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Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle – Winding Down

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The 2008-2009 Ruffed Grouse Society Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle is in the final stages. Only **2 MONTHS** left until we announce the lucky winners! **Winners will be drawn on JUNE 30th, 2009.** If you have not purchased a ticket, now is the best time!

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Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle (continued)

Second Place – 2nd Ticket Drawn

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Third Place – 3rd Ticket Drawn

The third place winner will receive a *custom-fitted* pair of upland hunting boots from Russell Moccasin Co., a Corporate Sponsor of the Ruffed Grouse Society, located in Berlin, Wisconsin. The winner will receive either the woman's Judy Boot or, for the men, the Signature South 40 Bird Shooter. These boots, each with an approximate retail value of \$400.00, can be viewed at www.russellmoccasin.com.

PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR OWN ONCE IN A LIFE TIME UPLAND BIRD DREAM HUNT! (To order tickets please contact Ken Waite @ (315) 406-5016 or rgsknw@twcny.rr.com)

Inaugural Upland Bird Hunt in the PA Wilds November 2009



The Allegheny and the Allegheny Northwoods Chapters of the Ruffed Grouse Society are combining their efforts to plan an exciting adventure for upland bird hunters and guests in the Pennsylvania Wilds region of Pennsylvania. The base of operations for the weekend will be the Red Fern Banquet and Conference Center located in Kersey, Pa. This facility is central to thousands of acres open to public hunting; including the Allegheny National Forest, several State Game Lands and State Forest lands.

Hunting days for the Upland Bird Hunt in the Pa Wilds are set for Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7, 2009. There will be breakfast buffets both mornings and dinner and fund raising events both evenings. Lodging accommodations will be available at the St. Marys, PA Comfort Inn and there are several Campgrounds and Bed and Breakfasts in the area.

Upland Bird Hunt (continued)

Number of hunters will be limited to 100 hunters, huntsman will be provided. Spots will not be reserved until paid in full. Guests that would like to join us and choose to not hunt will be able to attend the breakfasts and dinner/fund raising events.

Registration is now open for this event! Please visit www.ruffedgrousesociety.org for registration, lodging and rate information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary Hosmer –

Phone (814)512-2102 or E-mail: wlahab@windstream.net

PA Wilds Hunt Looking For Volunteer Huntsmen

The Allegheny and Allegheny Northwoods Chapters are also looking for volunteers to assist with the event! Huntsmen are needed to help our hunters and guests find assigned spots to hunt around Kersey. Some of the hunters will bring their dogs and some will want to use a huntsman with his or her own dogs. So if you do not have a dog we would still welcome you to participate in the event. Several hunters are coming from other states. This is a great opportunity to meet other grouse hunter and RGS Members. What a super way to show off the assets of the Pennsylvania RGS chapters and the grouse woods they hunt. If you are willing to volunteer your time as a Huntsman please contact Chris Yeager at 814.776.1845 or

Chris23@alltel.net

Recent Events



The Upper Hudson Valley Chapter of RGS participated at the Northeast Outdoors Show in Albany, NY on March 20 -22, 2009. The Chapter displayed and distributed information regarding the mission of RGS and membership opportunities. The show receives approximately 15,000 attendees. Shown in photo from left to right are Ron Beuparlant, Michael A. Frisone and Michael G. Frisone.



Central New York RGS Members and SUNY ESF volunteers taking a quick break during Project Appleseed on April 18th, 2009. Their goal: get together to cut down & / or girdle large trees to improve habitat via the health of existing wild apple trees on Morgan Hill. Special thanks to Rainer Brocke for coordinating this event.





Darrick Johnson with a grouse taken after the annual RGS Coyote Hunt in VanEtten, New York. 200 people attended the event this winter and all proceeds go to habitat restoration. RGS would like to extend a “thank you” for all his help.

Upcoming Events

Ruffed Grouse Cup, 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Challenge at Rochester Brooks Gun Club, May 15th, 2009. Please contact Bruce McClarin 585.334.3838 or Deb Curtice @ 585.342.8834

Central New York Sponsor / Banquet Committee Appreciation Event – June 13th, 2009

Central New York Sponsored Sporting Clays at Baldwinsville Fish & Game, August 2nd, 2009
Please contact Ed Pugliese @ Pka7@aol.com

Central New York Sportsmen’s Days at Carpenter’s Brook Fish Hatchery, September 26th and 27th, 2009

Central New York 29th Annual Sportsman’s Banquet at The Whitetail Restaurant in Manlius Friday, November 13th, 2009

North Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Family BBQ and Fun Shoot, June 27th, 2009
Please contact Brian Clark @ 570.983.9918

North Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Sportsman’s Banquet, July 24th, 2009
More information will be available on website shortly

West Branch Angler / Ruffed Grouse Society Sporting Clays Shoot, August 15th, 2009
More information will be available on website shortly

Northeast Sponsor’s Hunt at Weatherby’s Resort, Grand Lake Stream, ME – October 15th -18th,
Space is limited. More information available at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

2008/2009
**NATIONAL
 RAFFLE**



Donation for Raffle Ticket is
\$50.00 per Ticket
**ONLY 2500 TICKETS
 TO BE SOLD.**

**UPLAND
 BIRD
 DREAM
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October 2-10, 2009

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Three winners will be drawn on
JUNE 30, 2009
 at the Ruffed Grouse Society's
 headquarters in
 Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.
Winner responsible for all taxes.



To Purchase Raffle Tickets Contact: Ken Waite III, Reg. Director
 at 315-406-5016 or rgsknw@twcny.rr.com or mail coupon to:
 RGS • 2885 Fargo Road • Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____
 _____ Tickets @ \$50.00 Each = \$ _____ Total Enclosed
 CHECK (Payable to RGS) CASH CREDIT CARD
 CC # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Billing Address _____ Billing Zip _____
 Signature _____

National News

Doubles Club Announced

Have you accomplished that rare feat of shooting a double on grouse or woodcock? RGS is announcing a brand new Doubles Club program. When you become a member you'll receive an exclusive honorary pin and an official certificate commemorating your achievement.

What is a double?

RGS defines a double as the occurrence of two grouse, two woodcock, or a grouse and woodcock (a mixed double) that are in flight at the same time, and are successfully harvested by one hunter. Please note: the birds must be in flight at the same time when harvested to qualify as a true double.

Applications will appear in the Summer issue of RGS, or you may also contact our membership department directly to apply at **412.262.4044**.

Grants to Grow Habitat Management Capabilities in Midwest

RGS recently received three grants, totaling \$182,000, to purchase heavy equipment for managing habitat in the Midwest. Two ASV/Terex PT-100 Forestry loaders with mulching heads will be purchased with grant funds from the R.K. Mellon Foundation, the Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in East Jordan, Michigan.

The new pieces of equipment will service Michigan, Wisconsin and surrounding states. The versatile equipment will allow RGS to help public and private partners aggressively manage neglected aspen, alder and brush habitats for ruffed grouse, woodcock and many other species. Cooperative projects with similar equipment have been in progress in the Northeast for several years with excellent results.

"These pieces of equipment are important tools to help the Ruffed Grouse Society target habitat improvements for woodcock in habitat, like alder, that is not being managed by commercial harvests," says Gary Zimmer, RGS Senior Biologist in the Western Great Lakes Region. "With this equipment RGS will be one of the primary implementers of the Upper Great Lakes Woodcock and Young Forest Habitat Initiative."

Welcome to new Corporate Sponsors: New Page and Browning. Also thank you to Johnson Lumber in Wisconsin for providing paper to our headquarters office.