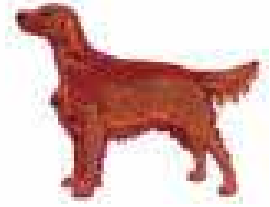


***Ruffed Grouse Society
Southwestern Michigan Chapter
2nd Annual Dog
Training Seminar
Sponsored By Purina***



Sunday May 3, 2009

Willow Lake Sportsmen's Club
51704 North U.S. 131
Three Rivers, MI 49093

\$150.00 Value from Purina

Cost: Special Value Price Of \$75.00
(Training Birds Are Available At Additional Charge)

Limited to 25 Participants

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Group Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Lunch (Included): Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Personal Instruction & Field Work:

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Wrap-up)

One Day Gun Dog Training Seminar with Purina's Pro Trainer Steve Grossman, specializing in pointing Breeds & Assisted By Andrew Green Specializing in Flushing Breeds

Participants are encouraged to bring their dogs.
(we prefer ages of 6 months and up).

Visit Steve's Website for information on his program.
Website: www.littlemoran.com



Willow Lake Sportsman's Club
Situating on 300 acres in Three Rivers Michigan, it is the perfect facility to host this event, with fields, ponds & woods this makes for the right atmosphere to host this gun dog training seminar.



"This Program will get You & Your Dog working together as a Hunting TEAM with group & One on One training tailored to Your Dog's Needs"



You Must Register By April 29, 2009

To Register, Please Contact:

Jim Altman at 269.342.1337 or 269.731.5271

Or Email: autotech@mei.net



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.