

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY



5th Annual Fun Shoot

Saturday August 22, 2009

Hidden Haven Shooting Preserve & Sporting Clays
9291 Buckeye Road ▪ Sugar Grove, Ohio

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Agenda

9:00 a.m..
Shoot Begins

Noon
Lunch – All You Can Eat
Soup, Sandwich, & Dessert

After Lunch
Awards & Raffles

Cost

Individual
\$75.00
Includes 100-Bird Round
Sporting Clays & Lunch

Sponsor
\$100.00
Includes 100-Bird Round Sporting
Clays & Lunch, Blaze Orange Sponsor
Cap; Camo Sponsor Pocket Knife;
Tan Shell Bag; \$30.00 Worth Of
Shooter's Raffle Tickets

**Pre-Register Prior To The Shoot And You Will Be Entered In Our Early Bird
Drawing. Registration & Payment Must Be Received By
Saturday, August 8, 2009.**

Trophies Awarded For 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Shooters
Card Raffle and Shooters Raffle
Become A Station Sponsor for \$50.00

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ Individual @ \$75.00

_____ Sponsor @ \$100.00

_____ Station Sponsor @ \$50.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Cash Check Credit Card

CC# _____

Billing Address If Different From Above:

Mail Entry Form To:

Terry Borah, Sr.

8460 Pleasantview Rd. SE

Bremen, OH 43107

Phone: 740.569.4457

**Please Make Checks
Payable To:
Ohio Hills Chapter**

Ohio Habitat Update 2009

Ohio continues to be one of RGS' most active states. Like many states in the East, however, Ohio has lost a tremendous amount of grouse and woodcock habitat over the last 40 years. Since the 1960's, the amount of quality grouse and woodcock habitat has declined dramatically. In the eastern and southern portions of the state, there is significant forest area where management can take place. This means that the trend in habitat is reversible!

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical, and RGS members have been vocal in support of habitat management. While RGS bases its unwavering support for forest management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition for forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. We have to get our message out, particularly on the Wayne National Forest.

In spring of 2007, RGS secured \$17,000 to fund the reforestation of 50 acres of recently surface-mined terrain at Jockey Hollow WMA in Harrison County. The OH Division of Wildlife provided the bulk of the leadership on this project, orchestrating the purchase and planting of 33,000 wildlife friendly trees. The project was part of the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative and was dedicated at a ceremony in May. Those trees should really be taking off now.

RGS volunteers from the Cincinnati chapter have been working with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Division of Forestry to develop and fund a habitat project at Shawnee State Forest. Shawnee SF is one of the better places to find grouse in Ohio right now due to the extensive forestry work done following the ice storm. We hope this will be a long-term relationship.

RGS plans to provide the Ohio Division of Wildlife with a CAT and tree shear to manage aspen on wildlife areas in Ashtabula County in the winter of 2009.

In late 2008, the Wayne National Forest and the Society completed a 400+ acre exotic vegetation elimination project on some abandoned mine lands that are part of the Wayne. RGS provided the heavy equipment (CAT and mulcher) to maintain native vegetation on the area. The Forest Service staff and local volunteers did a great job orchestrating the project on the local level. The project provided considerable income to the Society which will help fund further habitat work with the equipment.

If you have never attended an RGS habitat field day, written a letter or attended a meeting to support grouse and woodcock management, make it happen in 2009. To find out how, contact **Mark Banker, Regional Biologist, 814-867-7946, rgsbank@comcast.net** or **Regional Director Lisa Rossi (Western PA), 724-693-9032, rgslmt@msn.com**. *Updated Winter 2009.*