

**Hamilton Rod & Gun Club  
Upland Bird Club**

The Upland Bird Club ( UBC ) is a committee of the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club ( HRG ) and operates a Class B Commercial Shooting Preserve under Chpt 131 of the CMR/ Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and as such is governed by MA state hunting laws . The following rules have also been adopted by the UBC Committee .

General Range Rules as outlined in the HRG Club rules of operation always apply

Membership limited to 30 members for the 2010 season . Membership is open to HRG members in good standing

The Hunting Preserve season runs from Sept 15 thru March 31<sup>st</sup> . Hours of operation are from 7am – Sunset

No bird hunting during the MA Shotgun Deer Season

On Sundays during the MA Upland bird season , all UBC hunts / training sessions will be limited to a possession limit equal to and not to exceed the number of Pheasant released that day by that UBC hunter . Chukar and Quail do not apply as there is no open season here in Central MA for either .

All birds taken on the Hunting Preserve must be tagged with tags provided by Mass Fish & Wildlife

All birds released on the Hunting Preserve must be purchased through the UBC at prices currently in affect at the time of release .

Please pick up and take with you any/ all spent/ defective shotgun shells

At the sole judgment of the UBC Committee ,the Hunting Preserve may be closed from time to time to accommodate other HRG events

All UBC members and guest must hold both a valid MA hunting license and either an F.I.D card or L.T.C and must be able / willing to produce such licenses whenever in the field in pursuit of UBC birds .No FID or LTC is needed by minors 12 -14 yrs of age so long as accompanied by a duly licensed adult and provided that only one firearm is possessed by the two . Only one minor per adult is permitted . A valid MA hunting license is required for all persons 15 yrs of age or older .

All hunters, including guests, must sign in the preserve record book upon arrival for their hunt/ session , providing their MA Hunting License # , number of birds released and date/ time .

At the conclusion of the hunt/ session , all hunters , including guests must sign out , providing the time and number of birds harvested .

Shotguns are to be no larger than 12 gauge and shot size is restricted to # 5 or smaller . Black powder shotguns are allowed . No bow & arrow allowed in pursuit of UBC birds .

Guests must be accompanied by a UBC member at all times . A ten dollar fee per guest will be charged to the UBC member per hunt /session

UBC membership fee ( \$ 50 ) per person ,from 9/15 10 - 3/31/11

All dues must be paid in full prior to participating in a UBC hunt / training session .

( dogs get in free )

All UBC hunts/ training sessions will be designated ; Morning ( AM ) or Afternoon ( PM ) sessions .

AM sessions may begin any time after 7 am and must conclude by 12 noon .

PM sessions may begin at 1pm and must conclude at or prior to sunset .

Each session stands on it's own , ie: you buy birds for a morning session, you must conclude you day's hunt/ training session at 12 noon . If you wish to go out again that day for a PM session, you must have previously made arrangements to do so and have purchased additional birds ( min 5 per session ) An additional \$ 10 will be charged for any guest wishing to go out for a second session .

No hunting by any UBC members between 12 noon and 1 pm ( excluding the MA state run season ) , so as to allow time to clear the fields of hunter's / dogs and for the scent of dogs and previously harvested birds to clear somewhat , allowing for a better hunt for the next person . Also, this gives our neighbors a relatively quiet noon hour .

No female dogs are allowed on club grounds to hunt UBC birds if they are actively " in Heat " . This is asked as a courtesy to other UBC members and their dogs .

Minimum # of birds per hunt is 5 . A member may combine any of the available types of birds to reach the min . No more than 2 UBC members and 1 guest at any given session / in any designated area .

Max number of dogs on the ground at any one time during a session / per group is 2 .

**A 48 hr notice is required , by phone , prior to any scheduled hunt/ training session , with either the Chairman or Co Chairman being notified of the date and number of birds requested and if a AM or PM session . NO EXCEPTIONS >>>**

Once your call is received , and arrangements are made to catch & box the number of birds requested ,you will receive a callback confirming your hunt time, number of birds, and designated area for your hunt/ training session .

Assigned areas will be available based on first come first served . Upon joining the UBC , you will be furnished with a map which will outline the designated areas available to UBC . You will have the opportunity when you call to reserve your birds, to state your preference that you wish to hunt/ train in that session . When we call you back, you will be advised if that area is available ; if not a second choice will be offered to you .

Birds will only be captured the evening prior to any hunt/ training session and will be left in a specified area for release only by UBC members participating in the hunt / training session .

If you call for birds and either do not cancel via telephone 24 hours prior to your scheduled session or simply do not show up, you will be charged a \$ 15 fee and you will need to reschedule as your birds will be returned to the pen .

Please utilize safe gun handling , courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times . Violations will be reviewed by the UBC Committee and subsequently presented to the HRG Board of Directors for possible action , including potentially losing your membership to UBC .

Note :

Initially , we will need to supplement with birds from suppliers and the birds will be priced accordingly based on our cost .

We will have our own Pheasant available for the 9/15 opening , however we will be purchasing Chukars and Quail as our own will not be ready to be released until approx early November .

Prices are subject to change and will be set monthly by the UBC Committee and posted on the UBC Website . Every effort will be made to keep the prices reasonable .

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