



State Place 1  
11/26 N. Farm.

Sex 1 Age 1 Dist. 1 Range 1

Eighteen  
Cows  
Kows

26	H	1	183		30	3	3
27	H	4	197			3	3
28	H	4	188			3	3
29	C	4	185		30	3	3
30	H	0	190			3	3
31	C	4	183			3	3
32	C	4	—	shots	30	3	3
33	C	4	190	Peas		3	4
34	H	4	191			3	4
35	C	4	193		30	3	3
36	C	4	182	shots		3	4
37	C	4	172	"		3	4
12/10	"	Lain one every mile no shots			9 (4 lines)	1	3 1/2
12/11 38	C	0	203	Peas		2	4
39	H	0	210			2	4
40	H	4	207		9 (4 lines)	2	4
41	H	4	210			2	4

11/27  
33  
34  
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12/8  
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12/10  
37

N. of  
Harpur

two  
17  
shots

with 1 no shot

11/7 - With Herb Steats at Hills Club on Monday morning where we had a hot spot. Got many new ducks but the corn mallards were melting. We got 16. By noon & then during P.M. went quail hunting & I got a big cock ring-neck.

11/12 Red & I with Jim & Steve started at Crystal Lake - on mallards - Lots of early corn fed mallards a bit coy & wouldn't quit come. So we came home & at 10:00 Red & I started north for Conesville & pheasants - near Hills Club. Found a spot, 4 miles north of Conesville & then went a 1/2 with a friendly farmer. Lunched & started up his ditch at 12:00. Competition killed a cock at road edge, & we went on to get 4 cocks. Saw 5 or 6 coveys of quail & could not hit them with chokes & #6 shot. Went at 4:00 with 4 cocks. Chick did a fine job.

11/13 Edith & Red, Jimmy - Dingo left for Farmington at 8:30 A.M. Chick stayed at home to give the new dog a chance to show. We drove down in a pea soup fog & arrived in the same. Our first stop was an hour & a 1/4 before we finally hit a good covey back near the car. Jumped wild by Dingo - on road side still wild but got one. Then got 4 straight all tough averaging shots. Took Edith & Jim to a

corner to cook our spare ribs. Near stone quarry.  
Found a small covey & Red nearly got a white cat.  
Killed rook of 3. ro had to at lunch with 7 shells.  
The ribs were wonderful. Jim seems to love it  
all, and he is a sturdy walker. Never admits  
he is tired or cold.

Got out a big covey at school house. They  
were strong flier. Got 3 with a lot of  
misses. Ended up with a long walk along  
a wet haund hedge etc. which yielded a  
little group of 4. Killed one on covey rice.

Things is a hard enthusiastic hunter.  
Found all my 10 down birds very effectively.  
Seldom holds a point unless I am close.  
Retriever very very well. Has the ability to  
be very warmly friendly, & a tremendous  
appetite. Guess I'll buy him.

11/16 Crystal Lake - Got ind draw & Frank & Spike joined  
at Run. Very cold & dropping temp. Saw ice. A few  
mallards were & they decayed pretty well. Beautiful  
bright morning after a cloudy start. Spike left out  
8:00 with one mallard. I left at 10 with 3+1  
lesser scaup.

11/19 Edith - Things & F.L. north of Farmington. Road  
slick ice all the way down there. 30 mi. per hr top.  
3/4" snow on the ground at 10:30 when we started. Things  
still flushed the covey & held up a bit on singles. I made  
two doubles. Edith killed her first bird in several seasons.

Shingo is "hell on rabbits". If I buy him I'll have to give him a score of some kind.

Found 4 coveys - big ones - except 1 that may be had on about 10 birds. Heard no other hunting parties  
lots of rabbits.

11/26 Edith - old Flick - on perhaps her last quail hunt. She did some good work - made good points, but her nose on cripples was poor and her ankles kept collapsing and her hind legs were stiff.

We were north of Farmington. Found 3 coveys shot very poorly. Plenty of birds this year. Also lots of rabbits.

Found much hazel brush - with lots of nuts. Short cut to the area - turn north at cemetery at rail road right of way. Go thru village about 4-5 miles north, then take rd road to left & in a couple of miles turn right.

Just finished hulling our hazel nuts.

11/27 Edith - Jim & Paco & I left home about 9:15 for Farmington & north. Sky overcast & stormy. Blowing N.W. Soon got much colder & before we arrived snow blowing hard & level. I had very wild or she they lay so tight no jumps. First stop made a long drop down a draw. No birds - Jim returned to car & Edith flushed a covey 60 feet from our car in a small clump. When I returned 1/2 hour later we followed

the birds flushed wild at 50 yards. Second flush I killed one. A cripple we had trouble catching

Moved on next to familiar ground where we found scatter of yesterday's covey. Got one on 2nd rise. Then we got up wild covey near barn wild. Hit a 2nd rise scatter.

Very proud of how Jim stood the wind & cold. Saw the best berried cedar I ever saw on the bank of the former river

12/8 Edith & I - High left at 11:15 AM, far N.W. of Farmington. Snappy. below freeze - breeze N.W. First covey out smarted us & no birds. Went on N. to new area - scrub pines blue stem a plenty - + oak brush. Covey rise in leafy oaks - on the follow & we never saw this covey again we jumped another - within 200 yds. Confusion on where were our birds. We jumped quail a few singles - & missed. Lost a leg on cripple. Then none about gone - made a long hill earlier with a 10' lead. Back to car & a dream popped quail - a covey less than 15 yds from car. Killed a good rook, couldn't find the - over the hill - scatter. Never did I shoot worse - unless it was last week.

12/10 Saturday. Red & I with Doc went north of Farmington to place Edith & I found 12/8. Most exciting prospect as to coveys etc but no birds to be found at all. Later moved to Hazel nut hill & gathered a bag of nuts. Red raised a small covey. Hunter at heart of home - 1 covey - no birds.

