

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmen's Banquet



Presented By  
The Southwestern  
Michigan Chapter

451 McCormick Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108  
Phone: 888.564.6747 Web Address: [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)

Join Us!!!!  
Friday, February 1, 2008  
At  
Niko's Landing  
5822 King Highway  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048  
Cocktails & Raffles: 5:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:30 PM

\*\*\*\* A Caesar Guerini Woodlander O/U 28 Gauge \*\*\*\*  
Will be awarded for a minimum of thirty-five sponsors

### Thundering Grouse Raffle Package

Package Price \$475.00 (Total Value = Approx. \$1020.00)  
Package Includes One Membership & Dinner Ticket (\$60.00)  
Your Choice Of A Steiner Binocular or Gamo Air Rifle  
\$270.00 Tickets For Grouse Gun Raffle  
\$270.00 Tickets For Drummer Raffle  
\$270.00 Tickets For Sportsmen's Raffle  
Tickets Will Be \$500.00 At The Door

### Royal Flush Raffle Packages - \$100.00

\$50.00 Tickets For Grouse Gun Raffle  
\$50.00 Tickets For Drummer Raffle  
\$50.00 Tickets For Sportsmen's Raffle

### Directions:

**East or West Bound** – I-94 – Exit 80, Right (North) On To Sprinkle Road, Turn Right (East) Onto Comstock Ave (5<sup>th</sup> Light And M&M Motor Mall Is On The Corner), Follow To The End And Turn Left (North) At Light Onto River St, Left (West) At Next Light Onto Kings Hwy, Niko's Is Directly Behind The Speedway Gas Station.

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### Number of Dinner Tickets:

___ Membership & Dinner Ticket	(\$60.00)	\$ _____
___ Spouse Dinner Ticket (No Membership)	(\$35.00)	\$ _____
___ Tax Deductible Donation		\$ _____
___ Youth Membership & Dinner Ticket	(\$25.00)	\$ _____
___ Thundering Grouse Raffle Package	(\$475.00)	\$ _____
___ Parker Raffle Ticket(s)	(\$100.00)	\$ _____
___ Tahoe Raffle Ticket(s)	(\$100.00)	\$ _____

### Number of Sponsor Packages:

___ <u>Sustaining Sponsor</u> 1 Membership Ticket, 7 Guest Dinner Tickets, 4 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chances, And a Choice of Option 1 or 2 or 4 tickets for Option 3	(\$1,000)	\$ _____
___ <u>Conservation Sponsor</u> 1 Membership Ticket, 3 Guest Dinner Tickets, 2 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chances, And a Choice of Option 1 or 2 or 2 tickets for Option 3	(\$500)	\$ _____
___ <u>Banquet Sponsor</u> 1 Membership Ticket, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chance, And a Choice of Option 1 or 2 or 1 ticket for Option 3	(\$250)	\$ _____
___ Non-Attending Sponsor Membership	(\$250)	\$ _____
___ <b>DO NOT</b> want to be listed as a Sponsor (Anonymous Donation)		
<b>Total</b>		\$ _____

### Sponsor Choices: (MUST SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS)

- \$20.00 Discount Coupon To Purchase RGS Merchandise
- RGS 2008 Print Of The Year Unframed Print or Unframed Prints Available From Prior Years
- Raffle Ticket (s) For Entry Into The National Drawing For A Chance To Win 1 Of 7 Prizes Drawn At The End Of The 2008 Banquet Season. \*

\***Banquet Sponsor – 1 Ticket, Conservation Sponsor – 2 Tickets, Sustaining Sponsor – 4 Tickets**

For Details On Prizes, Please See 2008 Banquet Sponsor Reward Program on Reverse Side Or Visit Our Website at [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)

If Total Dinner Ticket Purchase is 8 Dinner Tickets, a Table Will Be Reserved In Your Name.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Check Payment Method:

\_\_\_ Check or Money Order    \_\_\_ American Express  
\_\_\_ Visa    \_\_\_ Master Card  
\_\_\_ Discover Card

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Digit Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (Located on back of Credit Card)  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Make All Checks and Money Orders To: RGS

Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Visit The RGS Website For The  
Banquet Highlights At  
[www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org)**

**Youth Gun Drawing Must Be Present  
To Win (Ages 16 & Younger)**

**\*\*PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS EARLY, SALES AT THE DOOR ARE LIMITED\*\***

### Mail To:

**Dave Dyer**  
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Galesburg, MI 49053

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# RGS CORPORATE SPONSORS



## 2008 Parker Raffle – 28 Gauge AAHE Parker Skeet Configuration (1 of only 2 Ordered in 2006)

**MSRP \$49,000**

**Tickets: \$100.00 each - Limited To 1,000**

**Number Drawn On PA Daily Lottery (7:00 PM)**

**Drawing Date: - April 10, 2008 Winner Will Be Notified**

**For Raffle Details, Please Visit Our Website at**

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

## 2008 Chevy Tahoe Raffle

**MSRP \$44,600 – Fully Loaded**

**Tickets: \$100.00 Each – Limited To 1,000**

**Number Drawn On PA Daily Lottery (7:00 PM)**

**Drawing Date: April 9, 2008 Winner Will Be Notified**

**For Raffle Details, Please Visit Our Website at**

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

## 2008 LIFE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

By becoming a Life Sponsor, you can own one of these fine, well-balanced guns.

