

2014 Wisconsin Hunting and Trapping Seasons

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Some seasons may be subject to change. Consult the hunting regulation pamphlet(s) or dnr.wi.gov before going hunting.



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DEER *

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| Archery & Crossbow | Sept. 13 - Jan. 4, 2015 |
| Youth Deer Hunt | Oct. 11 & 12 |
| Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities [▲] | Oct. 4 - 12 |
| Gun | Nov. 22 - 30 |
| Muzzleloader | Dec. 1 - 10 |
| Central Forest and Central Farmland Antlerless Hunt | Dec. 11 - 14 |
| Southern Farmland | |
| Holiday Hunt | Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2015 |

* All dates are subject to change through a rule making or a legislative process. Please check the 2014 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

[▲] More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: "disabled deer hunt".

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 31

Bobwhite Quail

Statewide Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 10

Ruffed Grouse

Zone A Sept. 13 - Jan. 31, 2015
Zone B Oct. 18 - Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season is under review. Visit dnr.wi.gov for updates.

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide* Oct. 18 (noon) - Dec. 31

* Closed in Clark, Marathon, and Taylor counties

Crow

Statewide Jan. 25 - Mar. 20 &
Sept. 13 - Nov. 20

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Woodcock

Statewide Sept. 20 - Nov. 3

Mourning Dove

Statewide Sept. 1 - Nov. 9 (This date is tentative as the season may be extended in 2014. Check dnr.wi.gov for updates.)

WATERFOWL

Canada Goose

Early Goose Season Sept. 1 - 15

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt Apr. 12 - 13

Open Zones

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| Spring | Period A | Apr. 16 - 22 |
| | Period B | Apr. 23 - 29 |
| | Period C | Apr. 30 - May 6 |
| | Period D | May 7 - 13 |
| | Period E | May 14 - 20 |
| | Period F | May 21 - 27 |

Fall Statewide Sept. 13 - Nov. 20
Zones 1-5 Dec. 1 - 31

BEAR

Zone C where dogs **are not** permitted:

- Sept. 3 - Oct. 7
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods not using dogs

All other zones where dogs **are** permitted:

- Sept. 3 - 9
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods not using dogs

- Sept. 10 - 30
 - with aid of dogs
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods

- Oct. 1 - 7
 - with aid of dogs only

WOLF

Hunting and Trapping Oct. 15 - Feb. 28, 2015*

* Season may close early if quota is likely to be reached. See *2014 Wolf Regulations* for more information.

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone Sept. 13 - Feb. 28, 2015
Southern Zone Oct. 18 (noon) - Feb. 28, 2015

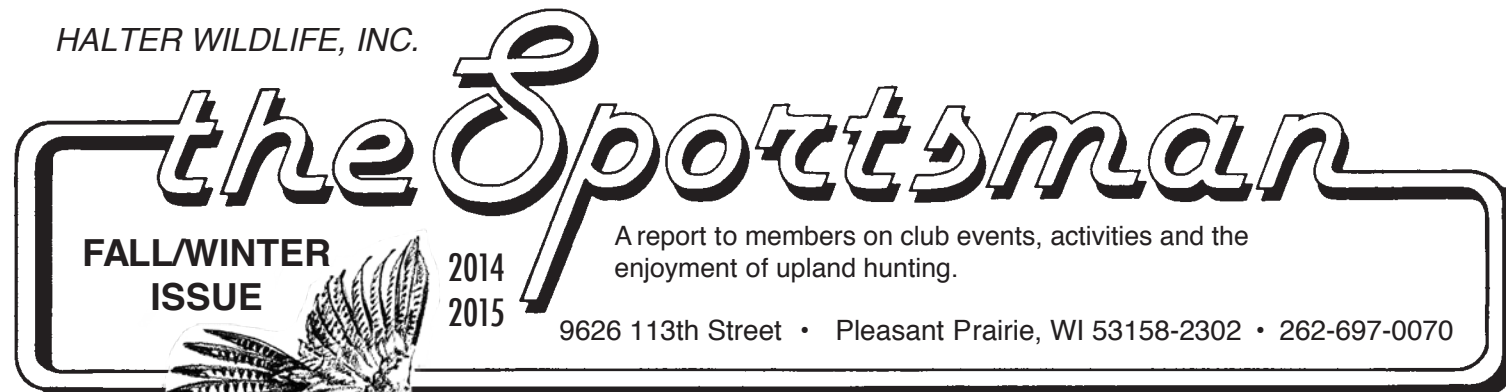
Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide Sept. 13 - Jan. 31, 2015