12/11

Red-Paco - & I - north of Hoppers. Country & conditions  
looked excellent but found only 2 covies in 4 hrs.  
I killed 4 with 9 shells. Last two were down at one  
time - both cripples - runner & in oak tree tops.  
Took at least 20 or more minutes but finally found  
both of them. Red got greenbriar henric.

## 1956 Season

The Crystal Lake water so low that I didn't buy a license until 2 weeks after season opened.

About 11/4 I went over & joined Ed Cady & got a green head at Point. Red & I tried a day or 2 later but no shots.

Then weather changed 11/8 Red & I drew last & were invited by Dick & Walter to Point where we got our 4 mallards early. Next day tried again & drew 2nd & Ran where we got only 2. Lots of travelers going thru.

The big flight started Wed PM. 11/7. Ran thru 11/8 & the morning of 11/9. Lots of scaups as well as mallards.

Goodies all gone for a week now.

11/10 Pheasant opening. Ethel, Red, Jim, Spud & I drove to Dan Better's farm & arrived just at 12:00 noon to open season. A bottle of Bonham helped us get OK. We had a fine afternoon, got 4 cocks & 3 quail. Spud enjoyed his first hunt, & did well. I lost a cock & didn't find out till back at Better's. An extra mile & half search - no luck. Then I remembered rolling under a fence. At dark I went back & found the cock at the fence. Felt better. Shot at 4 cocks & got 4. Two got up wild - out of range - because we failed to follow close enough to the dog.



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State	Place	Sex	Kind	Age	wt	log	shell	Coner	flavor	buff	lost	
1	"/1	Crystal	D. mallard									
2	"/2	"	shanked									
3	"/8	"	4 mallards									
4	"/9	"	1 H. Redwing									
5	"/13	Hilly hills	2 quail 1 Canada goose			0		2				
6	"/10	Wetter	3 cock pheasant			Spud	4		4 1/2	0		
7	"	"	C quail	4	177	"		2		1-		
8	"	"	C quail	4	161	"						
9	"/11	Zader	F	4	170	Spud	70	2	6	2		
10	"	"	F	4	170	"						
11	"	"	C	4	191	"						
12	"	"	C	4	185	"						
13	"	"	C	4	180	"						
14	"	"	F	4	188	"						
15	"	"	F	0	192	"						
16	"/15		4 open winged teal									
17	"/16		1 pair mallards - Red also got									
18	"/18	Blakar	Cochs	4	172	Spud	4/18	2	6	0		
19	"	"	"	4	170							
20	"	"	"	4	173							
21	"	"	"	4	172							
22	"/20	Crystal	no ducks - just rain									
23	"/22	"	Thanksgiving 1-hen mallard 1-hen ring neck									
24	"/25	Warrington	C.	4	181	Spud	FL-4 for 11 shells					
25	"	"	C	0	189							
26	"	"	H	4	182				scattered only	5	0	
27	"	"	H	0	190							
28	"	"	C	0	185							
29	"	"	C	4	195							

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● 11/28 Royal 1 mallard hen 1 - lesser scaup ♂ - mixed - up - ice 5 hrs

Day	Date	Place	Sex	Age	wt	Log	Shells	Coins	Hours	Cripples lost
20	12/1	Darlington	C	Y	166	Spud	13 for 400		6	0
21			C	Y	182		possibly 5			
22			C	0	180		Red got 1-2 covers			
23			H	Y	184		and we scattered			
24			C	0	195		added on 2 of 2 more coins			
25			H	Y	163					
26		Haffer	H	0	200	Spud	18 shells for 12 birds		0	Spud
27			C	Y	180		Red got 1, huck			
28			H	Y	163					
29			C	Y	171					
30			C	Y	194					
31			H	Y	183					
32			C	Y	169					
33			H	Y	160					
34			C	Y	185					
35			H	0	192					
36			H	Y	169					
37			C	Y	167					
38			H	Y	206					
39		Haffer	C	Y	167	Spud		5	5	0 cripples lost
40			C	Y	161		4 birds FL 13 shells			
41			H	0	195		4 " EB			
42			C	Y	192					
43			H	Y	177					
44			C	0	188					
45			H	Y	183					
46			C	Y	169					

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lots

lot	Place	Sex	Age	wt	Long Spine	Shell	Cornel	Frank	Line
47	Opuntia	F	y	175					
48		F	y	181					
49		H	y	186					
50		H	y	199					
51		C	y	195					
52		C	o	197					
53		C	y	193					
54		H	y	182					
55		C	o	199					
56		H	y	186					
57		C	y	187					
58		H	y	198					
59		C	y	197					
60	Opuntia	C	y	187					
61		C	y	182					
62		H	o	190					
3		H	o	195					
4		H	y	144					
5		H	y	169					
6		H	y	100					
7		H	y	192					
8		H	y	177					
9		C	y	170					
10		C	y	167					
1		H	y	165					
2		H	o	177					
3		C	y	167					
4		C	y	177					
5		C	y	167					
6		C	y	182					

9 lines for 13 shells,

6007

5 1

Spine of 9 shells in shell 4

5 shells  
143 shells

1 shell in spine  
1 shell in spine  
1 shell in spine

11/11 Sunday, Family Picnic. Started 9:30 AM with Red & 2 boys & Spud. Mamma & Nancy to follow at noon. Drove to Ted's house. His "raccoon cart of the house" could not be found, even going an extra 1/2 mile to 3 corn fields. Looked good - no quail? too dry? Went back to house & washed Red's covey in draw to wet. Big covey doubled on 1st rise & lost one - then lost another & Red lost one. So dry & so many rabbits. Spud has a good nose but doesn't know much about clove work. Girls had sparrows ready at 1:30. Yum! Took a few pictures.

