



May 2008

Ranch Ramblings

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Upcoming Events

May 31: FITASC Fun Day

June 8: FITASC Fun Day

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

August 16th: Sporting Clays Shoot NSCA and Hunter class

September 27th: National Hunting and Fishing Day—Parent/Child hunt specials



I'll be writing about events and items of interests in Maine all thru the year

Spring Is Here !

One of the best things about spring is that everything is new and fresh and we have a chance to start over with those projects that got out of hand last year or didn't get started at all. We've had pretty good weather and the lawn mowing has started. One of the projects for the spring is to burn some of the fields to get them ready for planting. I am looking forward to expanding the areas to be planted this year with the purchase of a King Kutter Disc Harrow which will improve the hunting for birds and deer.



2008 Turkey Season

We are in the middle of turkey season but some of us are already done. On youth day Andrea, the daughter of one of our deer guides took a



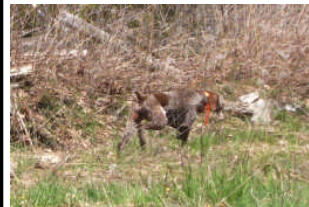
24.6 lb tom. This bird is the 4th heaviest bird in the state. The tom also had 1.5" spur and a 7/8" spur (she shot it off) and 9.5 " beard. [Read about Andrea's hunt](#)



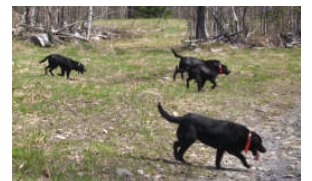
My turkey was 19 lbs with 8.5" beard and 1" spurs. I watched these birds several days and even had live hens calling. Read about the hunt www.maineseasonsblog.com

Dog Training Membership

We are anxious to get to training dogs and the dogs are certainly ready. **Birds are in** and cover is getting better everyday. We've talked to a lot of folks about



our **DOG TRAINING MEMBERSHIP**. It's a great deal - you get 10 chukar, 10 quail



and use of our training equipment such as bird launchers with remotes. You can use the birds in any combination you want with a minimum of 4 birds used at a time. This is a great way to get your dog ready

for the hunting season. Contact me to get yours.

ATV Trails Open

A lack of spring rain and a mud season that was mild compared to past years means ATV trails around the state are open. Our local trails are being resigned and ready for riding. Trails are being added all the time so come on up and spend a few days exploring - you'll be surprised how far you can go.

Sporting clays
Anytime!!
\$25/50

Spring Fling Sporting Clays Shoot April 26th

We had great weather for the day- mud was minimal, black flies weren't out yet and 41 shooters enjoyed the course.

Congratulations to Earle Glidden for taking High Over All honors with Henry Trial taking the Runner Up spot. Both shooters had a 95 and Earle was one target up on the randomly picked tiebreaker station. For complete results go to <http://www.silvertonsportingranch.com/shoot%20results.htm>



FITASC FUN DAYS
Saturday, May 31 and
Sunday June 8th 9-2pm
In anticipation of the FITASC event at the state shoot we will have two practice days so come out and find out what FITASC is all about.

To find out more about what is going on in the shooting sports in Maine check out the new website www.shootingsportsinmaine.com and if you have information that you would like to add please email webmaster@shootingsportsinmaine.com

5 STAND AND SPORTING CLAYS ANYTIME!
After the April 26th shoot our 5 stand and sporting clays course will be open anytime by appointment. Bring family & friends and spend a few hours You can enjoy a round of **5 stand for just \$5** and **50 targets for \$25** on the sporting clays course.

Shooting Lessons with Bob Mastroianni

Bob is the owner of [Break Point Management](http://www.breakpointmanagement.com) and a master class shooter from Massachusetts. Bob will be with us June 7th and 8th for a weekend of shooting lessons and a target reading clinic.

As stated on Bob's website: **What can you expect from a shooters clinic?**

You can expect to learn the mechanics and philosophies of shotgunning, study the proven and discuss the hypothetical. You can also expect to shoot, be coached, improve your skills and break more targets. Half of your day is spent in the classroom and half on the range. We have developed a curriculum that allows us to better understand your goals and tailor our discussion and instructions to your needs. All of our students learn differently, associate differently and communicate differently; we focus on being aware, being available and being responsive to your needs. Our clinics give you the foundation needed to become a better shooter.

Would you like to learn to read targets?

In our target reading clinics we will take you out on the course. The first shooter will shoot the station, after the first shooter has shot the targets we will discuss how and where each target was shot and what you can do to make the job easier. The first shooter will then reshoot the station with a new plan so they can see and feel the difference. All of the other shooter will also be able to shoot the station. We will follow this format throughout the course shooting all of the stations. Learning to read what targets are doing and where the "sweet spot" is will help improve your scores.

Contact Denise for further information and to schedule a time.

Happy Hunting
Denise



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