

Shooting Sportsman Comes to HHR

When *Shooting Sportsman* Magazine creates one of its Readers & Writers Wingshoots—the special trips we host for our subscribers—there are important criteria to apply in selecting our destinations. Our groups typically run to 12 to 16 Guns, including a couple of magazine folks, so first we need a lodge that can accommodate that number in style and comfort.

Good beds, fine meals and a well-stocked bar, however, are worthless without seriously good gunning just beyond the door. Then we look for prime hunting “infrastructure”—that is, professional guides with top-shelf dogs and hunting vehicles, plus enough acreage to let us hunt hard and wide for three days.

Value is always a consideration too. Will our guests feel they got their money’s worth—and maybe a bit more?

Apply these filters to wingshooting around the world, and many destinations fall away, leaving only a handful of contenders. That’s when we put in the final Go-No Go test: Are the owners people we look forward to staying with, doing business with, shooting with?

Highland Hills Ranch easily meets or exceeds our criteria for world-class comforts and wingshooting. And in the final weighing-up, HHR’s Sandy and Dennis McNab also exceed our personal expectations. Not only do they (and their staff) lie awake nights thinking up new ways to please their clients, they are also flat-out great people.

All of which is why *Shooting Sportsman* is proud to host one of its events at Highland Hills this fall, on November 11-15. We already know it will be a winner.

—*Silvio Calabi*