Drove north & east to colored man's house. Found a big covey & killed & found 3 on the rise. Added another. That made 9 killed on 14 shells (2 lost). Then proceeded to double miss 3 straight - all tough shots. The boys were enthusiastic & good company.

11/15 11/15 - Alone at Crystal Lake. Lehner invited me to join. The forecast of rain turning to snow fiddled out & the flight was not impressive. At Point. Together we got 4 g. W. teal & John or a mallard.

11/16 Red & I turned out early to a clear cold blow, & got mid draw. - Run. Beautiful AM. Bright sky. A modest flight. We managed 3 mallards. No good chances. All far. I found a green head that dropped way back at end of pond to right rear, Yung's dry. Smelt and not farmed in Young's Home at noon.

11/18 Red & I tried a new area, south of Lomas & east of Keller. We didn't find many birds but the country looked good. The first two places we tried didn't produce anything but 2 scatter - no dead birds. Then along side the R.R. track we finally got a covey of 9 or 10 birds. Got 4 cochs with the first shot. (5).

Later south of Keller we i.e. I sped flushed a covey too far - up the hill & I sped again flushed the birds too far. Jim was good company & did a lot of walking. Bright sunny day with a colorful sunset.

11/20 Red & I tried the ducher - big S.W. storm & rain at 10:00 AM. Found sources empty - walked off Keweenaw, found the Young Goldie, Philip ditch Eaton & back thru big woods total seen 2 hen mallards. Sat till 4:00 in blind - still no ducher. Will it didn't ripen last summer.

11/22 John H. - Red & I. 12° above & N.W. wind. Last draw again. Got Home Blind. Ice farming fast everywhere. I got a wet foot & had to go home for a dry boot. We jammed into the little blind. Got a single - then 4 decayed & we got only two. Then a single wing neck. Kept busy breaking ice to keep the blocks free. Snappy plus. Left at 11:30 for Thanksgiving at Golf Club.

11/25 Stephen, Red and I went north of Farmington - Rain snow, wind, cold. We were late and found only scatter all day. Covey broken up earlier. Stephen walked all day. Carried a gun for a few minutes.

11/28 A call from Spiedel - at 9:45 AM - lot of luck & shooting brought me hot foot. Ted couldn't come. The ice in front of my boat still heavy enough to hold me & the boat. I pushed across to open water. Found Rehner in Dr. K. & upper end full. I took House Blind & set out alone. 15° wind N.W. & mixed sky - some snow. Typical wind-up hunt.

A pair of pin-tails from south fooled me. M. L. got them. Then a long vacant spell - occasional big flocks - high. More north bound than south. The Big Blinds got little shooting. Hat soup kept me warm.

Went a scamp sneaked in & sat - before I saw him. Finally noticed him & collected. Then a hen mallard landed in & lit before I could shoot. So turn - I collected. Pulled up at 4:00 PM Chilly - but a beautiful day.

12/1 Red and I took Stephen & Jim north of Farmington. Stephen had a gun for the first time. He felt the importance of the privilege. Most of the time he carried the gun empty. He had one fair rabbit chance but forgot to cock his hammer, so no shot.

I started from town at 7:30 AM & did arrive ahead of competition, but found only 2 small coveys plus scatter of earlier hunters on 2 more coveys.

Wound a good area about 1 mile east of Bentonsport as well as another area a bit east of their  
note area

12/2

Ill. Hunt - got a late start - as Red's Drummy had been at Charity Ball last night. Started north of Hoppers got up a huge covey in field at bridge - Spud flushed them up wild & I failed to connect at covey rise. Then got better on the scatter & ended with 5 birds on this covey.

Up the big hill & got a covey at the color violet corner, where I added 4 birds after some had missed. Red was not connecting. at 12:15 down the steep hill to where Edith & Jim were to catch some - ribs they had phoned Drummy to bring Drancy & the 2 Barber dogs. The ribs were a great success. After the big try went S of Hopper to the old corner. No birds till we got on the east slope where Spud flushed a small group wild. On the follow, I got one then along Ellison & I got a fancy single snap shot. Then went to foot of hill where we got a covey & Red killed his first bird & I got another.

As we got to car a huge covey spilled out & I threw 4 barrels in the air & got none.

Saw a big bald eagle at luncheon time. The sunset was one to remember. Red, blue, green & all the yellow & orange colors. We talked about a shack on the hill top. ! ! !

12/8

Red & Stephen & Jim - joined me for an *Alouatta* hunt. First snow & more falling thru the day. Started north of Hopper. The birds were laying like June. Red made a double on the first covey birds. We failed to pry loose a single.

The second covey I doubled on the rise & we didn't follow because of small number. Then climbed the hill & found the same covey in S.E. corner of hill top field. Again raised only 1 single.

Then I flushed another covey out of a gallery & they failed us too. Found no singles. Jim got very cold & headed for car. But we got him warmed up with the fire rose. Puck chops thick & good.

In PM, the boys stayed at fire. Stephen fell into creek & got wet half way up. Very cold by the time we get back from the south grounds. Where we found 2 coveys & Red made another double.

Eight birds for the 2 of us. Still snowing & cold

12/9

Red & I alone north of Oquawha. Snow 5' deep - above this AM. Bright blue sky. We found a beautiful spot about 4 miles south of Keithsburg. We found a few scattered & 1 covey before lunch. but couldn't hit so at 2:00 we had 1 bird a piece.

After lunch we drove to Keithsburg & then east & south. We started watching for tracks along the hedger as we passed. In Brown's farm showed a big bunch of



tracks so we tried & found & killed several. Then another covey just a hit went & we scared again. Then we tried a hedge corner & added 3 & so on till we had 13 birds. Our best of the season. Red was keeping up his end too. One of our best days.

This is the biggest quail year in 10 or 15 years  
Saw about 7 coveys today 12/9

12/15 Saturday. Red & I headed for north of Quawha. Snow on the ground 4" 5". Just at freezing - frost turned to moisture on new blades of grass. A shower at every step. Red emptied his Bear Boots 3 times.

