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Chapter Newsletter—Western PA, OH, WV, IN

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2009 Sponsor Rewards Winners

Congratulations to all of the 2009 RGS Sponsor winners.

These are the Sponsors who choose entry into the 2009 National Drawing as their Sponsor option. RGS is awarding many great prizes, the lucky Sponsors are listed below:

AYA #2 20-Ga. Side By Side Hammerless Shotgun
Altoona, PA Chapter - Jeff Arthur

RBL 28-Ga Round Body Action Box-Lock 28-Ga Shotgun
Altoona, PA Chapter – James Farrell

Caesar Guerini “Magnus” Grade O/U 20-Ga. Shotgun
Syracuse, NY Chapter – Robert Chambers

Smith & Wesson Elite Gold Side By Side 20-Ga. Shotgun
White Sulphur Springs, WV Chapter – Brad Lambert

SKB Limited Edition RGS No. 7 O/U Shotgun in 20-Ga. or 28-Ga.
Grand Rapids, MI Chapter – Richard Geenan

Pair Of Steiner Binoculars (Winners Choice)
Wausau, WI Chapter - Mark Zwiker

\$1000.00 Cabela's Gift Certificate
Medway, MA Chapter – Ross Rackliff

We have selected the Sponsor Rewards National Drawing Items for 2010 and they are just as good, if not better. Please see page 2 of the newsletter, the back of the 2010 Banquet Flyers, or the RGS website for a list of the New Great 2010 Sponsor Option items.



2010 Banquet Sponsor Rewards Program

Option 1 – A sponsor may elect to receive an unframed print of the year, either the new one or one from a previous year (while supplies last). Photos of prints from prior years are available on the RGS website: www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.



“Standing Tall-Ruffed Grouse” By Brian Jarvi:
“RGS 2010 Print Of The Year”;

Option 2 – A sponsor may elect to participate in a national drawing at the end of the 2010 Fall Banquet Season. There will be seven tickets drawn. The first winner will win the first item in the list below and so on until all seven tickets are drawn. Sponsors who choose this option will be assigned a ticket number(s) for the drawing by RGS National.

The Following Are The Seven Prizes Being Offered:

1. Connecticut Shotgun’s RBL-28 round action, box-lock, 28 gauge, 26” barrels, single trigger, side-by-side shotgun;3X wood grade
2. AYA 453 – 28 gauge, 28” barrels, side-by-side, walnut stock & forend
3. Caesar Guerini Magnus over/under 20 gauge shotgun
4. Smith & Wesson Elite Gold side-by-side 20 gauge shotgun
5. SKB Limited Edition RGS Model 785 O/U shotgun in 20 or 28 gauge, 26” or 28” barrels
6. Choice of any pair of Steiner Binoculars \$1,600 or less
7. \$1,000 Cabela’s gift certificate

Thank You Stihl & Bryan Equipment Sales!!



Stihl and Bryan Equipment Sales have generously donated 96 BG 55 Hand Held Blowers to the Ruffed Grouse Society for use in our 2010 Banquet program. This donation will be showing up at each of your local banquets as part of the prize package. Rick Bryan, Bryan Equipment Chairman and Margie Gary, Bryan Equipment Executive Administrator are both active RGS Gilbert R. Symons Chapter Committee Members in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. Rick and Margie are shown getting the donation ready for shipping to the RGS HQ's.

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Covered Bridge Chapter 2009 Conservationist Award

The Ruffed Grouse Society Covered Bridge Chapter presented their 2009 Conservationist Award to Arlene L. Popko at the 4th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the Bella Sera by Greco's. This award was presented to Arlene for her commitment and dedication to habitat improvement in Western Pennsylvania. Over the years Arlene has donated original watercolor paintings of covered bridges in Washington County. These donations have made a significant impact in the conservation and restoration of grouse and woodcock habitat.



Front Row: Arlene Popko, Kenn Popko & Brian Hanna
Back Row: Bruce Barnhart, Scott Thompson, Dave Levy,
John Brandstatter & Larry Souleret

Arlene is a signature member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society; the CBC Conservationist award is presented annually at their banquet. Congratulations, Arlene, for being the 2009 Covered Bridge Chapter Conservationist Award winner. You really deserve it!!



Allegheny Northwoods Chapter Donates To The Clarion County Youth Field Day

RGS Allegheny Northwoods Chapter donated several youth firearms to the 2009 Clarion County Youth Field Day. The committee also spent the day helping out at a booth. The event has over 400 youth attendants; the day was filled with many exciting things for the young conservationist to do. The Chapter donated their time along with the youth firearms. In the photo are a few of the lucky winners.



Check out the NEW RGS website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org
What do you think??-- Please send me your thoughts suggestions and
comments rgslmt@msn.com

RGS Spring Banquet/Event Season

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us. Below are listings of upcoming events in our region.

