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# Ranch Ramblings

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## 2008 Sportsmans Shows

Visit us at the following shows this year and remember that many hunts are booked at these shows so reserve your dates early.

Springfield Sportsmans Show

Feb 21, 22, 23 & 24

Pine Tree Sportsmans Show

March 21, 22, & 23

Augusta Sportsmans Show

March 28, 29 & 30

Presque Isle Sportsmans Show

April 5 & 6

## What We Can Do For You

- Upland Hunts
- Corporate Meetings/Hunts
- Hunts for Deer-Duck-Goose
- Grouse & Woodcock
- Fishing Guides
- Dog Boarding
- Gun Dog Training
- Cabin Rentals
- Snowmobiling
- Trail Riding with Your Horse
- Access to ATV trails

## Upcoming Events

April 26th: Sporting Clays Shoot NSCA and Hunter class

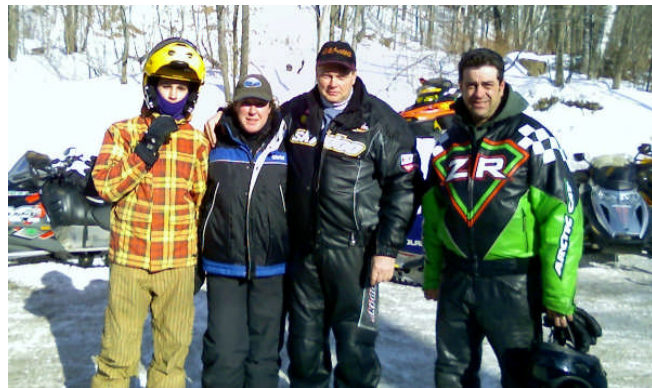
June 27-29: Maine State Sporting Clays Championship Something for everyone!!!!

August 16th: Sporting Clays Shoot NSCA and Hunter class

September 20th: National Hunting and Fishing Day—Parent/Child hunt specials

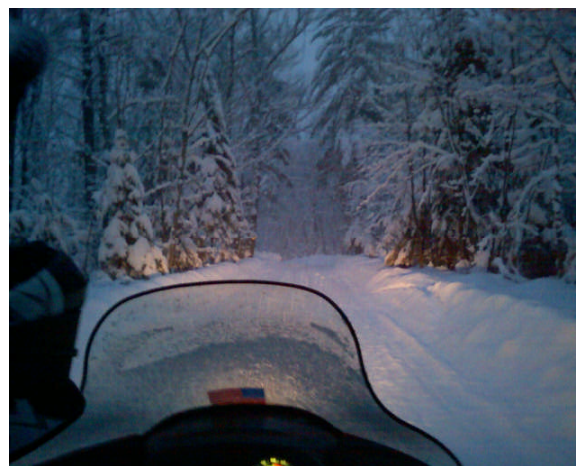
*IF YOU ARE INTO SNOWMOBILING AND YOU AREN'T HERE— YOU ARE MISSING OUT!!!!*

We are having a great winter with snow almost everyday and the trails are in awesome condition.



Nick, Denise, Micah and Tom on a trip to Bingham

The groomers have been out and we have plenty of snow. From the lodge we have easy access to ITS 84 which will take you to Athens and to Rangely. ITS 85 starts in Augusta and we can pick it up in Pittsfield, head north to Dover Foxcroft and on to Moosehead or take the trail into Newport head to Milo and up to Millinocket. Make Silverton your base camp or a stop over on a multiday trip. With the snow so deep in the woods the deer, moose and turkeys are using the trails and we've seen them almost every trip out. Use caution and enjoy!!



JD and I took this coming back from Morrill Pond at night

## A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

2007 was a wonderful year for Silverton. We hosted our first Maine State Sporting Clays Championship with a three day format that brought shooters from 9 states. As part of preparing for the shoot we added another sporting clays course that is now open anytime in addition to our 5 stand. We had hunters from all over including Alaska, California, NY, MA, NH, CT, VT, New Brunswick, England and Switzerland. We hosted many family vacations, including honeymoons, and corporate events. We had puppies, one litter of labs and one of german shorthairs that kept us busy this year. I got more involved with the local ATV club and we now have ATV trails right from the lodge. Maine has almost 5000 miles of ATV trails and that number is growing all the time. Overall it was a great year and we met many great folks. 2008 promises to be just as interesting as we are once again hosting the Sporting Clays Championship and already have many hunts and groups booked. Don't forget we have some of the best fishing in the East. As soon as you have a date in mind for your visit please let me know so we can best plan your stay. Don't forget your dog is welcome too!!!

Our annual Game Dinner was in January and once again we had quite a variety of dishes. One of my favorites was this simple dish which was prepared with caribou but would but equally as good with venison.

### Seared Steaks with Bourbon Sauce:

2 TBS olive oil, divided  
2 boneless steaks  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
1 TBS dried thyme  
1/2 cup bourbon  
1 cup beef broth, divided  
1 TBS cornstarch

Heat 1 TBS of oil in large skillet. Season steaks with salt, pepper and thyme and add to hot pan. Sear 2 minutes per side, until golden brown. Add bourbon and cook 1 minute. Add 1/2 cup beef broth and bring to a simmer. Cook 2 minutes until medium. Remove steaks from the pan and transfer them to a serving platter. Dissolve cornstarch in remaining beef broth and add to pan. Simmer 1 minute, until sauce thickens. Spoon sauce over steaks and serve with rice or mashed potatoes.

This would be good with mushrooms added too!!!



***These boys are intense!!!!*** This picture was taken at just 4 months old and they are both showing plenty of style. They were exposed to birds early on and have been working on their retrieving skills this winter. I'm confident in their bird abilities and have no doubt that if we have a flock of tennis balls in these two will be all over them!

*Happy Hunting  
Denise*

**T.E. Gould  
Blasting and Drilling**