

Upper Ohio Valley Chapter of the



24th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Cocktails & Raffles:

6:00 p.m.

Dinner:

7:30 p.m.

St. Clairsville Eagles

National Road (US 40)
St. Clairsville, OH 43951

Simple Directions

Exit 218 (Mall Road) Off I-70 to National Road
½ Mile West On National Road

TICKET INFORMATION

___ Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$45.00 ea. _____
 ___ Couple Dinner Ticket @ \$70.00 ea. _____
 ___ Youth Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$25.00 ea. _____
 ___ Early Bird Bonus Raffle Package (By 9/5/09) @ \$100.00 _____
 ___ Winchester Baby Frame Raffle @ \$100.00 ea. _____
 ___ Tax Deductible Donation _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

___ **Banquet Sponsor** @ \$275.00 _____
 1 Membership Ticket, 1 Guest Dinner Ticket, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing
 Chance And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 1 Ticket For Option 2
 ___ **Conservation Sponsor** @ \$500.00 _____
 1 Membership Ticket, 3 Guest Dinner Tickets, 2 Sponsor Gun
 Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 2 Tickets For
 Option 2
 ___ **Sustaining Sponsor** @ \$1,000.00 _____
 1 Membership Ticket, 7 Guest Dinner Tickets, 4 Sponsor Gun
 Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 4 Tickets For
 Option 2
 ___ **Non-Attending Sponsor Membership** @ \$250.00 _____
 ___ **Anonymous Donation** _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name/Company _____
 Attention _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email Address _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

___ Check/Money Order Payable To: RGS
 ___ CC# _____ Exp: _____
 CC Billing Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____
 Signature _____

*If A Total of 8 or 10 Dinner Tickets are Purchased, A Table Will Be
 Reserved In Your Name:* _____

2009 Sponsor Reward Program

Must Select One Of The Following Options

Option 1 – Sponsor Print

As a sponsor, you may elect to receive the RGS 2009 Unframed Print of the Year or an unframed print from a prior year (while supplies last). You will be sent the 2009 Print of the Year unless you specify a Past Sponsor Print. To view these prints, please visit our website. www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. List Year of Choice _____

Option 2 – National Drawing

Raffle Ticket(s) for Entry into the National Drawing for a chance to win 1 of 7 prizes drawn at the end of the 2009 Banquet Season. As a sponsor you may elect to participate in the National Drawing. Seven tickets will be drawn in the order listed below with the first ticket winning the first prize and so forth. The sponsors who elect this option will be assigned a ticket number(s) for the drawing from RGS National Headquarters.

The following are the seven prizes being offered:

1. AYA #2 Side-Lock With Detachable Lock, 20 Gauge, 28" Barrels, Double Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun
2. Connecticut Shotgun's RBL-28 Round Action, Box-Lock 28 Gauge, 26" Barrels, Single Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun; 3X Wood Grade
3. Caesar Guerini Magnus Over/Under 20 Gauge Shotgun
4. Smith & Wesson Elite Gold Side-By-Side 20 Gauge Shotgun
5. SKB Limited Edition RGS #7 Over/Under Shotgun in 20 or 28 Gauge, 26" or 28" Barrels
6. Choice Of Any Pair Of Steiner Binoculars \$1,600 or less
7. \$1,000 Cabela's Gift Certificate.

Donations Welcome!!!

Please Contact Ticket Chairman!!

Mail To:

Dr. Harold Pickens
 1018 Peters Run Road
 Wheeling, WV 26003
 Office: 740.633.2456
 Residence: 304.242.9663



*******Super Recruiter*******

Do you have what it takes to be the RGS Super Recruiter 2009?

When you introduce a new member to the RGS let us know! We'll track and post the top recruiters on www.ruffedgrousesociety.org. At the end of the year the Super Recruiter receives a special award, recognition on the website, magazine, and at their banquet. Email us your recruits at: membership@ruffedgrousesociety.org or write your name on the back of a banquet stub and say that you are a "Super Recruiter"



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Please Support Them As They Support Us!



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For Every 20 Sponsors, We Will Give Away One Fine Shotgun. The Winning Sponsor Will Have Their Choice Of Ruger Red Label 20-Ga. O/U Shotgun With Engraved Ruffed Grouse Or A Remington Premier RGS Conservation 20-Ga. O/U Shotgun With RGS Logo.

Early Bird Door Prize

To Be Eligible For A Complimentary Chance On A Bonus Raffle Ticket Package-Containing \$260.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets To Be Used At The Banquet—Dinner Ticket Orders Must Be Received By **Saturday, September 5, 2009**
ORDER YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!

"Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Prices"

If You Would Like To Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package At The Banquet, You Will Receive \$260.00 Worth Of Tickets For The Low Price of \$100.00.

HOWEVER, If You Would Like To Receive The Best Buy, Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Tickets By **Saturday, September 5, 2009** And You Will Receive \$400.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For \$100.00.

Use The Order Form To Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package And Pick Up Your Tickets When You Register At The Banquet.

Make Your Reservation Early
We Need To Give The Facility An Exact Meal Count By:
Wednesday, September 16, 2009.
Reservation Only--No Tickets Available At The Door

Ohio Habitat Update 2009

Ohio continues to be one of RGS' most active states. Like many states in the East, however, Ohio has lost a tremendous amount of grouse and woodcock habitat over the last 40 years. Since the 1960's, the amount of quality grouse and woodcock habitat has declined dramatically. In the eastern and southern portions of the state, there is significant forest area where management can take place. This means that the trend in habitat is reversible!

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical, and RGS members have been vocal in support of habitat management. While RGS bases its unwavering support for forest management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition for forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. We have to get our message out, particularly on the Wayne National Forest.

In spring of 2007, RGS secured \$17,000 to fund the reforestation of 50 acres of recently surface-mined terrain at Jockey Hollow WMA in Harrison County. The OH Division of Wildlife provided the bulk of the leadership on this project, orchestrating the purchase and planting of 33,000 wildlife friendly trees. The project was part of the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative and was dedicated at a ceremony in May. Those trees should really be taking off now.

RGS volunteers from the Cincinnati chapter have been working with the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Division of Forestry to develop and fund a habitat project at Shawnee State Forest. Shawnee SF is one of the better places to find grouse in Ohio right now due to the extensive forestry work done following the ice storm. We hope this will be a long-term relationship.

RGS plans to provide the Ohio Division of Wildlife with a CAT and tree shear to manage aspen on wildlife areas in Ashtabula County in the winter of 2009.

In late 2008, the Wayne National Forest and the Society completed a 400+ acre exotic vegetation elimination project on some abandoned mine lands that are part of the Wayne. RGS provided the heavy equipment (CAT and mulcher) to maintain native vegetation on the area. The Forest Service staff and local volunteers did a great job orchestrating the project on the local level. The project provided considerable income to the Society which will help fund further habitat work with the equipment.

If you have never attended an RGS habitat field day, written a letter or attended a meeting to support grouse and woodcock management, make it happen in 2009. To find out how, contact **Mark Banker, Regional Biologist, 814-867-7946, rgsbank@comcast.net** or **Regional Director Lisa Rossi (Western PA), 724-693-9032, rgslmt@msn.com**. *Updated Winter 2009.*