Speed finished his first season with quite an improvement. Retrieved fairly - pointed a little and lost only one cripple out of 74 birds.

Sand huns seem to have no fear for him. Setters could not have made his work today.

Jim Rodgers met us again today - warden.

Didn't see a single mallard where we saw 1000 last week. Red's hot better with his brush loads - he reacts to his better performance of course.

Lots of rabbits every where

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Delta 10/13/57

Wed 10/9

Arrived about 4:00 PM at Delta Station. Al having parked me up at Portage Bar station, he hustled into hunting clothes and paddle east a 1/2 mile to a sheltered phragmites cove. Learned how to stabilize a canoe for shooting by tying phragmites stem to thwart at 2 points each side.

The birds were everywhere in small mixed groups. Paced up channel at lower ramp to favor mallards. Had several bad misses but finally scored on a greenhead. Al had not brought his gun. Up here they shoot till 30 minute past sundown when it is quite dark.

A few geese trading back & forth from big lake to stubble field. Almost constant moving ducks, with lower ramp predominant. Practically no canvas-back. An occasional woodcock - too.

Thursday we ate a leisurely breakfast and Al did some duties & we went out to same point i.e., Wayne took me out because Al was tied to duty. We moved along later - to a point beyond the Lodge - hoping for canvas back but none showed. Shot a little better and brought in 5,

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Al and I went out in later afternoon - far east where he had a cove & blocks ready. The same kind of flight but more mallards. We set out on an east facing phragmites point and had several nice shots at singles & pairs. Beautiful delta sunset.

Dinner at the guest lodge, with the Percatts from Ohio. Joan joined us of course Al.

Friday. No hurry here - we worked it Sunday projects in the morning. Percatts left about 10:00 AM, leaving me as the only lodge guest. Bedrose out to Bell Lodge to see Peter Ward & he said the east marsh was not being hunted.

The lee shore (south) of Lake Manabha was full of rafters of ducks resting. Some geese too. At dusk the birds go out too stubble in the marsh. Al left me after an hour jump shooting, where I got 3 straight green heads. He went in to get young Albert who was returning from his work at a school in Portage. He hunted a pair far the flight.

I had a chance at six geese, pairing. They were far & I failed to drop one. Then they wheeled & came back nearer me and I could hear the shot but but didn't drop a bird. This is the nearest I've ever been to a Canada Goose flock.

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I brailed much for all here at guest lodge -  
and did a rather poor job. Too done & too dry.  
but we had fun. Frank & Irene Kerney & mother  
& grand father were with us. Got to bed early for  
the big sharp tail opening.

Saturday 10/12. Breakfast at Ali with young  
Ali & young George at 5:00 AM. Off in Ali's car for  
the sharp tail grounds - 50 miles west & north.  
To find the place turn left off highway a mile west  
of Lakeland and drive 5 or 10 miles to the  
marginal country that holds the birds. Ken  
Shilow was to meet us there at roosting & morning  
ground - he came later.

Arrived 6:30 AM & practically dark. The prairie  
chicken were calling all around us - with their  
characteristic mellow chatter. At 6:40 we  
started. Many birds flushed near us & some  
voluntary flushes. Groups sometimes 30 or more  
at a time, moving to feeding grounds. We  
followed and soon were getting some shots  
although most birds jumped away too wild.  
I got a fair shot & then another out of old  
strubble. Found myself with young Albert  
& we made a hunt. To car at 10:00 for a pre-lunch  
& then affair again north of road. Ken & Peter too.

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Got into very rough land - hard walking  
and very wet. Just before noon a real  
occasion th with Al as witness. Flushed 2  
birds - midway between us. My shot. Both  
my first barrel both birds dropped dead  
they were "in line" and 6 feet apart. So I  
had 4 birds at noon lunch.

Al had blankets & we napped after luncheon.  
About 1:30 we were off. Again Albert joined  
me and we hunted together. I saw a hen on  
island of popple we each killed one. Too close.  
Later we both shot two boys at a bird & at  
my second shot he was dead. I watched  
& saw him drop dead after about 200 yards.  
Marked & followed. Dropped white handkerchief  
& coat to establish line. After 10 minutes found  
my dead bird in base of bush & within 4-6  
of my line.

Back to car - tired - and wanted for all  
others. I got off 100 yards or a pass &  
noon had a chance & killed a seventh bird.  
Al and the boys also had done well and we had  
our limit of 18 sharp tail prairie chicken. Dark near  
fell right after we started home. A hot shower  
restored my ability to move about a bit and a  
couple of drinks gave me an appetite for hard work

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Joan and Jayce joined in and George & young Albert too. & what appetites we had. I'm fed by nine or nine thirty.

Since Sunday is a no shooting day I slept till 8:30 and then got my breakfast of fruit toast, coffee & poached egg.

Took some more pictures around the station and off the chechem. Also the coyote and tame crow. Then we all pitched in and dressed twelve chechem. Six for luncheon and six for Al's freezer. At Peter's suggestion I'm taking my home birds out to Bell Lodge to be ~~drawn~~ frozen and later packed for transport home as baggage. Unpicked and not drawn. Such for home will be picked & dressed, too.

Al is drawing a my "dutch double" scene in my Travel & Tradition of Waterfowl as well as a sharp-tail head. One of the students (Lloyd) showed us how to sex birds by tail feather marking and eye by 2nd primary. Age by cross marking - short & straight across 3 - longer marking of each cross mark 3. Rough tip on 2nd primary - young - smooth & new - old

# 1957 Hunting Season

10/20 Ducks opened yesterday 10/19 but went to see  
Jv. - Div. football which we won 21-7.

