



## GUEST INFORMATION SHEET

### **PHEASANT HUNTS**

Six-Month Season: September 1 – March 31

Type: Traditional South Dakota “Block & Drive” style

Habitat Variety: Shelter belts, food plots, crop fields, cool and warm season grasses, old homesites and out buildings, creek bottoms, and pond and lake edges—all designed to make the hunt both productive and aesthetically pleasing reminiscent of South Dakota, circa 1940’s through 1960’s.

Guide Corps & Dogs: Our guides are experienced South Dakota pheasant hunters; our dogs are flushing stock (mainly Labs and Springers). Our kennels are large, comfortable, and immaculate. Both guides and dogs are extremely professional and highly trained.

Guests are welcome to bring their own dogs—including pointing breeds—and we will gladly accommodate them and design an appropriate hunt. Just let us know when making your reservation.

Birds: Each pheasant hunting package includes a five (5) bird limit per person / per day. However due to the liberal preserve limits established by the State of South Dakota, a hunter can take up to 20 birds per day. An additional per bird harvest fee will be charged for each bird over the initial five (5)-bird limit.

Shotguns: Bring your favorite(s) or use one of our Berettas. We have both double barrel and semi-auto shotguns—at no extra charge. And CRSL *supplies all ammunition as part of your hunt package*. That also includes our all weather, 5-stand clays course. If you shoot a gauge other than 12 or 20, let us know and we’ll have it waiting for you.

The large majority of shots are short (20 - 25 yards) to medium (30 – 35 yards) range so improved cylinder to modified choke will usually work best.

Gun & Locker Rooms: We have a well-stocked gun room complete with cleaning supplies, tools, individually keyed wooden lockers, and work area for you to clean and store your gun(s).

Conveniently located adjacent to the gun room is the granite, hardwood, and hand detailed locker room with individually personalized lockers so there is no need to carry your gun(s) and gear through the lodge to your guest room.



Clothing, Equipment & Accessories: The climate in South Dakota is an interior continental temperate type—highly variable and, being on the western plains, somewhat unpredictable. The temps might hit 80—or higher—in early fall; or they might be zero—or lower—in mid-winter. Realistically and practically, if you dress in layers for the field, including a light Gore-Tex® shell, you will be well prepared. Make sure your boots are comfortable and well broken in—this is not the time for new blisters. Also if you have an orange vest we encourage you to bring it along.

Among other items you may want to consider are:

- Shooting glasses
- Ear protection
- Shooting gloves or mittens
- Soft gun case
- Camera or Video Camera (charger or extra batteries and data cards)
- Casual, comfortable, informal clothing and shoes for lodge attire

Bird Cleaning & Processing: We will take care of all bird cleaning and processing for you. Cleaning and packaging up to five (5) birds per day is included as part of the standard, all-inclusive packages. Any additional birds are also covered with the additional per bird fees. Besides the normal processing, we suggest that you have some pheasants smoked, as they are one of our signature appetizers. The processing company will bill smoked birds, and packaging and shipping, separately.

Gratuities: Tips are left up to the customer's discretion and are not included in any manner as part of the package. We are often asked for guidelines for gratuities and we suggest 15%. We will, of course, respect whatever allocation the guest requests. It is always your call.

Taxidermy: We will be happy to take care of any taxidermy you may desire including delivering it to our taxidermist and having it shipped from there to wherever you may desire. If you want to take a look at the quality of the taxidermy just wander through the lodge—especially the “Game & Game” room.

Air Travel Arrangements, Transportation, etc.: PIR—the Pierre Regional Airport— is served directly from Minneapolis/St. Paul and Denver. It also has the capacity to handle the largest private and corporate jets. It is central South Dakota's only full service FBO and it is less than 25 miles from CRSL. However you fly in, a staff member will be at the gate ready to take you directly to the lodge.