February 5 — Greensburg, PA Banquet at The Four Points Sheraton, Greensburg, PA

Contact: Lisa 724-693-9032

February 20 — Franklin, PA Fun Shoot at the Sandy Creek Conservancy, Franklin, PA

Contact: Steve 814-437-1290

February 20 — Lancaster, OH Banquet at the Lancaster Eagles, Lancaster, OH

Contact: Terry 740-569-4457

March 13 — Clarksburg, WV Banquet at Westchester Village, Fairmont, WV

Contact: Roger 304-782-1259 or rogermet@yahoo.com

March 20 — Cincinnati, OH Sponsor Appreciation at The Oasis Golf Club & Conference Center, Loveland, OH

Contact Jeff 513-324-1334

March 20 — Franklin, PA Banquet at Sandy Creek Firehall, Franklin, PA

Contact: David 814-226-5574 or dgalbreath@zoominternet.net

March 27 — Meadville, PA Banquet at the BPO Elks Meadville Lodge #219, Meadville, PA

Contact: Joyce 814-382-1905

April 3 — New Martinsville, WV Banquet at The Lewis Wetzel Family Center, New Martinsville, WV

Contact: Andy or Michelle 304-337-9122 or pittmanma@yahoo.com

April 9 — Pittsburgh, PA Banquet at The Four Points Sheraton Pgh North, Mars, PA

Contact: Tracy 412-262-4044 or tracyq@ruffedgrousesociety.org

April 17 — Washington, PA Field Day SGL will be announced

Contact: Brian 412-296-1178 or setter@qundogalliance.com

June 5 — Washington, PA Workshop For Private Landowners At South Strabane Volunteer Fire Dept, Washington, PA

Contact: Brian 412-296-1178 or setter@qundogalliance.com

August 28 — Washington, PA Sporting Clays Shoot at Hunting Hills Sporting Clays, Dillner, PA

Contact: Brian 412-296-1178 or setter@qundogalliance.com



Regional Chronicle -- Snapshots From Our Region

Below are some of the photos received from the members in our region. If you have some hunting/sportsmen photos you would like to share please e-mail them to rgslmt@msn.com. Also include a brief description of the photo and I will try to include them in this new section in our regional electronic newsletter.



Western Pennsylvania Chapter -- A gathering of sportsmen as snow begins to accumulate on February 5, 2010 -- 20+ inches. Gun Raffle Winner from the Greensburg, PA Banquet with Banquet Chairman and FFL Dealer Roy McMahan from Hi-Grade Shooter Supply, Irwin



Grouse Close Up
Compliments of CBC Habitat
Chairman-Thank You!!



RGS Covered Bridge Chapter
Committee Members
Brian Hanna and Larry Souleret
at the Washington County Sportsman
Show Both, February 2010

Greg Campbell & his 14 year old
son Bill Campbell score their first grouse
in Northern PA with RGS New Wilmington, PA
Committee Member Bill Hasley.
(Bill not pictured)



Last day of Grouse Season
ending with One in the
Game Bag/Brian Hanna

Cole Frederick was a very successful
salesman of the 50/50 tickets during the
Western Allegheny Chapter of the
RGS Annual Sportsmen's Banquet.
Rebecca Emanuele | For the Tribune-Review



I am looking to post on the newsletter some of your outdoor photos -- ruffed grouse & woodcock hunting photos, fishing, hiking, and camping. What are the RGS Committee Members doing over the summer months in our region? E-mail your photo with a brief description and share with other Committee Members-- e-mail to rgslmt@msn.com



Wildlife Leadership Academy Announces PA Drummer Program



The Wildlife Leadership Academy (WLA) facilitated by the Pennsylvania Institute for Conservation Education (PICE) is offering the Pennsylvania Drummer program June 22-26, 2010 for youth ages 14-17. This unique program begins with an intensive residential field school including comprehensive instruction on all things ruffed grouse, and continues as students complete service and leadership projects within their communities throughout the year. PA Drummers will be held at the Powdermill Nature Reserve near Ligonier, Westmoreland

County, PA. The Ruffed Grouse Society has worked closely with the PICE and other conservation organizations and agencies to develop the PA Drummer program. Applications are now available for the 2010 field schools. Interested students can download an application by going to www.PICEweb.org and click on the youth program link. This year's application deadline is April 1, 2010. Interested teens and parents can contact program coordinator Michele Kittell at mkittell@piceweb.org or 570-245-8518 or RGS Senior Biologist, Mark Banker at rgsbank@comcast.net or 814-867-7946.



