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Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle

ONLY 2 MONTHS TILL WINNER'S ARE DRAWN

ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN:

The 2008-2009 Ruffed Grouse Society Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle is in the final stages **ONLY 2 MONTHS** till we announce the lucky winners. Winner will be drawn **JUNE 30, 2009**. If you have not purchased your chance now is the time to do so! Don't forget the first ticket drawn will receive a week-long ALL-EXPENSE-PAID trip consisting of two guided hunts for you and a guest. The first hunt will be in Havre, Montana for Sharp-tail Grouse and Hungarian Partridge. The second will be a spot for you and your guest at the RGS National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. I almost forgot to mention you and your guest will each receive a SKB model 785 over/under



shotgun. The lucky winners will have their choice of a 20-gauge or 28-gauge shotgun gun

with 26" or 28" barrels. This is a Dream Hunt all transportation is included. Approximate retail value of



this package is \$18,000.00. The second ticket drawn will receive a \$1,000.00 Cabela's Gift Card.



Number three ticket drawn will receive a custom fitted pair of upland hunting boots from Russell Moccasin Company. The boots have a retail value of \$400.00.

DO NOT MISS OUT ON YOUR OWN ONCE IN A LIFE TIME UPLAND BIRD DREAM HUNT!! (To order your tickets please contact Mark Fouts at 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net or see attached order form)

Planting Season-RGS Grouse Trail Mix

Planting Season is here---Order your RGS Grouse Trail Mix. It is a combination of both perennial legumes and chicory formulated to produce high protein content all season long. RGS Grouse Trail Mix is formulated to tolerate poor soils. Plot Enhancer Brand Chicory will provide continuous feed in the summer when the legumes are either producing seed heads and are less palatable or during the doughtier times due to its tap root system. RGS Grouse Trail Mix can be seeded in the Spring or Fall or Frost Seeded. Sow RGS Grouse Trail Mix at 12 pounds per acre. For more information please visit the RGS web site <http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org>



RGS Reaches Out To Chapters For Their Input on RGS Website—HELP!!



RGS is planning on changing the RGS website and is looking to our Chapters for input. What would you like to see on the RGS web site? What are the pros and cons of the current web site? The goal is to make the RGS website the best it can be and easier for our Members and potential Members to navigate. Please send me your thoughts suggestions and comments rgsfouts@centurytel.net.

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 existed, 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 D. 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

Fund Raising Ideas

Several of you have already held your 2009 fund-raising banquet and have done a GREAT job. I know some Chapters have seen a decrease in their banquet attendance this past season due to many uncontrollable factors. But during this obviously depressed economic times Chapters and RGS is trying do a more effective job as many organizations are. I know we have discussed this idea at Committee Meetings, but I wanted to put it in writing for all to read. A great way to grow banquet attendance is to use local contacts. Reach out to local businesses that you or your company do business with, many have matching programs. A tool to use is you local Chamber of Commerce listing. I have listed a few contacts in our region below:

Anchorage, AK

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
www.anchoragechamber.org
1016 W 6th Ave # 301
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 272-2401

Bemidji, MN

Bemidji Area Chamber-Commerce
www.bemidji.org
300 Bemidji Ave N
Bemidji, MN 56601
(218) 444-3541

Duluth, MN

Duluth Chamber of Commerce
www.duluthchamber.com
5 W 1st St # 101
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 722-5501

Grand Rapids, MI

**Chamber of Commerce
Grand Rapids Area**
www.visitgrandrapids.com
1 NW 3rd St
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-6619

Hermann, MO

Hermann Chamber of Commerce
www.hermanninfo.com
312 Market Street
Hermann, MO 65041
573.486.2313 / 800.932.8687

To find your local Chamber of Commerce list or additional Chambers in your area-- you can Google: Chamber of Commerce, City, State. It is a very effective way to get the word out. Give it a try!!



RGS Upcoming Banquet Event Schedule



Duluth/Superior Chapter 29th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet Thursday, May 7, 2009

At the
Holiday Inn—200 W. Superior, Duluth, MN

Pre-Dinner Raffle—Tickets Are \$10.00 Each—Only 400 Tickets Sold

1. SKB Model 785 20-Ga. W/RGS Medallion or \$1000 Cash
2. TriStar Hunter EX 28-Ga. or \$500 Cash
3. Charles Daly Field Hunter 12-Ga.
4. Ruger 10/22 Rifle

For More Information or Tickets Contact:

Dave Larson
218-722-9676

Email: dlarson306@aol.com

Central Minnesota Chapter 19th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet Thursday, May 12, 2009

At the
Kelly Inn-Best Western—100 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN

For More Information or Tickets Contact:

Larry Brutger
320-529-2826



Lake Of the Woods Chapter 19th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet
Thursday, May 14, 2009

At the
Springsteel Resort—38004 Beach Street, Warroad, MN

Pre-Dinner Raffle—Tickets Are \$10.00 Each

1. Mossberg Silver Reserve 20-Ga. or \$500 Cash
2. Ruger 10/22 Rifle
3. Pair of Binoculars

For More Information or Tickets Contact:

Ryan Cass

218-386-1979

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RGS Chukar Partridge And Sporting Clays Challenge
Saturday, May 16th & Sunday, May 17th, 2009

At the
Little Moran Hunt Club— 44357 Red Oak Road--Staples, MN



For Club Information Please Contact:

Little Moran Hunt Club

218-894-3852

Email: mail@littlemoran.com



For More information on the above events or to print out flyers please visit the
RGS website
www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

**Please check the RGS website for posting of
2009 Fall RGS Event in our Region**

National News

Doubles Club Announced

Have you accomplished that rare feat of shooting a double on grouse or woodcock? RGS is announcing a brand new Doubles Club program. When you become a member you'll receive an exclusive honorary pin and an official certificate commemorating your achievement.

