

THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

2005 ANNUAL REPORT TO SPONSORS

The Ruffed Grouse Society is fortunate to be able to draw on a wealth of experience and support as it carries out its ongoing campaign to improve young forest wildlife habitat. Throughout the years, RGS has been able to depend on a committed membership to reach what at times have been difficult goals. From the beginning, dedicated assistance has been one of the Society's major strengths.

The Society can never forget the debt of gratitude it owes its many generous contributors who have provided, and continue to provide, their time, effort and money to move the organization forward. Here we want to especially thank our Ruffed Grouse Society Sponsor members, who are a vital key to RGS' growing list of accomplishments.

We are grateful to all who over the years have made the Society's cause their own and to all who will be a part of the Society's young forest wildlife habitat improvement campaign in the future. It is, however, with this Report to Sponsors that RGS acknowledges the role of a special group that has become such a major source of precious resources, our RGS Sponsors.



President's message



Wayne Jacobson, Jr.
President, Ruffed Grouse Society
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RGS: Not your basic bird-watching organization

The founders of the Ruffed Grouse Society didn't consider RGS a bird-watching organization. The focus back at the beginning was on the upland covers and their wildlife resources as they affected sport hunting. Specifically, hunters were finding fewer and fewer grouse in the mountainous country around Monterey, Virginia, in 1961. (The original leaders of RGS were all from the Monterey, Virginia, area, and the organization was chartered in Virginia in 1961.) To determine what could be done to solve the problem in the region, and in other places where grouse numbers were dropping, RGS' organizers set out to pull together a group of like-minded individuals who would be willing to fund research and participate in whatever programs were created to improve the situation. The individuals who answered the call were predominately hunters.

The Society's leaders, through the organization's first decades especially, were men and women deeply committed to returning game bird populations back to numbers that had been available to hunters of past generations.

The 1960s were, of course, a far different time from our current decade. It may not have seemed like a straightforward proposition to the individuals creating the embryonic Society, but compared to the challenges they would face today to launch a similar organization, things progressed rather well. There was certainly a chronic lack of money to fund all of the work the Society would have liked to accomplish (and that has been a consideration throughout the decades). But even more dire complications than lack of funds have insulated themselves over the years as the Society has endeavored to reach its goals. Some of these have even given RGS' leaders reason to re-evaluate what the Society's mission actually

should be and what other types of interest the Society might be promoting.

We are living through a key period in the history of wildlife conservation. For the first time, more people are living in cities than outside them. And to urban dwellers, what constitutes appropriate wildlife or wildlife habitat management may have an entirely different meaning than it does to those who still live on the land or have a deep appreciation and understanding of the land ethic. Many of the urban dwellers, those who even think of wildlife or habitat management, either don't see or won't tolerate hunting as part of the equation.

Many of us who started to hunt as the Ruffed Grouse Society was growing through its formative years have watched general attitudes toward hunting and forest and game management change dramatically. We are getting farther away with each passing year from the time when so many of us could simply step off the back porch and be hunting. And dwindling hunting areas are being shared with more and more people who pursue other outdoor sports.

Over the years through the Society's history, there has been one initiative or another to explore the benefits of broadening the parameters of the Society's mission. The thought was to attract individuals with different but somewhat similar agendas to the Ruffed Grouse Society.

We've never gotten too far with this, for always we come back to a basic fact that the Ruffed Grouse Society was started by hunters for hunters. And we have too often seen those who don't hunt exhibit little or no tolerance for those who do. An, at best, uneasy alliance is not the way to success. The Society stands as proof that sportsmen and sportswomen will go out of their way to support, financially and with their labor, programs that benefit the well-being of the game species they love – and love to pursue.

Recently we've been working to re-affirm our close ties to the sportsmen and sportswomen who were the backbone of the organization at its inception and are still its greatest strength. The vision of those who launched the Ruffed Grouse Society had as one of its key elements a special relationship between hunters and the organization. At that point in time, the appropriateness of such a relationship was simply self-evident.

It was hunters who spearheaded the wildlife conservation movement, and their commitment to conservation through the Ruffed Grouse Society was merely one more example of the awareness of their responsibility.

The Society is dedicated to honoring the trust that so many sportsmen and sportswomen have invested in the Society over the years. Through its programs, RGS will continue to concentrate on expanding young-forest habitat. It's habitat that is essential to many kinds of wildlife, non-game species as well as game birds and mammals. But the top priority for the Ruffed Grouse Society is that this is the type of cover crucial to grouse and woodcock, the game birds that hold a special place in the hearts and minds of hunters.

