



Regional Director Info

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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



Ruffed Grouse Society Is Turning The Big 50 In 2011

The Ruffed Grouse Society will be celebrating 50 years of Conservation and Community in 2011. We are asking our Members for ideas, suggestions on how we can celebrate this milestone for our Society. The Society strength comes from our Members their dedication and support they contribute to the organization. We have some great things we are working on for 2011, make plans to join us at your local Chapter event and be part of the celebration.



NEW Regional Raffle

AYA Model #2 Side By Side 28-Ga. Shotgun

(Retail \$5,000)

**Tickets are \$10 each;
3 For \$20 or 9 for \$50**

Winner drawn at each event will be entered in the final Regional drawing at the end of the year

AYA Model #2 Side/Side Shotgun is an "affordable" side lock, 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 #2 is identical to the #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".



**[Purchase Tickets At Your Local Event Or Contact:](#)
Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net**

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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New Banquet Ticket for 2010

RGS introduces a New banquet ticket for 2010: **the Family/Household Membership**, this includes an RGS Membership for each attending household Member. An increase in membership will ensure our success, assist us in securing grants, increase advertising rates and give us a bigger pool of potential volunteers, donors, and future leaders. To accomplish this we will now require that all banquet attendees become RGS members. Offering a new family membership where each family member becomes a member with one magazine going out to the family. Instead of \$25 each for all family members attending an event the cost will be \$40 and cover all family members. Those attending will also need to pay for their dinner. Hopefully this will lead to an increase in attendance as well membership numbers. We need to emphasize the cost savings and benefits to the family membership as we solicit attendees to our events.

RGS will be budgeting money for projects and that chapters with successful events will be able to keep some of what they raise in a "Drummer Fund" for statewide projects.

All of these new ideas will dovetail with our current banquet fundraisers and allow us to fund more projects nationally and locally through our chapters working to raise the funds. Stay tuned for more news and please share any new ideas you may have as we meet to start the planning for our 2010 banquet season.

SportDOG Conservation Fund

SportDOG Brand® has awarded \$19,300 to four conservation groups as part of its annual SportDOG Conservation Fund® grant program. Award recipients were chosen by the company's Conservation Fund Grant Review Committee. SportDOG Brand's Conservation Fund coordinator said, "We're excited about being able to contribute to these types of projects that benefit wildlife for generations to come." We recognize the need for support of grassroots organizations that work with state, federal, and private wildlife and land management agencies to conserve wild game populations and critical habitat, SportDOG Brand® created the SportDOG Conservation Fund® as a way to support conservation organizations and projects its customers care about. RGS Regional Directors will be working with their local Chapters and SportDOG on future grants.



I am looking to post on the news letter some of your outdoor photos, Ruffed Grouse & Woodcock hunting photos, fishing, hiking, camping. What were 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 rqsfoutsc@centurytel.net



RGS Spring 2010 Banquet/Event Season

Below are listings of upcoming events in our region. For more information check the RGS website at www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org

February 20, 2010—Seattle, WA Banquet---Contact: Bob Olson 425-649-5194

February 27, 2010—Fairbanks, AK Banquet---Contact: Ken Larimore 907-479-0969

March 4, 2010—Duluth/Superior, MN Banquet---Contact: Dave Larson 218-722-9676

March 20, 2010—Herman, MO Banquet---Contact: Jamie Barton 573-564-3715 ext. 8

March 26, 2010—International Falls, MN Banquet
Contact: Jim Dornhecker 218-283-2229



April 1, 2010—Bemidji, MN Banquet
Contact: Clyde Horlick 218-751-9130

April 10, 2010—Anchorage, AK Banquet---Contact: Janet Delfino 907-375-8609

April 15, 2010—Grand Rapids, MN Banquet---Contact: Marty Niewind 218-326-4451

April 22, 2010—Virginia, MN Banquet---Contact: Bernie Knutson 218-741-9115

May 4, 2010—St. Cloud, MN Banquet---Contact: Larry Brutger 320-529-2826



If you don't see your local event on the above list, please check the RGS website at www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org. Some banquet dates have not been finalized yet. For More Information check the RGS website.

Cajun Becasse Chapter Update

The chapter is re-invigorating the Louisiana Woodcock Chapter aka Cajun Becasse Chapter.

To that end, we would like to propose meeting for lunch at **Alesi's – 4110 Johnston St. Lafayette, LA on March 24, 2010 at 11:30am** (open to comment). The folks at Alesi's will let us use the big room in the back, free of charge, so long as everyone orders lunch. You gotta eat, right? – so you might as well eat and shoot the Brees with other ~~liars~~ woodcock hunters.

At this lunch, we will be discussing ways to have some sort of Chapter Event this year – in the past we did banquets, but we do not want to limit the options to that. We should consider a supper, sporting clay shoot, crawfish boil or any other idea you bring to the table. At this moment, Al B is exploring/getting some pricing on sporting clay venues. Would you participate or support something like that? Bring your thoughts and opinions.

Let me know if the tentative date works for you, and let's keep the conversation going.

Thanks,
Steve Pellessier, CCIM
Tel: 337-233-1315 Main

2009/2010 RGS National Raffle

Don't Forget the **2009/2010 RGS National Raffle Model 21 Baby Frame 28-Gauge Shotgun, Made Famous by Winchester Raffle**. The Society is limiting the number of sold tickets for its 2009-10 national fundraiser gun raffle to 1,500. Valued at \$32,000, this year's prize is a Baby Frame Model 21 28-gauge side by side made by Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Co. in the Winchester tradition. Donation for each ticket is \$100 and can be purchased by contacting Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net The drawing will be held at RGS headquarters on June 30, 2010. (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 Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net

(To Order Please print below order form)



Looking For -- NEW Committee Members



If you are interested in starting an RGS Chapter in your area I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. If you did have 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: Mark Fouts, RGS Director Of Regional Operations 715-399-2270 or e-mail rgsfouts@centurytel.net



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

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Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



To purchase raffle tickets contact
Mark Fouts, Director of Regional Operations
715-399-2270 or
rgsfouts@centurytel.net

or Mail Coupon To:

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
8154 South Dowling Lake Road W
Superior, WI 54880

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.

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 Mark D. Fouts 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net 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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Thank you for your continued support!!!

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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.

Pease forward this on to your friends. If you have someone that wishes to receive this, have them e-mail me their address. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to post information that fits this newsletter - rgsfouts@centurytel.net.