Looking For Volunteer Huntsmen For The 2010 Upland Bird Hunt

The 2nd Annual Upland Bird Hunt in the Pennsylvania Wilds scheduled for November 4, 5 & 6, 2010 is looking for RGS Chapter Members for Huntsmen. The duties of the Huntsmen will be to help our hunters and guests find an assigned spot in the hunting area around Kersey. Some of the hunters will bring their dogs and some will want to use a huntsman with his or her own dogs. So if you do not have a dog, we would still love to have you participate in the event. Several hunters are coming from other states. This is a great opportunity to meet other grouse hunters and RGS members. What a super way to show off the assets of the Pennsylvania RGS chapters and the grouse woods they hunt. If you are willing to volunteer your time as a Huntsman, please contact Head Huntsman Chris Yeager at 814-776-1845 or chris23@windstream.net



The Brood-Cast—Attn: RGS Committee Members

I have had the opportunity to meet with some of you already and have begun planning your 2010 Banquet or Event. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you and working toward a GREAT 2010 season. RGS has many new ideas for 2010 and I look forward to discussing them personally with all of you at our next Committee Meeting.

New Regional Raffle

**AYA Model # 2 Side By Side 20-Ga. Shotgun
Regional Raffle (Retails for \$5,000.00)**

ONLY 25 Tickets Will Be Sold!

**Tickets: \$275.00 Each or 2 For \$500.00
(2 for \$500 Must Be Sold To The Same Person)**

**Sold First-Come, First-Served. -- ONLY 25 Tickets
When They Are Gone, A Winner Will Be Selected**



AYA Model 2 SxS Shotgun is an "affordable" sidelock, and the most famous model in the AYA line. Introduced in the late 1950s, tens of thousands of No 2's have been sold to shooters who value the superb balance and handling of a fine double gun. Mechanically, the No 2 is identical to the No 1. Like the No 1, it was originally modeled on the time-tested Holland & Holland system.

It is stocked with standard walnut and engraved in a simpler pattern. Standard stock dimensions of the AYA #2: LENGTH OF PULL 15", DROP AT COMB 1/2", DROP AT HEEL 2 3/8", and CAST 1/4".

To Order Tickets Or For More Information, Contact:

Lisa M. Rossi, RGS Regional Director at 724-693-9032 or rgslmt@msn.com

Don't Forget the **2009/2010 RGS National Raffle Model 21 Baby Frame 28-Gauge Shotgun, Made Famous by Winchester Raffle Tickets.** If you would like to order tickets, please contact Lisa Rossi 724-693-9032 or rgslmt@msn.com (Raffle details are listed below)

NEW-- 2009/2010 RGS National Raffle

Model 21 Baby Frame 28-Gauge Shotgun Made Famous by Winchester

Tickets-\$100.00 Each—Up To 1,500 Tickets Will Be Sold Winner To Be Drawn June 30, 2010

If you would like to order ticket please contact Lisa Rossi 724-693-9032 or rgslmt@msn.com

(To Order Please print order form)



If you are interested in starting an RGS Chapter in your area I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. If you had an active RGS chapter in your area but it no longer exists, and you would be willing to donate your time, I need your help. I am asking all current RGS members to consider becoming involved with their local chapter or start a new active chapter in your area. If this is of interest to you, please contact me. The Society is looking toward the future and our future is our Members. The Members who make things happen are called Committee Members. If you would like to become an RGS Committee Member please contact: Lisa M. Rossi, RGS Regional Director at 724-693-9032 or e-mail rgslmt@msn.com.

**RGS Committee Members Make Things Happen—Become Part Of The Process
Join An RGS Committee In Your Area**

National News-

National Raffle Draws to a Close

The 2009-2010 RGS national raffle draws to a close on June 30, 2010. Tickets are still available to win a Model 21 Baby Frame 28-gauge shotgun, a gun first made famous by Winchester. This is a one of a kind gun that features 28" barrels choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feathercrotch walnut, a checkered butt, and a 14 ½" LOP.

To find out more and purchase a ticket, contact Lisa M. Rossi at 724-693-9032 or rgslmt@msn.com or RGS at (888) 564-6747.

Northeast and New England Regional Director Joins Staff

Tripp Way is the new Northeast and New England RGS Regional Director. He graduated from Wittenberg University in 2003 with a BA in English literature, but his love of grouse and woodcock hunting introduced him to the Ruffed Grouse Society – and he learned about the organization's comprehensive habitat restoration programs.

Way enjoys studying ruffed grouse and keeps extensive statistics which he reports to the Loyal Order of Dedicated Grouse Hunters. His true passion is the outdoors, and he enjoys working with his 2 ½ year old German wirehaired pointer, Duke in the field.

