



The Ruffed Grouse Society

West Michigan Lake Shore Chapter

Along With

Park Lake Preserve

Present It's

Inaugural Gun Dog Fun Trial

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Location

Park Lake Preserve

Montague, Michigan



(Directions: Take the U.S. 31 Rothbury exit, head West on Winston Rd. approx. 2 miles to 56th Ave., turn South approx. 1-mile to Webster Rd., turn West 1-mile to 48th Ave., Turn South 1/2-mile to Roosevelt Rd (gravel), Turn East on Roosevelt. Pass the farm house & park.)

Time: 8:00 AM

Start (Rain or Shine)

Cost Per Dog: \$40.00

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

Michigan Gun Dog of the Year Trial

Host: LeGrand Traverse Chapter

Location: Tails A Waggin', Marion, MI

Date: Sunday Sept. 13, 2009

You Must Be An RGS Member To Run Your Dog (Membership \$25 maybe purchased at the event)

- Two game birds Per Dog Will Be Set Out For Each Brace
 - Limited To First 30 Entries (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 to Participants – Guest or observer's Lunch is \$5.00
 - 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)
 - **Gun Dog of the Year Trial will be September 13th, 2009 (held in Marion, MI.)**
 - **All entries must be submitted by phone or mail no later than May 31, 2009 to Aaron VanderWall. 382 W. Randall St., Coopersville, MI 49404 – Phone(616) 633 – 3215 or E-mail: avanderwall01@netzero.com**
- Braces will be drawn June 1, and then posted at “www.michigan-sportsman. com” on the upland forum

----- (ENTRY FORM – CUT & MAIL – Must Be Received By May 31, 2009) -----

OWNER/HANDLER _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 NUMBER OF DOGS ENTERED _____ @ \$40.00 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.