

Winner Area Chamber of Commerce Sharpshooter Classic December 7 & 8, 2018

The Competition Hunt is limited to 15-20 teams. 6 team members will be allowed per team.

Team criteria will include:

Meeting the application deadline.

Complete the application form and waiver.

A non-refundable \$1000.00 deposit is due with application. (The remainder is not due until weekend of hunt).

Registration fee: The cost for each team is \$1800.00. A \$1000.00 deposit is due with the application and is non-refundable. Payment type includes a certified check, money order or personal check. The remainder of the registration fee will be due upon check in on December 7, 2018. The entry fee includes the Friday Night reception, the Competition Hunt and your box of shells for the hunt, Saturday Night banquet, and bird processing.

Hunt Registration: The hunt is limited to 15-20 teams with 6 hunters per team. Teams are required to submit applications by August 1, 2018 and must enclose a \$1000 deposit. 20 team spots will be drawn from the registrations/deposits received at the August Board of Directors meeting (August 15). **The first 15 teams are guaranteed a spot.** Should we have more than 15 landowners commit to being a part of the Sharpshooter Classic, we will allow up to 20 teams in the order drawn. Your \$1000 deposit will be returned to you if you are not drawn at the August Board of Directors meeting. Teams will be accepted if spots are available until December 1, 2018. All hunters must have a valid South Dakota hunting license. If under the age of 18, the youth must complete a hunters' safety course and must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult (at least 18 years of age or older). All hunters MUST wear proper safety gear.

Scorekeepers: Each team will be accompanied by a representative of the landowner and two non-partisan scorekeepers randomly drawn at the Friday night reception. Scorekeepers will be responsible for tracking time in the field, shots taken and number of pheasants harvested. The scorekeeper will have the authority to disqualify any team that does not follow the rules of the hunt. Scorekeepers' decisions are final when made in the field. Prior to the check in of the birds, the committee can review the scorekeeper's decision if brought to a committee member by a team member that was scored for clarification. Scorekeepers are there to document and monitor the hunt and are not allowed to assist in the retrieving of birds, blocking or driving of the pheasants.

Hunt Times: The teams will be allowed to hunt beginning at 10:00am Saturday until one of the following occurs: the limit of birds is reached, all shells provided are used or the 2:00pm deadline is reached. Scorekeepers will accompany the birds, remaining shells and the entire team back to the check in area before or by the designated check in time of 3:00pm. The team captain and the scorekeepers must accompany the birds to officially record the count.

Check In: Each team captain and scorekeepers must check-in their birds at the designated location by 3:00pm. At this time the birds will be counted and officially documented by the check in committee. Check in time will be strictly enforced and teams that check in after 3:00pm are subject to disqualification. Immediately after check in, teams will be given the opportunity to have their team photo taken with their birds, dogs, landowner and scorekeepers.

Guns and Shells: Each team will be allowed ONE box (25 count) of shells. Team members will all be required to use 12-gauge shot guns and must use only the shells which will be provided.

Dogs: Three (3) dogs will be allowed on the ground per team.

Land: The committee will provide the land for the hunt and teams must hunt on the designated land for their team. Teams will draw for their landowner at the Friday night reception and will have an opportunity to meet at that time. Road hunting will NOT be allowed for this competition. The landowner or a representative assigned by the landowner will accompany the team in the field. If a team draws land owned by one of the team members, that team will redraw to promote fairness.

Awards: Awards will be given to the first, second and third place teams and landowners. Awards include a gun for all the 1st place team members and landowner. Awards will be determined by the team that acquires the most birds in the fewest shots. We will also award a gun to EACH team member and landowner of the team that turns in the longest tail feather! Other awards may be given out during the Saturday evening banquet.

Insurance: The Winner Area Chamber of Commerce carries liability insurance covering the Sharpshooter Classic event. All landowners must carry appropriate liability insurance to cover hunting on their property.

Other hunting Rules and Regulations:

Current South Dakota hunting regulations supercede any of the Sharpshooter Classic rules. All hunters must have a current South Dakota hunting license and adhere to all South Dakota hunting regulations. All birds must be tagged and logged in by the scorekeeper/judge prior to leaving the field.

The daily limit, according to STATE LAW, is 3 cock pheasants per person. Possession limit is 15 cock pheasants, taken according to the daily limit. Limit accrued at the rate of 3 birds per day and 15 birds may not be possessed until after the 5th day of hunting.

All hunters must sign a liability waiver form before they will be allowed to participate in the hunt. The committee, landowners, officials and sponsors are not responsible for accidents, injury or theft.

If any team disagrees with their scorekeeper/judge's decision or scorekeeping, finish the hunt and the team must bring up the discrepancy to the rules committee at check in. The rules committee will have the final ruling in any discrepancy.

This is a gentleman's competition and a "fair chase" contest. All pheasants are to be taken in flight and not on the ground. Any hunters firing on the ground will be disqualified from the hunt immediately. If a dog traps a live bird on the ground, a shell will be taken away for the harvest of that bird.

There will be NO ALCOHOL tolerated on Saturday until after the hunt ends at 2:00pm. Anyone violating this rule will be immediately disqualified.

We ask that anyone choosing to smoke use extreme caution when in the field. Please have courtesy for the landowner's property.

The winning team will be determined by: First, the number of birds harvested, second, the number of remaining shells each team has, third, by the time recorded by the scorekeeper when the team shot their 18th bird with the least amount of time hunting winning, and fourth, the draw of a playing card with the highest card winning. Be sure to give any remaining shells to the scorekeeper at the end of your hunt, so that they can be documented prior to leaving the field.

After check in, the birds will be transported to Kooch's, 246 E. 2nd St, Winner, SD. It is the teams' responsibility to pick up the birds from Kooch's after processing is complete. Bird processing and cleaning is included in your entry fee.

A Calcutta will be held at Friday night's reception for teams and landowners.

More details will be available upon receipt of application.

Return forms and deposit to:
Winner Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 268, 246 S Main St
Winner, SD 57580

If you have questions, call 605-842-1533 or email thechamber@gwtc.net

