

2016 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. 17–Jan. 8, 2017 |
| Youth Deer Hunt | Oct. 8 & 9 |
| Gun Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities [▲] | Oct. 1–9 |
| Gun | Nov. 19–27 |
| Muzzleloader | Nov. 28–Dec. 7 |
| Statewide Antlerless Hunt | Dec. 8–11 |
| Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt | Dec. 24–Jan. 1, 2017** |

* Please check the 2016 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for a complete set of dates and unit designations.

[▲] This is not a statewide season. More information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword: “disabled deer hunt”.

**Open only in select Farmland Zone counties; see 2016 regulations for open counties.

GAME BIRDS

Pheasant

Statewide Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Dec. 31

Bobwhite Quail

Statewide Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Dec. 7

Hungarian Partridge

Statewide* Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Dec. 31

* Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties

Ruffed Grouse

Zone A Sept. 17–Jan. 31, 2017

Zone B Oct. 15–Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed Grouse

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

Crow

Statewide Sept. 17–Nov. 17;
Jan. 18, 2017–Mar. 20, 2017

SMALL GAME

Cottontail Rabbit

Northern Zone Sept. 17–Feb. 28, 2017
Southern Zone Oct. 15 (9 AM)–Feb. 28, 2017

Squirrels (Gray and Fox)

Statewide Sept. 17–Jan. 31, 2017

PROTECTED SPECIES

Hunting protected species—such as badger, woodchuck, jackrabbit, moose and flying squirrel—is prohibited. See 2016 Small Game Regulations for more details.

TURKEY

Youth Turkey Hunt Apr. 9 & 10

Open Zones

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| Spring | Period A | Apr. 13–19 |
| | Period B | Apr. 20–26 |
| | Period C | Apr. 27–May 3 |
| | Period D | May 4–10 |
| | Period E | May 11–17 |
| | Period F | May 18–24 |

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| Fall | Zones 1-5 | Sept. 17–Dec. 31 |
| | Zones 6 & 7 | Sept. 17–Nov. 18 |

BEAR

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

- Sept. 7–Oct. 11
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods **not** using dogs

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

- Sept. 7–13
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods not using dogs

- Sept. 14–Oct. 4
 - with aid of dogs
 - with aid of bait
 - with all other legal methods

- Oct. 5–11
 - with aid of dogs only

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Early Canada Goose

Statewide Sept. 1–15

Early Teal Season

Statewide Sept. 1–7

Duck Season

Youth Sept. 17 & 18
Northern Zone Sept. 24–Nov. 22
Southern Zone Oct. 1–Oct. 9; Oct. 15–Dec. 4
Mississippi Zone Oct. 1–Oct. 7; Oct. 15–Dec. 6

Regular Goose Season

Exterior Zone–North Sept. 16–Dec. 16
Exterior Zone–South Sept. 16–Oct. 9; Oct. 15–Dec. 4
Mississippi Zone Oct. 1–Oct. 7; Oct. 15–Jan. 5
Horicon Zone Sept. 16–Dec. 16

Woodcock

Statewide Sept. 24–Nov. 7

Mourning Dove

Statewide Sept. 1–Nov. 29

HALTER WILDLIFE, INC.

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A report to members on club events, activities and the enjoyment of upland hunting.

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AS JOHN AND PATTI BURKE RETIRE, HALTER VETERAN AL BENSON NAMED CLUB MANAGER

Halter's Origins: A Brief Look Back

Old hands will recall that Halter Wildlife was founded by Edward A. Halter in 1955 as the Pheasant Valley Hunting Club and Twin Willows Kennels. As many enterprises do, our club has gone through several transformations before settling into its current identities in 1980 as Halter Wildlife, Inc. and the Des Plaines Wetlands Conservancy Corporation. John Burke and his wife, Patti, took over the Club's management in 1976, setting the stage for 40 years of stable, expert management. Since then, the Club has made tremendous progress in every aspect of its programs. Today, Halter Wildlife is one of America's finest hunting and fishing clubs, dog training facilities, and conservation stewardships. In all, a shining tribute to John and Patti's dedication and hard work.

THE TORCH PASSES

As John and Patti embark upon a well-earned retirement, the Club's management passes into the capable hands of Halter veteran Al Benson. Your intrepid reporters got Al to sit down long enough to answer a few questions about himself, Halter today, and where it's headed.

Q: *You've been at Halter 38 years! Is that possible?*

A: Sure is. I was a 16-year-old boy when I started to work for John.