What is a double?

RGS defines a double as the occurrence of two grouse, two woodcock, or a grouse and woodcock (a mixed double) that are in flight at the same time, and are successfully harvested by one hunter. Please note: the birds must be in flight at the same time when harvested to qualify as a true double.

Applications will appear in the Summer issue of RGS, or you may also contact our membership department directly to apply at **412.262.4044**.

Grants to Grow Habitat Management Capabilities in Midwest

RGS recently received three grants, totaling \$182,000, to purchase heavy equipment for managing habitat in the Midwest. Two ASV/Terex PT-100 Forestry loaders with mulching heads will be purchased with grant funds from the R.K. Mellon Foundation, the Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in East Jordan, Michigan.

The new pieces of equipment will service Michigan, Wisconsin and surrounding states. The versatile equipment will allow RGS to help public and private partners aggressively manage neglected aspen, alder and brush habitats for ruffed grouse, woodcock and many other species. Cooperative projects with similar equipment have been in progress in the Northeast for several years with excellent results.

"These pieces of equipment are important tools to help the Ruffed Grouse Society target habitat improvements for woodcock in habitat, like alder, that is not being managed by commercial harvests," says Gary Zimmer, RGS Senior Biologist in the Western Great Lakes Region. "With this equipment RGS will be one of the primary implementers of the Upper Great Lakes Woodcock and Young Forest Habitat Initiative."

Welcome to new Corporate Sponsors: New Page and Browning. Also thank you to Johnson Lumber in Wisconsin for providing paper to our headquarters office.

LAST CHANCE-- 2008/2009 RGS Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle

We Will Be Drawing A WINNER IN 2 MONTHS!!!! If you would like to order ticket please contact Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or rqsfouts@centurytel.net (To Order Please print below order form)

**2008/2009
NATIONAL
RAFFLE**



Donation for Raffle Ticket is
\$50.00 per Ticket
**ONLY 2500 TICKETS
TO BE SOLD.**

**UPLAND
BIRD
DREAM
HUNT**

October 2-10, 2009

FIRST PLACE - 1ST TICKET DRAWN

A week-long, all-expense-paid trip consisting of two Guided Upland Bird Hunts for the winner and a guest. Travel begins October 2, 2009.

- First, Hunt at Bear Paw Mountain Outfitters in Havre, Montana for Sharp-tail Grouse and Hungarian Partridge from October 3-5.
- Then, Hunt at the Ruffed Grouse Society's National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota from October 6-9. This hunt cannot be purchased. You will depart October 10.

Both first place winner and guest will also receive an SKB model 785 over-and-under shotgun. Each SKB will have a commemorative RGS logo medallion on each side of the receiver, and is available in 20 or 28 gauge, with 26" or 28" barrels. The SKB has a retail value of \$2399.00. All transportation is included. Hunting dates are final. Approximate retail value of package: \$18,000.00.



SECOND PLACE - 2ND TICKET DRAWN

The second place winner will receive a \$1,000.00 Cabela's gift certificate. Cabela's, a Corporate Sponsor of the Ruffed Grouse Society, has three convenient ways to shop - on-line at www.cabelas.com, through world-famous catalogs or at one of 28 retail stores. Cabela's offers outdoor enthusiasts a wide and distinctive selection of high-quality outdoor products at competitive prices while providing legendary customer service.



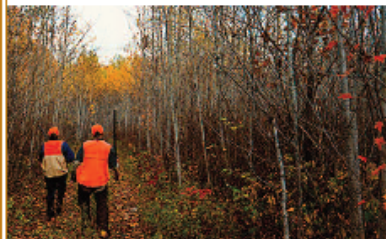
THIRD PLACE - 3RD TICKET DRAWN

The third place winner will receive a custom-fitted pair of upland hunting boots from Russell Moccasin Co., a Corporate Sponsor of the Ruffed Grouse Society, located in Berlin, Wisconsin. The winner will receive either the woman's Judy Boot or, for the men, the Signature South 40 Bird Shooter.



These boots, each with an approximate retail value of \$400.00, can be viewed at www.russellmoccasin.com.

Three winners will be drawn on
JUNE 30, 2009
at the Ruffed Grouse Society's
headquarters in
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.
Winner responsible for all taxes.



To Purchase Raffle Tickets Contact: Mark Fouts, Reg. Director
at 715-399-2270 or rqsfouts@centurytel.net or mail coupon to:
RGS • 8154 South Dowling Lake Rd W • Superior, WI 54880

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____
_____ Tickets @ \$50.00 Each = \$ _____ Total Enclosed
 CHECK (Payable to RGS) CASH CREDIT CARD
CC # _____ Exp. Date _____
Billing Address _____ Billing Zip _____
Signature _____

Please 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.



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