

Poplar Springs Farm Updates and News

Special points of interest:

- **September 24 and 25** is the QU First Annual Pre-Season Outdoor Kickoff Days and First Annual Bird Dog Competition
- **October 1** is opening of quail and pheasant hunting season
- **October 22**, The Second Annual QU Pheasant Tower Shoot
- **Monthly** Pheasant Tower Shoots

Second Annual QU Pheasant Tower Shoot

The Broad River Chapter of Quail Unlimited will be hosting their Second Annual Pheasant Tower Shoot on October 22, 2011.

The cost for participating in this event is \$175 a gun. A portion of the proceeds becomes a part of the nonprofit's annual fundraising. QU puts this money back into the community with a focus on the youth.

The BR Chapter of QU hosts several free events for youth in the area. These events

include safety seminars, instructional seminars, and opportunities for young people to connect with others in their community.

If you have not been a part of a pheasant tower shoot, you have missed a unique opportunity. Pheasants are sent flying out of a tall tower in the center of the property. Hunters rotate to multiple positions in the field to get the best shot.

When pheasants are released in this way, their speed is remarkably quick and their

direction is unpredictable. Both of these make the event an adventure worth trying.

At the end of the hunt, the cleaned birds are divided for each of the hunters to take home for a scrumptious meal.

In addition to the hunt, each participant is provided with a meal and time to fellowship with other participants. If you are interested, please give PSF a call and join us for the October 22 Tower Shoot.



First Annual Preseason Outdoor Kickoff Days

September 24 and 25, Poplar Springs Farm will host the First Annual Pre-season Outdoor Kickoff Days.

Lunch will be furnished for participants by the local QU Broad River Chapter. There will be a gun raffle going on that day. Tickets are \$10.

There will be a variety of entertainment including a friendly competition for pointing and flushing bird dogs. It is sanctioned by the National Bird Dog Circuit and Carolina Bird Dog Series. Entry for dogs will be \$65 for experienced handlers and \$50 for amateur handlers. We will

also have an informal competition for skeet shooting. There will be a small fee to join that event as well.

If you are interested in a raffle ticket or entering a dog in the competition, call Darin Melton at 704-860-3396 or Stan Cromlish at 704-860-8797.

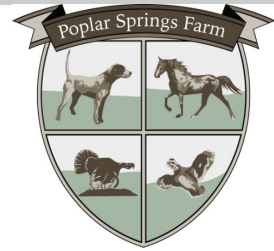


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Shelby, North Carolina is located

- One hour west of Charlotte, NC
- One hour southwest of Hickory, NC
- One hour northeast of Greenville, SC



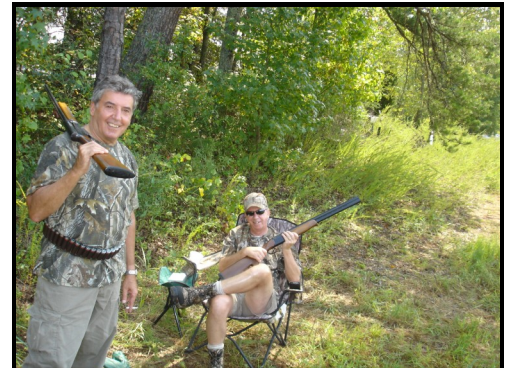
Quail Unlimited Updates



- ◆ September 24 and 25 will be our **First Annual Pre-Season Kick Off Days**. There will be lots of opportunities to find out what Quail Unlimited and Poplar Springs Farm has to offer.
- ◆ **October 22, 2011** Second Annual QU Pheasant Tower Shoot
- ◆ Broad River Chapter of QU meets at PSF **every third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The Opening of the New Season

September 3 and 5 opened the new season for Poplar Springs Farm with the Annual Dove Hunt and Pig Pickin. Friends and family joined one another for a traditional hunt and fellowship. The hunters started arriving on Saturday before lunch, selected a spot, enjoyed a meal and then began firing in the sky at noon. Many returned for the hunt on Monday with the overcast skies. We look forward to this Annual Hunt to open the season. The next adventure for the year is the Quail and Pheasant Season which opens October 1. Hope to see you soon!!!



Why Should Women Have Their CCH permit?



Women should have their CCH permit for their own safety and confidence.

It is important for women to have their CCH permit for their safety. There are times that you are alone or with your children. Taking the permitting class provides you with the knowledge to protect yourself.

The instructors with Poplar Springs Farm have been certified by the state of North Carolina and are NRA Basic Pistol Instructors. They are licensed in

firearm safety and pistol instruction. The individual instruction from our classes provides the confidence needed to ensure your own safety as well as the safety of your children.

Women are sometimes reluctant to sign up for a Concealed Carry Handgun Permitting class because they are intimidated by the male instructors or the stigma of holding a CCH permit.

It is your responsibility to educate yourself with personal safety options, laws

and rules governing the use of firearms and the confidence with operating your own handgun. Poplar Springs Farm is willing to have a "Ladies Only" class for a group of women who are interested in fulfilling their responsibility of personal protection. All you would need to do is to have six or more ladies to make your own class.

Throughout the year, PSF offers the class for CCH permitting. The cost is \$75 a person. Men and women both are always welcome.