

THE CROOKED SPORTSMAN

Bi-monthly newsletter for Crooked Foot Upland Bird & Game Hunting Club.

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The Beauty of Hunting

Hunting may culminate in an act of killing - or it might not - but something important happens before. It is the sheer endless waiting in a state of heightened awareness and observation with one's surroundings, a way of being *alive to the world* that manifests in minute adjustments of movement, posture, gestures, weapon handling, eye ball motion, etc., always being drawn by the *possibility* of an animal being out there somewhere.

THE "CROOKED" SPORTSMAN



A definition of sportsman according to Webster's dictionary: *a person who participates in outdoor activities like hunting and fishing - : a person who participates in sports.*



SUMMER'S HERE *Dear Friends,*



"PLEASE be a traveler,
NOT A TOURIST.
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ANDREW ZIMMERN

Whenever I think back to the summers of my childhood, all of the camping trips my parents took us on are the first to come to mind. Our car piled with gear, our skin was always a little pink from time in the sun, and the freckles on my face seemed to get even darker with each passing day. One detail I seem to remember most is the lunch my mom would always make: tuna fish sandwiches, Pringles, and lemonade. So simple, really, but to this day I still get the craving for that exact meal when summer rolls around.

To me, simplicity, is at the heart of summer season. Everything is different in the summer. People seem more light-hearted and spend their time finding joy in the smallest of things. We bury our noses in the different books on our summer reading lists. We take

naps outdoors under the shade of a tree. We invite our friends and family over to talk, drink a nice glass of wine, and roast marshmallows over a roaring bonfire.

Life seems to slow down in the summer. We pay attention more. We breathe in the smell of good food cooking on the grill. We find comfort in the sound of waves crashing along a shoreline, or the gentle hum of a fan. It's a magical time of year.

I hope that this newsletter issue of the *Crooked Sportsman* finds you well and reminds you to slow down and savor this wonderful season of life.

My best,

Kim

Kim Capone
Crooked Foot Club Assistant

WHERE DOGS TRAIN

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Fields of newly planted corn and soybeans, provide the backdrop on over 300 acres of training ground and ponds. Along with conifers, fruit-bearing shrubs and deciduous trees, trainers, dogs and their owners visit Crooked Foot Hunt Club for beginner to advanced hunting and obedience training.

Keeping a hunting dog in shape during the off season will give it the best chance to perform at peak levels once the hunting season opens in the fall. The continued workout will maintain tough paw pads, loose joints,

proper weight, and preserve endurance and stamina.

To achieve this, training must continue throughout the year, which means months of summer training. Crooked Foot professional trainers offer great classes to keep hunting dogs safe and prepared for fall hunts.

Training occurs in the evening when the temperatures are at their lowest points. The Upland group training class is an open forum group that introduces table work, force fetching and e-collars. The Retriever dog training includes set-ups of

marks and blinds, both on land and in water, duck and pheasant retrieval training, and training for field trials, hunt tests and hunting partners.

Getting an untrained puppy to become a skilled and trained hunting dog is a long journey that requires patience and consistent hard work. At Crooked Foot, patience and positivity is the foundation of a successful training effort. As we train, we're building the foundation for a long and fulfilling partnership between the dog and their owner. It just so happens, we also get to do it in a field of beauty and nature!



We should be honoring American veterans every single day of the year. In Fall 2018, Crooked Foot Upland Bird & Game Hunting Club is partnering with Safari Club International (SCI) to host the 3rd Annual Veterans Hunt. The hunt is to honor Veterans that have served in any of the five branches of the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marines, US Coast Guard and Air Force.

There is a reason that being employed by the military is more commonly called "serving our country". Risking one's own life for the betterment of thousands of others is a valiant purpose, and one that requires incredible courage and commitment. To acknowledge this, Crooked Foot Hunt Club and SCI have already taken a step to show respect and pay honor to veterans with a hunt that includes a 5 stand clay shooting competition, a bow range shooting competition, and a shooting military branch competition. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. In the afternoon veterans will enjoy tower walk up hunts.

Many servicemen and servicewomen may not have the same emotional or physical abilities as when they joined the service. Through bird hunting, our goal is to help heal wounds modern medicine cannot. Empowered by help from Safari Club International, government agencies and corporations, Crooked Foot Upland Bird & Game Hunting Club honor military personnel who help protect our great country. It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that Crooked Foot carries on the American tradition of hunting and shooting.

If you would like more information about this incredible event or would like to donate to the hunt, please contact Kim at **517-908-4714**.

On this Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free. - Dan Lipinski

HONORING VETERANS





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Although the weather is just

warming up, it won't be long before the fall hunting seasons kick in gear. Fall can seem like an eternity away when flowers begin to bloom and air conditioners finally get dusted off, but the arrival of the new *Crooked Sportsman* newsletter provides a comforting reassurance that fall hunting season is closer than you think.

New to Crooked Foot since last year are the availability of early autumn hunt opportunities beginning September 15, 2018. Available dates can be obtained by calling **517-908-4714**.

Also new to the club is the addition of ducks to our list of birds, which already include pheasant, chukar and quail.



Now is a good time to beat the fall rush and schedule your European corporate tower hunt or your walk up hunt. Come visit us, we'd love for you to explore all Crooked Foot has to offer and preview fall hunting opportunities.

The hottest months of summer are still upon us, but it's never too early to **start** thinking about fall!

UPCOMING SUMMER 2018 EVENT
Rick & Ronnie
SMITH SEMINARS



Reserve Now!

JULY 14-15

@ Crooked Foot Hunt Club

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FOUNDATION SEMINAR

The first and most important level in the Rick & Ronnie Smith's training system is the Foundation. This is the basis for all of the training elements that will be taught in the Intermediate & Advanced levels. All of the basic disciplines will be introduced with the mechanical cue of a rope. During this weekend you'll start building your dog from the beginning; manners, mindset, heeling, quartering, working scent, beginning to point and back and developing points of contact for cues. You will get a chance to work your dog on all of the elements that need to be instilled during the Foundation Level of Training.