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Chapter Newsletter- New England

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## New Regional Director in New England

I'm excited about being your Regional Director in the Northeast and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tripp Way and I'm originally from Pennsylvania. However, please don't hold that against me as I've hunted throughout New England and share your appreciation for all it has to offer. With your help and support, I can help grow RGS' presence in New England – and I plan to stay!

Prior to RGS, my career was focused in sales – however, like most of you, my passion drove me to spend my free time Grouse and Woodcock hunting with Duke, my German Wirehaired Pointer. Since I graduated from college in 2003, learning about and pursuing grouse has been a large part of my life. By working for RGS, I hope to merge that passion with my career to focus on the true matter – Grouse, Woodcock and the young forests they need to survive and prosper.



I am looking forward to working in New England. Although I have not worked here before, I am aware of the rich culture and history of its coverts. I am equally aware of the number of Grouse... and Grouse hunters. My goal is to remain in this area, bind our members, and ultimately broaden our membership.

Many parts of New England are currently involved in chapter events, however some areas are not. I would highly encourage anyone in New England who is interested in volunteering or becoming a member of RGS to contact me immediately. I equally invite anyone who currently is not involved in Grouse hunting to contact me so that I can introduce them to our sport - and explain how RGS' focus on habitat can be of value to the wildlife. I would also encourage that members in New

England introduce their friends and family to RGS by getting them involved with our many events.



I am looking forward to the opportunity of working with all of you. I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful fall season afield... and as it slowly winds down and our focus turns to the Holidays – I want to remind all of our members that the best way to immediately help your local chapter is to volunteer your time to our mission, “Hunting and conservation of young forest species.”

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or hunting stories. My best.

Tripp Way

## RGS Committee Members

I would first like to wish all of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I have had the opportunity to meet with some of you and we have begun planning our 2010 Banquet or Event. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you and working toward a GREAT 2010 season. RGS has many new ideas for 2010 and I look forward to discussing them personally with all of you at our next Committee Meeting.



RGS has introduced a new **banquet ticket for 2010: the Family/Household Membership**, this includes an RGS Membership for each attending household Member. What a great way to introduce your children and spouse to RGS and to conservation. We encourage all Members to bring their spouse and children to an RGS banquet. An increase in membership will ensure our success, assist us in securing grants, increase advertising rates and provide potential volunteers, donors, and future leaders. To accomplish this, we will now require that all banquet attendees become RGS members.



Each family member becomes a member with one magazine going out to the family. Instead of \$25 each, the whole family is provided a membership for only \$40. Those attending will also need to pay for their dinner. Hopefully this will lead to an increase in attendance as well as membership numbers. We need to emphasize the cost savings and benefits to the family membership as we introduce new members.

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.

*Top: Committee members Carole and Russ Dyer with their two Setters Bottom: Committee members N. Anisfield & Terri Wilson's German Shorthair Pointer after a successful bag.*

# Upcoming RGS Events

The hunting season is winding down and winter is on its way. A great way to celebrate the upcoming holidays is to attend an RGS event in your area and bring along a friend. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us. Below are listings of upcoming events in our region. For more information, check the RGS website at [www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org](http://www.RuffedGrouseSociety.org)

March 13th, Banquet, Kolchester Vermont, at the Hampton Inn Contact: Tripp at (607) 743-0760 or [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com)

April 17th, Banquet, Augusta, ME, Augusta Civic Center Contact: Tripp at (607) 743-0760 or [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com)

## Call for Volunteers



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: Tripp Way, RGS Regional Director (607) 743-0760 or e-mail [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com).

**RGS Committee Member Make Things Happen—Become Part Of The Process-Join An RGS Committee In Your Area. We are currently seeking volunteers in the following locations.**

Connecticut -

New Hampshire -

Massachusetts -

Rhode Island -

Maine -

Vermont -



## Check Out the RGS Store Online— RGS-Mart—

Having trouble finding just the right item for a friend or relative? How about an RGS Membership as a gift for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list? You will find the perfect holiday or birthday gift for the hunter and outdoorsman on your list at the RGS Mart on line at [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org). 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!**



Check out the **NEW RGS website** [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)  
What do you think?-- Please send your thoughts, suggestions and comments  
to [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com).



## 2009/ 2010 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, New Year's and Birthday Gifts!!** If you would like to purchase a chance at this fantastic gun, please contact Regional Director Tripp Way – (607) 743-0760 or [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com)

### **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 purchase tickets, please contact Regional Director, Tripp Way at (607) 743-0760 or [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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 at 607.821.7744 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 York/ 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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**Winchester**  
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**Be Drawn June 30, 2010**  
**If you would like to order ticket please contact Regional Director,**  
**Tripp Way at 607.743.0760 or [TrippWay@gmail.com](mailto:TrippWay@gmail.com). (To Order,**  
**please print order form below)**

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](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)

Please forward this on to your friends. If you have someone that wishes to receive this, have them e-mail me their address. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to post information that fits this newsletter – [trippway@gmail.com](mailto:trippway@gmail.com).



# Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



To purchase raffle tickets contact  
Tripp Way, Regional Director  
**607-743-0760 or trippway@gmail.com**

or Mail Coupon To:

**RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY**  
451 McCormick Road  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

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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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.