

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
REPORT TO
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2006



In 2006
New RGS Executive Director/CEO



Sending a clear message with its choice of a new executive director and CEO, the Ruffed Grouse Society gave notice in 2006 that it was remaining fully committed to forest wildlife conservation and was prepared to soon become even more deeply involved as an advocate of young-forest habitat management.

Beginning in early 2006 as RGS' new chief administrator was **Dr. Michael D.**

Zagata, a former commissioner of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, who came to the Society as a certified environmental professional, certified wildlife biologist and certifiably passionate upland sportsman. Mike, of West Davenport, New York, assumed his dual-role RGS duties January 2, 2006, taking over from Robert Patterson, who had held the position of executive director for the four previous years.

Mike brings to the Society a wealth of experience dealing with conservation issues, as well as a hard-won familiarity with the inner workings of the conservation community. He commands a valuable store of administrative skills, gained through service in executive capacities in conservation, industry and government.

As commissioner of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation, he was a leader in focusing attention on the contribution to the state's economy from recreational tourism, including fishing and hunting.

Mike, who was deeply involved in research focusing on the impact of forest cutting practices on wildlife while at the School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine, has watched with growing concern as the type of forest management that benefits so many kinds of wildlife is demonized. Critics have been so successful in curbing management on local, state and national forests, he points out, that much of the timber production that was once accomplished where monitoring procedures were in place on public lands now takes place on private lands with little or no monitoring. The situation resulting from far too little cutting on some national forests leads to diminished regeneration of aspen and other vegetation associated with young forests.

A sportsman all of his life, Mike has been especially drawn to the conservation organizations that are most closely allied with sportsmen and sportswomen. While working in private industry, he partnered with Ducks Unlimited to use retired pipe from natural gas pipelines to create temporary habitat for wintering waterfowl in Mississippi and Louisiana. He also partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation to improve rights-of-way for wildlife

Wayne Jacobson
New RGS Board President



Wayne Jacobson, Jr., of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, was named president of the Ruffed Grouse Society National Board of Directors as 2005 came to a close and 2006 began.

He succeeds Stephen F. Quill, Sr., who served as president for the previous two years.

Wayne, vice president of the Board for 2004 and 2005, has been a member of the RGS Board for more than 15 years.

His father, D.W. Jacobson, Sr., also from Grand Rapids, served on the Board for several years in the 1980s.

Wayne, an ardent ruffed grouse and woodcock hunter, believes the focus of the Society must remain directed toward increasing the numbers of ruffed grouse and woodcock through habitat improvement supported by fund-raising efforts and ongoing communications with government and public and private organizations.

In 1980 he, along with several other dedicated individuals, created the RGS Grand Rapids Chapter, which, over the years, has proven to be one of the most financially successful of the Society's chapters. In 1982, he and Dr. Samuel R. Pursglove, Jr., the then-RGS executive director, with the help of a nucleus of local grouse and woodcock enthusiasts, founded the National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt, held every October in Grand Rapids.

Enlivening the RGS Website

RGS' website underwent a complete revision with the "new look" launched in August of 2006. The revised edition boasts many new interactive features, including real-time woodcock migration mapping, hunting reports, a photo gallery, trade-a-hunt program, online classified ads, and much more.

The new website edition integrates membership, chapters, events and volunteers into one universe, allowing a user to sign up, renew or upgrade his or her membership online. There is also the opportunity to shop in the new RGS online store.

Other new features include: a section devoted to new products in the RGS-Mart and member discounts available via outside vendors in the RGS Mall, an RGS Update summarizing the latest information and happenings at RGS and much more.

Explore the new website as additional features are added and older ones are updated.

New Members Join RGS National Board of Directors

Three new members joined the Ruffed Grouse Society National Board of Directors in 2006. They are Terald J. Wilson, Hinesburg, Vermont; Bruce Ogle, Grand Rapids, