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National Raffle Draws to a Close

The 2009-2010 RGS national raffle draws to a close on June 30, 2010. Tickets are still available to win a Model 21 Baby Frame 28-gauge shotgun, a gun first made famous by Winchester. This is a one of a kind gun that features 28" barrels choked IC/M with two beads, a straight English stock crafted from AAA fancy feathercrotch walnut, a checkered butt, and a 14 ½" LOP.

To find out more and purchase a ticket, contact RGS at (888) 564-6747.

Northeast and New England Regional Director Joins Staff

Tripp Way is the new Northeast and New England RGS Regional Director. He graduated from Wittenberg University in 2003 with a BA in English literature, but his love of grouse and woodcock hunting introduced him to the Ruffed Grouse Society – and he learned about the organization's comprehensive habitat restoration programs.

Way enjoys studying ruffed grouse and keeps extensive statistics which he reports to the Loyal Order of Dedicated Grouse Hunters. His true passion is the outdoors, and he enjoys working with his 2 ½ year old German wirehaired pointer, Duke in the field.

2010 Under Broken Wings Recipient Announced

Caleb Stallings, a 15-year-old from Ringgold, Georgia, was recently chosen as the recipient of the 2010 Under Broken Wings (UBW) program. Stallings will attend the Ruffed Grouse Society National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt in Grand Rapids, Minnesota in October of this year.

A paraplegic as a result of a car accident when he was 4, Caleb is an avid bow-hunter. A few of his trophies from 2009 include a 300-lb wild boar and a black bear. He has hunted extensively across the US and is deeply committed to helping others, especially those recently confined to a wheelchair, cope with their individual situations. "Hunting is what helps me get through, and it can help other kids as well," he says.

In Memoriam

David Vogel Uihlein

1920-2010

David Vogel Uihlein, a former RGS board member, passed away at his home in Mequon, Wisconsin on January 29, at the age of 89. An ardent naturalist and outdoorsman, he was deeply committed to conservation and was the founder and president of the Milwaukee chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. Late last year Uihlein donated \$40,000 to the Wisconsin Drummer Fund to fund habitat projects in the area. His generosity has inspired additional contributions to RGS from friends and family for habitat enhancement projects.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Margery Holly Uihlein, his children Lynde Bradley Uihlein of Milwaukee, and David Vogel Uihlein Jr. (Julia) also of Milwaukee; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Margery Uihlein's four children, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

More on Mr. Uihlein's life and contributions will follow in our upcoming Summer issue.

2011 – RGS 50th Anniversary

In 2011 The Ruffed Grouse Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary, preparations are already underway. Special items commemorating the anniversary will include a collector's knife, belt buckle, several unique shotguns, a unique lost-wax process cast of a ruffed grouse, carved woodcock and apparel with the 50th Anniversary RGS logo. These items will be at our 2011 banquets and available for purchase through our website.

NAWNR Conference

The annual North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will be held this year in Milwaukee and will be attended by state and federal wildlife agencies, representatives of many wildlife conservation groups and academics. The event will include one session entitled "Active vs. Passive Management of Wild State Lands," a topic that RGS President and CEO Mike Zagata worked to add to the conference agenda. Dan Dessecker, RGS Director of Conservation Policy, will be a speaker at the event in March. Read more about the conference in our upcoming Summer issue of the RGS magazine.

Pamphlets Available

As mentioned previously, there are many RGS publications available for your use at Sport Shows, including *The Other Silent Spring*, *The Impact on Wildlife from Ignoring Ecological Principles*, Trilogy brochures and soon the *Woodcock in Hand* – as it is in the process of being updated and reprinted. Please contact RGS Headquarters to arrange having the brochures you need sent to you by calling 1-888-564-6747.

Minnesota Grouse Biologist

In cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, this year RGS will help to fund a biologist position in the area to focus primarily on ruffed grouse projects. Read more about the cooperative effort in our upcoming Summer issue of the RGS magazine.

Wayne National Forest Project Update

An agreement between RGS and Wayne National Forest is pending for a third year of continuing shrub management on Wayne National Forest land. If signed, it will result in a cumulative impact on over 1,000 acres of habitat in southeastern Ohio.

US Army and RGS sign Memorandum of Agreement

RGS and the US Army recently signed a memorandum of agreement concerning the promotion of the creation of early successional forest at Fort Drum, New York. Fort Drum personnel will provide maps and access to appropriate sites on the property. RGS will provide the personnel and equipment necessary to complete the forest management, assist in developing educational materials on early-successional forest and associated wildlife.

Regional News

Uihlein, David Vogel. A pillar of the Ruffed Grouse Society, and founder of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin chapter that bears his name, passed away at his home in Mequon, Wisconsin at the age of 89 on January 29th. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Margery Holley Uihlein, along with his children Lynde Bradley Uihlein and David Vogel Uihlein Jr. (Julia) all of Milwaukee. Also surviving are a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An avid sportsman, David also was a member of Ducks Unlimited, The Trout and Salmon Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. David was known by folks around town for his old “Grousemobiles” that were old trucks from the 20’s that he restored and then drove around selling raffle tickets that were drawn at the next banquet. He was also an avid duck hunter who on Fridays frequented Sayers Island on Lake Winnebago.

Although I only recently met David, I was struck by his amazing memory for details throughout his life, and how animated he became when we talked about grouse hunting and grouse dogs, and also with my background in food service, the Oshkosh Brewery and Chief Oshkosh Beer. A truly amazing man!

