



APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS CHAPTER

April 18, 2011

NEWSLETTER

Our 16th Annual Sportsman's Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn in Johnson City, TN on March 12, 2011. Renewal of acquaintances in a relaxed atmosphere along with a great buffet serving and hospitality provided by the staff at the Holiday Inn combined to make this a memorable event. Our successful banquet brought the total in the RGS Drummer Fund for TN/VA to \$1,800. The Drummer Fund is a set aside fund for carrying out habitat projects in the state where the money was raised. Read more about how this fund works on the RGS webpage. We need to identify worthwhile habitat projects in our area to utilize these monies as seed to draw additional funding from our chapter, other conservation organizations and private entities. We have other fund raising events coming up to put us in a strong position to support habitat initiatives in our area.

Sporting Clays Shoot at Kettlefoot Rod and Gun Club in Bristol, VA on Saturday May 21, 2011 (see attached event flyer). Come out and enjoy this day of family fun! We already have some nice prizes and will have more by the event date.

Raffle Fausti Verona 662 S/S 28 gauge shotgun with 26" barrel. Our chapter is currently offering this fine European shotgun for a special fund raising event. Donation of \$10 each or 3 for \$20 (500 tickets printed). The drawing will be held Saturday May 21, 2011 at the conclusion of the RGS Sporting Clays Event at Kettlefoot Rod and Gun Club in Bristol, VA. The winner need not be present to win. Gun can be picked up at Mahoney's Outdoorsman's Paradise in Johnson City, TN. Winner responsible for passing Federal Firearms Test. If you'd like to help our chapter sell tickets or buy some contact Mike Giles at 276-219-7302 or Michael.A.Giles@comcast.net.

Hunting Tournament recap from embedded reporter Parker Street. *"Just thought I would give you an update on the Field trial from this past weekend.. All in all it was a good trial, we ran 7 braces on Friday and 11 braces on Saturday.. Paid out on the top 3 spots.. Seemed like we ran 1 million Shorthairs, a few Setters, a couple pointers, a couple labs and 1 Brittany.. David Price and his Shorthair "Raider" won the competition with 6 birds and 6 kills on the last brace (it really helps when you can shoot like David did).. The money which our chapter provided went to feed everyone hotdogs, chips, drinks and water.... I became re-acquainted and met some*

folks that would like to join the chapter and were excited to hear about the Sporting clays shoot... I will get you there email addresses so you put them on the mailing list if you want to....”

Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative update from steering committee member Parker Street. *“I spent one day 2 weeks ago with the Landscape restoration initiative committee.. The "scientific" models came back very favorable I felt.. They basically said what you would think they would say, not enough old growth and not enough young growth.. Everything in most all forest types is between 30 and 80 years old.. Pretty interesting day.. Now things will begin to get real interesting, we are going to try to decide how to get "where we need to be"....”* Parker is a member of the steering committee for this initiative. Thanks to him, RGS has a place at the table in this initiative. Hats off to Parker for his hard work and dedication. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday April 5 from 6-8 pm at the Jonesborough Visitor’s Center at 117 Boone Street in Jonesborough. Hopefully, this newsletter will reach you in time for you to get out to this meeting and show your support for early successional habitat in the CNF.

RGS networking throughout the South. RGS James River Chapter members Tom Pratley and Wayne Thacker envision a network of 19 RGS chapters throughout the south(KY, WV, MD, TN, VA, NC, GA. E-mail is a good way to keep in touch and exchange ideas. We use an e-mail distribution list to spread the word of chapter events, news and share ideas. If you’d like to be included on our email distribution list please contact Mike Giles.

An initiative similar to Cherokee National Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative in TN is ongoing in the George Washington National Forest in VA. Here is an example of a great opportunity for us to share ideas and compare notes among chapters.

Last Word

“A man may smile and bid you hail yet wish you the devil; but when a dog wags his tail, you know he’s on the level.” Author Unknown

Finally, *“Don’t accept your dog’s admiration as conclusive proof that you are wonderful.”*
Ann Landers

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Appalachian Highlands Chapter
Sporting Clays Shoot
Saturday May 21, 2011(rain or shine)
At
Kettlefoot Rod and Gun Club
21102 Kettlefoot Lane
Bristol, VA 24201
276-466-6521

Directions: From I-81 take exit 1. Follow U.S. 58 West (Gate City/Bristol Highway) for approximately 4 miles and turn right onto St. Rt. 700 and then an immediate left within 100 ft. onto Potters Road. Gun club entrance will be on the right (Kettlefoot Lane). Note: 911 physical address will take you right there with a GPS navigational device

Cost: \$50/shooter for 100 targets plus a chance at raffle prizes(excepting the Fausti shotgun chances sold separately). Additional chances for the “at large” raffle can be purchased for \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Tickets for the Fausti are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 (cash or check only please). Lunch will be provided for all participants.

Registration: 8:30 am; Shoot Starts: 9:00 am; Last shooter out: 11:00 am; Lunch: noon; At conclusion of the shoot: Presentation of trophies; Raffles/games and drawing for: Fausti Verona 662 S/S 28 guage w/ 26” barrel Winner need not be present to win Fausti drawing. Winners for all other prize items must be present to win.

Kettlefoot’s club rules require ear protection and safety glasses. Other needs: a hunting vest or something to carry shells, 150 rounds of ammo and possibly rain gear. Additional information on Kettlefoot on the web at: <http://www.kettlefootgunclub.org/>

Corporate/individual sponsorship- There will be 12 stations for the Sporting Clay Event. We’re offering sponsorship for each station for \$150 to companies/individuals for each station. Your name/company logo at the shooting station to show our guests you support RGS. For more information contact Chris White at 276-494-1364, email: clwhite@bvunet.net ; or Brad Baker 423-764-2930, email bakerboys@btes.tv for details.