



The Ruffed Grouse Society

Robert J. Lytle Chapter

Along With

Farmland Pheasant Hunters

Present It's

2nd Annual Gun Dog Fun Trial

Saturday, April 18, 2009

At

Farmland Pheasant Hunters

Brown City, Michigan

Michigan Gun Dog of the Year Trial
Host: LeGrand Traverse Chapter
Location: Tails A Waggin', Marion, MI
Date: Sunday Sept. 13, 2009

(Directions From Imlay City, North on M-53 To Stiles Road (approximately 14 miles), Turn Right On Stiles (east), Go Approximately Two Miles To Gosline Road, Turn Left, Farmland Pheasants Is On The Right-Hand Side Of The Road, 7104 Gosline Rd. Brown City, MI.

Time: 8:00 a.m. Start (Rain or Shine)

Cost Per Dog: \$45.00

NEW FLUSHING DOG DIVISION

Flushing Dogs Will Be Judged Separately From The Pointing Dogs & The Top Four Placements Will Go On To The Michigan Flushing Dog Of The Year Trial

You Must Be An RGS Member To Run Your Dog (Membership \$25)

- Two Game Birds Per Dog Will Be Set Out For Each Brace
- Limited To First 30 Entries Per Division (Flushing/Pointing)
- Keep All The Birds You Shoot – Bird Cleaning Available For A Nominal Fee
- Hunter Orange Must Be Worn and A Valid Hunting License
- No Artificial Training Devices (E-Collars Or Combo Beeper/E-Collar)
- Lunch Will Be Supplied – (Soft Drinks - Available For Additional Purchase)
- All Dogs Must Be Kept On A Short Lead Or Staked At All Times Or Risk Being Disqualified
- Bitches In Heat Will Be Run In The Last Brace(s)
- Prizes For 1st – 2nd – 3rd Placements
- **Gun Dog of the Year Trial will be September 13, 2009 (held in Marion, MI.)**
- **All Entries Must Be Submitted By Phone or Mail No Later Than April 8, 2009 To Brian Allison, 15611 Burt Rd, Allenton, MI. 48002; PH: 810-395-2960 Or E-mail: yogi22@firststep.net**

Braces Will Be Drawn April 9th, And Then Posted On "Michigan Sportsman.com"

----- (ENTRY FORM – CUT & MAIL – Must Be Received By April 8th, 2009) -----

OWNER/HANDLER _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
NUMBER OF DOGS ENTERED _____ @ \$45.00 PER DOG; **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____
1ST DOG BREED _____ CALL NAME _____
2ND DOG BREED _____ CALL NAME _____

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(Please Make Checks Payable To RGS)

Ruffed Grouse Society 2008 Michigan Projects

Hiawatha National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements, Chippewa and Mackinac Counties, Michigan

An additional \$5,000 was provided for the ongoing Cost Share Partnership Program between the US Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Funds contributed are being matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. Funds in 2008 would continue the development of the Little Bear Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Management Area on the St. Ignace Ranger District and begin habitat improvements on the Birch Farm Management Area near Rapid River.

LeGrande Management Area Project, Cheboygan County, Michigan

The project area is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is located approximately six miles north of Afton, Michigan. Funds would be used to support ongoing ruffed grouse habitat work being conducted on the Pigeon River Wildlife Area. Work for 2008 includes the rehabilitation of approximately 12 acres of wildlife openings.

Michigan Private Landowner Education

RGS funds in 2008 were used to support an early successional forest educational workshop at the 2nd annual Michigan Ornithological Conference to increase the awareness of this important habitat component to local and migratory songbirds. Funds were also used to support two regional workshops for Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society Chapter representatives. Funds would be used for logistical support for these events.

Michigan Technological University Research Project

RGS provided \$6,000 for a two year research project entitled; "*Optimizing Both Habitat Quality for Conservation-Concern Bird Species and Tree Productivity in Aspen Forests in the Great Lakes Region*". With future prospects of using forest resources for cellulosic ethanol production, additional pressure most likely will fall on this regionally declining forest resource. This research is timely and will evaluate potential tradeoffs between biomass production and wildlife habitat management objectives in aspen stands and develop recommendations for managing aspen forests to meet quality-oriented standards.

Huron/Manistee National Forest Non-Commercial Aspen Regeneration, Cadillac Ranger District, Lake and Wexford Counties, Michigan

This project is a continuation of work that was initiated in 2007. Funds are being used to regenerate non-commercial aspen habitat on sites inaccessible for commercial harvests. This important habitat management activity would not occur without outside funding support. The cost to conduct the work is estimated to be \$300/acre.