Red and I were joined by John Hale and drew Inverness  
which was not good in this low water stage. Set out  
on the Pelzer Island Point where we had one shot only  
& I killed a green head. Saw few ducks. Opening day  
16 hunter kill 34 ducks

10/24 - Went to draw alone - Red being sick with flu.

Joined Paul Lehner & drew Schdaps Run. Looked  
red-hot early while putting out blocks. Lots of mallards  
Then the ducks disappeared. Panned up one long chance  
At 7:30 went for a walk to Youngs - Philips - Goldie.  
Best Lake & Buck Branch & killed 1 blue winged teal  
Home at 10:10 AM.

10/25 Went to the office as usual & greeted by RMF. "More  
ducks in the river than I've ever seen." So gathered up Red  
& got over about 10:00. Inverness - only good opening. Set  
for 40 minutes & not a shot. Then looked as though they  
should be near full limit & so moved & found they  
were leaving. We moved in. Such a night of  
mallards I haven't seen in years. And creaking too.  
Rayne Jones Jr. joined us a few minutes later.

Spud did some work for a pup of 2 years.

The mallards wanted to drop in back in  
pool & Little Youngs so I moved back there.  
Soon had 5 big mallards on a string.

Delta Trip - Oct. 1957  
 15 - sharp tailed grouse - (pinned chicken) (2 days)  
 25 - unsharped ducks. (2 1/2 days).

1957 Season

Date	Place	Species	Age	Wt.	Sex	Shells	Caries	Haars	Cupflakes
10/20	Captal	1 mallard			fund	2			
10/24	"	1 B.W. Teal			"	2			
10/25	"	9 mallards			"	24		5	2
10/26	"	5 "			"	9		5	0
1 11/2	Remarks	H	Y	204	"	9 for 4	3	4	0
2 11/2		H	Y	196					
3 "		H	Y	180					
4 "		C	Y	146					
11/3	Captal	1 - W. D 2 mallards				4			
11/8	"	6 mallards				13		3	
5 11/12	Remarks	C	Y	204	fund	8 for 4	1	4	0
6		H	0	195					
7		H	Y	195					
8		C	Y	195					
11/13 9	Sawa	C	Y	187	fund	7 for 3	2	4	0
10		C	Y	176					
11		H	Y	190					
12		H	Y	194					
13		H	Y	184					
11/16	Hopper	skunked			fund			0	2 1/2
14 11/17	Remarks	C	0	200	fund	12 for 4	2	5	0
15		H	Y	194					
16		H	Y	192					
17		H	Y	166					
11/19	3 mallards - Captal					7			
11/23	1 "					1			



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Bird No.	Date	Place	Sex	Age	Wt.	Wing	Shells	Covier	Hours	Rephort	
	18	11/24	Kithbury	H	Y	194	Spud	15 for 3	1	3-4	0
	19			H	Y	182					
	20			H	Y	213					
	11/21	Hammah	-	-	-	Spud	1	1	5+	0	
	12/1	21	Hammill New London	H	Y	204	Spud	12 (scattered) 2	5 1/2	0	
	22		Hammill Sound	H	Y	190					
	23		do	H	Y	186					
	24			H	Y	185					
	25			H	0	184					
	12/4	26	Warming Cove	C	Y	201		8 for 4	3	6	0
	27			C	Y	215					
	28			H	Y	195					
	29			H	Y	187					
	12/8	30	"	H	Y	187		5 for 3			
	31			H	0	185					
	32			C	0	195					
	12/15	33	East Point	C	Y	204	Spud	10 for 5	2	6	1
	34			C	Y	200					
	35			H	0	193					
	36			C	0	197					
	12/16	37	East Point Hammah	H	0	204	"	23 for 6	5	7	0
	38			H	Y	206					
	39			C	Y	207					
	40			C	Y	202					
	41			H	Y	208					
	42			H	Y	218					
	43			C	0	187					
	44			H	Y	184					

Red joined me there. We ran out of shells.  
Mallards all afternoon - and decoying if you  
were in right place.

The biggest day's flight I've seen in many years.  
Several acres of packed blue hills above bridge as  
we returned home.

Plan for tomorrow to take Stephen & Jim. Carl  
invited to join us, later. John Hale wants to join  
too.

Motor ran well.

10/26 Red & I took Stephen & Jim after a breakfast at Inarmy's  
kitchen. Served by Inarmy. John Hale joined us. He & Red  
& Jim went to Indian Lake. Stephen & I to Young's. We went  
by car thru the woods. Carried a few blacks & set out.  
No action in Young's. Flushed a flock of 20 out of Little Young's.  
Too far. Walked to Eaton & Stephen got a squirrel enroute.  
Good bunch of mallards jumped by Spud. I got a double  
as they passed. And one more out of a return pair. Waited over  
2 hours but little come in - Stephen killed a baldpate.

Got 2 more in "Hot Spot" well. Returned to car & home  
Not much action in flying birds as compared to yesterday.

11/8 Locked duck. So ind N.W. 25 MPH and colder. So I went to  
office early & left for Lytal 8:25 AM, arrived Philips 9:20. Jumped  
about 30 mallards there. "Set out" a few blacks. No quick  
return & little flight traveling. So walked thru Cuningens  
no ducks. ditch dry. To Bush Branch - 10 drake - which I got.  
Returned to Philips no - nitters - so to Ash Tree - 10 or 12  
mallards & got my 4th. at Eaton. Bush saw but 2 or 3

and while eating lunch 3 green heads disappeared I got 2 of them. Then the windy came back with big heat & mist - to deep water. In office at 1:15 PM.

11/9 Iowa University - Ia 44. Dinner 20 !!!

11/10 Red Stephen & I went to Better with our usual 1/5 of Bourbon & hopes, Spud & Jaron to help. We worked from noon to 4:30 - hard - saw 300 maybe 4 coon (Red had 1 shot) 13 hens, 3 coveys of quail. Stephen killed a rabbit - all on his own.