Baggage regulations and requirements change constantly it seems insofar as numbers of free bags (if any), charges for extra bags, etc. Nonetheless, taking guns along is no problem. Just contact the airline you are starting on for their regs on firearm transportation or visit the TSA web site:

[www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/editorial\\_1666.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/assistant/editorial_1666.shtm)



Lodging: CRSL is a 27,000 square-foot lodge with 33 rooms (28 singles and 5 suites; two rooms are handicapped-equipped). Suites can be converted to doubles for a total capacity of 41 lodge guests. Inquire about our overflow options if your group is larger. All rooms are furnished with queen sized beds, desk, chair(s), dressers—all the amenities of home—elegantly designed and appointed with Midwestern Amish furniture from small shops in traditional Amish communities.

Gourmet Cuisine: Masterfully prepared cuisine is a hallmark of Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included in all packages unless arranged otherwise. Amish-crafted tables and chairs provide ample seating for all guests. The lodge Executive Chef will organize wine tasting events and/or arrange for the services of a wine Sommelier for an additional charge. Please disclose food allergies on your pre-arrival information form.

Carefully selected wines, premium beers, and top shelf liquors are all covered in the all-inclusive packages. If you enjoy a special brand of liquor, please note your preferences in your pre-arrival information and we will do our best to accommodate you. Per lodge safety policy, alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed prior to or during shooting activities.

## **INCLUSIVE AMENITIES**

Board Room: Ideal for business meetings, the conference room can comfortably accommodate round table groups of up to 30. A high definition flat screen monitor is accompanied by an audiovisual system while both wireless and hard wire Internet access points are readily available. An adjoining mini-business center equipped with a PC terminal, printer, facsimile, and scanner provides the technical support your gathering may need. Even request the lodge notary to execute important business transactions.

5-Stand Sporting Clays: Make a point of experiencing our all-weather 5-Stand. Our staff is passionate about hunting and shooting. They are also quite knowledgeable so please take the opportunity to get a little coaching if you're not totally satisfied with your shooting skills. Or just break clays. It's almost as much fun as shooting pheasants.

Your shotguns should receive the same good care you provide. At Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge we have a spacious locker room and a secure gun room—both personalized for each guest. Should you not care to bring a gun, borrow one of our Beretta semi-auto or double-barreled guns while you're here.

Cigar & Cognac Room: Highlighted by a hand-picked selection of fine cigars—like Romeo y Juliet a Viejo—and complemented perfectly by vintage ports, wines, brandies, and cognacs, our North Platte Outpost Bar is both elegant and unique with its "ice bar" and vintage waterfowling décor.



Game & Game Room: A simple entertainment room pales in comparison to what awaits guests in our “Game & Game” room. Traditional head and shoulder mounts along with full body action scenes are everywhere. Whether playing darts, shuffleboard, pool, poker; watching your favorite team or a movie on the large, high-definition LCD TVs; or simply socializing — how you relax is your choice.

Spa: Our licensed, professional therapist designed the massage rooms. Swedish massages are available upon request and reservation-priced at \$120 on the hour and \$65 on the half-hour. The Workout Gym is equipped with free weights and resistance machines, and mounted flat screen televisions are in place for your viewing pleasure. There’s also a sauna – accommodating up to eight people – and an equally large hot tub.

### **ADDITIONAL SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Buffalo/Big Game/Varmint Hunts: With access to 240,000 privately owned acres, all of these hunts are available. Please contact Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge so that we may customize one or all of these hunts to match your interests.

Fishing: One of the prime smallmouth and walleye fisheries in the world is within view of lodge—the Lake Oahe/Lake Sharpe complex. Please contact us to tailor the best time for your trip. You may also want to experience our "Cast & Blast" combination or add a round of golf at Sutton Bay, an award-winning private course that is nearby.

Championship Golf: Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge enables guests – via its corporate membership to Sutton Bay – to add golf to their package. Playing 7,245 yards the Graham Marsh-designed par 72 course was voted the Best New Private Club by *Golf Digest* in 2004. Transportation to and from the nearby course is provided.

Pro Shop: Specializing in Beretta hunting clothing and accessories, the Pro Shop offers both what you want and what you need. From shooting gloves and glasses, to oilcloth chaps, to shirts, jackets and vests, we’re ready to outfit you. And if we don't have that esoteric item you are looking for, we'll locate it and have it sent to you.