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Congratulation 2008-2009 National Raffle Winners

Congratulations Winners Of The 2008-2009 National Raffle Upland Bird Dream Hunt

The Ruffed Grouse Society headquarters announce the lucky winner of the 2008-2009 National Raffle. Jim Farrell from the Altoona, Pennsylvania Area is the winner of the Upland Bird Dream Hunt. Jim and a guest will receive



a week-long ALL-EXPENSE-PAID trip consisting of two guided hunts. The first hunt will be in Havre, Montana for Sharp-tail Grouse and Hungarian Partridge. The second will be two spots at the RGS National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. They both will also receive an SKB model 785 over/under shotgun. Approximate retail value of this package is \$18,000.00. The winner of the Cabela's \$1,000.00 gift certificate is Andrew Lukashuk of Sussex, New Jersey. Our final winner of the custom fitted pair of upland hunting boots from Russell Moccasin Company is Kristine Dew from Elgin Illinois.

Congratulations To All Of The Lucky Winners!!

RGS Fall Banquet/Event Season

The fall months are approaching, we are all thinking about getting back into the woods and the upcoming hunting season. A great way to prepare for the quickly approaching hunting season is to attend an RGS event in your area. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us. Below are listing of upcoming events in our region.

September 3rd—Hackensack, MN

Contact: Jerry Lamon 218-947-3338 or Jblaman@tds.net

September 10th—Grand Marais, MN

Contact: Julie Puch 218-387-1923 or sjpuch@hotmail.com



September 17th—Aitkin, MN

Contact: Jim McDonald 218-927-2669



September 20th—Anchorage, AK UBW Charity Pheasant Hunt

Contact: Gereth 907-694-2787 or stillskennels@hotmail.com

October 6th - 9th—National Grouse And Woodcock Hunt

This Hunt Is Invitation Only

October 22nd—Ely, MN Banquet

Contact: Bunny Weirsema 218-365-6826

For more details or copies of the above events banquet flyers please visit the RGS web site, [www. ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)

If you are interested in starting an RGS Chapter in your area I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. If you did have an active RGS chapter in your area but it no longer existed, and you would be willing to donate your time I need your help. I am asking all current RGS members to consider becoming involved with their local chapter or start a new active chapter in your area. If this is of interest to you please contact me. The Society is looking toward the future and our future is our Members. The Members who make things happen are called Committee Members. If you would like to become an RGS Committee Member please contact: Mark Fouts, RGS Director of Regional Operation 715.399.2270 or e-mail rgsfouts@centurytel.net

RGS Committee Member Make Things Happen—Become Part Of The Process-Join An RGS Committee In Your Are

RGS Announces New Website



Visit The Ruffed Grouse Society “New & Improved” website. www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. We have tried to make the site more user friendly for our Members. Check It Out!



Banquet Ideas

This has been a challenging time for many Chapters; some Chapters have seen a decrease in their banquet attendance due to many uncontrollable factors. But do not give up during this obviously depressed economic times. Many Chapters have come up with great fund-raising ideas. I wanted to pass along some of their helpful suggestion in writing, suggestions that have been successful with other Chapters.

Outside Raffles—An outside raffle is raffle tickets that are sold outside of the banquet/event, you do not have to be present to win. Most Chapters do an outside raffle prior to the banquet and pull the winning ticket at the banquet. Some sell 2 to 3 outside raffle all year long and pull the winning tickets at Shoots, Field Day and other events during the year. Of course most outside raffle are for firearms, but other items also work as outside raffle prizes, Polaris ATV, Hunts, Trips, Artwork, Donated Merchandise. Use your imagination almost item will work.



Invite RGS Members to attend a Committee Meeting—Our Committee Members are The Best, loyal and hard working for the RGS mission they believe in. May Chapter are celebrating 25 to 30 + years with RGS and some Committee Members are also celebrating 25 to 30 + years with RGS. That is a great contribution-**THANK YOU!!** We need to think about the future, at your next meeting discuss some possible new Committee Members. Make a personal phone call and invite a New Committee Member to your next meeting. Many Members would be involved, if you just ask. As your Committee grows, new Members help lighten to work for the other Members and express new ideas and suggestions that may have not been explored before.