11/12 Herb & Belle Staack came in at noon & after lunch we took a quail hunt while the girls played the bridge game with Pauline & Phyllis.

We started SW of Green & found no birds. Moved to west of Kennick & found 1 covey. Got a double on the rise and then proceeded to miss several. Got 4 with 8 shells

11/13 Herb S. and I left about 9:00 AM to hunt & to take same to Russell Fair at Trenton. We made a hunting stop near Bloomfield & found only a 5 bird covey & didn't hunt further. I killed a bird red cat.

Moved on to a new place south of Centerville where we found 2 coveys & got 5 birds. Herb dropped me near Ino. border at 3:00 PM to hunt while he went to Trenton with the dog. I hunted hard for 2 hours in drizzle & found 1 bird only - no shot.

Withover an hour toward I had told H. I'd build a fire by the roadside - which I did. Got dried out by H. arrival. Have home in fog & arrived 9:00 PM.

Herb showed us all his goat head - safe & took

"1/16 Went alone to north of Kopper at 9:00 AM - hunted till 11:30 and found only 2 scattered birds got none. I had no idea seem to find the coveys.

"1/14 Edith & I took Jim - to Farmington for the day. Went to hazel-nut hill & found a big covey & got 1 bird only. Then moved north & left Edith & Jim to cook & fire in while I found a covey & killed 3 birds. Then I worked like back to find more birds - 2 locations & drew a blank. Those who say this is a big quail year don't know their facts.

"1/19 Home to Crystal to try a stormy morning. Joined Paul & Louis Lehner & drew Stoney. Where we watch the day break & saw few flocks. Got a pair of green heads & then at 9:30 I walked to Eaton & Oak Tree & got a double on green heads & then missed 5 straight shots at mallards coming by me in the timber.

"1/23 Saturday. Edith & I went beyond Denmark, Combination rutting & quail. We left home at 9:00 & went to hickory grove. There a lot of fine quail country. Gathered some fine big nuts. Then left Edith for a turn at quail, worked a lot of good country & found no birds. Home for the Iowa State Game game & lunch. Iowa 21 to N.V. 13.

At 3:30 I went to Crystal for a late walk. Drove to Stoney walked to Eaton - no ducks. Drove thru Oak Tree - to George still zero. Finally a single hen in little George. 1 shot. Pileated wood pecker again - each day I have seen at Eaton In Stoney woods a raven sits on the lane. I stopped the car then walked right hand car - I stepped out he kept on, & I picked him up by the tail & he remained calm. I released him & he ambled off. now - shallant this fall.

11/24 Edith Spaul & I - near Kithsburg. The big barren was too tough with prickly pear spines for the dog, so we went to the hedges where Red & I found birds last year.

We soon found a covey - no warning of the covey rise & I wasn't ready & missed, barrel. The wind blew hard & the birds were fast & tricky. Made some good shots & missed some. Got 3 big females. The farmer owner & son or grandson came to kick us out & cold friends invited us to return and ask permission.

We kept trying to find birds & get a place to hunt. We quit at 4:30 & didn't find another bird.

11/29 Supposed to be a Thanksgiving Hunt. Red & I took the boys up thru Stony Timber in the car & I proceeded to get the car stuck in the mud! We spent 2 hours digging out & got home just in time to have Golf Club dinner.

11/31 Stephen, Red & I to Denmark, 10:00 to 4:00 hunt & found only 1 small covey & got no quail. He hunted lots of fine coveys - empty. Stephen tried his hand at rabbits & no luck. Killed a big cock pheasant.

12/1 Left home at 10:00 AM. Went to Danville's north & west. New London - morning, saw etc. Still found no big quail population. Killed 3 straight including a double. Then missed 7 shots - including 2 dbl misses. Then killed 2 straight.

New Place About 1/2 mile west of Newport. Go south on dirt road several miles to find a 40 acre grass & brush area. Killed 2 hen pheasants at 100 yards.

12/7

Red, Jim, Spud & I headed for Farmington at 9:00 AM. We turned off at a new side road & found good territory. Got permission from farm woman. Trouble with Spud chasing calves & sheep. Punished him hard.

Two coveys before a 1:00 PM lunch. Got 3 straight then missed 3. Moved on to familiar areas & found no birds where I know they have been found.

Finally at 4:00 PM, got a late covey where I killed one on the rise & there we never did find the weather. Lots of rabbits. We hope to go tomorrow at 8:00

12/8

Red over slept & Stephen was tired after a short camp Friday night so Jim & I went alone. A light snow hanging on all vegetation. We went back to Farmington - new place - & we hunted hard thru three covey locations - without seeing a track or a feather. Got soaked thru near to the waist in melting snow. Jim tried to get his gun trained on a rabbit but the ro quag is a bit heavy, & long stocked.

After lunch in the car with motor & heater running we tried several added stops & still no feathers.

Finally at 3:45 Jim decided on a final spot. We had just started when several quail jumped - and I got one - a few yards more and I dropped another & then another across the creek. Jim just got the biggest kick & spark. Finally as it got dark Jim still wanted to keep hunting. We drove back and made date for next Saturday.

12/14 Red, Jim, Spud & I. Stopped first at Mr Cook's house  
& with his permission hunted a pretty area. Found a  
covey & got 1 on the wire. Then a long interval looking for  
another. Spud pointed & we knoched down 2 - One by Jim  
but failed to find his bird. Red & I took an hour walk  
to good area - no birds. Lunch on Cook's lawn.

Next 2 stops blank - then tried a quarry edge &  
jumped big covey & I killed a double on the wire. Found  
finding another but Red got one & I too one after a long  
brandy try. Jim showed a rabbit with pebbles on  
a near miss.

One more stop - no birds

12/15 Jim Stephen Red Edith Spud & I at 8:30 for paint  
S.W. Back to yesterday quarry & soon found our covey.  
Mamma got her bird & the rest of us missed. So I shot  
one quail. There were only 5 left so we didn't follow.  
Stopped at some of the leads - no birds.

