

The Lehigh Valley Chapter Conservation & Sportsmen's Banquet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

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**Cocktails &
Raffles:**
6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

For Information Or To
Purchase Tickets,
Please Contact:

Ron Kistler
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Early Bird Door Prize

To Be Entered Into A Drawing For
A \$200.00 Raffle Package,
Dinner Ticket Orders Must Be
Purchased By
September 14, 2010.

Order Your Tickets Early!!!

Rodeway Inn And Conference Center

(Formerly Days Inn)
1151 Bulldog Drive
Allentown, PA 18104

For Directions Visit:
Rodewayinn.com/allentown

Cost:

Individual Membership & Dinner Ticket: \$50

Family Membership: \$90
(Includes 2 Dinners)

Additional Family Dinners: \$25 Each

**Sponsor Contributions Received By
September 25, 2010**

Will Be Listed In The Banquet Program.

**For Every Ten Sponsors,
We Will Give Away
A Fine Grade Shotgun.**

Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Prices

If You Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package At
The Banquet, You Will Receive \$150.00 Worth Of
Raffle Tickets For The Low Price Of \$100.
HOWEVER, For The Best Buy, Purchase Your Bonus
Raffle Ticket Packages By

Saturday, September 25, 2010

And You Will Receive \$200 Worth Of Raffle Tickets
For \$100. Use The Order Form To Purchase Your
Bonus Raffle Ticket Package And Pick Up Your
Tickets At The Door When You Register!!!

The Ruffed Grouse Society Lehigh Valley Chapter
 Inaugural Conservation & Sportsmen's Banquet - Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Dinner Tickets -

_____	Member (RGS membership + dinner).....	\$50.00.....	\$_____
_____	Family membership (includes 2 dinners)..... <i>(Includes A Membership For Each Household Member & 1 Magazine Per Household)</i>	\$90.00.....	\$_____
_____	Each Additional Family Meal (with family memberships only)	\$25.00.....	\$_____
_____	Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Package..... <i>(Must Be Purchased By September 25, 2010)</i>	\$100.00.....	\$_____

Sponsor Packages – *All sponsors receive recognition in the banquet program, chances in the sponsor gun drawing, and entry in the sponsor rewards program (see reverse side)*

_____	Sustaining Sponsor	\$1000.....	\$_____
	8 memberships & dinner tickets, 4 sponsor gun drawing chances, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 4 tickets for Option 2 <i>(see reverse side)</i>		
_____	Conservation Sponsor	\$500.....	\$_____
	4 memberships & dinner tickets, 2 sponsor gun drawing chances, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 2 tickets for Option 2 <i>(see reverse side)</i>		
_____	Banquet Sponsor	\$275.....	\$_____
	2 memberships & dinner tickets, 1 sponsor gun drawing chance, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 1 ticket for Option 2 <i>(see reverse side)</i>		
_____	Non-Attending Sponsor	\$250.....	\$_____
	No dinner package - <i>(see reverse side)</i>		

If A Total of 8 Dinner Tickets are Purchased, A Table Will Be Reserved In Your Name: _____

TOTAL.....\$_____

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Check or Money Order Credit Card: (circle one) Visa Master Card Am Ex Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Business _____

E-mail _____

Billing Address if different from Above:

2010 Sponsor Reward Program: (sponsors please choose one of the following options)

___ Option 1: RGS Print of the Year unframed or unframed prints available from prior years

___ Option 2: Raffle Ticket(s) for Entry into the National Drawing for a chance to win 1 of 7 prizes drawn at the end of the 2010 Banquet Season. As a sponsor you may elect to participate in the National Drawing. Seven tickets will be drawn in the order listed below with the first ticket winning the first prize and so forth. The sponsors who elect this option will be assigned a ticket number(s) for the drawing from RGS National Headquarters.

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 Over/Under 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.

___ **I want to become involved in my local committee to help support Ruffed Grouse and young forest habitat. Please contact me.**

Don't Wait! - ORDER NOW !

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Tickets and forms also available at the website: www.ruffedgrousesociety.org



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.**