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Storm Refuge- Ruffed Grouse
by Jim Kasper

This signed and numbered edition measures 16.25" x 20" is reproduced from an original by Kasper. Kasper grew up in northern Minnesota and concentrates his skills on bringing to life wild scenes that are sometimes as close as his own back yard.

CFC Participation

RGS participated in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for the first time as a member of the Conservation & Preservation Charities of America Federation under the listing of "National Federations." Previously it participated as an "Unaffiliated National Organization." Federal employees are encouraged to add RGS to their payroll deduction plans.

In the world of the American woodcock, there were at least two notable upheavals in 2005 – the hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The storms tore into the Gulf Coast in the weeks ahead of the fall migration of the woodcock of the Central Flyway. For sportsmen and other well-wishers, there was simply nothing to do but worry as they watched the woodcock and other migratory birds head south toward what appeared to be a devastated land.



By the time the migrants were again heading north in the spring migration, wildlife specialists were fairly certain the hurricanes' aftermath put no additional hardship on the woodcock of the Central Region.

"I don't think the hurricanes had any real impact on the birds," commented Mike Olinde, research program manager for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife Division.

Olinde said the hurricanes created the potential for some ideal habitat for woodcock and many other species of wildlife. "In the long run," he observed, "the hurricanes are setting back succession." It wasn't a uniform blowdown by any means. The hurricanes created a variety of conditions, depending upon the proximity of a site to the eye of the storms. Where winds were quite strong, forests were largely flattened, likely creating excellent future woodcock habitat.

Meeting called “unprecedented”

On Wednesday, May 18, the Ruffed Grouse Society, with approximately 30 other wildlife conservation organizations from the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), met with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, Gale Norton, and most of her staff. The meeting, held in Washington, DC, was unprecedented because it brought together so many of America’s leaders in wildlife conservation from both the public and private sectors.

Throughout the day-long meeting, the Secretary and her staff worked side by side with RGS biologists and resource professionals from many other wildlife conservation organizations to address issues of critical importance to America’s wildlife resources and America’s hunters.



Secretary Norton accepts an award from American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP). From left, Rollie Sparrowe, 2002 AWCP Chair; Ray Lee, 2001 AWCP Chair; Bob Model, 2004 AWCP Chair; Jeff Crane, 2005 AWCP Chair; Secretary of Interior Gale Norton, Dan Dessecker, 2003 AWCP Chair; and Dan Pedrotti, AWCP Founder.

Society appreciated by USFS Allegheny National Forest



RGS Gordon W. Gullion Award

Nick Steen was awarded the 2005 Gordon W. Gullion Award, the highest RGS award presented to a natural resource professional. Given in recognition of career achievement in the practice and promotion of forest ecology and management for the benefit of ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife.



Presentation at the 2005 South Central Alaska RGS Sportsmen’s Banquet features Mr. Steen, then RGS Executive Director Robert Patterson and senior regional director Mark Fouts (l to r).

STEP OUTSIDE



Late in the year, RGS joined forces with the National Shooting Sports Foundation’s STEP OUTSIDE[®] program. Through a grant from the NSSF program, RGS chapters were given the opportunity to host STEP OUTSIDE events designed to welcome newcomers to traditional outdoor sports. These events provide hands-on introduction to hunting, shooting and other pursuits, helping to increase awareness and public support for the outdoor pastimes.

First to receive RGS Greg Sepik Award



Dan McAuley was announced as the first recipient of the *RGS Greg Sepik Award*. In a ceremony at the 2005 National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt on October 14, Dan received the inaugural award from Dan Dessecker, then RGS senior wildlife biologist, and then RGS national board of directors' president Stephen F. Quill.

McCauley has conducted groundbreaking research focusing on American woodcock, first with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and currently with the U. S. Geological Survey. The combination of his research, providing insight into the ecology and management of the woodcock, and his ability to transform science into on-the-ground habitat management is rare indeed.



Greg Sepik, who died in an accident in May 1998, displayed that same ability in answering many questions about the management of woodcock habitat. The award was established in his memory to honor natural resource professionals who have furthered the cause of woodcock conservation.

In memory...

