

Hunting Lease and Indemnity Agreement

This Hunting Lease and Indemnity Agreement ("Agreement" or "Lease") made this _____, 2013, by and between _____ (as "Lessor") and the following individual or group of individuals, _____

_____ singularly or collectively referred to as "Lessee".

WITNESSETH

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Lessor does hereby grant to Lessee the exclusive/non exclusive right to access and hunt only the following game species with the following weapons: Bow and Arrow, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handguns.

All game species with all legal firearm and archery equipment for the State of Connecticut may be found upon and harvested from the following real estate (hereinafter "Real Estate" or "Leased Area"):

ADDRESS _____

It is understood that the rights and privileges granted herein are not assignable without the express written consent of the Lessor. This Lease is strictly limited to the use of the Real Estate for the activities described herein, and notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Lessee has no other rights to use of the Real Estate.

Section I – Agreement

- 1) The initial term of this Lease shall be for a period _____ 2013 to _____.
- 2) The Lessee agrees:
 - a) To pay Lessor the sum of "\$" _____ as consideration for the use of the Leased Area for the initial term. If Lessee desires to renew the lease for an additional term, Lessee shall notify lessor in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the initial term, but in no way does this bind the lessor to renew the contract. Lessee shall pay such sum within the time constraints herein imposed releases the Lessor from performances of this Lease and Lessor may relet the whole or any part of the Real Estate without recourse from the Lessee.
 - b) To not sublease the Real Estate, nor shall Lessee grant permission to anyone who is not a party to this Lease or a member of the Hunting Group to hunt or otherwise use the Real Estate. For purposes of this Agreement, the Hunting Group shall be defined as the Lessee, which can consist of up to XX or unlimited individuals.
 - c) To abide by any and all State, Federal and local hunting regulations, including any quotas prescribed by Lessor. Failure to follow said regulations, by Lessee or other member of the Hunting Group may, at Lessor's option, cause immediate cancellation

of the Lease as to that Lessee or to all Lessees (at Lessor's sole discretion) and without refund of all or any portion of lease payment.

- d) To maintain proper safety procedures regarding firearms, including but not limited to, ensuring that all firearms are unloaded while in vehicles and vicinity of all building.
 - e) To maintain proper vigilance aimed at preventing fires or damage by other means to the Real Estate, and to immediately report any wildfires that may occur on the Real Estate to Lessor.
 - f) To ensure that vehicles are driven only on established roads and that all gates are left as originally found.
 - g) To maintain a no hunting or shooting zone within 500 feet of any occupied building and around all other designated areas.
 - h) To remove all personal property or structures placed or constructed by Lessee upon the Leased Area at termination of this Lease unless the Lessor has provided prior written consent to leave any or all such property.
 - i) To repair any damage caused to the Real Estate and return the Real Estate and property to the Lessor in the same condition that existed upon commencement of the Lease. Any clearing of the underbrush must be done in a manner so as not to damage any trees or crops that have been planted.
 - j) To not place or drive nails, spikes, or metal objects into any trees or timber on the premises for any purpose whatsoever: however, notwithstanding the foregoing, lessee may use trees for posting purposes provided only aluminum nails are used.
 - k) To in no way hinder farming or damage crop production.
 - l) To not enter upon any neighboring land or hunt on any real estate not described herein.
 - m) To keep the Real Estate free of litter at all times.
 - n) That all property of every nature and description that may be on the premises during the continuance of this lease shall be at the sole risk of lessee and lessor shall not be liable to lessee or any other person for injury, loss or damage to any person or property on the premises.
- 3) Lessor hereby agrees:
- a) To provide the Lessee with hunting rights on Leased Area during the term of this Lease, subject to the conditions and restrictions provided herein.
 - b) To not lease to or give any other individual(s) permission to access for recreation, occupy for recreation, or use for recreation purposes, or hunt on the Real Estate during the term of this Lease, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. This does not restrict the lessor from farming, harvesting timber for fire wood, conducting mineral exportation ,or general maintenance on the property.
- 4) The Lessee has chosen of his or her own free will to go hunting on the Real Estate, and realizes there are inherent dangers from the sport of hunting, including but not limited to, danger from other hunters, the inherent danger of injury from the presence or use of firearms, and other dangers of any nature whatsoever, including dangers of bodily injury or damage which may occur (such as, but not limited to, the use of hunting knives, axes, arrows, traveling by vehicle over rough terrain, getting into and out of deer stands for hunting), and the risk of such injury or damage caused by other hunters. Lessee agrees

at all times to use extreme caution and care in protecting himself or herself, his or her property, and other and their property, from accident, damage or bodily injury which may result from any such risk.

