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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Fall edition of *RGS National News*. Your RD's September 2011 newsletter and the newest Forest Action Network (FAN) Updates from the regional biologists are now online accessible via links below.

Regional Director Newsletters

I've heard of some fortunate souls who have been bird hunting already this fall. The temperatures are dropping with high 30's being reported from the upper Midwest. See the [Hunting Season Forecasts](#) from the homepage for some advance knowledge of expected bird numbers. Read one or more of the September regional director newsletters -- from New York/New England, Eastern Mid-Atlantic, Western Mid-Atlantic, Michigan, the Western Great Lakes, and for Minnesota and the rest of the country. These are available on the [About RGS > Regional Directors](#) page of the website. This email is also available as a PDF file in the same location.

Among other items, Lisa Rossi, Western Middle Atlantic RD, discusses [Drummer Fund projects](#); Mark Fouts, Director of Regional Operations, also features [Drummer Fund projects](#); Bruce Wojcik, MI RD, writes about [Fall Banquet Schedule and the State Drummer Fund program](#); Tripp Way, NY and New England RD, highlights state-by-state [chapter news](#) in his area, Dave Hansroth, Mid-Atlantic RD, writes about [past and future chapter events](#), and finally Dave Johnson, Western Great Lakes RD, discusses [chapter events](#).

Take advantage of your membership benefit to learn what is taking place in your region, or any other that you visit, or across the country. Be informed and participate, which will enable you to help

RGS create more young forest habitat and thus make more birds available for future spring listening and viewing, and fall hunting.

Regional FANs

Regional biologists work with federal, state, and county land managers to provide funding for public land management projects via the new State Drummer Funds and to educate private landowners. They also have their eyes and ears open to be able to provide input to public agencies who are tasked with managing our public lands. When they are informed of project proposals affecting current or potential grouse or woodcock habitat, they respond to the agency but also need you to be informed and involved so that our combined efforts result in more fall flushes. The Forest Action Network (FAN) updates are their means to do that.

Read any or all of the FANs available on the [FANs](#) page of our website. In recent issues, Dr. Linda Ordiway provided emphasis points for commenting on [Pennsylvania's Ruffed Grouse Management Plan](#) and Gary Zimmer highlighted [2011 Wisconsin Drumming Counts](#) among many other items in his May FAN, and in his just released Sept. 14 FAN the latest [Wisconsin grouse brood counts](#), an update on hunter walking trail work being done on the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest, info on the Powassan virus, and the new mourning dove season in Iowa.

National News

From Headquarters

30th Anniversary of National Hunt Draws Near

Under Broken Wings Recipient Chosen

The National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt, held annually in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, celebrates a 30th anniversary this year. The Under Broken Wings participant at the event will be Keano Munoz, a fourteen-year-old from Fishkill, New York. Keano has Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer. This November will mark his second year in remission. Keano is an outdoorsman who enjoys riding dirt bikes and shooting his bow. He's looking forward to hunting grouse and woodcock at the National Hunt.

2010-2011 National Raffle Winners Announced

Our National Raffle drew to a close in late June of this year, and three winners were drawn. The first place winner was Charles Hinnant from Norwalk, Connecticut. He won a Remington Model 1100 F-Grade 28-gauge. Second place was Jon Seaton of New York, New York, who won a Caesar Guerini Apex 28-gauge. Chris Brzezinski of Scotrun, Pennsylvania was in third place, and won a Kimber Valier Grade II 20-gauge.

Raise Funds With a Mouse Click

Scott Linden hopes to put TruckVault's money right where members put their mouse. The public service fundraiser, "TruckVault Cares ... about conservation, canines & kids" starts Sept. 20 on his show, Wingshooting USA. RGS members raise funds for the Society and could

win prizes for themselves, with every online vote.

Six groups benefit from votes at truckvaultcares.com, including the **Ruffed Grouse Society**.

Together, the groups claim over a million members and supporters. A link is also provided on the RGS homepage.

Every vote for RGS sends a proportional amount of the \$10,000 fund to the RGS' treasury. Through television commercials and in-show educational features,

Wingshooting USA viewers will be urged to vote online for their favorite group, and motivate their friends to vote. Use the **Forward this email to a hunting buddy** link at the bottom to forward this and ask your friends to vote for RGS. If you use Facebook or Twitter, please let your friends know about this opportunity.

All voters are entered in a random drawing for gear prizes including a TruckVault secure vehicle storage system, Fausti shotgun, Tri-Tronics electronic dog training collars and Filson apparel.

The initiative runs through March, 2012, and is funded by Linden and presenting sponsor TruckVault. It is made possible with support by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Kent Cartridge, Fausti Shotguns and Filson apparel.

Created and hosted by Scott Linden, Wingshooting USA airs on NBC Sports/VERSUS, Sportsman Channel and three other networks year round.

RGS Trademarks Approved

After a lengthy process, RGS has obtained registrations on two trademarks from the US Patent and Trademark Office: the word mark "**Ruffed Grouse Society** ®" and on our two bird logo.

The design logo was granted Trademark Registration (TR) No. 3,812,401 and the mark "**RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY**" has been granted TR No. 3,812,402.

The substantial legal work to obtain the trademark registrations was performed pro bono by J. Dwight Poffenberger, Jr. , a partner at the intellectual property law firm of Wood, Herron & Evans, L.L.P. of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dwight, along with his father John Poffenberger, both of the RGS Gilbert R. Symons RGS Chapter of Cincinnati, Ohio, provided their time pro bono to complete and follow-up on RGS' trademark applications. **THANK YOU!**

2011-2012 National Raffle Tickets Available

The 2011-2012 RGS national raffle offers three chances to win. Three winning tickets will be pulled June 29, 2012.

