

South Carolina Rabbit Hunt

I was heading to school in Georgia but was stop in South Carolina to visit with my mother, father, family members and friends. So while still in Kansas I went on the beagle board (Rabbit Hunting Online) I place a message on the board saying all South Carolina beaglers I'm coming down to visit with my Mom after Christmas and she will be keeping my hounds while I'm at Fort Gordon GA attending School so if you are close to Loris, SC or with then a few hrs PM me and we can put the hounds down and try to kill some bunnies and same for any of you GA beaglers. I got a lot of replies for South Carolina But a lot of them was a long ways away but I was up for the drive but a lot of them couldn't get off work. So I was going to chalk my hunt in South Carolina as a lose until I got to my mom house and got back on the beagle board and saw that beagle run had send me a message .So I e-mail him back along with my phone number and told him to give me a call .I got a call from beagle run and we talked for a long time and came up with a plan to go hunting on Saturday Jan 3,09 and he said that there will be two more hunter joining us and one of them was a member of the beagle board also. We talked a little while longer and came up with a place to meet so I got the address and said good-bye and I will see you in the morning. The place we where meeting up at was a waffle house I got online and got the direction .I got up around 5A.M because I had about a 2hr drive ahead of me and if I got lost I still would have time to get back on track .I did get lost but I got back on chorus I pulled up to the link-up spot and Wright boy and Tim was already there. Just to let all of you know I didn't know them or they didn't know who I was but we got out our vehicles and said hello and then we started talking about beagles an then I ask what bloodline of hounds he was

running and so on and then he said beagle run was running late. We talk until beagle run showed up and then we went into the waffle house to have breakfast. While at the table eating we talked about the beagle board and who we wanted to meet and who we have meet off the board. We finish eating and all of us were about to pay but Wright boy was feeling good and told us he had the bill. So we loaded up and headed to the spot that we were going to hunt. When we arrived they told me the land was own by their deer club and that we will be hunting it because deer season was over all I could say is OK. We had a total of eleven hounds Wright boy (6) beagle run (4) me (1). We got our gear together and turn the hounds out .The hounds wasn't out the box long and they had jumped a rabbit and the race was on they had to have ran this bunny for 45min to an hour and still no shoot. The reason why was that this rabbit was smart he was using a chain link fence that was dividing the property and was going under it and coming back over it and so on but we still couldn't get a shot on the side we were on. So finally we had enough and pull the dogs off of that rabbit and move across the other side of the dirt road no sooner than the dogs got across they jumped a big old swamper and Wright boy ended that run and that was the first rabbit of the morning. The hounds jumped another rabbit in no time and the race was on again but all of a sudden the hounds were headed in two different directions. We had a split race and one of the groups of hounds was heading in our direction but then they stop and we thought they were in a check at least that was what we was thinking until out of the brushes came two of Wright boy hounds with the bunny they were chasing in their mouth bring it to their owner



We praise the hounds and got another photo and went to put a end to the other rabbit the other hounds was running. This rabbit was putting a hurting on the hounds and us because it was using a little ditch in the woodlot that we didn't know was there until we got in there and it was a long race but he was finally harvested and we took the hounds to get a drink of water.



In this photo you can see the terrain that we was hunting in and know it was swamp rabbit central. We went back out after the break and harvested another rabbit then we broke for lunch. After lunch we went to another piece of the property that we were hunting and the hounds had another on up in no time. We set up on him and finally harvest him also but when he was pick up his tail was missing so all we could think of was the hounds almost

caught him also. The dogs didn't waste any time they had another one up and going but this rabbit wasn't coming out of the briars that he was in so we went in after him. He was harvest and that ended that run. But to our surprise we was standing in rabbit town USA because the hounds jumped another one and this one took the hounds on a long run heading back to where we took them to get a drink of water. He was a slick one but he didn't make it around for a second time because some seven-half shot ended the race. We jumped another out of the same location but he didn't stay in the briars he shot out and headed for abandon house on the property. The dogs came out and never missed a beat they tracked Mr. Rabbit down and got him from under the old house and he was harvest by now it was getting late and we were going to pack up and call it a day but the hounds had jumped another rabbit from the old house and the race was one they ran him for awhile but he wouldn't come out in the open so beagle run went to the other side of the field and I was standing by the house and Wright boy was in the road and Tim was just looking on. The hounds was putting it to this rabbit and he tried to make a break for the thicket across the field big mistake .All three of us shot the rabbit at the same time and that ended the hunt but that was a great way to end it I think. These guys know how to make a stranger feel welcome and I'm glad I had a chance to meet some good old Carolina beaglers .I would like to thank Beagle run, Wright boy and Tim for taking the time out of their schedule to hunt with me. Here is a photo of the hunt with a total of nine rabbits 3 or 4 swamper and the and rest was cottontails



from left to right Wright boy, Beagle run and Tim and me on camera. Hope you enjoy this story of my hunt in the Carolina's