

# Ohio River Chapter of the



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmen's Banquet

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Cocktails & Raffles:

5:30 p.m.

Dinner:

7:30 p.m.

Lewis Wetzel Family Center

East Benjamin Drive  
New Martinsville, WV

### TICKET INFORMATION

**All Banquet Attendees Must Purchase  
An Individual Membership Or A Family Membership.**

\_\_\_ Individual Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$45.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

\_\_\_ Family Membership @ \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes A Membership For Each Household Member & 1 Magazine Per Household)

\_\_\_ # Individual Meal Tickets x \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Meal Ticket Required For Each Attending Household Member)

\_\_\_ Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Package @ \$100.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Model 21 "Baby Frame" 28 Gauge Raffle @ \$100.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

\_\_\_ **Banquet Sponsor** @ \$275.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Membership/Dinner Tickets, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chance And  
A Choice Of Option 1 Or 1 Ticket For Option 2

\_\_\_ **Conservation Sponsor** @ \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Membership/Dinner Tickets, 2 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chances, And  
A Choice Of Option 1 Or 2 Tickets For Option 2

\_\_\_ **Sustaining Sponsor** @ \$1,000.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 Membership/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** Or Tax Deductible \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_*

### 2010 Sponsor Reward Program

*Must Select One Of The Following Options*

#### Option 1 - Sponsor Print

As a sponsor, you may elect to receive the RGS 2010 Unframed Print of the Year or an unframed print from a prior year (while supplies last). You will be sent the 2010 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 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.

Please Mail Order Form To:

Michelle Pittman  
200 E. Main Street  
Paden City, WV 26159

Phone: 304.337.9122  
Email: [pittmanma@yahoo.com](mailto:pittmanma@yahoo.com)

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### Early Bird Door Prize

To Be Entered Into A Drawing  
For A \$150.00 Raffle Ticket Package  
To Be Used At The Banquet. Dinner Ticket  
Orders Must Be Purchased By  
Saturday, March 20, 2010  
Order Your Tickets Early!!!

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

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

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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## **BEST BUY!!** **Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle** **Ticket Packages**

Contains \$210.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets  
For The Cost Of Only \$100.00.

All Early Bird Raffle Ticket Packages Must Be  
Ordered By **Saturday, March 20 2010.**

This Special Will Not Be Available At The Banquet.  
If You Purchase At The Banquet, You Will Receive  
\$150.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For \$100.00.

Use The Order Form To Purchase Your Bonus Raffle  
Ticket Package And Pick Up Your Tickets At  
The Door When You Register!!!



To Ensure That Your Membership Is  
Processed Accurately, Please Fully  
Complete Both Sides Of  
The Membership Stub Portion  
Of Your Dinner Ticket And  
Return To The Registration Table  
The Evening Of The Banquet.

## West Virginia Habitat Update 2009

The West Virginia RGS chapter volunteers are hitting on all cylinders. Fundraising, habitat projects and grass-roots efforts to promote wildlife management on public lands are all part of the mix.

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical and WV members have been heard. While RGS bases its unwavering support for wildlife management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition to forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. The input to public land managers provided by our members is extremely important. RGS volunteers have been and continue to be in constant contact with state and Forest Service personnel regarding habitat management.

Like many states in the East, WV has lost a tremendous amount of grouse and woodcock habitat over the last 40 years (young forests got old). West Virginia is mostly forested and grouse inhabit all parts of the state, meaning that the long-term trend in habitat is reversible!

Because of the relatively large amount of public lands, there is still good grouse and woodcock hunting to be found. Increased attention to the needs of grouse and other young forest critters on state and federal lands should mean good things for grouse in the near future.

RGS has led an initiative to help the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge manage aspen and alder management. Contributors and partners have included RGS volunteers, WV Trophy Hunters Association, WV Division of Wildlife, Woodcock Limited, National Wild Turkey Federation, and many other individuals. Aspen has already been cut thanks to this initiative and more management is scheduled.

RGS is partnering with the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife and the WV Wildlife Resources Section to manage a large tract of habitat on private lands adjacent to the Refuge. It is extremely important to manage habitat anywhere the opportunity allows to maintain some of the historic cover. The WV Wildlife Resources Section did a terrific job of putting together the contract with the landowner. RGS, the USFWS' Partners for Fish and Wildlife, and WV Wildlife Resources Section combined to complete many acres of alder management last winter and more work will be done winter 2009. The work can be seen from the power-line off of Timberline Road.

IN 2007, RGS gave the DNR a \$15,000 grant as part of a cost share agreement totaling \$84,000. The project will create about 150 acres of early successional forest and about 50 acres of forest openings on 8 pieces of state land across the state. So far, progress has been made on Underwood, Elk River, Beury Mountain, Conaway Run Lake, and McClintick WMAs as well as Calvin Price State Forest.

The DNR also has developed a "wish list" of habitat projects they would like to fund in the near future. This is a large initiative totaling over \$200,000. RGS is considering which parts of this proposal we may be able to tackle.

Focusing on the bigger picture, RGS recently lead the development of a National Ruffed Grouse Management Strategy, authoring several sections of a National Woodcock Management Strategy, and co-authoring two chapters of a book on the ecology and management of grouse in the southern Appalachians.

Grouse Trail Mix is a new product that RGS now has available that is perfect for planting grouse brood cover on trails, log landings and other small openings. The seed mix is mostly clovers that young and adult grouse love. All kinds of wildlife will benefit. You can order it on-line at [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org) or by calling 1-888-564-6747. Fall and spring are prime planting times, so order now.

If you have never been involved with the Ruffed Grouse Society, attended a meeting or written a letter on behalf of wildlife or hunting, or attended an RGS function, make this the year that you do. Please contact Mark Banker, 814-867-7946 – [rgsbank@comcast.net](mailto:rgsbank@comcast.net) or Regional Directors Lisa Rossi (Northern WV), [rgslmt@msn.com](mailto:rgslmt@msn.com), or Don Mallicoat (southern WV), [rgsdonm@outdrs.net](mailto:rgsdonm@outdrs.net). *Updated Winter 2009*