First place will win a **Connecticut Shotgun A-10 American** over-and-under 20-gauge. It has a shallow frame, full sidelock and is a deluxe grade with game scene engraving. The retail value is \$9,400.



Second place will win a Caesar Guerini RGS Unique Apex Grade over-and-under 28-gauge. It has one of a kind hand-engraved grouse and woodcock design with Prince of Wales stock in exhibition grade wood. The retail value is \$8,495.

Third place will win an Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight Grade III pump shotgun, 28-gauge with a retail value of \$3,500.

The requested donation for each ticket is \$100.00; up to 1,000 tickets to be sold. To find out more contact RGS at (888) 564-6747, or ask your [Regional Director](#).

RGS 50th Anniversary Publication Available

Celebrate 50 years of conservation by purchasing a copy of the unique, limited edition 50th anniversary publication of the RGS. This high quality, perfect bound publication won a prestigious Grand Award from Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX), and will be a collector's item in years to come. Issue price is \$14.95 plus shipping, unless you use the Discount Code NNFSHIP. Order online at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org, or by phone at (888) 564-6747. A limited number of copies, both soft and hardbound, will be available at every banquet this year.



2011 - RGS 50th Anniversary

In 2011 The Ruffed Grouse Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Special items commemorating the anniversary will include a collector's knife, belt buckle, several unique shotguns, a unique, limited edition lost-wax process bronze casting of a ruffed grouse, carved woodcock, boxed case knife, engraved Browning BPS shotgun in 20- and 28-gauges and apparel with the 50th Anniversary RGS logo. These items will be at our 2011 banquets in limited quantities, and available for purchase through the [RGS-Mart](#).



Pamphlets Available

Many RGS publications are available for your use at Sport Shows. Please contact RGS Headquarters to arrange having the brochures you need sent to you by calling: 1-888-564-6747. The recently reprinted *A Woodcock in the Hand* is available, as well as the *Trilogy* publication.

Serious Grouse Hunting Book

The *Serious Bird Hunting* initiative of RGS members Jay Kumar and Brendan Haines has really taken off, and we're happy to once again offer you their first book -- *Serious Grouse Hunting, Book 1* -- just in time to get you excited for this season! Jay and Brendan feel so strongly about RGS' mission that they are making a donation to RGS for

every book sold, as they did last year.

The book has gotten a lot of good reviews. In case you missed them here are a couple:

...they bring a fresh, spirited voice to this how-to book. For new hunters this book delivers a solid dose of helpful "getting into the sport" information; for experienced hunter a freshness and excitement.... Great stuff!

- The Upland Almanac

I've bird-hunted for over 40 years and own virtually every grouse hunting book in print. With this being said, THIS has become my favorite book of all time regarding grouse hunting. If I were to hand down one book to my grandsons to learn how to grouse hunt...it would be this one.

- from an amazon.com reviewer

Order at their website, SeriousBirdHunting.com.

FROM YOUR WEBMASTER

Favorite Game Bird Poll

If you haven't already, go to the RGS-Mart homepage to record your vote for: "What is your #1 favorite upland game bird?" Final results will be posted near the bottom of that page, with the results of prior polls, later this month. Watch the poll location for future polls.

RGS-Mart Payment Issue

Due to a known issue in Microsoft's Internet Explorer 8 and 9, you may not be able to select a Credit Card Type during the Checkout Process. These newer IE's have various issues with many websites, as evidenced by MS adding the **Compatibility View** feature to the browser. Whenever you see a clear icon that looks like a torn page to the right of the website's address next to the Refresh and Stop buttons, it indicates there is an issue between the browser and the site. Click the button and it should turn dark blue (see below) and then display the page correctly and allow you to continue Checkout.



Revised Registration Instructions

Comments from users have resulted in revised instructions for Registering on the RGS Forums and linking that registration to your RGS membership to provide access to members-only content on the website. Registration is similar to any other forum or bulletin board. Once that's done, there are only a few steps to link that to your membership: click the '...follow this link...' on the Forums' UserCP Edit Membership Details page, enter your membership number (see below), your forum password, and you are done. The Procedures provided are screenshots of each page, with simple instructions. The complete file has been broken into two for those that only need help with the linking.

An alternate instruction page is being developed and will be available soon, possibly before you read this. It will present the

relevant instructions beside the actual webpage. If you had problems before, please try this new feature and let me know if you still have trouble.

Your Ruffed Grouse Society membership includes the *Ruffed Grouse Society* magazine, other information about the organization, including this email, and members-only areas of the website. If you are not yet registered for the RGS Forums, click the [MEMBERS ONLY](#) link in the upper right of the website to find out how to get connected.

The countdown continues to our **50th Anniversary** (October 24, 2011). See the weekly [RGS website](#) homepage feature showing different highlights from RGS' history; currently highlighted are the 1980's. For those early Christmas shoppers, remember to check the [RGS-Mart](#), RGS' online store. Every member should be proud to wear clothing embroidered with the Society's 50th anniversary logo. Several new books and the newly revised and reprinted "[A Woodcock in the Hand](#)" have been added. Buy one or more to show your pride and involvement in RGS. Read one or more [RD Newsletters](#) and [FANs](#) to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about RGS. Read what your Society is doing and about local chapters and some of their future plans. *Get involved today!* Sincerely,
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P.S. 2011-12 National Raffle ticket(s) are now available. You may order through the [newsletter](#) of the staff member of your choice or purchase one online in the [RGS-Mart](#) under the "Tickets" category.