After lunch found a place 4.3 miles south of home on  
road then west 1 mile. Red & I went alone - killed a  
black cat - i.e. Spud did most of it. He helped with  
a steel post.

Shot very poorly. Feather out of three birds - one  
even hit the ground & then flew on. One covey just hid in  
a tray for an hour.

Finally a hit before dark - Red & I - made a last try  
& after long walk thru same edge. Spud pointed. I made a  
near double - but one flew on after hitting the ground  
On the other bird - many feathers & no bird. So - a double & no

bird, despite Spuds' best efforts. I decided to try for the second bird that had flown away, crippled. On the line for 125 yds & a good sound bird flushed. On the return walk - I found my dead bird right on my line.

We went back to the flush site, & Spud pointed & after 2 or 3 advances caught my second bird so I had my double. This being the only day of the season I had killed my six birds.

Spuds killed a big black cat - with white markings. This is the first time he has showed a fight against blood. Three cats for the season.



## 1958 Hunt Season

See my journal for mallard and sharp tail hunt at Delta.

Illinois duck opening passed as I went to Iowa - Div. football.

Next morning Red & two boys & I drove Young and set out traps but got our four mallards at Ark Tree where there was just a little water. A few days later I went back to Ark Tree & the water & the ducks were gone from there.

1 1/2 Iowa Duck Opening - Red & Jim & I with Spud in West Point Area. Found a good place. Turn south on valley side road 1/2 mile east of town. Go south about a mile to big farm on left - woman in charge - says OK if we ask permission.

Later moved west of W. P. where we found 2 coveys about a mile west of town on north-south road. Jim stayed in car at this point. Spud pointed covey immediately. Guess I double mined at least we didn't find the bird I thought I had dropped on, it shot. Followed & caught another covey where I got 1, & then thought I mined on a pair of scatter. Later found a lovely dead hen lying where one may have flown. Scatter flew toward Jim & sure enough he had seen them coming & watched 5 alight. He joined us with his gun and killed his first quail. Great excitement.

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Date	Number	Place	Sex	Age	Weight	Long	Wing FL	Shells	Cones	Hours	Exp/ent	
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	27	"	C	O	193							
	28	"	H	O	183							
"/16	29	J.O.P	H	Y	205	"	10	22	3	4 1/2	2	Total killed by FL. Joe H. & Henry Martin 13 birds
	30		H	Y	171							
	31		H	Y	168							
	32		H	Y	155							
	33		C	Y	188							
	34		C	Y	190							
"/22	35	West Point	C	Y	192	"	5	15	2	4	0	
	36		C	Y	175							
	37		H	Y	166							
	38		C	Y	188							
	39		C	Y	164							
"/29	40	West Point	H	Y	210	"	5	12	1+ 2+ scattered	4 1/2	0	
	41		C	Y	160							
	42		C	Y	196							
	43		H	O	186							
"/30	44	Alquonka	H	Y	196	"			3+ scattered	4	2	
	45		C	Y	190							
	46		C	O	188							
	47		C	O	202							
	48		H	Y	173							
	49		H	Y	195							
	50		H	Y	162							
	51		C	Y	196							
	52		H	Y	184							
	53		C	Y	162							

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Best Kill  
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Date	Box	Number	Sex	Age	Dist.	Height	Weight	Wingspan	Tail	Other
11/30	54	Quercus	H	0	175	10	26			
	55	Kaffir (S)	H	4	206	2	6	2	4	0
	56		C	4	199					
	57	Red Point	H	4	212	6	15	4	4	0
	58		C	4	211					
	59		C	4	205					
	60		H	0	220					
	61		H	0	210					
	62		C	4	216					
	63		H	0	188					
12/14	64		H	4	162					
	65	Quercus	C	4	175	8	10	3	4 1/2	0
	66		C	0	170					
	67		C	4	168					
	68		C	4	195					
	69		H	4	155					
	70		H	0	174					
	71		C	4	162					
	72		C	4	158					
	12/10	73		C	4	221	11	15	2	3
3		Stratum	H	0	221					
4			H	4	202					
5			H	4	201					
6			C	4	211					
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9			C	4	205					
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Date	No	Place	Sex	Age	wt	Log	F.L. Kill	Stalks	Cones	Hours	Foot Cupfuls	
12/20	81	Seaton	C	Y	173							
	82		C	Y	193							
	83		H	O	175							
Season total to date			43C 39H	60 young. 17-old			79	192	32	53 1/2	7	average 2.43 per load

11/2 Red not available at 8:00 AM. Jim had a blistered foot. Edith & Spud & I drove to 4 mile south of Ronnelson & 1 mile west and I sat in two hours steady trying & found 1 covey of parpers of which I got one & then quit. Where we had found corn last year was fallow or ploughed bean stubble.

Drove west to Farmington & north. Got permission on 1st east road as before. Finally found a covey at south end of far hedge & hit a double on the rise but lost one running ripple. Spud couldn't locate. Tried following into oak brush timber & Spud made 5 nice points but in the brush I missed the 4 I shot at.

Spud jumped a big black cat which I killed with a load of #2 shot - a male.

Back to car & moved north to old area, 1 covey jumped wild. In scatter I get 2 out of three and that ended the day, early.

11/8 Pleasant opening day. Red Jim & I with Spud went to Better's with our usual bottle of bourbon & were well received. At 10:00 AM we started north & soon flushed a lone hen. Then a cock I killed. Then a group of 3 cocks later I got 1 of them. Lots of hunters in the area. For instance 2 car loads went north of Better's without permission. Later 3 or 4 other car loads did like mine.

Jim killed a rabbit. We jumped half a dozen

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mallards from ditch & Red & I got 1 each.

