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RGS Members & Volunteers

As the hunting season ends and winter moves into full swing... our thoughts drift from amber fall days of dogs and shotguns to snow covered rooftops and warm fires. And as Spring approaches, so does the Ruffed Grouse Society's Spring banquet season.

Since I began working for RGS, I have had the privilege to meet some amazing people... and all of them, like me, are avid grouse hunters and conservationists. I would like to thank each of you for your warm welcome and commitment to RGS.

I have had the opportunity to meet with most of the chapters in the Northeast... and we have begun planning our 2010 Banquet or Event. However, I have not met with all of you and I am looking forward to 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.

As most of you know, this year RGS has introduced a new **banquet ticket for 2010: the Family/Household Membership**, this includes an RGS Membership for each attending household Member. What a great way to introduce your children and spouse to RGS and to conservation. We encourage all Members to bring their spouse and children to an RGS banquet. An increase in membership will ensure our success, assist us in securing grants, increase advertising rates and provide potential volunteers, donors, and future leaders. To accomplish this, we will now require that all banquet attendees become RGS members.

Each family member becomes a member with one magazine going out to the family. Instead of \$25 each, the whole family is provided a membership for only \$40. Those attending will also need to pay for their dinner. Hopefully this will lead to an increase in attendance as well as membership numbers. We need to emphasize the cost savings and benefits to the family membership as we introduce new members. Each sponsor guest will also become a member – at no additional cost to the sponsor or guest.

RGS will be budgeting money for projects - chapters with successful events will be able to keep some of what they raise in a "Drummer Fund" for statewide projects. I would encourage all of you to reach out to our new Biologist Andy Weik. Andy has an extensive background working with specifically grouse and woodcock. Please utilize Andy with any questions about your future or ongoing projects.

Upcoming RGS Events

The hunting season is winding down and winter is here. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us at our next event. Below are listings of upcoming events in your region. For more information, check the RGS website at www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org

March 6th, Habitat Day, SGL 127, Wilkes-Barre Chapter Contact: Brian Clark (570) 983-9918

March 13th, Banquet, Kolchester, Vermont, at the Hampton Inn Contact: Jay Pierce (802) 425-3329

March 20th, Banquet, West Warwick, Rhode Island, at the Ivy Garden Restaurant Contact: Ed McGovern (401) 539-3178

April 3rd, Banquet, Boylston, Massachusetts, Cyprian Keyes Golf Club Contact: Paul Schwalbe (508) 726-7253

April 17th, Banquet, Augusta, ME, Augusta Civic Center Contact: Carole Dyer (207) 737-8529

April 23rd, Banquet, Hadley, Massachusetts, Courtyard Marriott Contact: Bruce Bennett (413) 598-9176

Call for Volunteers



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: Tripp Way, RGS Regional Director (607) 743-0760 or e-mail trippway@gmail.com.

**RGS Committee Members Make Things Happen—Become Part Of The Process-
Join An RGS Committee In Your Area. We are currently seeking volunteers in the
following locations.**

Connecticut - Stamford, New Milford, Hartford

New Hampshire - Hanover, Nashua, Manchester

Massachusetts - Boston, Springfield, Worcester, Cape Cod

Rhode Island - Providence

Maine - Augusta, Portland, Bangor, Presque Isle

Vermont - Manchester, Burlington

New York – Watertown, Buffalo, Rochester, Middletown, Albany, Hudson, Ilion, Binghamton, Jamestown

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.

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 chose 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.



Check Out the RGS Store On-Line: RGS-MART

Check out the RGS-Mart on line at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. RGS Membership includes the RGS Magazine and invitations to all local events in your area!

Looking to join? Looking for information? Looking for events?
Check out our RGS website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

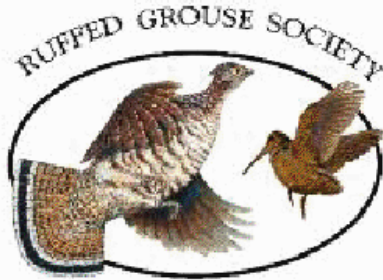


NEW -- 2009/2010 RGS National Raffle

**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 purchase tickets, please contact Regional Director, Tripp Way at (607) 743-0760 or trippway@gmail.com

Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



To purchase raffle tickets contact
Tripp Way, Regional Director
607-743-0760 or trippway@gmail.com

or Mail Coupon To:
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
P.O. Box 354
Shawnee-on-Delaware, PA 18356

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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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 Tripp Way at (607) 743-0760 or trippway@gmail.com.

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.