Fox Tracks

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Greeting from all of us at Fox Ridge,

Just a little over three weeks left before preseason starts on September 1st. Hopefully everyone had a good off season and you are looking forward to hunting this fall. Looks like the last day for release will be Wednesday March 17th this year as St Patrick's Day lands on a weekday this time. No noticeable changes on the farm this year, just some repairs and maintenance.

Cover: Planting season had a very narrow window that we managed to get in, however it did not go as well as I had hoped. With the cooler wet weather after planting the sorghum was under stress during most of the early growth and I was unable to make the second spray for broadleaf and other weeds. I am not sure if all the fields will have enough cover for the snows this winter, but all we can do is work with what we have. It will of course depend on how bad of a winter we get. Last year's was quite mild right until the final weekend, with a major storm that shut the farm down. Just another good reason not to wait to the end and instead get out hunting earlier in the fall. Grasses look good nearly everywhere, so if you have the opportunity I would recommend fall hunting as always.

Calling the farm: The best number to use for calls and texts to the farm is 920.846.2508. Keep in mind that while using the ATV, or while catching and releasing birds that I don't have easy access to my phone so calls might still go to voicemail. I will answer texts and voicemail as soon as I see them or get an opportunity during regular operating times for the farm. Don't forget to call or text at **least three days before** the day you are hoping to hunt. Also remember that on Mondays I will not be answering the phone, responding to texts, or checking the messages. Nor does it count in part of a three day notice.

Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt: Once again I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the event last year, we had a great turnout in spite of the snow. The next date will be Saturday March 20th, mark it on your calendars and join us for this wonderful event. The K9 takedown competition will be available to watch. There will also be raffles and drawings with prizes such as quilts, dog food, guns, chainsaws, hunting gear, power tools, 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 21st through the 31st will be a special stray hunt for chukars. Any chukars shot during that time will be only $15 each and all money will be donated to the Karl Zeitler Memorial Hunt.

Season Information: *Preseason* begins Wednesday September 1st with hens at $24 and chukars at $18. One exception, there will be **no** bird release Saturday Sept 5th.

Regular bird release starts September 15th and ends on the St. Patrick's Day Wednesday March 17th. Open hunting runs all season and ends March 31st.

We will be closed entirely November 19th through November 29th for gun deer hunting season, and there will be no bird releases December 24th through the 27th for Christmas. Open hunting is available during the Christmas break, and the lounge will be open and the cleaning room may be open unless the temperatures are cold enough that it might freeze.

Clubhouse: Don't forget the kitchen/dining area with seating for up to 20 people attached to our meeting room is available for events. Our expansion that can be used for banquets, receptions, reunions, or any event is also available between March and November with enough tables and chairs to seat over 200 people. If you have an event and are looking for a place in the future that isn't too fancy I can accommodate you. Catering is available from the Blue Spruce as well.

Bird Prices: Extra birds are $27 each for straight run, roosters are $32, hens only are $25 each, and chukars will be $19 each. Chukars cannot be prepurchased, they are a first come first served basis.

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