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RGS New Banquet Ticket for 2010

RGS introduces a **New banquet ticket for 2010: the Family/Household Membership**, this includes an RGS Membership for each attending household Member. An increase in membership will ensure our success, assist us in securing grants, increase advertising rates and give us a bigger pool of potential volunteers, donors, and future leaders. To accomplish this we will now require that all banquet attendees become RGS members. Offering a new family membership where each family member becomes a member with one magazine going out to the family. Instead of \$25 each for all family members attending an event the cost will be \$40 and cover all family members. Those attending will also need to pay for their dinner. Hopefully this will lead to an increase in attendance as well membership numbers. We need to emphasize the cost savings and benefits to the family membership as we solicit attendees to our events.



RGS will be budgeting money for projects and that chapters with successful events will be able to keep some of what they raise in a "Drummer Fund" for statewide projects.



All of these new ideas will dovetail with our current banquet fundraisers and allow us to fund more projects nationally and locally through our chapters working to raise the funds. Stay tuned for more news and please share any new ideas you may have as we meet to start the planning for our 2010 banquet season.



RGS Store—Go On Line For Christmas Gifts

You will find the perfect Christmas gift for the hunter and outdoorsman on your Christmas list. How about an RGS Membership as a gift for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list. If you purchase a gift membership during this holiday season, you will receive a \$10 Cabela's gift card for yourself (while supplies last). RGS Membership includes the RGS Magazine and invitations to all local events in your area. **This gift of an RGS Membership will keep on giving all year long!!**

RGS Spring 2010 Banquet/Event Season

Below are listings of upcoming events in our region. For more information check the RGS website at www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org

February 20, 2010—Seattle, WA Banquet----Contact: Bob Olson 425-649-5194

February 27, 2010—Fairbanks, AK Banquet----Contact: Ken Larimore 907-479-0969

March 4, 2010—Duluth/Superior, MN Banquet----Contact: Dave Larson 218-722-9676

March 20, 2010—Herman, MO Banquet----Contact: Gary heldt 573-236-43315

March 26, 2010—International Falls, MN Banquet----Contact: Jim Dornhecker 218-283-2229

April 10, 2010—Anchorage, AK Banquet----Contact: Gereth Stillman 907-694-2787

April 1, 2010—Bemidji, MN Banquet----Contact: Clyde Horlick 218-751-9130

April 15, 2010—Grand Rapids, MN Banquet----Contact: Noah Wilcox 218-326-9414

April 22, 2010—Virginia, MN Banquet----Contact: Bernie Knutson 218-741-9115

May 4, 2010—St. Cloud, MN Banquet----Contact: Larry Brutger 320-529-2826

If you don't see your local event on the above list, please check the RGS website at www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org Some banquet dates have not been finalized yet. For More Information check the RGS website

2009/2010 RGS National Raffle

Don't Forget the **2009/2010 RGS National Raffle Model 21 Baby Frame 28-Gauge Shotgun, Made Famous by Winchester Raffle Tickets Make Great Christmas Gifts!!** The Society is limiting the number of sold tickets for its 2009-10 national fundraiser gun raffle to 1,500. Valued at \$32,000, this year's prize is a Baby Frame Model 21 28-gauge side by side made by Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing Co. in the Winchester tradition. Donation for each ticket is \$100 and can be purchased by contacting Mark Fouts 715-399-2270 or rgsfouts@centurytel.net The drawing will be held at RGS headquarters on June 30, 2010. (Raffle details are listed below)

NEW-- 2009/2010 RGS National Raffle

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)



--NEW Committee Members

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 exists, 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 Operations 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



I am looking to post on the news letter some of your outdoor photos, Ruffed Grouse & Woodcock hunting photos, fishing, hiking, camping. What were 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 ragsfouts@centrutel.net

National News

Have you seen us lately?

Brand New Website Generates Growing Interest

RGS recently launched a complete revision of our website, www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. News updates, regional sporting events, exciting raffles and detailed information about habitat work are now in a format that is easier to read, navigate and explore. Great RGS merchandise, along with special deals on high-end shotguns, are available by clicking the "Shop RGS" tab on the homepage. Check us out today – and take your grouse hunting to the next level.

Centurion Member Wins Kimber

Charles Hulbert of Tewksbury, Massachusetts recently became a Centurion member and won a Kimber Valier Grade II shotgun.

For every 10 new Centurions that join the Ruffed Grouse Society a raffle is held and a Kimber – or comparable shotgun – is awarded to the winner. To learn about becoming a Centurion, which begins at the \$1,000 donation level, call our membership department at 412-262-4044.

2010 National Raffle

Win a Model 21 "Baby Frame" 28-Gauge Shotgun first made famous by Winchester

This one of a kind gun features 28" barrels, choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feathercrotch walnut to a checkered butt, and a 14 ½" LOP. The approximate retail value is \$32,000.

If you're interested in a chance to win this gun, tickets are \$100.00 and can be purchased through your local Regional Director or by contacting RGS headquarters at 412-262-4044. Up to 1,500 tickets will be sold.

Last year's National Raffle winner, James Farrell, won the upland bird dream hunt, which included attending the National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota this past October.

New England Wildlife Biologist Joins RGS Team

Andrew P. Weik joined the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) as New England regional wildlife biologist, and will begin his work in the new year. Weik will be responsible for implementing on-the-ground forest management, landowner and land manager education programs throughout New England.

Weik's extensive experience includes five years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Northeast Region at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge. Moosehorn is the only national wildlife refuge dedicated to woodcock management. His work at Moosehorn, along with his lengthy work history in various wildlife programs, makes Weik a superior fit for the RGS position.

One specific project that Weik hopes to see through to conclusion this year is the revision of the RGS publication, "A Woodcock in the Hand" (Sepik, 1994). The booklet is unique in that it details tips on examining, aging, and sexing American woodcock as well as information on population monitoring and conservation. Though currently out of print, the need and interest in the booklet have not waned.

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Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



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

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Tickets @ \$100.00 Each =

\$_____ Total Enclosed

CHECK (Payable to RGS) CASH

CREDIT CARD

CC# _____

Exp. Date _____

Billing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

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*(A gun first made famous
by Winchester)*

This one of a kind gun features 28" barrels choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feathercrotch walnut to a checkered butt, and a 14 1/2" LOP.

The DAH is 2 3/8", DAC is 1 1/2", pitch is 5° and the cast is neutral.

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.

Approximate
retail value:
\$32,000.



Winner to be drawn on
June 30, 2010
at RGS headquarters in
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

**Winner responsible for applicable taxes.*

Donation for each ticket is \$100.00.
Up to 1,500 tickets to be sold.



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“MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL”

***and have safe
Holiday Season***



Thank you for your continued support!!!

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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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