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species, such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose, and flying squirrel, is prohibited. See *2014 Small Game Regulations* for more details.

HALTER WILDLIFE, INC.



The Club's Opening Day is TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th.

Hunting begins at 8:00 am with reservations a must! And like you, John and the entire management and staff at Halter Wildlife are looking forward to another exciting and memorable hunting season.

Checklist for the responsible hunter:

1. Do you always make sure the muzzle of your gun is pointed in a safe direction?
2. Do you always treat your gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire?
3. Do you always load your gun only while actually hunting and keep it unloaded and open at all other times?
4. If hunting with others, do you always know your safe zone of fire and location of your partner?
5. Do you always make absolutely sure of your target and what's beyond it before you shoot?
6. Do you always limit your shots to those within range?
7. Do you always make every possible effort to recover game?

A TIME REMEMBERED...

An Experience Never Forgotten

There was once a time, now beyond living memory, when great tracts of unspoiled wilderness sprawled across the American landmass. Although teeming with game, the plains, mountains, deserts and wetlands, all challenged the hunter, whose survival depended upon his skill and woodcraft.

Few authors have captured the essence of this all-but-lost hunting ethos more vividly than Theodore Roosevelt, for whom the wilderness - and hunting - were as essential as oxygen. In his 1893 classic **The Wilderness Hunter**, he wrote:

"For a number of years much of my life was spent either in the wilderness or on the borders of the settled territory... During this time, I hunted much, among the mountains and on the plains, both as a pastime and to procure hides, meat and robes for use on the ranch; and it was my good luck to kill all the various kinds of large game that can properly be considered to belong to temperate North America."

Today, "the settled territory" has overtaken TR's mountains and plains with human population and exploitation. To hunt those remaining areas of wilderness requires heavy commitments of time, planning and money. That is why **Halter Wildlife exists**: to provide a practical way for today's hunters to recapture not just the wilderness experience and the thrill of the chase, but the *spirit* of the hunt.

In Roosevelt's words,

In hunting, the finding and killing of the game is after all but a part of the whole. The free, self-reliant, adventurous life, with its rugged and stalwart democracy; the wild surroundings, the grand beauty of the scenery, the chance to study the ways and habits of the woodland creatures - all these unite to give to the career of the wilderness hunter its peculiar charm.

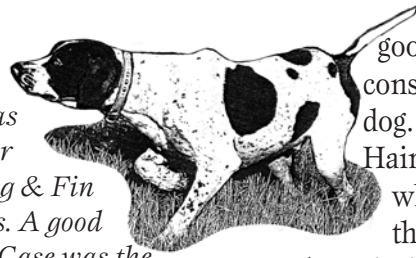
Halter's fields and woods are carefully preserved to be as they were in Teddy Roosevelt's time.

Halter Wildlife stands for the continuing opportunity for hunters to escape the commonplace to experience that clarity of mind and vision that the hunt is uniquely able to provide. And when the hunt is over, we can think back on our experiences at **Halter Wildlife**, knowing that the memory of each hunt is something that belongs to us, alone.

And as for Theodore Roosevelt? We hope one day to see his like again.