David was an avid supporter both spiritually and financially of the Ruffed Grouse Society, and just recently contributed \$40,000 to establish the Wisconsin Drummer Fund for grouse and woodcock habitat work. This money will be used to match contributions that Wisconsin chapters area able to raise during the coming months of the banquet season. A special thanks goes out to Jim Hayett of the Milwaukee Chapter and a Ruffed Grouse Society National Board Member, as well as the Uihlein family, for facilitating this donation. The family has also requested that memorial contributions in David’s memory be made to the Ruffed Grouse Society.



Park Falls, Wisconsin RGS Banquet, Oct 15, 2009

National RGS board member Jim Hayett along with new Milwaukee banquet Chairman Brian Klein discuss habitat issues with Chris Simon-Owner/Manager of Boyd's Mason Lake Resort near Fifield, Wisconsin. The Annual Wisconsin Rendezvous will be held at Boyd's on October 15-16th 2010. This two day event annually brings RGS committees and members together to share the joys of grouse hunting in the Northwoods and share experiences relating to their respective banquets.



One of the live auction items at the Park Falls banquet was a day of guided musky fishing on the Flambeau River with guide John Carlson.

Green Bay Wildlife Seminar

To: RGS Members and 2009 Green Bay RGS Banquet Attendees

Subject: Wildlife Habitat Seminar at the Rock Garden Supper Club, Green Bay, WI

The NE Wisconsin Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) will conduct a Wildlife Seminar at the Rock Garden Supper Club on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7 pm.

Principal Speaker for the seminar is Dan Eklund, Wildlife Biologist for the Chequamegan-Nicolet Forest. Eklund will speak on Forest Management in the areas surrounding twelve of the Ruffed Grouse Management Projects which are co-sponsored by RGS. Some of these areas receive trail maintenance from the NE Wisconsin Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. This new forest management project will require several years to initiate.

Gary Zimmer, Regional Biologist for RGS, will also be present to answer questions regarding habitat management. A question/answer period will follow the presentation.

This seminar is open to everyone at no charge and free refreshments will be available, as well as brochures concerning habitat management.

We look forward to your presence at this seminar and encourage you to invite your friends. See you there, save the date. Contact Dave Bartz if you need more information.

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2010 Events

- February 16, 2010 T Stanton Armour Chapter Sponsor Shoot, Tom Dew 847-832-4224
- February 20, 2010 SW Wisconsin Chapter Banquet, Muscoda, Dave/Tish Duffey 608-604-4084
- March 11, 2010 Golden Sands Chapter Banquet, Steven Point, Tom Otto, 715-341-9001
- March 17, 2010 Rib Mountain Chapter Banquet, Wausau, Mark Zuiker, 715-843-1706
- March 22, 2010 David Uihlein Chapter Sponsor Dinner, Jim Hayett, 262-262-0100
- March 27, 2010 Wild Rivers Chapter Banquet, Crandon, Dave Ziolkowski, 715-336-2523
- March 29, 2010 Missi Croix Chapter Banquet, Prescott, Mike Brown, 612-850-9288
- April 12, 2010 David Uihlein Chapter Banquet, Milwaukee, Brian Klein 414-425-3700
- April 24, 2010 West Central Wisconsin Youth Day, Marshfield, Rich Chronquist, 715-387-1163
- April 29, 2010 Lakeshore Chapter Banquet, Sheboygan, Trent Hake, 920-458-5595
- May 6, 2010(Tent) T Stanton Armour Banquet, Chicago, Bob Belter, 847-392-3763
- May 19, 2010 Up Nort' Chapter, Winchester, Meet and Greet, Joe Osfar, 715-686-3810
- August 12, 2010(Tent) Twin Cities Chapter Banquet, Terry Lydell, 763-434-0303
- August 19, 2010, John Keener Chapter Banquet, Madison, Jim Shurts, 608-233-2269
- August 21, 2010 Iowa Chapter Banquet, Eric Van Hook, 319-447-1095
- August 26, 2010 Chain O' Lakes Chapter, Eagle River, Jed Lechleitner, 715-479-6466

Ruffed Grouse Society 2009-2010 National Raffle



To purchase raffle tickets contact
Dave Johnson, Regional Director
715-426-1000 or uptrek@gmail.com

or Mail Coupon To:
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
N7789 State Road 65
River Falls, WI 54022

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 _____

Model 21 *Baby Frame* 28-Gauge Shotgun

*(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.

AYA Model #2 Side By Side 20-Ga. Shotgun Regional Raffle – Retail \$5,900

**Tickets are \$10 each;
3 For \$20 or 9 for \$50**



AYA Model #2 Side/Side Shotgun is an “affordable” side lock, and the most famous model in the AYA line. Introduced in the late 1950s, tens of thousands of No 2’s have been sold to shooters who value the superb balance and handling of a fine double gun.

Mechanically, the #2 is identical to the #1. Like the No #1, it was originally modeled on the time-tested Holland & Holland system.

It is stocked with standard walnut and engraved in a simpler pattern. Standard stock dimensions of the AYA #2: LENGTH OF PULL 15", DROP AT COMB 1/2", DROP AT HEEL 2 3/8", and CAST 1/4".

Standard Features

- Side by Side hammerless side lock shotgun.
- Forged steel action with double locking mechanism and gas vents.
- Hardened steel intercepting safety sears.
- cocking indicators.
- trigger with hinged front trigger.
- selective or non-selective single trigger.
- lump steel barrels.
- Rib.
- hand, finely checkered oil finished walnut stock.
- grade 2.
- scroll engraving.
- Oval.
- Safety.
- with color hardened finish.
- Approximate weight in 20 bore 6 1/4 lbs.



- Gold lined
- Double
- Optional
- Chopper
- Concave
- Straight
- Wood
- English
- Initial
- Automatic
- Available

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