Paco Young's Death Sad Loss for Conservation



Excerpts from his obituary: 'Paco Young, 47, of Bozeman, MT, died at home on December 1st, 2005, after an inspired and courageous yearlong battle with leukemia. A self-made man who became one of today's most talented and successful wildlife artists, he finally met an obstacle even his unwavering determination and positive attitude couldn't overcome.

For years Paco has had this motto hanging from his easel: "*Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body; but rather to skid in broadside thoroughly used up, totally worn out and proclaiming-WOW! WHAT A RIDE!!*" What a perfect description of this life we all cherished, this man we are so proud to have known. It's been a heck of a ride, Paco. We're going to miss you.'

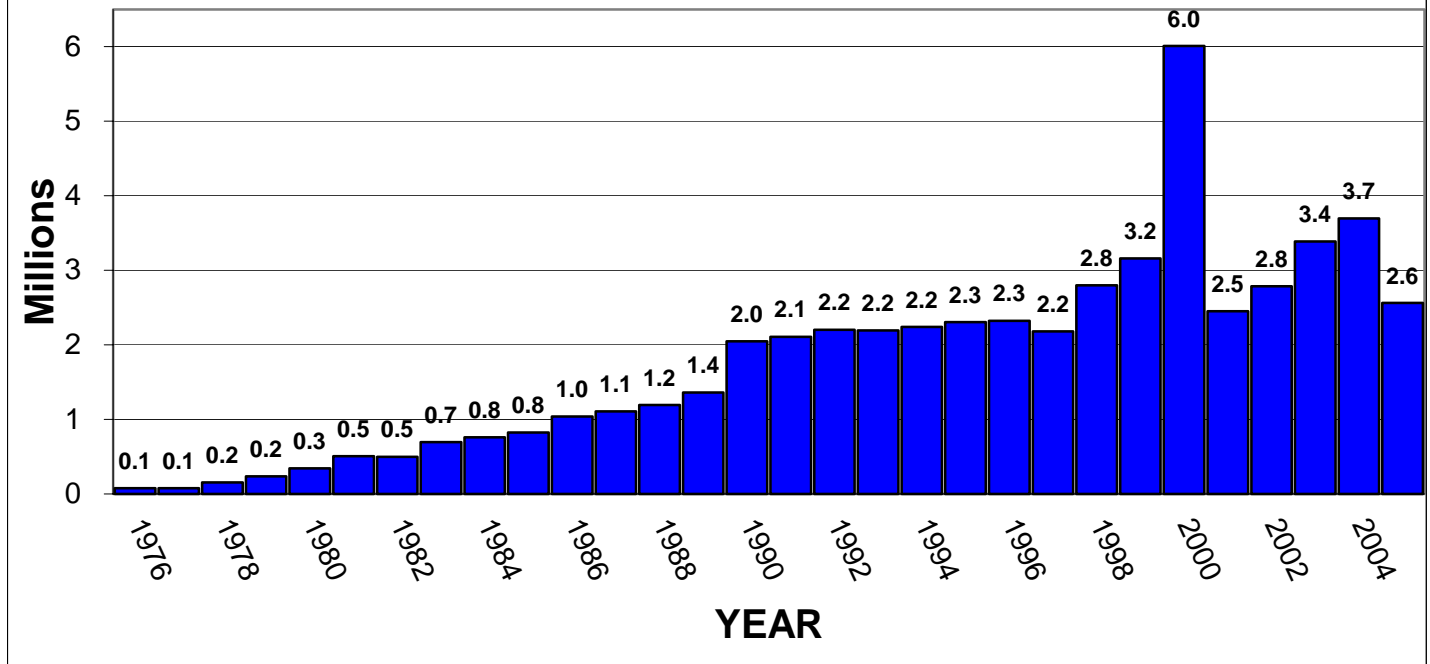
Our sentiments exactly!

Gilbert Roth Symons

The Society lost a long-time supporter when Gil died September 6, 2005 at the age of 94. He was so involved that the Southwest Ohio Chapter had been officially renamed the Gilbert R. Symons Chapter.

