

# Hocking River Valley Chapter of the



# 19th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet

Friday, November 20, 2009

## Cocktails & Raffles:

5:30 p.m.

## Dinner:

7:30 p.m.

## The Inn At Hocking College

State Route 691 & US 33  
Nelsonville, Ohio

### TICKET INFORMATION

\_\_\_ Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$50.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Spouse Dinner Ticket @ \$30.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Youth Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$30.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Model 21 "Baby Frame" 28 Gauge Raffle @ \$100.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Tax Deductible Donation \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

\_\_\_ **Banquet Sponsor @ \$275.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Membership Ticket, 1 Guest Dinner Ticket, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing  
 Chance And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 1 Ticket For Option 2  
 \_\_\_ **Conservation Sponsor @ \$500.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Membership Ticket, 3 Guest Dinner Tickets, 2 Sponsor Gun  
 Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 2 Tickets For  
 Option 2  
 \_\_\_ **Sustaining Sponsor @ \$1,000.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Membership Ticket, 7 Guest Dinner Tickets, 4 Sponsor Gun  
 Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 4 Tickets For  
 Option 2  
 \_\_\_ **Non-Attending Sponsor Membership @ \$250.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ **Anonymous Donation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attention \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

\_\_\_ Check/Money Order Payable To: RGS \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CC Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*If A Total of 8 Dinner Tickets are Purchased, A Table Will Be*

*Reserved In Your Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

### 2009 Sponsor Reward Program

*Must Select One Of The Following Options*

#### Option 1 - Sponsor Print

As a sponsor, you may elect to receive the RGS 2009 Unframed Print of the Year or an unframed print from a prior year (while supplies last). You will be sent the 2009 Print of the Year unless you specify a Past Sponsor Print. To view these prints, please visit our website. [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org). List Year of Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Option 2 - National Drawing

Raffle Ticket(s) for Entry into the National Drawing for a chance to win 1 of 7 prizes drawn at the end of the 2009 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. AYA #2 Side-Lock With Detachable Lock, 20 Gauge, 28" Barrels, Double Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun
2. Connecticut Shotgun's RBL-28 Round Action, Box-Lock 28 Gauge, 26" Barrels, Single Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun; 3X Wood Grade
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 #7 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.

Donations Welcome!!!

Please Contact  
Ticket Chairman!!

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\*\*\*\*\***Super Recruiter**\*\*\*\*\*

**Do you have what it takes to be the RGS Super Recruiter 2009?**

When you introduce a new member to the RGS let us know! We'll track and post the top recruiters on [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org). At the end of the year the Super Recruiter receives a special award, recognition on the website, magazine, and at their banquet. Email us your recruits at: [membership@ruffedgrousesociety.org](mailto:membership@ruffedgrousesociety.org) or write your name on the back of a banquet stub and say that you are a "Super Recruiter"



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## Ohio Habitat Update 2009

Ohio continues to be one of RGS' most active states. Like many states in the East, however, Ohio has lost a tremendous amount of grouse and woodcock habitat over the last 40 years. Since the 1960's, the amount of quality grouse and woodcock habitat has declined dramatically. In the eastern and southern portions of the state, there is significant forest area where management can take place. This means that the trend in habitat is reversible!

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. While RGS bases its unwavering support for forest management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition for forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. We have to get our message out, particularly on the Wayne National Forest.

In spring of 2007, RGS secured \$17,000 to fund the reforestation of 50 acres of recently surface-mined terrain at Jockey Hollow WMA in Harrison County. The OH Division of Wildlife provided the bulk of the leadership on this project, orchestrating the purchase and planting of 33,000 wildlife friendly trees. The project was part of the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative and was dedicated at a ceremony in May. Those trees should really be taking off now.

RGS volunteers from the Cincinnati chapter have been working with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Division of Forestry to develop and fund a habitat project at Shawnee State Forest. Shawnee SF is one of the better places to find grouse in Ohio right now due to the extensive forestry work done following the ice storm. We hope this will be a long-term relationship.

RGS plans to provide the Ohio Division of Wildlife with a CAT and tree shear to manage aspen on wildlife areas in Ashtabula County in the winter of 2009.

In late 2008, the Wayne National Forest and the Society completed a 400+ acre exotic vegetation elimination project on some abandoned mine lands that are part of the Wayne. RGS provided the heavy equipment (CAT and mulcher) to maintain native vegetation on the area. The Forest Service staff and local volunteers did a great job orchestrating the project on the local level. The project provided considerable income to the Society which will help fund further habitat work with the equipment.

If you have never attended an RGS habitat field day, written a letter or attended a meeting to support grouse and woodcock management, make it happen in 2009. To find out how, contact **Mark Banker, Regional Biologist, 814-867-7946, [rgsbank@comcast.net](mailto:rgsbank@comcast.net)** or **Regional Director Lisa Rossi (Western PA), 724-693-9032, [rgslmt@msn.com](mailto:rgslmt@msn.com)**. *Updated Winter 2009.*