possible back for the 50th Anniversary hunt in 2010, the Past Shooter organization unanimously decided at the November 2008 meeting to waive the three year removal rule for the next 2 years (2009 and 2010), and a delinquent member will only be required to pay the \$30.00 annual fee and not be required to purchase a Full Life Membership through the 50th Anniversary Hunt (however any delinquency for prior years will still be owed and you will still be subject to removal after the 50th hunt). Please get caught up **and** come back this year! If you are delinquent, there is an invoice enclosed showing the amount due. If you have questions on this issue, feel free to contact me.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS:

Please give consideration to nominating an individual to the Hall of Fame who has exhibited exceptional support of the Hunt and the Hunt's events. This individual does not have to be a Past Shooter. The nomination must be in writing stating the reasons this person should be considered. It should be returned to Elaine Bayer by May 15, 2009.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

I am asking each of you to send an update of your address, phone numbers and email addresses to Elaine to provide accurate information for the Past Shooter list. Elaine's email address is ebeyer@gmail.net. Update your info here. How many of you would like to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically? Contact Elaine by email for this consideration.

Enclosed is an application for the VIP Team. Please print off copies as needed. If you need any help, please feel free to contact me, Scott Hargis at:

124 Morningside Drive, Sylvania, Ga 30467

Home phone 912-564-7179

Email address is tshargis73@hotmail.com.

Feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas on the Hunt and our 50th Anniversary Hunt coming in 2010.

Take care and see you this fall!! Thanks.

Scott



Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt

P.O. BOX 294 - BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA 68822

APPLICATION FOR NEBRASKA ONE BOX PHEASANT HUNT

(Type or Print)

Date: _____

Telephone: Business _____

Residence _____

Name: _____

Address: _____
(No & Street) (City & State) (Zip)

Occupation: _____ Title _____

Hunting interest and what other invitational hunts attended, if any?

Additional Comments: _____

In making this application to the Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt I understand that I will be obliging myself financially for all fees that are required for the hunt. Also, that all my prepaid fees are forfeited if I do not submit a written cancellation ten (10) days prior to the hunt. Registration includes room, board, and bird cleaning fees.

My check for \$750.00 is enclosed _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Past Shooter Sponsor _____
(For VIP Team Only)

PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY SHEET.

Return To:
Nebraska One Box Past Shooters, P.O. Box 294, Broken Bow NE 68822



Past Shooter News

A Letter From The Past Shooter President –2009

Scott Hargis

If you missed it, the 2008 Hunt was a great success. There were 55 Past Shooters in attendance and plenty of birds for everyone to hunt. We will be looking forward to even more Past Shooters for the 2009 Hunt, and would like to have as many past Shooters in attendance for the 50th Hunt in 2010 as can make it.

I would like to thank Pat Keslar for his efforts this past year as the Past Shooter President. He has always been a great supporter of the Hunt and his work with the Calcutta has brought it back in a Big way. And, I would like to welcome the new members of the Board of Directors — Dick Gray, Al Loughran, Matt Varney and Les Faust. They replaced outgoing members Wally Riebesell, Greg Gentry, Butch Brunken and Jim Weber. My thanks to each of them for the work and support they provided the One Box.

This year's Hall of Fame Award winner was Bob Allen, and the Golden Pheasant Award went to Jerry Robertson. Congratulations to each of them for their long support of the Hunt and we appreciate their efforts.

On another note, the costs to put on the Hunt have been rising, a lot this last year. In an effort to control the costs and not raise the price of the Hunt to the Past Shooters, changes will be made. The 2 free drink tickets for the Past Shooter Party will not be given out. Drink costs have risen to greater than \$2000 this year and we cannot afford to provide them at our current rates for the Hunt. We thought it more important to hold the prices for the Hunt down than to provide the free drinks. We will evaluate how this works and would welcome any feedback from the members on this issue.