I am looking to post on the news letter some of your outdoors photos, Ruffed Grouse & Woodcock hunting photos, fishing, hiking camping. What are the RGS Committee Members doing over the summer months in our region? E-mail your photo with a brief description and share with other Committee Members-- e-mail to rgsfouts@centurytel.net



NEW-- 2009/2010 RGS National Raffle
Custom Model 21 Baby Frame 28-Gauge Shotgun
Made famous by Winchester

Tickets-\$100.00 Each—Up To 1,500 Tickets Will Be Sold Winner To Be Drawn June 30, 2010

If you would like to order ticket please contact Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or
rgsfouts@centurytel.net (To Order Please print below order form)

<p>Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle</p>  <p>To purchase raffle tickets contact Mark Fouts, Director of Regional Operations 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net or Mail Coupon To: RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY 8154 South Dowling Lake Road W Superior, WI 54880</p> <p>Name _____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____</p> <p>_____ Tickets @\$100.00 Each = \$_____ Total Enclosed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHECK (Payable to RGS) <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD</p> <p>CC # _____ Exp. Date _____</p> <p>Billing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Signature _____</p>	<p>Winchester Model 21 <i>Baby Frame</i> 28-Gauge Shotgun</p> <p>This one of a kind gun features 28" barrels choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feather crotch walnut to a checkered butt, and a 14 1/2" LOP.</p> <p>The DAH is 2 3/8", DAC is 1 1/2", pitch is 5° and the cast is neutral.</p>  <p>The beavertail forend has an ebony insert in the tip. It has a single selective trigger and the RGS logo is engraved in gold on the bottom of the receiver.</p> <p>Approximate retail value: \$28,000.</p> <p>Winner to be drawn on June 30, 2010 at RGS headquarters in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.</p> <p><i>*Winner responsible for applicable taxes.</i></p> <p>Donation for each ticket is \$100.00. Up to 1,500 tickets to be sold.</p>  <p style="font-size: small; text-align: right;">Actual Gun & Engraving Not Shown</p>
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National News

Shawnee State Forest Uses RGS Trail Mix for Forest Trails

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry recently re-opened recreation trails on the Shawnee State Forest lands. RGS donated our wildlife seed mix, *Trail Mix*, for use in reseeding some of the trails.

Seeding of the trails was accomplished in order to rehabilitate areas impacted by an April wildfire in the forest.

New Equipment Will Enhance RGS Habitat Work

RGS recently purchased two trucks and two trailers for use with the ASV/Terex PT-100 forestry loaders in the Midwest and the CAT loader in the Northeast. The new trucks and trailer will allow for the transport of the equipment to various locations for habitat work.

One truck and trailer will be used in the Midwest and the other in the Northeast. An additional truck is being supplied by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for use in Wisconsin. The remaining truck is also for use in the Northeast, and an additional trailer will be purchased very soon.

The new equipment was purchased with funds from several recently obtained grants.

California Lawsuit Ends in Settlement Unfavorable for Healthy Forest Management

A recent Northern California lawsuit ended with a settlement by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company agreeing to pay \$14.75 million as recompense for the 1999 Pendola fire in Plumas and Tahoe National Forests. The fire started due to a pine tree that fell onto a power distribution line.

Allegations that the fire caused damage to the lands, harm to the ecological habitat and loss of timber ended in the resulting settlement.

The decision is viewed by many to be a blow to conservation groups because fire, which is a natural act of nature that allows for forest renewal, was viewed as destructive.

Wildlife Bill Introduced to Congress

Bill requires lengthy species monitoring, may be unrealistic

In June this year Wisconsin Representative Ron Kind presented “American’s Wildlife Heritage Act” (HR 2807) to Congress. The bill, though ostentatiously written to sustain wildlife and plants on federal public lands, may actually prove too cumbersome to be effective.

Requirements in the bill include overwhelming obligations placed upon federal land management agencies to monitor every species that may be impacted by a proposed activity. The manpower necessary to implement this requirement is beyond the current expertise available to these agencies, and there is no provision for additional funding. The large quantities of money that would be spent attempting to follow these guidelines would, perhaps, be better spent in accomplishing much needed habitat work on federal lands.

RGS intends to work with Representative Kind and other members of Congress to modify the language of the bill to better reflect more reasonable expectations.

Welcome to new RGS Corporate Sponsor Connecticut Shotgun. They donated a 28-gauge RBL that will be used in an upcoming raffle or banquet.

Congratulations to our three 2009 National Raffle Winners: Jim Farrell from Altoona, Pennsylvania won the Dream Hunt, Andrew Lukashuk of Sussex, New York won a \$1000 Cabela's gift certificate and Kristin Dew of Elgin, Illinois won a pair of custom Russell Moccasin boots.

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Established in 1961, the Ruffed Grouse Society is the one international wildlife conservation organization dedicated to promoting conditions suitable for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and related wildlife to sustain our sport hunting tradition and outdoor heritage

Information on the RGS, its mission, management projects and membership can be found on the web at:
www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

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