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The Banquet Is Only A Few Weeks Away



3rd Annual Covered Bridge Chapter Sportsmen's Banquet

Kimber Raffle

Kimber Valier Grade II Side By Side 20-Gauge Shotgun Raffle
 Tickets Are \$20.00 Each
 Only 250 Tickets To Be Sold.
 Winner Will Be Drawn November 13th
 At The Sportsmen's Banquet
 Winner Need Not Be Present To Win
 Hurry, We Still Have A Few Tickets Left
 Use The Below Order Form
 To Insure Your Chance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

Bella Sera By Greco's
 414 Morganza Rd. • Canonsburg, PA 15317

COCKTAILS & RAFFLES 5:30 p.m.

DINNER 7:30 p.m.

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO BECOME AN RGS SPONSOR

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- _____ Membership & Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$55.00 each _____
- _____ Couple Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$85.00 each _____
- _____ Youth Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$30.00 each _____
- _____ Kimber Valier Raffle Ticket(s) @ \$20.00 _____
- _____ Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle Ticket(s) @ \$50.00 each _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

- _____ **Banquet Sponsor @ \$275.00** _____
 1 Membership Ticket, 1 Guest Ticker, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chance
 And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 2 Or 1 Ticket For Option 3
- _____ **Conservation Sponsor @ \$500.00** _____
 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
- _____ **Sustaining Sponsor @ \$1,000.00** _____
 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
- _____ **Non-Attending Sponsor Membership @ \$250.00** _____
- _____ **Anonymous Donation** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SPONSOR OPTIONS

Must Select One Of The Following Options

- _____ **Option 1**
 \$20.00 Discount Coupon to Purchase RGS Merchandise
- _____ **Option 2**
 RGS 2008 Unframed Print Of The Year Or Unframed Print From Prior Years, You
 Will Be Sent Print Of The Year Unless You Specify A Past Sponsor Print.
 To View These Prints, Please Visit Our Website. List Year For Choice _____
- _____ **Option 3**
 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

**For Details On Prizes, Please See 2008 Banquet Sponsor Reward Program
 On Reverse Side Or Visit Our Website At ruffedgrousesociety.org or
 Call: 888.564.6747**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Name/Company _____
- Attention _____
- Address _____
- City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
- Daytime Phone Number _____
- Evening Phone Number _____
- Email Address _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- _____ **Check/Money Order**
 Please Make All Checks And Money Orders To: RGS
- _____ **Credit Card**
 CC# _____ Exp. Date _____
- CC Billing Address _____
- City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
- Signature _____

If Total Dinner Tickets Purchased Are 8 Or 10, A Table Will Be Reserved In

Your Name: _____

MAIL COMPLETED ORDER FORM TO:

BRIAN HANNA
 413 BURTON AVENUE
 WASHINGTON, PA 15301

Phone: 412.296.1178
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 Chapter Website: www.gundogalliance.com/RGS



2008/2009 National Raffle - Upland Bird Dream Hunt

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Order Your Dinner Tickets Online

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 or 28 Gauge O/U Shotgun
- ❖ Kimber – Valier Grade II 20 Gauge SxS Shotgun (While Supplies Last)
- ❖ AYA Boxlock Model 453 SxS 20 or 28 Gauge Shotgun

A Life Sponsorship with RGS is \$10,000. In order to receive a gun, the Life Sponsor must pay \$5,000 up front and the remaining balance within 90 days.

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 Membership – A Centurion Membership is available for \$1,000. For every ten Centurion Memberships sold there will be a drawing for a Kimber Valier Grade II 20 Gauge SXS Shotgun. Thus, you have a 1 in 10 chance of winning. For more information about these guns, you may refer to the "RGS" Magazine or the RGS Website.

2008 Sponsor Reward 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. As a banquet sponsor, you may select one of the three reward options available. **Sign Up Today!**

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 sponsor print from prior years. Photos of these prints are available on the RGS Website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.

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.

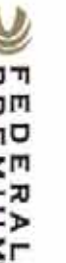
The following are the seven prizes being offered:

1. Caesar Guerini Forum Grade O/U in 12, 20 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. Caesar Guerini Magnus Grade O/U in 12, 20 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

All Banquet Sponsors Will Receive

- ❖ One Year Annual RGS Sponsor Membership
- ❖ Website access to Interactive Member Areas
- ❖ Embroidered Jacket Patch and Window Decal
- ❖ Name Listed In Sponsor Report On Our Website
- ❖ Participation In New 2008 Sponsor Reward Program
- ❖ 15% Discount For Choice Hotels International
- ❖ Subscription To "RGS" Magazine
- ❖ Distinctive RGS Sponsor Lapel Pin

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Pennsylvania Habitat Update 2008

Pennsylvania continues to be one of RGS' most active states in terms of chapters, membership, fund-raising and habitat projects. Like many states in the East, however, PA 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 by nearly 1.6 million acres. These forests have not disappeared, they've just gotten older. PA has far more forest now than it did 100 years ago. This means that the trend in habitat is reversible!

Because of the relatively large amount of public lands, there is still excellent grouse and woodcock hunting to be found, especially in the northcentral part of the state. The potential for reversing the trend in grouse and woodcock habitat and populations is very good in other parts of the state, as well. Pennsylvania could easily be the premier grouse and woodcock hunting state in the East south of Maine. Last year's mild winter plus an apparent excellent hatch this spring may have contributed to excellent hunting in many areas of the state this fall and winter.

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 to forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. We have to get our message out.

Most of our members want to know what RGS is doing in their neck-of-the-woods. The list of current projects that RGS is directly involved in changes each year. RGS has on-going projects at Bald Eagle State Park (Centre Co), Raystown Lake (Huntingdon Co), State Game Lands 110 (Berks Co), Lackawanna State Forest, and State Game Lands 39, 287, 82, 24, and 266, to name only a few. RGS is working with the Lackawanna State Forest in Luzerne County to develop a unique habitat project that will put top-notch habitat on the outskirts of Wilkes-Barre. RGS is involved in a variety of other projects across the state. The cooperatively project at Raystown Lake has now resulted in over 1000 acres of timber management.

RGS has identified and started work on a woodcock habitat project on state game lands 82 in Somerset County in memory of Bill Goudy, who died in January 2007. Bill worked tirelessly on behalf of the American woodcock throughout his career and for the Ruffed Grouse Society for many years before retiring a few years ago. Please contact your RGS regional staff about financial support of the Bill Goudy Memorial Project.

Thanks to a cooperative effort with Mackin Engineering of Pittsburgh and funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and PennDOT, RGS' Woodcock Habitat Initiative on State Lands (WHISL) project has generated new woodcock habitat projects. PennDOT is using the information created by WHISL to identify new wetland mitigation sites that will double as woodcock habitat. The first project will be located on SGL 39 in Venango County near Franklin and will be completed this year.

Focusing on the bigger picture, RGS coordinated the development of the National Ruffed Grouse Management Strategy which is now approved and final. RGS biologists also authored several sections of the National Woodcock Management Strategy (still in preparation) and are co-authoring two chapters of a book on the ecology and management of grouse in the southern Appalachians.

If you have never attended an RGS habitat field day or never written a letter or attended a meeting to support grouse and woodcock management, make it happen in 2008. To find out how, contact **Mark Banker, Regional Biologist, 814-867-7946, rgsbank@comcast.net** or **Regional Directors Lisa Rossi (Western PA), 724-693-9032, rgslmt@msn.com**; **Dave Hansroth (Southeast PA), 240-912-9294, rgshans@comcast.com** or **Ken Waite (Northern Tier), 315-635-2662, rgsknw@twcny.rr.com**.

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