

# FIELD NOTES

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BLACK HILLS SPORTSMEN

### OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE

Chad Tussing will speak to our club to update us on the Outdoor Campus West. Things are progressing, and our club needs to start thinking of what things we may wish to sponsor for kids.

We will see a large preliminary wish list for the campus. Groundbreaking will be in November, and at that time, there will be a capital campaign started. Organizations and individuals will be able to give at all levels.

The GF&P Foundation will play a big role in this process. I have been looking forward to getting to this level of progress, and I am eager for the discussion.

**The October meeting is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, at the Radisson in Rapid City.**

~ Jeff

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special thanks to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for their support of our annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner held on September 11, 2009 in Belle Fourche at The American West restaurant. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation supported the activity with a \$750 donation. Our club sent over 140 invitations to Landowners who participate in the state's Walk-in-Program and Controlled Hunting Access Program (CHAP). The Center of the Nation Club also showed support by providing door prizes that included a salon treatment for a lucky lady and a gun giveaway for the guys. The American West restaurant donated a gift card as a door prize. Paul and Judy Vinatieri donated an autographed Adam Vinatieri football to round out the gifts for the night. For all of you who missed it, Guy Tillet gave a great presentation on antelope. The presentation included photography and video displays. Thank you all for your help and support!

In January of 2009, we had an early bird special for our members who paid their dues for the year during January. Names were put into a hat and the lucky name drawn received a \$50 refund for paying so promptly. Bob Yirka was the winner but has graciously returned the money for our club to use other ways. Thank you, Bob! We will use this to help fund our Winter Banquet in January 2010.

We are in the process of setting the date for our 2010 Black Hills Sportsmen Winter Banquet. The exact date is not yet set but will be in late January. This banquet is an opportunity for our club to get together socially along with our spouses or significant others in a fun and informational setting. The focus

will also be to thank the supporters of our club and to raise money for the Rapid City Outdoor Learning Campus. The Outdoor Learning Campus is for educating about the outdoors. Many programs for youth will be offered. Our club has supported a lot of great causes like Sportsmen Against Hunger, South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures, and Adopt-A-Creek just to name a few. The Outdoor Learning Campus ranks high on our list. Its mission and success will be important to us all. There will be more to come on the banquet in next month's newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at 11:45 a.m. at the Radisson!

~ Billy

### INDIAN CREEK ROAD RE-CONSTRUCTION

Sections of Forest Service Road 7129 in the Indian Creek drainage on Buffalo Gap National Grassland near Scenic, SD may be closed to vehicle use on an intermittent basis for re-construction work. This work will occur mid-Sept 2009 through Jan 2010.

Various segments of road have been identified for re-grading, rocking and drainage improvements. Although road re-construction may temporarily impact those wanting to access this popular hunting and recreation area, this maintenance is needed to keep the road in passable condition. This work will help minimize road-related impacts to the natural resources and maintain the designated travel corridor in Indian Creek Proposed Wilderness.

The Nebraska National Forest Plan recommends keeping FSR 7129 open within the Proposed Wilderness to ensure recreational and range management uses continue in this area.

"We know the road re-construction may be an inconvenience for those caught unaware," says Ann Carlson, Acting District Ranger for the Wall Ranger District, "but we are looking forward to the benefits of the project." The work will be accomplished in segments to allow access to motorized traffic during re-construction. We will work with the contractor to minimize the number of days the each segment of road work will be closed to motorized traffic.

Road work is scheduled to start in mid-September. "If the weather cooperates the contractor could complete the project by the end of December," said Carlson.



### THREE LOCATIONS Now Open!

- 1614 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
- 643 LaCrosse St.
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