- 5) Lessor shall have no obligation to prevent trespassing, including poaching on the premises and assumes no responsibility for the acts of any third parties thereon. Lessee shall have the right at its sole risk and expense to post the premises and (subject to the reserved rights of lessor) exclude trespassers.
- 6) It is mutually agreed that failure to abide by the terms and stipulations above by any Lessee or member of the Hunting Group constitutes a material breach of this Agreement and may result in the forfeiture of all hunting rights, deposits and fees.
- 7) It is mutually agreed that a master liability insurance policy with \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, for bodily injury and property damage is in place for this property through The Connecticut White Tail Association .

Section II – Release and Indemnification

As further consideration for the rights and privileges granted herein, Lessee agrees to the following:

- 1) It is understood that the Real Estate consists of mostly undeveloped and untamed land, and the Lessee has had an opportunity to inspect the Leased Area and accepts the Real Estate in and “as is” condition and further, the Lessee understands that hunting is a dangerous activity and that there may be hazards (known and unknown, hidden and observable), including but not limited to, dangers such as holes, cracks or openings in the earth, fence wire, snakes, wells, swamps, brush and other growth, ponds, harmful plants, wild or poisonous animals, insects, bats, unauthorized or careless persons on the land, other hunters, or other risks that may be dangerous and cause injury and/or death and that Lessee assumes all such risks as his/her own responsibility, without liability to or recourse against the Lessor, officers, directors, employees, assignees and heirs.
- 2) That although Lessor may have a greater knowledge of the land or the Real Estate than Lessee, that it is impracticable and virtually impossible for the Lessor to list and/or to physically show Lessee each and every potential hazard on the Real Estate and Lessee enters onto said Real Estate despite same and at Lessee’s own risk and without liability to Lessor or their agents, officers, directors, employees, assignees and heirs.
- 3) To forever release , defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Lessor and their agents, officers, directors, employees, assigns and heirs, from and against any and all liability, claims, fines, settlements, damages, demands, suits or causes of action of whatsoever nature, including but not limited to reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of bodily injury to, illness or death of any person, including Lessee or other member of the Hunting Group, damage to property of any person, legal entity, or third party, in any occurrence incident to or arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any activities occurring upon the Real Estate, the performance or non-performance by Lessee of its obligations hereunder; a breach of any term, provision or warranty contained in this Agreement; or any violation of any laws, regulations or ordinances related to Lessee’s obligations or performance hereunder.

Section III – Miscellaneous

- 1) In the event that any action is filed in relation to this Agreement, the unsuccessful party in the action shall pay to the successful party, in addition to all sums that either party may be called on to pay, a reasonable sum for the successful party's attorney's fees.
- 2) Either party's failure to complain of any act or omission on the part of the other party, no matter how long same may continue, shall not be deemed a waiver by such party of any of its rights hereunder. No waiver by either party at any time, express or implied, of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver or a breach of any other provisions of this Agreement or a consent to any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.
- 3) This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 4) Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.
- 5) The titles to the paragraphs of this Agreement are solely for this convenience of the parties and shall not be use to explain, modify, simplify, or aid in the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 6) This Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties and any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated in this Agreement.
- 7) Any notice provided for or concerning this Agreement shall be in writing and be deemed sufficiently given when sent by certified mail or registered mail to the respective address of each party as set forth in this Agreement.
- 8) The rights of each party under this Agreement are personal to that party and may not be assigned or transferred to any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity without the prior, express, and written consent of the other party.
- 9) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of contempt jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected hereby, and each remaining provision shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 10) This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with laws of the state of Connecticut
- 11) If the Real Estate or (leased area) is sold, (changes ownership) a reimbursement shall be rewarded to the lessee of the remainder length of the lease. The remainder of the lease shall be divided by the whole lease cost.
- 12) Additional terms and conditions mutually agreed upon include:

**SIGNATURE PAGE TO
HUNTING LEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned Lessee acknowledged that he or she has read this entire Agreement, including the release and indemnification provisions, and has had ample opportunity to review this Agreement with an attorney, and is signing this Agreement voluntarily, without duress, and by signature hereby accepts and agrees, jointly and severally, to all of the provisions of this Agreement contained herein.

Lessee (hunters)

Signed _____ Printed _____

Address _____

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