“POINT”

Many years ago I was Promotional Director for the famous “Wing & Fin Hunt Club in Illinois. A good friend of mine, John Case was the Outdoor Editor for VCLR Radio and quite a hunter who loved pointing dogs. I asked John to write an article for me about pointers for our publication. It is a good article, so here it is



A good retriever this dog is generally considered as a close working dog. His cousin, the German Wire Haired or Drahthaar, is a somewhat larger dog and is definitely the widest ranging dog of any of the pointing breeds. Bred in Europe the Drahthaar has been trained to hunt any and all game on command whether it be birds or bears and not to be bothered by the scent of one while he is hunting the other. I have hunted over them and their nose is truly uncanny. The English Pointer like the Drahthaar is a wide ranging dog and while a bit more difficult for the average person to handle this breed has the reputation for holding the most solid of points. Even though he is inclined to be headstrong he is devoted to his job and will hold a point until he drops from exhaustion, of course this is due partly to the training of the dog but mostly to his heart and the aforementioned devotion to duty, on the hunt this dog is all business.

The Weimaraner or Gray Ghost, as he is called by his supporters, is also an excellent pointer and is thought of as one of the close working dogs. Like all of the other hunting dogs his main interest lies in finding the birds and, after his master has flushed and dropped them, retrieving same.

A word to the distaff side of the house. The hunting dog is one of the finest house pets that can be had. Their overall gentle nature makes them ideal companions around children.

" POINT", that's the call that all of us who work birds over a dog like to hear. Many hunters never have had the opportunity to see a good pointer locked on a bird. That is because good pointing dogs are expensive and it takes even more expense as well as time, to train. Many hours of work go into the making of a good pointer. Breeding is important although there are some dogs that are naturals even though there is nothing in their breeding that indicates a bird dog. The possibilities of a dog being good are much better if his ancestors were good.

The hunter must decide whether he wants a close working dog or one that ranges wide. Either type has its individual advantages, the close working dog stays within gun range most of the time and in case the birds are not sitting tight any that jump can still be taken. The wide ranging dog will cover a lot more ground and save the hunter many steps.

The most common of the pointing breeds here in the middlewest is the German Shorthair. An almost natural pointer and

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, FROM HALTER

We're sprucing up for the Holiday Season, reservations for private parties are coming in, there are turkeys lurking in the fields, again, and the Holiday spirit's in the air.

It's the best kind of feeling to know that the past year has been filled with plans that worked out, dreams that came true, new friendships made and old friendships that got stronger . . . all the things that make a New Year worth looking forward to.

We're betting that 2014 will be just as great and exciting as 1913 has been. We're looking forward to a succession of crisp winter days, perfect for hunting. And, for next spring and summer, we've stocked the pond with half a ton of trout!

Most of all, we hope you'll spend at least a small part of your Holidays with us here at Halter. And to all our members, best wishes for the happiest of Holiday Seasons from the entire staff of Halter Wildlife.

Dachshunds



THE DACHSHUND

Courtesy of The Library of Natural History, Edited by Richard Lydekker, Published in 1901

Dachshunds are used in their native country chiefly for hunting badgers, which are numerous in some districts. The strain with the longest body and the shortest legs is employed for digging the badgers out of their holes, while the other is used in the chase. From their small size and short limbs dachshunds are, of course, extremely slow, but they have a keen scent, coupled with great perseverance and endurance, and therefore make admirable hounds. From its somewhat squeaky voice the dachshund has been regarded as more nearly related to the terriers than the hounds, but there is no doubt that its place is among the latter. In addition to badger hunting, dachshunds are also employed in Germany in fox hunting, as well as in driving game, more especially roedeer, which require to be driven with great care and quietness in order to prevent them breaking back through the line of beaters.

REFLECTIONS



From a Grand Old Gentleman

After a successful hunt bagging a few crafty fast-flying pheasants, in the snow covered back-forty, my thoughts are to head back to the warm Halter clubhouse.

Here in a group of goodfellows we enjoy a round of refreshments and review the misses and hits of the days hunt and partake of a good lunch.

