

RICHVALE HUNTING AREA, INC

Richvale, California

September 2012

Celebrating Our 62nd Year!



Looking for a unique pheasant hunting experience? The farmers of Richvale, California are here for you! Formed in 1950, Richvale Hunting Area is a non-profit hunting organization founded by farmers who donate

over 10,000 acres of rich farm land for your hunting pleasure.

In addition to the plentiful natural pheasant population, we always supplement 1,250 commercially raised birds, which are planted in increments weekly throughout the season. These birds are never banded. There will be NO non-hunting days and all members are allowed to watch the birds being planted.

Hunters are not restricted to a designated field, but are free to roam the entire 10,000 acres, unless otherwise posted. Richvale Hunting Area follows ALL California Fish and Game rules and regulations.

The Richvale Hunting Area limits the number of memberships to ensure each hunter the best possible hunting experience and provides security patrols during the season to prevent trespassing by non-members.

So, come join us this year in what is expected to be another excellent hunting year!

Membership

Richvale Hunting Area Membership is limited to the first 500 applications that we receive. Prices for this season are \$180 per Member and \$90 for each Associate Member. With each full paid membership you may add 2 associate members. An Associate Member is either a spouse or a child (17 years of age or younger) ONLY.

Applications postmarked on or before September 30, 2012 qualify for Free Membership drawing for next year or refund on this years membership.

Applications are on page 3 and 4 of this newsletter and must be signed and returned with appropriate payment. Pass one along to a friend or neighbor!

All paid memberships are automatically entered in our Membership Drawing which takes place at the Richvale Elementary PTA Spaghetti Dinner. Information about the dinner will be included in your membership packets.



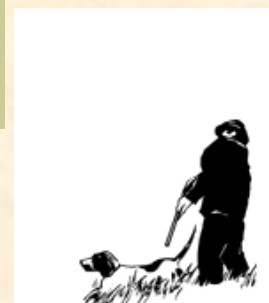
Membership packets, which include arm bands, membership cards, parking passes and a map of the hunting area are mailed approximately 3 weeks before opening day. If your membership application is received after that time, your packet can be picked up at the Butte County Rice Growers Association on opening day.

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Special points of interest:

- Some of our hunters have been hunting RHA for 62 years.
- Founded by the pioneers in 1909, rice has been grown in Richvale since 1912.
- Don't miss out on the Membership Drawing at the Spaghetti Dinner!



Protecting Your Dog During Hunting Season

Most hunting dogs are also family pets. When not out hunting, they can be found lounging on the sofa, sleeping in bed or resting in their kennel. Keeping your dog safe and healthy during hunting season can help keep your dog in tiptop shape and ready to work the entire season.

Just before the hunting season begins, have your hunting dog examined by your veterinarian to make sure he is healthy. Make sure his vaccinations are up to date. In certain areas

of the country, Lyme vaccine may be beneficial. Pick up some flea and tick preventative, which should be used monthly during the hunting season to prevent infestation with fleas and ticks. Feed your dog a high quality performance or active dog food. Don't let him become overweight and make sure he is not underweight at the



beginning of the season.

so you can identify each of your dogs. If you have a dog that tends to roam, bring a brightly colored long lead to keep him nearby and safe. It's also a good idea to use a lead whenever you and your dog are walking near a busy road.

While in the field, it is important to keep your dog's health and safety in mind. Bring plenty of water or make sure you will have access to sources of fresh water during the hunt. Stop periodically to allow your dog to rest and drink. This also allows your dog to cool off. Chasing after animals can build up body heat, even if it is cool outside. Don't let your dog overheat by working him too long. Try to hunt the cooler part of the day and for short durations. Overheating is a common problem with hunting dogs. In addition to providing water, offer your dog snacks during the day. Don't feed him a big meal right before hunting but offer small amounts of food throughout the day.

Before hunting, make sure you know the area. This can help prevent injuries. Know if barbed wire is present, skunks, rattlesnakes and other wildlife that can be dangerous for your dog. Try to avoid these if possible. If you and your dog do come in contact with one or more of these, be prepared. Bring along a first aid kit that can be used to help your pet.