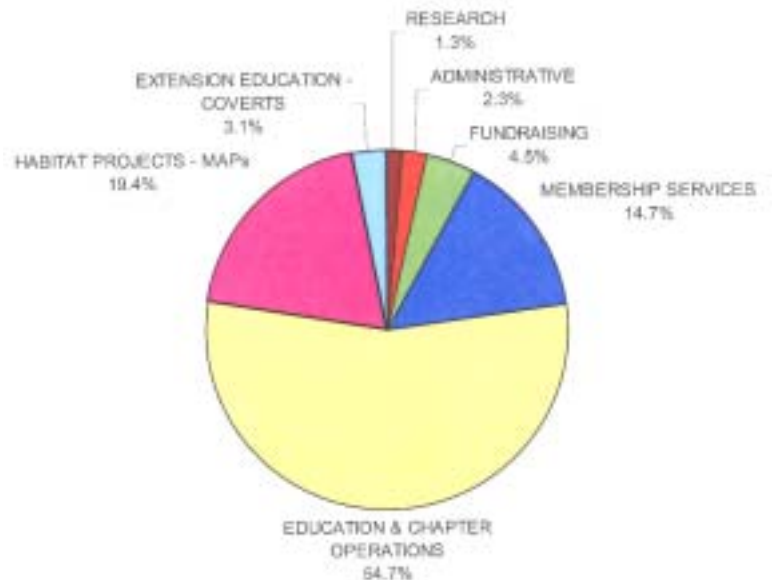
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SOURCES OF INCOME (2005)

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** BANQUETS does not include payments for Regular and Sponsor memberships made via banquets. These payments are included with all others in the categories "MEMBERSHIPS" and "SPONSORS."

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2005

(With comparative totals for the year ended
December 31, 2004)

	<i>ASSETS</i>	
	2005	2004
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents,		
Endowments & temporarily restricted	\$ 549,899	\$ 1,602,100
Accounts receivable	89,938	117,997
Investments	3,050,215	2,151,147
Pledges receivable	416,640	550,009
Inventory	204,453	238,882
Charitable remainder trust	62,357	56,564
Land held for resale	35,800	35,800
Property & equipment	<u>556,992</u>	<u>524,238</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>4,966,294</u>	\$ <u>5,276,737</u>
 <i>LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS</i> 		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 590,508	\$ 473,010
Line of credit	451,728	431,475
Current portion of long-term debt	37,106	20,626
Deferred revenue	42,930	83,458
Accrued expenses	<u>18,918</u>	<u>20,261</u>
Notes payable		
Long-term debt (net of current portion)	<u>88,908</u>	<u>62,803</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,230,098</u>	<u>1,091,633</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated (net deficit)	(86,089)	131,985
Designated	3,478,547	2,583,345
Temporarily restricted	<u>343,738</u>	<u>469,774</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,736,196	\$ 4,185,104
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 4,966,294 =====	\$ 5,276,737 =====

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended Dec. 31, 2005
(With comparative totals for the year ended
December 31, 2004)

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT

	2005	2004
Contributions	\$ 1,481,800	\$ 2,505,988
Membership dues	269,202	213,680
Proceeds from banquets/events	527,179	635,411
Sales of merchandise (net)	19,659	21,344
Advertising income	32,817	20,472
Credit card income	46,383	11,909
Fundraising	43,859	39,392
Investment income	65,983	78,825
Realized gain (loss)		
on sale of investments	121,962	245,975
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	35,070	(77,712)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	(8,497)	(8,502)
Miscellaneous income	<u>237</u>	<u>8,193</u>
TOTAL REVENUE GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	<u>\$ 2,635,654</u>	<u>\$ 3,694,975</u>

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Program Services		
Membership services	\$ 454,774	\$ 428,673
General education & chapter opts	1,686,772	1,709,147
Habitat projects	598,177	500,248
Extension education	95,916	64,300
Research	39,871	46,069
Supporting Services		
Management & general	71,399	63,202
Fundraising	137,653	205,610
 Total Functional Expenses	 <u>3,084,562</u>	 <u>3,017,249</u>
 CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	 (448,908)	 677,726
 NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>4,185,104</u>	 <u>3,507,378</u>
 NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 3,736,196</u> =====	 <u>\$ 4,185,104</u> =====

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
The Ruffed Grouse Society

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Ruffed Grouse Society (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial position of the Ruffed Grouse Society as of December 31, 2005, and 2004, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America...

Louis Plung & Company
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 1, 2006

THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY is a not-for-profit entity dedicated to improving the environment for the ruffed grouse, the American woodcock and many other species of forest wildlife. The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Society's headquarters operations only and do not include the accounts and operations of the Society's various chapters.