- Caesar Guerini – Magnus 20 Gauge or 28 Gauge O/U Shotgun
- Kimber - Valier Grade II 20 Gauge SxS Shotgun
- Remington Conservation 20 Gauge O/U Shotgun

A Life Sponsorship with RGS is \$10,000. In order to receive a gun, the Life Sponsorship must be paid in full within 12 months of your pledge date.

Please Note: A Life Sponsorship pledged over 4 years, \$2,500 a year, does not qualify for a gun.

For more information about these guns you may refer to the “RGS” magazine or RGS Website

## 2008 CENTURION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Centurion (life for most of us) Membership – A “Centurion” Membership is available for \$1,000. If you purchase yours while Kimber or Caesar Guerini guns are available you will receive a ticket. For every ten Centurion Memberships sold in your Regional Director’s area there will be a drawing for a Kimber Valier Grade II or Caesar Guerini Magnus. Thus you have a 1 in 10 chance of winning.

For more information about these guns you may refer to the “RGS” magazine or RGS Website.

## 2008 Banquet Sponsor Rewards Program

The Ruffed Grouse Society is offering a new rewards program to our 2008 Banquet Sponsors. This exciting new program will entice you to become a banquet sponsor and thus support RGS’ mission. **Sign up today!!**

As a banquet sponsor, three reward options are available:

- Option 1 – As a sponsor you may elect to take a \$20 credit to buy RGS merchandise on RGS’ Website. You may elect to make your purchase on-line or contact RGS at 888.564.6747.
- Option 2 – As a sponsor you may elect to receive a 2008 unframed print of the year or an available unframed print from prior years. Photos of prints from prior years are available on the RGS Website. You may elect to make your purchase on-line or contact RGS at 888.564.6747.
- Option 3 – As a sponsor you may elect to participate in a national drawing to be held at the end of the 2008 Fall Banquet Season. 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.

The following are the seven prizes being offered:

1. Guerini “Forum” Grade O/U in 12 Gauge, 20 Gauge or 28 Gauge. (MSRP = \$7,350)
2. Kimber – winner will choose one of the following:
  - Grade II 20 Gauge SxS Valier – (MSRP = \$5,000),
  - Grade II 20 Gauge O/ U Marias – (MSRP = \$5,800)
3. Kimber – winner will choose one of the following:
  - Grade II 20 Gauge SxS Valier – (MSRP = \$5,000),
  - Grade II 20 Gauge O/U Marias – (MSRP = \$5,800)
4. Guerini “Magnus” Grade O/ U in 12 Gauge, 20 Gauge or 28 Gauge (MSRP = \$3,495)
5. Choice of any pair of Steiner binoculars (MSRP of \$1,600 or less)
6. Choice of any pair of Steiner binoculars (MSRP of \$1,600 or less)
7. \$1,000 Cabela’s Gift Certificate

### Sponsorship Levels

- Banquet Sponsor – 1 Ticket for National Drawing
- Conservation Sponsor – 2 Tickets for National Drawing
- Sustaining Sponsor – 4 Tickets for National Drawing

## All Banquet Sponsors Will Receive:

One Year Annual RGS Sponsor Membership  
Distinctive RGS Sponsor Lapel Pin  
Name Listed In Sponsor Report On Our Website  
15% Discount For Choice Hotels International

Subscription To “RGS” Magazine  
Embroidered Jacket Patch and Window Decal  
Website access to Interactive Member Areas and Discounts  
Participation In New 2008 Sponsor Reward Program

## ***RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY 2007*** **HABITAT HAPPENINGS IN THE UPPER PENINSULA**

### **UP Overview:**

The first Ruffed Grouse Society Management Area Project (MAP) in the Upper Peninsula was initiated in 1985. Since that time, the Society has provided over 135 thousand dollars in funding over 32 projects in the UP. These funds have enhanced ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat on over 37,000 acres of public land. Thanks must go out to our local chapter committees, banquet attendees and supporters who continue to make all of this possible.