Ended the day 2 cocks and 5 quail, 1 rabbit & mallard.  
Total seen 8 cocks & hens - 5 coveys

11/9 Luma & Carolyn came in last night so Luma joined us at Vetter's - went on a quail hunt with pheasant as a side attraction.

I started north this time & near the first cross fence on near ditch Red had a chance at a cock but missed. Then the big event of the season, they jumped a red fox and shot it dead. Jim as chief executioner. How proud he is - we later got pictures.

A covey of big quail yielded 3 birds. Then went west of Vetter's & found a small covey & failed to scare them. Then lunch. South to main cross ditch where we got into quail under tough cover conditions. We got six more birds - all big ones - see register. Jim killed one with Luma's lovely Parker - 28 gauge double which he carried. Home at 5:45 for 6:30 supper at Inarius on fillets - extra good.

Broody nesting pictures tonight.

11/10 Luma & Carolyn - Edith & I - took a business start after 10:00 AM & drove west of Denmark to colored main house - no body home - no quail located - found some quail & ate light lunch. Carolyn practiced with the 28 gauge dbl gun & hit some crabs.

Moved west a bit & hunted hill top corn near white turkey farm. I found the quail just

as we were ready to give up. I've got 3 - lost a 4th of them  
I killed a couple with the 28 gauge - handker fast.  
I miss auto. ejector. I just got sickly - eating dry  
grass persistently.

Moved to Pichler just for a short time - no luck  
Home for a quail supper, including Inar & Estella

11/16 Yesterday - Saturday - we watched Ohio beat Iowa  
38 to 218, so only one hunt this week end.

Today accepted Joel Holmes invitation to I.O.P.  
area to hunt quail. Joe Hurston joined and we  
picked up Henry Dattner as guide at 9:00 AM. We  
circled here & there and hunted some lovely coveys  
but found two big coveys before lunch - one in  
corn & one in a big orange hedge.

Joel & Doctor Dattner called on us at lunch time.  
After lunch we tried several beautiful spots  
including corn etc but only found 1 small covey  
in a steep oak draw.

One double in the AM.

Stopped at Holmes for a drink - 7 up - at 4:00 &  
watched T.V. of yesterday's game.

11/23 Red out of town. Inar my & 3 kids - Edith & I - Spud.  
Left about 9:00 too south & east of West Point where  
we found 2 coveys in a mild maize field. I didn't  
shoot well but got 5 in 15 shots. Inar my & the boys  
walked with me in the morning & Edith in PM.



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We searched lots of beautiful fields & country where we failed to find birds. Could be that others had preceded us but we saw no shells or signs. The best section of quail land I can find.

11/29 Jim - Red & FL, with Spud too Franklin & north - Temp about 18° & clear - with a NW breeze.

Our first covey Red found by the tractor in snow. Spud made a good point. Then we followed & had a tough time finding the scatter. Spud finally nailed them on a point. Made a fancy double & Red got one.

Then across road in a weedy draw - flushed a cat tiger red. Spud tried it & Jim hit it twice with his 410 - #9s & knocked it out - as it ran I put a load of #2 shot in as it held up - should be dead.

Then a bit on we started pumping scatter. I missed 2 easy ones & Red did too - then Jim made a chain kill. Spud caught a coming cripple. Too car for lunch.

Went on to new places. First birds surprised us as I had one leg over a backed wire fence & I got in my 2 shots & killed the first one. So were trying for rabbits too but missing more than we hit. Last stop was just west of Fruit Point where I got 2 rabbits

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11/30 Stephen, Red, & I with Spud were late starting on account  
the 8:00 AM temp was 8° above. Sun shining & a south  
breeze. We went north of Oquawha to old familiar  
back roads. Got permission to hunt ditch where we got  
bounced last year. Too many hogs in Jim Pearson's  
pasture. "Seldom Seen" his farm ~~title~~ title. On  
his south line found a wild covey - Red crippled  
one runner we lost. Then a huge covey where I  
got a double - then walked like heck to add 2 more  
both were fabulous recoveries. One Spud pointed "dead"  
the other a runner that we had tried hard to find  
40 minutes earlier - then Red did a good job of jumping  
this runner & tracking him till Spud got his scent.

Moved north a mile or two where we found scatter  
& got three. Then boring a field found a big covey at  
sunset where we got 4 more to make eleven. So we ended  
a perfect - tough - Nov. 30th quail day. Stephen stood the  
chill well. Red must get brush shells

12/6 Alone + Spud. - too cold for the Barkers & for me too  
tried south of Kopper along edge of hills and found only  
1 small covey & where last winter after season found 3.  
Got a nice double on the rise & missed one nigh  
then ~~had~~ lot of walk & no more birds seen despite  
beautiful quail country. On way home at sunset  
saw 1 bud cross road (road near Dixon)  
stopped & loaded up - should have confined Spud  
he saw one run across road & then broke - I ran  
but on the long rise missed 2, etc - no more birds  
15 covey

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11/7 Herb Stahl came baiting for Goldfinch this AM - 15°. We went north of West Point and with 2 dogs we found 4 series of holes - 2 of them good signs - After running the first 8 holes I killed 6 with the next 6. I missed the last. Got 2 doubles in a row.

The last big covey herd found - 15-20 birds we never found a single scatter. Same on our earlier covey. Where do they go? My far out lay on? Or are our dogs now good?

12/14 I went alone with Good - 15° above at 10 AM. Reached permission of Mrs Reason & was invited in to get warm - met the Mrs. then daughter with baby grandson & then son-in-law. The black horses look very handsome. Found a small covey & got 3 - couldn't find the end covey. Lots of tracks in the snow - turned out to be mourning dove tracks. Then north to the posted areas where I finally raised 5 birds on Spade point & got 1.

Lots went south to look for Nixon covey that I missed a couple of weeks ago. Then south & found a covey under hedge, where I got 4 more. Home near dark. Tent low & barge about to pass.