2010 Under Broken Wings Recipient Announced

Caleb Stallings, a 15-year-old from Ringgold, Georgia, was recently chosen as the recipient of the 2010 Under Broken Wings (UBW) program. Stallings will attend the Ruffed Grouse Society National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota in October of this year.

A paraplegic as a result of a car accident when he was 4, Caleb is an avid bow-hunter. A few of his trophies from 2009 include a 300-lb wild boar and a black bear. He has hunted extensively across the US and is deeply committed to helping others, especially those recently confined to a wheelchair, cope with their individual situations. "Hunting is what helps me get through, and it can help other kids as well," he says.

In Memoriam

David Vogel Uihlein

1920-2010

David Vogel Uihlein, a former RGS board member, passed away at his home in Mequon, Wisconsin on January 29, at the age of 89. An ardent naturalist and outdoorsman, he was deeply committed to conservation and was the founder and president of the Milwaukee chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. Late last year Uihlein donated \$40,000 to the Wisconsin Drummer Fund to fund habitat projects in the area. His generosity has inspired additional contributions to RGS from friends and family for habitat enhancement projects.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Margery Holly Uihlein, his children Lynde Bradley Uihlein of Milwaukee, and David Vogel Uihlein Jr. (Julia) also of Milwaukee; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Margery Uihlein's four children, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

More on Mr. Uihlein's life and contributions will follow in our upcoming Summer issue.

2011 – RGS 50th Anniversary

In 2011 The Ruffed Grouse Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary, preparations are already underway. Special items commemorating the anniversary will include a collector's knife, belt buckle, several unique shotguns, a unique lost-wax process cast of a ruffed grouse, carved woodcock and apparel with the 50th Anniversary RGS logo. These items will be at our 2011 banquets and available for purchase through our website.

NAWNR Conference

The annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will be held this year in Milwaukee and will be attended by state and federal wildlife agencies, representatives of many wildlife conservation groups and academics. The event will include one session entitled "Active vs. Passive Management of Wild State Lands," a topic that RGS President and CEO Mike Zagata worked to add to the conference agenda. Dan Dessecker, RGS Director of Conservation Policy, will be a speaker at the event in March. Read more about the conference in our upcoming Summer issue of the RGS magazine.

Pamphlets Available

As mentioned previously, there are many RGS publications available for your use at Sport Shows, including *The Other Silent Spring*, *The Impact on Wildlife from Ignoring Ecological Principles*, Trilogy brochures and soon the *Woodcock in Hand* – as it is in the process of being updated and reprinted. Please contact RGS Headquarters to arrange having the brochures you need sent to you by calling 1-888-564-6747.

Minnesota Grouse Biologist

In cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, this year RGS will help to fund a biologist position in the area to focus primarily on ruffed grouse projects. Read more about the cooperative effort in our upcoming Summer issue of the RGS magazine.

Wayne National Forest Project Update

An agreement between RGS and Wayne National Forest is pending for a third year of continuing shrub management on Wayne National Forest land. If signed, it will result in a cumulative impact on over 1,000 acres of habitat in southeastern Ohio.

US Army and RGS sign Memorandum of Agreement

RGS and the US Army recently signed a memorandum of agreement concerning the promotion of the creation of early successional forest at Fort Drum, New York. Fort Drum personnel will provide maps and access to appropriate sites on the property. RGS will provide the personnel and equipment necessary to complete the forest management, assist in developing educational materials on early-successional forest and associated wildlife.

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Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



To purchase raffle tickets contact
Lisa Rossi, Regional Director
724-693-9032 or rgslmt@msn.com
or Mail Coupon To:
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
215 Marshall Road
Oakdale, PA 15071

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Tickets @ \$100.00 Each =

\$_____ Total Enclosed

CHECK (Payable to RGS) CASH

CREDIT CARD

CC# _____

Exp. Date _____

Billing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Model 21 *Baby Frame* 28-Gauge Shotgun

*(A gun first made famous
by Winchester)*

This one of a kind gun features 28" barrels choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feathercrotch walnut to a checkered butt, and a 14 1/2" LOP.

The DAH is 2 3/8", DAC is 1 1/2", pitch is 5° and the cast is neutral.

The beavertail forend has an ebony insert in the tip. It has a single selective trigger and the RGS logo is engraved in gold on the bottom of the receiver.

Approximate
retail value:

\$32,000.



Winner to be drawn on
June 30, 2010
at RGS headquarters in
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

**Winner responsible for applicable taxes.*

Donation for each ticket is \$100.00.
Up to 1,500 tickets to be sold.



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Established in 1961, the Ruffed Grouse Society is the one international wildlife conservation organization dedicated to promoting conditions suitable for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and related wildlife to sustain our sport hunting tradition and outdoor heritage.

Information on the RGS, its mission, management projects and membership can be found on the web at:

www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

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