



***The Ruffed Grouse Society's
Charles E. Bechtel Chapter Presents
Clay Target Shoot And Grouse Walk***

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Leesport Gun Club

9:00 a.m. Start Time (Kitchen Opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Directions

From Rt. 61 take Rt. 73 east to first traffic light turn left and proceed on the blacktop road for about 2 miles. You will pass a garden center on your right the club entrance is about 1/10 of a mile on the right. From Rt. 222 take Rt. 73 west for about 1 mile at the first traffic light make a right and proceed on the blacktop road for about 2 miles. You will pass a garden center on your right the club entrance is about 1/10 of a mile on the right.

Event 1:

50 – 16 Yard Targets

Cost: \$14.00 For Targets And Prizes

\$4.00 Lewis Class Options

Includes Targets and Prizes

**ALL TIES FOR MONEY AND PRIZES WILL BE
DECIDED BY A DRAW**

Event 3:

**10 Target Small Gauge Shoot For Juniors 16
years And Under**

Cost: \$0.00

Includes Prizes, Shells (If Needed), and Targets

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DECIDED BY A DRAW**

Event 2:

25 Target Grouse Walk

(We Will Be Using Two Trap Fields)

Cost: \$7.00 For Targets

\$4.00 Lewis Class Option

Includes Targets and Prizes

ALL TIES FOR MONEY AND PRIZES WILL BE DECIDED BY A DRAW

Instructors Will Be Available To Help

With New and Novice Shooters

Food Will Be Available

Door Prizes And Raffles

Eye And Ear Protection Required

Profits From This Shoot Promote Local Habitat

Work For Grouse And Woodcock

**For More Information Or To Register, Please contact
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Pennsylvania Habitat Update 2010

Pennsylvania continues to be one of RGS' most active states in terms of chapters, membership, fund-raising and habitat projects.

Because of the relatively large amount of public lands, there is excellent grouse and woodcock hunting to be found. We are very fortunate to have state and federal agencies that are proactive managers of their lands, equating to some of the best hunting in the Northeastern U.S. We are also privileged to have private partners that have facilitated unprecedented opportunities for hunting and management.

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical, and RGS members have been vocal in support of habitat management. We must get our message out.

Most of our members want to know what RGS is doing in their neck-of-the-woods. The list of current projects that RGS is directly involved in changes each year. RGS has on-going projects at Bald Eagle State Park (Centre County), Raystown Lake (Huntingdon Co.), State Game Lands 110 (Berks Co.), Forbes State Forest (Somerset Co.) to name only a few, as well as many other state properties.

RGS is working with the Forbes State Forest and Appalachian Forest Consultants in Somerset County to manage thousands of acres of timber for grouse and woodcock. Thus far, 150 acres of timber has been cut to create dense cover and another sale is being planned. RGS has exclusive rights to the timber for 15 years.

The Jim Bashline project at Raystown Lake has now resulted in over 1,500 acres of timber management and is producing good numbers of grouse and woodcock. At last count, there were 7 timber sales going on simultaneously there. Many other habitat improvements totaling hundreds of more acres also have been completed.

RGS has identified and started work on a woodcock habitat project on State Game Lands 82 in Somerset County in memory of Bill Goudy, who died in January 2007. Bill worked tirelessly on behalf of the American woodcock throughout his career and for the Ruffed Grouse Society for many years before retiring a few years ago.

RGS is working on an agreement with CONSOL Energy to manage 7,000 acres of their forests in western PA. RGS will split the timber revenue with CONSOL 50/50 and create many acres of new habitat. We hope to finalize the agreement in early 2010.

If you have never attended an RGS event, written a letter or attended a meeting to support grouse and woodcock management, make it happen in 2010. To find out how, contact **Mark Banker, Regional Biologist, 814-867-7946, rgsbank@comcast.net** or **Regional Directors Lisa Rossi (Western PA), 724-693-9032, rgslmt@msn.com; Dave Hansroth (Eastern/Central PA), 412-303-1405, rgshans@comcast.net; and Tripp Way (Northern PA), trippway@gmail.com, 607-743-0760 or visit www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. Updated January 2010.**