

25th Annual

The Upper Ohio Valley Chapter Sportsmen's Banquet SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010



For Information Or
To Purchase Tickets,

Please Contact:

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St. Clairsville Eagles
National Road (US 40)
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Exit 218 (Mall Road) Off I-70 To
National Road, 1/2 Mile West On National Road

Cost:

Individual Membership & Dinner Ticket: \$45

Family Membership: \$70
(Includes 2 Dinners)

Additional Family Dinners Only: \$25 Each

Cocktails & Raffles: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

For Every 20 Sponsors We Will Give Away A
Ruger Red Label 28-Gauge O/U Shotgun With
Engraved Woodcock Design

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 **September 4, 2010**



BEST BUY!! Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Packages

Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Prices

If You Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package At The Banquet, You Will Receive
\$260.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For The Low Price Of \$100. HOWEVER, For The Best
Buy, Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Packages By

Saturday, September 4, 2010

And You Will Receive \$400 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For \$100. Use The Order Form To
Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package And Pick Up Your
Tickets At The Door When You Register!!!

The Ruffed Grouse Society Upper Ohio Valley Chapter

25th Annual Sportsmen's Banquet - Saturday, September 18, 2010

Dinner Tickets -

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| _____ Member (RGS Membership + Dinner)..... | \$45.00..... | \$_____ |
| _____ Family Membership (Includes 2 Dinners)..... | \$70.00..... | \$_____ |
| <i>(Includes A Membership For Each Household Member & 1 Magazine Per Household)</i> | | |
| _____ Each Additional Family Meal (with family memberships only)..... | \$25.00..... | \$_____ |
| _____ Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Package..... | \$100.00 ea..... | \$_____ |
| <i>(Package Contains \$400.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets)</i> | | |
| <i>(Must Be Purchased By September 4, 2010)</i> | | |

Sponsor Packages – All sponsors receive recognition in the **banquet program**, chances in the **sponsor gun drawing**, and entry in the **sponsor rewards program** (see reverse side)

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| _____ Sustaining Sponsor | \$1000..... | \$_____ |
| 8 memberships & dinner tickets, 4 sponsor gun drawing chances, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 4 tickets for Option 2 (<i>see reverse side</i>) | | |
| _____ Conservation Sponsor | \$500..... | \$_____ |
| 4 memberships & dinner tickets, 2 sponsor gun drawing chances, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 2 tickets for Option 2 (<i>see reverse side</i>) | | |
| _____ Banquet Sponsor | \$275..... | \$_____ |
| 2 memberships & dinner tickets, 1 sponsor gun drawing chance, and a choice of Option 1 <u>or</u> 1 ticket for Option 2 (<i>see reverse side</i>) | | |
| _____ Non-Attending Sponsor | \$250..... | \$_____ |
| No dinner package - (<i>see reverse side</i>) | | |

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

TOTAL.....\$_____

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Check or Money Order Credit Card: (circle one) Visa Master Card Am Ex Discover

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Home _____ Business _____

E-mail _____

Billing Address if different from Above:

2010 Sponsor Reward Program: (sponsors please choose one of the following options)

___ Option 1: RGS Print of the Year unframed or unframed prints available from prior years

___ Option 2: Raffle Ticket(s) for Entry into the National Drawing for a chance to win 1 of 7 prizes drawn at the end of the 2010 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. Connecticut Shotgun RBL-28 Round Action, Box-Lock 28 Gauge, 26" Barrels, Single Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun; 3X Wood Grade
2. AYA 453 – 28 Gauge, 28" Barrels, Side-By-Side; Walnut Stock & Forend
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 Model 785 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

___ **I would like to become involved in my local committee to help support Ruffed Grouse and young forest habitat. Please contact me.**

Don't Wait - ORDER NOW!

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Tickets and forms also available at the website: www.ruffedgrousesociety.org



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.*