Q: *Tell us about your relationship with John and Patti, and how you've become an important member of the Halter team.*

A: They were great teachers, and I learned a great deal from them, with many wonderful experiences along the way. I watched them closely and learned to develop close working relationships with our Board, and friendships with many of our members.

Q: *So what's really been your preparation to become Manager?*

A: As John approached retirement, we began working together even more intensively to make sure the transition would be smooth and productive.

Q: *How have the members reacted to the change?*

A: The members have been terrific, very welcoming and supportive! I've tried to let everybody know that I want to build on John's passion for the Club, as well as continue his legacy of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Q: *As you take the helm, what are your plans for the near term?*

A: I am very committed to the Club's activities, and hope to encourage new growth with sporting and social experiences. Overall, my immediate goals as Manager are to pay very close attention to the details that will help us build on the Club's success and the programs in place.



Q: Clearly, you're also looking ahead. What does Halter's future look like to you?

A: For the first time, we've surveyed the membership, asking what they like about the Club, and what they think we could do to make it even better. I intend to use this feedback as the basis for positive improvements that will have the support of the Board and membership, and to preserve and improve the things they already love about the Club.

Q: It's been a whirlwind these past few weeks. How would you sum up your thoughts and feelings?

A: I feel extremely fortunate to have enjoyed my many years at Halter, working with the staff, members, the Board and, of course, John and Patti. These relationships have helped me grow tremendously as a person, and have given me the experience that will help us move forward. I've benefited greatly from this excellent leadership, and I will work hard to provide the same commitment to our membership, stressing the fundamentals that will help us continue to prosper and succeed.

Congratulations, Al! We're looking forward to a bright future for Halter Wildlife, Inc. and the Des Plaines Nature Conservancy.

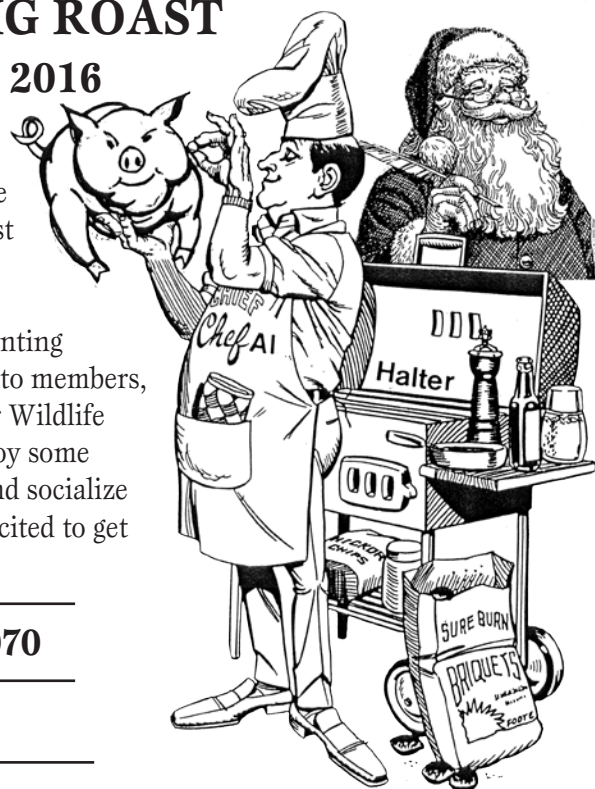
Season's Greetings

OPENING DAY PIG ROAST

Saturday, October 1st 2016

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

All members and their families are invited to an opening day pig roast to help welcome Al Benson as manager of Halter Wildlife and to welcome the staff into the new hunting season. The pig roast is at no cost to members, it is being sponsored by the Halter Wildlife Board of Directors. Come and enjoy some good food and a chance to meet and socialize with other members. We are so excited to get this hunting season under way!



Please RSVP 262-697-0070

RULES REFRESHER

Halter Wildlife, Inc. is a great club for a lot of reasons. But two of the most important reasons are that it has a short list of rules that make sense, and a membership that recognizes their value.

