

VI. ADDITIONAL FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

In 2006 RGS National instituted a new program that enables chapters that have fulfilled their banquet responsibilities to RGS to hold other fund-raising events under the RGS banner. Two stipulations for these fundraisers are:

- a. All net proceeds over \$2,500 per fund-raiser are returned to RGS National
- b. Local projects funded with this money will be coordinated with your Regional Biologist and/or RD and should be consistent with RGS' *Mission*.

Some examples of such events include, but are not limited to:

1. Raffle(s) during the year – Old Town canoe, ATV, gun, etc.
2. Cooking demo for wild game.
3. Driven pheasant hunt.
4. Chukar shoot: 2 man teams, 1/2 hour to hunt, 8-10 birds in each section, 10 shells each, best score wins prizes, we have modified this to score your dog work (points, retrieves, backs, etc.) instead of hunting skills.
5. Fun shoot. We supply a couple of door prizes, find a suitable facility that will provide whatever type of shooting venue we want for trap, sporting clays, skeet, games, etc. and lunch and charge just enough to cover any costs that day.
6. Dog-training seminar, we have some pros we can contact and hopefully get their time donated, charge only for lunch.
7. Combination fun shoot and dog-training seminar (Mini field trial) – two day event with a training clinic on both days. During the clinic two hunters with their respective dogs go afield to point/flush planted birds and get scored. That evening the hunter shoots a round of clay birds and is scored. The next morning the hunter/dog teams go afield again and the pointed/flushed birds are shot and the team is scored. The three scores are added and the winners receive a modest prize. The goal is to have fun.
8. Sponsor appreciation day - might include rounds of skeet or sporting clays, a steak dinner, and cocktails after the shoot. Invite the committee and all sponsors. The Chapter pays for everything, but has worked it out over the years that almost everything is donated or discounted. They do make a little competition out of it by not charging a person that brings a new committee person or sponsor to help on the chapter. Results - One chapter that does this has about 20 ACTIVE committee members and raised their sponsors over the year to around 80. If the chapter has the right spot one could be done at a committee person's lakefront property, cabin, etc. The chapter, out of money they can now keep if they have an extra event, pays for the BBQ and everyone brings their family for a day of swimming, fishing, and games for the kids.
9. Fun shoot using a "hook" - (bring a new sponsor or committee person) and the day is free for you.
10. Sponsor a youth day that is funded by a few organizations so they are not swamped with all the work that day.
11. Host a dove shoot – ask committee members if they know of a farm field that could be rented for a day of dove shooting. It could include lunch / BBQ by members and thus not have much money or time invested.
12. A game dinner / meeting (empty our freezer) - Find a club or facility that would let you cook or reheat everyone's favorite game recipe. Offer a prize to the best and/or worst tasting recipe.

13. Father / son / daughter / mentor / couples day - Find a facility and do a mini Olympics. Teams shoot a round of trap/skeet/sporting clays, muzzleloader, other shooting games (Senior Biologist Mark Banker has the 3D virtual grouse shooting game for Eastern chapters), load a shotgun shell, shoot archery, fish, etc. Give prizes and lunch to everyone.
14. Various seminars, not only using your biologist, but also other professional people. Need a facility and could offer lunch or dinner.
15. Ice-fishing derby focused on youth and women
16. Shooting seminars, gun-fitting sessions, shooting displays - Bring in a pro, rent a facility and only charge for lunch.
17. Golf outing.
18. Cigar and or wine tasting.

There is no limit on how many of these extra fundraisers a chapter may hold. Thus a chapter has the potential to set a target for what it feels it needs to raise and to do what it takes to meet that target. If a chapter wishes, it may send the proceeds of these events to RGS National where it will be held in a “restricted” account in their name. Those monies may only be used to “sweep” against RGS National’s line-of-credit to reduce the interest paid or to fund projects requested by the chapter that generated the money.

a. Examples of local projects

- Habitat enhancement
- Raffles
- Youth hunt
- “Shoot” – sporting clays, skeet, etc.
- Dog training clinic
- Combination dog training clinic and shoot
- “Under Broken Wings” recipient – during 2006, RGS members began a new program whereby physically challenged youth who might wish to shoot clay birds and then hunt grouse or woodcock are sponsored by RGS National or a local chapter. This enables them to fulfill their dream and simultaneously help RGS fulfill its mission.