Bringing along a first aid kit for your dog is a great idea and can help keep your pet healthy. Things in the kit should include:

- Latex Gloves
- Antibiotic ointment for cuts and scrapes
- Adhesive tape and bandage material for temporary bandages
- Sterile eye wash to flush out the dog's irritated eyes
- Compresses (instant ice) for sprains
- Forceps to remove foxtails, quills and grass awns
- Blunt tip scissors
- Q-tips to clean out the ears
- Neoprene socks or booties to protect the pads from cuts

Emergency Animal Care

Lost your dog?

Northwest SPCA at:

(530) 533-7636

2787 S. 5th Ave, Oroville, CA

24 Hour Vet Care:

Northpointe Veterinary Hospital at:

(530) 674-8670

1463 Live Oak Blvd., Yuba City, CA

After Hour Vet Care:

Valley Oak Veterinary Center

(530) 342-7387

2480 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy
Chico, CA



Flyers to Fires!

Where your Membership fees go:

When you join Richvale Hunting Area, Inc., you are not only paying for your membership, you are helping to support the schools and community services in our area.

Richvale Hunting Area, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has given generously to the local community for the past 62 years. Our donations total over \$723,604 and helps to meet the needs of our local community.

Below is a partial listing of local groups and organizations that we support.

- Biggs/Richvale Little League Teams
- Richvale Foundation
- Richvale Parents' Association
- Richvale Volunteer Fire Department
- Biggs High School Wrestling Team
- Biggs Parent Association
- Biggs High School Baseball Team
- Richvale Community Foundation
- Richvale Café
- Durham Parks & Recreation Softball Teams
- Biggs High School
- Richvale Elementary School
- Biggs Middle School
- Butte County Search and Rescue
- Butte County Sheriff's Posse
- California Trappers Association

With your support, we were able to help the Butte County Fire Department purchase a new fire rescue truck for our local station. This is just one of the ways we supported our community last year.



All of us at Richvale Hunting Area, Inc. want to thank you for considering Richvale Hunting Area in our 62nd year of providing hunters a wonderful pheasant hunting experience! We look forward to sharing another excellent hunting year with you.

Membership Drawing

All Richvale Hunting Area members are automatically entered into our membership drawing for next years season which takes place at the Richvale PTA Spaghetti Dinner.

More information about the Spaghetti Dinner will be included in the membership packets, which will be mailed out approximately 3 weeks before opening day.

Good luck and happy hunting!

Look for us on Facebook!!



Become a Friend of Richvale Hunting Area on Facebook and let us know how we are doing.

We would love to see your photos too!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Can I bring my buddy?** A buddy can come at no additional charge, *only if he doesn't carry a gun.*
- **Can I sign my buddy up as an Associate Member?** No. An Associate Member is your spouse or child 17 years of age or younger.
- **Do I have to have a dog?** No. We don't require you to have a dog, but we **do not** have dogs for you to use.
- **How many birds are planted?** We plant 1,250 birds over the course of our season. **Birds are Not banded.**
- **What is the daily limit?** Please refer to the California Sate hunting Rules and Regulations.
- **Can I hunt on plant dates?** Yes, you can even watch the planting.
- **Do you accept credit cards?** No, cash, check or money order only.
- **Do we have to pay for the birds?** No, that is part of your membership fee. However, we **do not** guarantee birds.
- **Can I shoot ducks?** No, we are a pheasant hunting club only.
- **What kind of shot can I use?** Your choice, but lead shot is cheaper.

MEMBERS
Welcome!



**Hunting permitted by
Members ONLY
TRESPASSING PROHIBITED
AREA is PATROLLED**

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Tentative Schedule

The following is a tentative schedule of both hunting and planting and is dependent upon California Fish & Game final hunting rules.

Friday, Nov. 9, 2012—First Plant Day

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012—Opening Day

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012—Plant Day

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012— THANKSGIVING—Plant Day

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2012—Plant Day

Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012—Last Day of our Season

Richvale Hunting Area is open the **first three weeks and four weekends of the regular State approved hunting season only.**

Release of the birds on Friday planting days will commence at 1 pm at the Grell Shop located on Richvale Highway and Church Street. For Saturday plantings, and the Thanksgiving planting, release of the birds will commence at 6 am at the Grell Shop.

We are also on the web!
www.richvalehuntingarea.com
Find us on Facebook too!



**Mail your application on or before
September 30, 2012 and be entered
for a refund on this years season
or free membership next year!**

