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**Wingshooting Lodge of the Year
2003-2004**

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Ranch



A Ranch Update from Dennis...

Dear friends and fellow hunters; It's hard to believe another season has come and gone! I hope that everyone finds themselves in good health and spirits. Speaking of good spirits, I'm excited to report my oldest child, Quinn, has graduated from high school! Quinn's dream has always been to be a pitcher at the college level. This past spring, Quinn was offered a baseball scholarship to play at a small Christian college, achieving his dream. I'm really proud of Quinn and look forward to lots of baseball! My son, Drew, is the son that loves guns and puts them to good use. Drew and his friends like to come to the ranch and help with predator management. Our coyote, rabbit, tweety bird and snake populations have been drastically reduced thanks to their dedicated efforts – just don't ask me how many boxes of shells we've gone through! My 13 year old daughter, Brenn, well do I need to say anything else other than she is a teenage girl? Teenager aside, she's my obsessive dog lover. She's maturing into a really beautiful young lady, and I can safely say, I wish she would stay little forever. On the ranch, Brenn is my 4 wheeler partner in crime. We really enjoy spending the afternoon exploring the ranch.

The ranch is a really special place not only to me, but to my guests as well. It has become tradition on the last night to go around the table one by one, relating

“what was your most memorable experience while here at the ranch”? While, each of the guests will have different highlights, the sentiment that is repeated the most is how special the ranch is. To readers who've not yet been a guest at the ranch, I want you to know we have special people who come to the ranch, and new friendships are formed. You all have one thing in common, the passion for upland bird hunting and spending quality time with those you love. My soul focus as well as the staff's at HHR, is to provide you with that special hunting experience that gets better each time you visit and to provide special memories that last a lifetime.

With two and a half months left until the season opens, the staff is busy preparing for the upcoming season. Here is a peek...

Sheryl, our executive chef, is busy in the kitchen working on new dishes to be introduced this coming year. Fortunately, I was chosen as the official taste tester, unfortunately this is effecting my waistline!

Scott, our ranch manager, has the entire cover habitat planted and it's looking good. Habitat management practices are crucial for the sustainability of our bird populations. Each year I work closely with Fish & Wildlife experts to ensure the highest possible hatching success rates. This year, Scott tilled the fields later leaving more nesting cover. As a result, we have

seen abundant numbers of chicks from all four species of birds.

Scott has also developed three new chukar hunting areas and is very excited to show them to you.

Again, thank you for your support and friendship. I'm very excited for the upcoming season and looking forward to catching up with you at the ranch. Have a great summer!

All the best,
Dennis

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Highland Hills Ranch, awarded the **ORVIS Wingshooting Lodge of the Year** for 2003-2004, is off to another great start for the 2008-2009 season. Located in North Central Oregon, our unique setting on 3,000 acres of high desert territory provides an ideal place to enjoy the best wingshooting North America has to offer. Come experience our professional guides, four species of upland game birds, and world class accommodations and see for yourself why Highland Hills Ranch was selected as the coveted Orvis Lodge of the Year.

“The Best of British” Driven Hunt hosted by Chris Batha

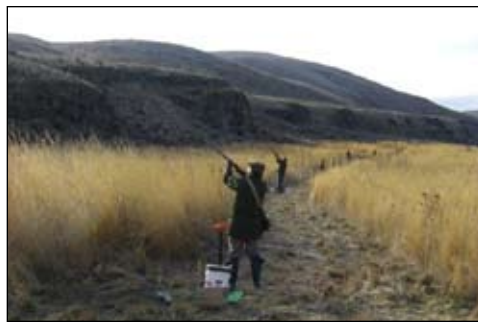
Have you ever tried shooting Driven birds? Try it once and you will be hooked! For those seeking new challenges and unique adventures, we



invite you to join us in the “Best of the British” driven shoot. This is arguably the world’s most exclusive and exhilarating wingshooting experience and

is designed to impress the most adventurous and discerning wingshooter. Bragging rights are always on the line - who will get the highest and fastest pheasants of the day?

Chris Batha, one of the world’s most qualified and respected shooting instructors, has stated, “After a 15 year search, I found the venue that matches the best of Europe, presenting high driven pheasant for the discerning wingshooter”. Chris will share his



expert knowledge on guns, gunfitting and techniques necessary to tackle the most challenging and exciting of wingshooting events. Hunters will have one day of instruction focusing on technique and traditions, combined with shooting high flying clays. Day two and three will have three separate drives each, with 300 birds per drive. On the last day, hunters will enjoy two traditional walk up hunts for our four species of birds, pheasant, chukar, Hungarian partridge and valley quail.

For those of you who would like to spend time with Chris, this is the perfect opportunity. Call today (1-866-478-4868) to reserve your spot. Space is limited; two of our three driven hunt dates are full.

Chef Sheryl's Corner

Basque Pheasant

- 2 pheasants, cut into serving pieces
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup white wine, use good wine
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup pitted medium prunes
- 1 cup pitted medium Spanish green olives
- 1/4 cup capers with juice
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tbsp snipped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp dried basil

Arrange the pheasant in a single layer in a 9” x 13” baking dish. In a mixing bowl, combine the brown sugar, wine, oil and vinegar. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Pour over the pheasant pieces, cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight. Turn the meat several times. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until the meat is tender. Serve the meat and juice over wild or brown rice.

Cheers,
Sheryl

Wi-Fi at HHR

Staying on top of technology... Great service and hospitality are not all we strive for here at Highland Hills Ranch. We try to go above and beyond the expectations of our guests every season to create a relaxing atmosphere and more importantly a lodge that will accommodate your needs. This season we decided to take this idea even further. To keep up with the ever changing technology, Highland Hills lodge is now equipped with Wi-Fi internet on the main and bottom floors as well as hard wired connections in the rooms.

Now you can enjoy the finest wingshooting and hospitality around while you stay on top of your personal business so don't forget to bring your laptops this season!

HHR in the Media

- The **Federal Experience** hosted by Tim Abell will air the beginning of August on VS Network. The show is a joint effort between Federal Ammunition and Benelli firearms.
- “Escape to the Wild”** hosted by Tom Ackerman and sponsored by Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership will be filmed in December 2008. It will then air July 2009 on VS. Network.
- Double Gun Journal magazine** is coming in January 2009 to experience and write about our “Best of the British” driven hunt with Chris Batha.
- Sporting Classics magazine** is doing an article on HHR in the fall of 2008 and will be published in the spring of 2009.

We will update our website with airing times, so please stay tuned.



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