### **2006:**

The Society has recently joined in a five-year partnership agreement with the Ottawa National Forest to support ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat management efforts on the Forest. Projects slated in this partnership include improving the habitat and trail conditions on the Harris Creek Accessible Hunting Trail in Gogebic County and alder regeneration efforts in Ontonagon County.

The Ruffed Grouse Society has also been active educating private landowners about forest and wildlife management through seminars and workshops. The second annual Eastern UP Private Landowner Workshop was held in July near Engadine in the Eastern UP. This full-day session provided land management guidance to around 25 private land owners and forest industry professionals.

### **What's ahead in 2007?**

The Society is in the process of establishing a partnership agreement with the Hiawatha National Forest in the eastern UP to support ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat management efforts on the Forest, similar to the agreement finalized in 2006 on the Ottawa National Forest. Projects slated in this partnership include improving the habitat and trail conditions on the Birch Farm Grouse Management Area in Delta County and alder regeneration efforts across the Forest. In addition, grouse and woodcock habitat will be improved in a project with Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission.

**National Emphasis:** The Ruffed Grouse Society continues to actively promote common-sense forest wildlife conservation and the interests of sportsmen and women on the ground, in the courts, and in the legislative and policy arenas. At the local, state and federal levels, the Society is protecting the ability of public land managers and private landowners to use the tools needed to manage our forests to benefit ruffed grouse, woodcock, and other wildlife of young forest habitats.

In Washington, over 4 years of work by the nation's leading wildlife conservation organizations, spearheaded by the Society, resulted in significant improvements to regulations that guide habitat management on 191 million acres of National Forest System lands. Previously, these regulations had often tied the hands of natural resource managers and greatly complicated the ability of the Society and others to implement needed on-the-ground projects. The improvements to these regulations will greatly enhance opportunities for the Society to promote science-based wildlife conservation on our National Forests.

### **Thank you for your support!**

From Ironwood to Lansing to Washington DC, none of the Ruffed Grouse Society's accomplishments would be possible without the generous support from our members. We are in this together; in this struggle to protect the future of our hunting heritage and to preserve our nations forest wildlife. Please consider becoming a committee member if you are not already. If you are interested in receiving regular updates on grouse related issues please consider becoming a member of our Forest Action Network (FAN), a group of grouse enthusiasts who are taking an active role in grouse and woodcock management. For information contact your Regional Director or Regional Biologist Gary Zimmer at 715-674-7505, or by email at [rgszimm@newnorth.net](mailto:rgszimm@newnorth.net).



## **Ruffed Grouse Society 2007 Management Area Projects in Michigan**

### **Hiawatha National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements, Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties, Michigan**

Work will include non-commercial alder and aspen regeneration harvests as well as improvements to Hunter Walking Trail Systems on the Hiawatha National Forest. Funds will be matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. A portion of these funds will target additional work on the long established Birch Farm Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Habitat Management Area. This will initiate a five-year Cost Share Partnership Program between the US Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society.

### **Huron/Manistee National Forest Non-Commercial Aspen Regeneration, Cadillac Ranger District, Lake and Wexford Counties, Michigan**

This project will regenerate approximately 35 acres of non-commercial aspen habitat on the Huron/Manistee National Forest. Two project sites have been identified for regeneration on locations that are inaccessible for commercial harvests due to wetland crossings.

### **Gogebic County Forest Aspen Regeneration, Gogebic County, Michigan**

The goal of this project is to regenerate approximately 100 acres of high quality aspen habitat on land managed by the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission. Un-merchantable residual trees remain at recently harvested cutting units. If left untreated, aspen regeneration would be impacted resulting in lower stem densities and poorer habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock and other young forest wildlife.

### **LeGrande Management Area Project, Cheboygan County, Michigan**

The project area is managed by the Michigan DNR and is located approximately six miles north of Afton, Michigan. Funds will be used to support ongoing ruffed grouse habitat work being conducted on the Pigeon River Wildlife Area. Proposed work will include the rehabilitation of approximately 20 acres of wildlife openings and improvements to access roads and trails used for management activities and as hunter walking trails. This is the second phase of this multi-year project.

### **Ottawa National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements, Iron, Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan**

Work planned includes non-commercial alder and aspen regeneration harvests as well as improvements to Hunter Walking Trail Systems on the Ottawa National Forest. Funds will be matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. A portion of these funds may be used for additional work on the long established Harris Creek Disabled Hunting Trail System. This is part of a five-year Cost Share Partnership Program between the Forest Service and RGS that began in 2006.

### **Michigan Private Landowner Education**

RGS plans to support three landowner education workshops in Michigan in 2007, two in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula. Workshops are typically one-day events that include a half day seminar that includes a variety of natural resources specialists, a lunch and a half day in the field viewing ongoing management programs. These workshops introduce landowners to ways to better manage their properties for desired wildlife species.