

# Blue Goose, Fields offer more than hunting

The Blue Goose Hunting Club in Altair, located at the junction of U.S. 90A and U.S. 71, offers excellent hunting, fine dining, waterfowl gallery and clay target range.

While the Hunting Club offers top rated hunts during the waterfowl season, the Blue Goose Restaurant provides elegant year-round dining and the Blue Goose Gallery offers waterfowl scenery enjoyment.

The sporting clay target shooting range, located near Eagle Lake, will help the hunters improve their skills. The clays can simulate duck and goose flights. It's America's fastest growing shooting sport, and is open to the public. Afternoon shoots for hunters can be arranged. Contact the

club at 979-234-3597 for more information.

John Fields provides a relaxed atmosphere in his landscaped restaurant.

The Blue Goose Bar has a giant screen TV for viewing football games and tapes of goose hunting along with deer hunting.

The gallery is more than a few prints and contributes to one of the most enjoyable settings for dinner in the area. Two glass cases are recreations of hunting habitat. One glass case separates the lobby from the main dining room, providing an ambiance of serene country dining.

Diners also have a view of the second habitat area on the far wall. Interspersed are exciting recreations in print of waterfowl scenes... all for sale. John added that, during the holidays, they make attractive gifts.

The restaurant is more than the "breakfast" part of routine "bed and breakfast" offerings elsewhere. The menu has been expanded, and dinners are exquisitely prepared.

Dinner is offered from 5 p.m. on. Lunches will include barbecue chicken, beef and pork, and hamburgers. Dinner will feature fresh gulf seafood and the finest selections of steaks available, specially selected for the hunter.

During the season, breakfast is available from 3:30 to 5:30 a.m.

and the noon meal is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., seven days a week.

"All hunters and area residents are welcome," John Field emphasizes. "You don't have to be a hunter registered with our club to enjoy our food and hospitality."

So while in the area, whether visiting or hunting with one of the many clubs on the prairies, stop by the restaurant. A regular luncheon and dinner menu is available, and once seated, ask to see the extensive selection.

The bar is a relaxing environment for "off-hours" get-togethers, with story swapping encouraged, no matter where you hunt.

Not forgotten is the core of the hunting season business: the hunters drawn to the area. Blue Goose guides are chosen for their experiences, their personal treatment of guests, and knowledge of the area.

The Blue Goose Hunting Club leases soy bean, rice, wheat and plowed ground from Needville to Rosenberg to Victoria and from Sealy to the Gulf Coast. Hunting can be done just 15 minutes from Hwy. 6 and U.S. 59.

Hunts include parkas, huge white spreads and guides. Lodges are available for overnight stays. Bird processing is done on the premises of the club, and accommodations can be made for storing the birds until departure.

John is a factory-direct pur-

chaser of Federal ammunition. This year, he is featuring the new approved Tungsten shot for waterfowl hunting. This shot has more down range energy than lead. A full supply of Federal steel shot will be available in both Premium and Classic.

Finally, remember the Blue

Goose for special occasions. The main dining room is available for groups at special rates for such celebrations as birthday and wedding parties.

If you need a special place for a holiday party, don't forget the Blue Goose Restaurant. Just give John a call at 979-234-3597.

## Ducks

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coastal bays and inlets.

The colored wing patches of these birds lack the brilliance of the speculums of puddle ducks, but are still important field marks in most species. Since most of them have short tails, their huge, paddle feet may be used as rudders in flight, and are often visible on flying birds. When launching into flight, most of this group patter along the water before becoming airborne.

They feed by diving, often to considerable depths. To escape danger, they can travel great distances underwater, emerging only enough to show their head or bill tip before submerging again.

Their diets of fish, shellfish, mollusks, and aquatic plants make them second choice, as a group, for sportsmen. Canvasbacks and redheads fattened on eel grass or wild celery are notable exceptions.

Since their wings are small in proportion to the size or weight of

their bodies, they have a rapid wing beat in comparison with puddle ducks.

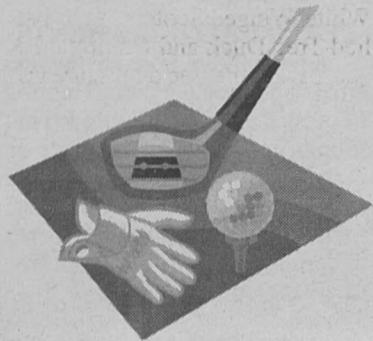
### PUDDLE DUCKS

Puddle ducks are typically birds of fresh, shallow marshes and rivers rather than of large lakes and bays. They are good divers, but usually feed by dabbling or tipping rather than submerging.

The speculum, or colored wing patch, is generally iridescent and bright, and often a telltale field mark.

Any ducks feeding in croplands will likely be puddle ducks, for most of this group are sure-footed and can walk and run on land. Their food is mostly vegetable, and grain-fed mallards or pintails or acorn-fattened wood ducks are highly regarded.

They ride higher in the water than divers and launch themselves directly upward when rising, whether from land or water.



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