By now you have received the order form for the 50th Anniversary One Box Hunt Shotgun. It is a beautiful gun and the engraving will make it a special addition to your collection. If, for some reason, you did not get the forms or have questions, you should contact Matt Thomas or Paul Ulmer soon, as they plan to make an order decision in the near future.

From the 2009 Chairman

Todd Anderson

I would like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered and donated to the One Box this past year. It was a great Hunt and we are all looking forward to another very successful year. We are very encouraged to see the bird population continue to improve, thanks to all the volunteers and the countless hours they have put in working on the habitat projects, taking care of the surrogators, and the land owners that donate their land. Paul Ulmer, the 2010 Chairman still has a few of the 50th anniversary guns left, so get your order in ASAP.

At this time of year, I am reminded of one of the most important aspects of the One Box Hunt—Scholarships. Although the hunt emphasizes Habitat, birds and the fellowship hunting creates; I don't every want to lose sight of what this organization means to the young people of this area by easing some of the financial burdens of their continuing education. Thank you to all who give so generously and ask for nothing in return. Louie Stithem and his committee are sending out scholarship applications and will be deciding on the most deserving of the candidates. This year no board members will be retiring, so we need to get all 7 teams recruited. We have 3 teams that have applied and we are continuing to search for more. If you know of anyone that is interested, have them call a board member, or go to the website at www.nebraskaonebox.com for more information. Jim Duncan is heading up a "Celebrity" committee this year in hopes of getting some celebrities back to the Hunt. If you have any connections that would help Jim, give him a call. Remember, we need your help in recruiting new teams and your active participation as a Past Shooter. We welcome any suggestions that will make this great organization even better. Looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

From the Ladies' Board

Jami Anderson

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 6 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 is our Ladies Luncheon that is a little more formal and lasts about an hour and a half. It begins around 11:30 and involves a wonderful meal designed especially for the ladies with some form of entertainment. Past entertainment as included a Style Show by local and state vendors, the Pantomime Players, a local theatre 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 your shopping pleasure. There are a couple of local pubs that will have the Nebraska Football game on TV for those interested in watching the game. 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) Specific events will be listed as the Hunt dates get closer.

2010 Hunt - Our 50th Anniversary

Paul Ulmer - Chairman

Let me introduce myself to those of you I have not met. My name is Paul Ulmer and I will be the Chairman for the 2010, 50th Anniversary One Box Hunt. I became involved with One Box in 1996 as a Past Shooter guide and became a New Team Guide in 1998. Many of you I have hunted with, and the rest of you I will look forward to hunting with in the future.

This letter is coming to you as the Hunt Board prepares for the 2009 One Box Pheasant Hunt. This year's hunt board already has several teams applying for the 49th hunt, which will take place November 5 - 7, 2009. It is very apparent after the 2008 hunt, that our Surrogator experiment has definitely helped the bird population in central Nebraska. Most of the new teams were able to finish with double digit birds and most finished by 2:00pm. One thing we were able to do this year was to also give the Past Shooter Competitive Guides a Surrogator to use for the entire summer. This led to some very good hunting for the Past Shooters. At this time preparations are under way to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the last 50 years during the 2010 Hunt. You should have received a letter about the Commemorative Shotgun we are selling for the 50th Anniversary. This Grade VII Citori Lightning would be a wonderful addition to anyone's gun cabinet. For those who have ordered, Thank You. There are still some guns left and are still receiving orders. If you have changed your mind and want to order one of these guns, contact myself or Todd Anderson, the 2009 Chairman.

From the One Box Foundation President

Don Cantrell

We had a very successful Hunt once again. The Habitat program is continuing to pay big dividends. A nice increase in pheasant numbers was reported during the 2008 Hunt. We planted 400 acres of new habitat and released 1423 live birds from our surrogators during the last year.

The lawsuit concerning noise from the Gun Club went to court this past year. A favorable ruling has allowed us to put this issue behind us.

New Board members for the 2009 Habitat Board include Gary Henning, Matt Thomas and Shawn Zutavern.