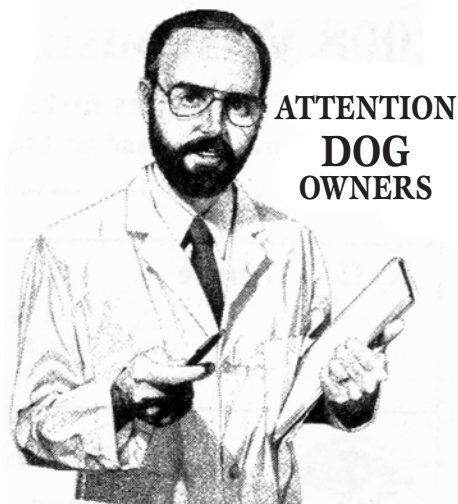
Each year, at the beginning of the season, we reprint the short list, so that our new and old members alike can refresh their memories. (Copies of the rules & regulations are available in the clubhouse.)

NO EXCEPTIONS!

- All dogs must be leashed! In the parking lot or around the clubhouse.

- Any member hunting east of the railroad tracks will automatically lose their membership
- No shot size larger than No. 6 is allowed at Halter.
- No more than four is allowed in each hunting party. (this includes non-hunters.)
- Each hunting party of four must have a member or a Halter employee with it.

By knowing the rules and sticking to them, we can all continue to make Halter a happy, smooth-running organization where the accent is on fun, not legislation.



What you should know about feeding your dog.

According to a number of well known vets - the following lists of foods are a "no no" and here's why!

- **Grapes & Raisins:** Can cause kidney failure.
- **Onions:** Destroy red blood cells and can cause anemia
- **Chocolate:** Can cause seizures, coma and death. Baker's chocolate is the most dangerous.
- **Coffee, Coffee Grounds, Tea & Tea Bags:** Drinks and foods containing caffeine cause many of the same symptoms that chocolate causes.
- **Macadamia Nuts & Walnuts:** Can cause weakness, muscle tremors and paralysis. Limit all other nuts as they are not good in general and their high phosphorus content is said to possibly lead to bladder stones.
- **Bones:** Cooked bones can splinter and damage internal organs. Raw bones have lots of extra fat & can cause pancreatitis.
- **Tomatoes:** Can cause tremors and heart arrhythmias. Tomato plants are the most toxic.

Know Your POINTERS



ENGLISH POINTER

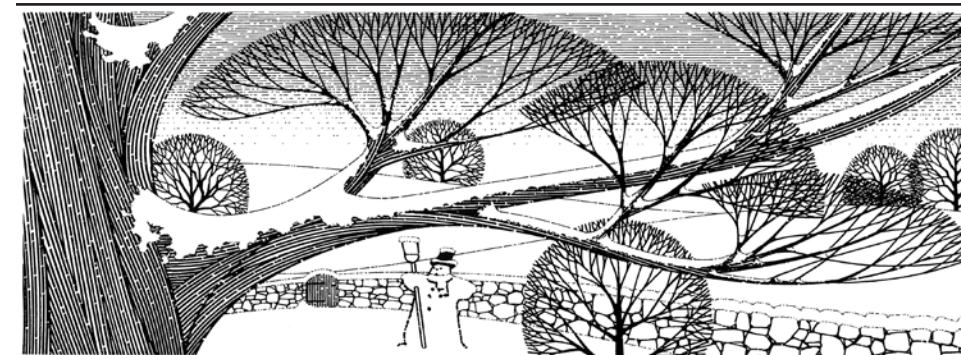
Courtesy of The Library of Natural History, Edited by Richard Lydekker, Published in 1901

That the various breeds of pointers are descended from the hound was first clearly indicated by Youatt. The disposition to "point" appears to be due to the results of training; and although other dogs have been taught to point, in no case do they assume the rigid condition so especially characteristic of the pointer. Indeed, in some of the old Spanish and French pointers, so intensely was this characteristic developed that the animals assumed a kind of cataleptic condition; and Stonehenge mentions that he has known some of them remain on the "point" for hours, until absolutely exhausted. Moreover, such dogs would frequently make "points" at imaginary game. The pointer differs from the hounds in hunting by "body scent" instead of by "foot scent." The most ancient breed appears to have been the old Spanish pointer, which stood relatively high on the legs, and had a heavy, clumsy head, with a long, wide, and squared nose, pendulous upper lip, with ears nearly as large as those of the bloodhound, and a massive throat and distinct dewlap. This pointer was of a surly disposition, slow in pace and apt to give chase to hares. His redeeming point was, however, his marvelous perception of scent, and the perseverance with which he would work.

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HALTER 2016 • 2017 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 24, 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.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS! 1978 to be Exact!



Left to Right - John Burke, Al Benson, Steve Basler, Steve Fritag