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TODAY SHOW

COMES TO SILVERTON

The Today Show's Lisa Daniels was in Maine recently to prepare a segment on Women in Hunting. After stopping at LL Bean the group traveled to Silverton to film some upland hunting. The segment is scheduled to air December 16th and while just 2 1/2 minutes long it's a great boost for those of us (both male and female) who hunt....let NBC know it's about time!!!!



We would like to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who came out and hunted whether it was pheasant, chukar, deer, ducks or geese, shot on the 5 Stand or at a sporting clays shoot, handled or judged at our NAHRA hunt test, boarded their dog with us or left their dog for training or just spent a few days relaxing with us. We met many really great people this year, some experienced, some just beginning to learn new skills....all enjoying just being out and having a good time.



We look forward to next year which is already shaping up to be better and much busier!!!!

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Hi Denise.....I'd just like to tell you again how impressed I was with your place. The way you and JD handled Laura and got her started was done in a very friendly but professional manner. The cover was very typical New England Upland. The birds were fat, wary and very strong flyers.

I've been hunting State stocked birds here in New England all my life. For us here in the Northeast the small farms were as good as it ever got. You've done a great job preserving that feeling. And that's what counts. The place has to look and feel right to complete the overall upland hunting experience.

I'm looking forward to hunting Silverton again and wish you all the best and a happy Holiday season.

Sincerely, Gerry Lynch

Warm Weather Deer Hunting– Not Our Usual Season

There is little doubt that this fall was a challenge to all of our hunting. The fact that muzzleloader sales were up back up the suspicion that many just had not seen deer this year.....but scouting showed that the deer were indeed there...they just were out and about at night when it was cooler. Duck and goose hunting was certainly a challenge this year as well....the birds just didn't have reason enough to move and certainly had way too many puddles to spend time in.....they were in potholes everywhere.



Of course that doesn't mean we didn't get the job done.....



Anybody Know A Good Moose Recipe?

I ended up with several good moose recipes one of which made it's way to our Annual Game Dinner menu. In addition to moose stew we had bear meatloaf, venison dip, duck with caramelized onions and pear, grilled goose and more...I'll share some of the recipes in the following months.

Here's the moose stew:

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| 3 strips bacon | 2 tsp salt |
| 2 lbs venison stew meat | 2 tsp Italian seasoning |
| 2 large onions | 5 medium carrots - 1" pieces |
| 3 1/2 cups water—divided | 6 medium potatoes-1" pieces |
| 1 8 oz can tomato sauce | 4 stalks celery-1" pieces |
| 1 envelope onion soup mix | 3 TBS flour |

In a 4qt dutch oven cook bacon until crisp. Remove to paper towel and crumble. Don't drain drippings. Cook venison and onions until meat is lightly browned. Add 3 cups water, tomato sauce, soup mix, salt, Italian seasoning— bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until meat is tender.

Add carrots, potatoes, and celery, return to boil, reduce heat cover and simmer until tender.

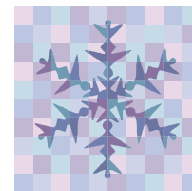
Combine 1/2 cup water and flour until smooth— stir into stew. Cook and stir until boiling and slightly thickened. Stir in crumbled bacon. Serve over noodles with spoon or fork!!!!

5 Stand Winter Series

This winter, January thru April, 4 clubs will participate in a 5 Stand series that will feature team and singles divisions. Details are still being worked out (I'm getting to it) and will be sent out thru the clubs and our website.

[Join Us For Winter Shooting Fun!!!!](#)

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Let It Snow,
Let It Snow,
Let It Snow!!!

After we get all of the hunts in that is.....

But when it does snow we are ready with trail access right from the lodge.

[GET OFF THE HIGHWAY AND GET ON THE TRAILS!](#)

Happy and safe hunting
DENISE

