



Steve and Sal Roseland of R&R Pheasant Hunting pose in their new "Tradition" lodge. In the inset photo the Roselands stand behind the recreational pool table in front of their on site Cabela's pro shop.

New big place for growing hunting business

by Garrick Moritz

R&R Pheasant Hunting has grown exponentially since it began, and now it has a new lodge to support that growth.

"The business has come a long way from being a business class project at Northern," said owner and operator, Sal Roseland. "We've gone from 15, to 400 regular hunters. We still provide full service hunts, everything they will need is right here."

Since June 1, Tuscherer Construction has been working to erect the second of the two lodges that serve R&R Pheasant Hunting. The new building is 6,400 square feet.

"We will call this new building the Tradition Lodge, and the first building the Heritage Lodge," said Roseland. "The rea-

son behind the names, is those are the words our hunters used when we asked them to describe the rich "Heritage" or "Tradition," that our family has for hunting."

The new Tradition Lodge sleeps 12, with some single rooms and all the rooms have queen-size beds and private baths.

"With Tradition and Heritage together we have the capacity for 32 guests," said Roseland.

Tradition has a massive interior. Walking in the front door you'll see a fireplace on your right and a big screen TV on your left, both surrounded by plush seating. In the other downstairs quarter we have a bar with seating, a pool table, and a Cabela's Pro Shop.

To the rear on the first floor there is a hunter's mud room and laundry, and then Sal's own personal quarters.

Going up the stairs, Sal and his dad Steve stop on the top floor landing to display a plaster portrait sculpture made for them by Diane Baloun.

"You really have to see this in person to get the full scope of it," said Steve.

"It contains our family history really," said Sal as he indicates different sections of the mosaic. "Here you can see the original farmstead. Here and here are some of the best places on our land to hunt. And here are the new lodges. So it's sort of every-

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One of the upstairs guest rooms in the "Tradition" Lodge.



Steve and Sal next to the plaster mosaic portrait depicting the past and present of the Roseland's family operations, made by Diane Baloun.

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thing about us, past, present and future."

Stepping past the portrait and down the hall we come to the guest rooms. Each looks plush and comfortable with spacious sleeping and bath. A special badge of pride for the Roseland's is the bedding.

"My mother, Deb, made many of them herself, and she recruited a lot of helpers. Barb Schilder, my

sister-in-law Kayla, and all sorts of ladies from the Faulkton area helped. There are no two quilts exactly alike and they made matching draperies in every room that are also unique. This is a great example of the kind of help and support we've gotten from the community and the people of Seneca and Faulkton. We've really been blessed."

We walk down the hall to the rear deck.

"Here guests can relax and enjoy hand rolled cigars made for

us by Wrapture Cigars," said Roseland. He points toward out-buildings and several stands by haystacks. "There is our kennel, we have many of our own dogs, and kennel facilities for up to 24 dogs in all. There we have our target range, full sporting clay facilities for practice or for fun, or for other events."

"And that's the beauty of these new facilities. With the new capacity and the quality of our staff, we are planning to open up our lodges to the community in the off-season. Private parties, retreats, wedding receptions, private fine dining, group suppers, wedding rehearsal dinners and receptions. Drive out, have a good time, and stay the night. We're confident that we'll have a lot to offer to all manner of customers and their needs."

"We feel that our staff gives us the opportunities to provide this service," said Steve Roseland.

After the tour of their new lodge is over, the Roselands sit down to talk about why it is they've invested so much into R&R, and hunting.

"The hunting experience is best done in a family type atmosphere," said Sal Roseland. "We want to give our hunters five star quality stay, and give it a family touch."

"We really enjoy having them here too. Listening to the stories they tell is just about as fun as taking them out hunting. We had one fellow who flew from Tokyo to Seneca in 24 hours. We have a guy coming from China, and have had hunters from England and Australia. So we really have both national and international clientele."

A few more items to add to the list are the 25 person passenger bus that R&R can use to shuttle hunters with. Also, R&R will be featured in three sportsman TV shows this season.