The Society is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income from certain activities not directly related to the Society's tax-exempt purpose, however, is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

Notes pertaining to the Ruffed Grouse Society audit are on file at the Ruffed Grouse Society headquarters.

Artist honored with new RGS award named for himself



Jim Foote was announced as the first recipient of the **RGS Jim Foote Sustaining Artist Award**. Unfortunately, Jim's honor was posthumous, as he died on August 10, 2004. Jim was a strong supporter of RGS, having painted the first RGS stamp print in 1979, as well as one of the three woodcock stamp prints and donated paintings and prints of most of his editions from that time until he retired from painting. Estimates put the figure raised using his donations to RGS at close to \$1,000,000, setting the bar high for future recipients of the award.

Then, RGS Executive Director, Robert Patterson, stated, "It is a way of recognizing artists who through their contribution of their works have dedicated their talents and exhibited their generosity in furtherance of the Society's mission. No one has demonstrated those qualities more emphatically than did Jim Foote."

Pennsylvania's New RGS License Plate

RGS announced the availability of a new license plate available to RGS members with vehicles registered in Pennsylvania. Applications are available by calling RGS toll free 1-888-564-6747 or check the top of the Events page on the website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.



RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY & FOREST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES
 Year Ended December 31, 2005 (Unaudited)

	SUPPORTING SERVICES EXPENDITURES		PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENDITURES					TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	ADMIN-ISTRATIVE	FUND-RAISING	MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	GEN. EDUC. & CHAP. OPER.	HABITAT PROJECTS	EXTENSION EDUCATION	RESEARCH	TOTAL
Cost of Sales	\$0	\$0	\$3,605	\$6,408	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,013
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/ Employee Benefits	27,208	65,083	135,580	829,858	272,085	20,406	10,203	1,360,423
Insurance (Liab. & Prop.)	10,029	683	3,452	19,982	0	0	0	34,146
Travel and Auto Expense	8,330	8,628	44,626	175,231	36,891	11,900	11,900	297,506
Printing	85	0	8,114	260	86	9	9	8,562
Postage/Delivery	749	0	11,984	9,962	1,997	150	125	24,967
Supplies/Equipment Rental	2,324	2,233	12,441	23,105	3,646	1,367	456	45,572
Rent/Utilities/Cleaning	5,286	0	42,288	76,648	3,965	2,643	1,322	132,151
Data Processing	52	52	254	1,670	522	39	20	2,610
Telephone	991	297	8,423	26,357	9,908	2,675	882	49,544
Habitat Workshops	0	0	0	2,100	0	0	0	2,100
Meetings/Conferences/ Symposiums	313	391	352	3,360	1,680	977	742	7,813
RGS Publication	0	0	86,465	33,765	16,221	2,089	696	139,235
Legal/Accounting/ Auditing	1,268	272	2,537	10,744	2,756	272	272	18,121
Depreciation	2,691	1,794	26,905	51,569	4,036	1,345	1,345	89,685
General Support- Field	411	206	3,084	11,555	4,935	164	206	20,561
Advertising	220	0	7,105	0	0	0	0	7,324
Bank Service Charges	0	0	13,930	1,548	0	0	0	15,478
Educational Programs	0	0	0	7,637	0	51,705	0	59,342
Dues & Subscriptions	1,958	0	200	1,088	0	0	0	3,246
Promotional Merchandise	0	0	0	35,118	0	0	0	35,118
Chapter Expense/Rebates/ Habitat Projects	0	0	0	59,378	239,864	0	0	299,243
Chapter Activities Expense	0	0	0	274,816	0	0	0	274,816
Transition	0	50,925	0	0	0	0	0	50,925
Miscellaneous Contributions	0	0	578	9,062	0	0	0	9,641
Interest	941	235	2,118	18,823	706	471	235	23,529
Miscellaneous	8,918	697	42,792	0	0	0	0	52,407
Projects (FWF & RGS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,812	11,812
Accounting/Auditing (FWF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (FWF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment - Fees	0	6,503	867	1,301	0	0	0	8,670
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$71,774	\$137,997	\$457,700	\$1,691,345	\$599,297	\$96,212	\$40,234	\$3,094,560

The Forest Wildlife Foundation (FWF) fulfills the function of directing financial support to conservation initiatives. Funds utilized by FWF may be those directly contributed to the Foundation or those channeled through FWF from the Ruffed Grouse Society. The FWF is administered through the offices of the Ruffed Grouse Society.



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