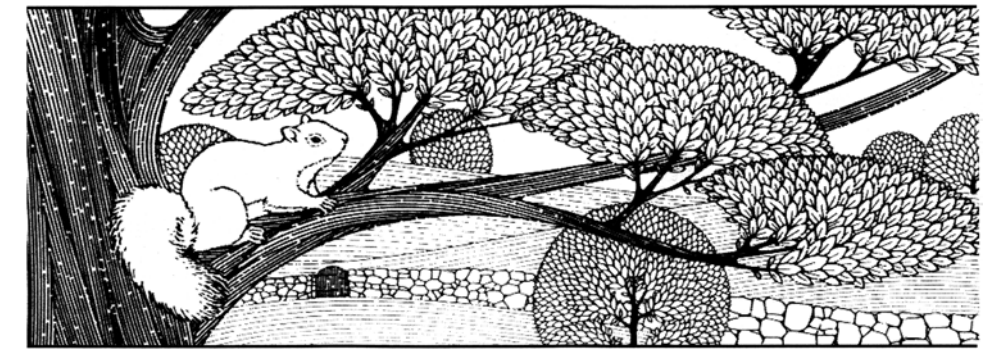
Phil Sander

Notes From John...

Time for a friendly reminder about house rules that mean a lot to everybody's safety and convenience...

- In the field, everyone must wear either a blaze-orange hat or vest or both.
- Dogs must be leashed around the club. They are not allowed to run loose!
- No shooting is allowed anywhere near the house!

HALTER 2014 • 2015 SEASON



Celebrate the Holiday Season by hosting your own special Halter Wildlife Holiday hunts and feasts for your friends, family and business associates.

The club - and its kitchen - is very busy around the Holidays, so make your plans well in advance. To help out, here's Halter's schedule.

THANKSGIVING:

Thursday, November 27, Clubhouse is open until 12:00 noon by reservation only. The kitchen is closed. Coffee and rolls will be available.

CHRISTMAS:

Open until 3 pm, December 24.
Closed Christmas Day, December 25.

NEW YEARS:

Closed January 1, New Year's Day.

CLUB HOUSE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday through Friday, the Club House opens at 8:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The club is closed on Mondays

RESTAURANT SCHEDULE:

On Saturdays and Sundays, breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 11:00 am but don't despair! Lunch is yours for the asking from 11:00 am. During the week, Tuesday through Friday, lunch is served from 11:00 am. Breakfast is available by reservation.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A Jack Rabbit can attain a speed of 40 to 45 miles per hour.
- A Deer can jump an 8 foot fence from a standing start.
- The Javelina is the only native wild pig in the United States.
- Parrots are credited with sometimes living for 100 to 300 years.
- Artic terns make a round-trip migration each year of 20,000 miles.

- 40,000 people are killed in the world each year by snake bite.
- An Elk is trophy size if the antlers approach body length.
- A Mountain Sheep is trophy size if the diameter of its horn curl is about one-third the animal's height.
- A Caribou is trophy size if the antlers approach the animal's height.
- A Whitetail deer is trophy size if the antlers approach the height of the body from withers to brisket, or if antlers spread exceeds half of its body width.

STANDARD SHOT CHART

| No. | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7½ | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
|--|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| DIAMETER IN INCHES | .05 | .06 | .07 | .08 | .09 | .095 | .11 | .12 | .13 | .15 |
| APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PELLETS TO THE OUNCE | 2385 | 1380 | 870 | 585 | 410 | 350 | 225 | 170 | 135 | 90 |

| Air Rifle | BB | No. 4 Buck | No. 3 Buck | No. 1 Buck | No. 0 Buck | No. 00 | |
|---------------------|-----|------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------|-----|
| .175 | .18 | .24 | .25 | .30 | .32 | .33 | |
| DIAM. IN INCHES | | | | | | | |
| NUMBER TO THE OUNCE | 55 | 50 | 340 | 300 | 175 | 145 | 130 |
| | | | APPROXIMATE NUMBER PER POUND | | | | |

SHOT COMES IN MANY SIZES



Did You Know!

The official dog breed of Wisconsin is the American Water Spaniel

the Sportsman

Manager John Burke
Publication Director and
Publisher Leo Rotelli

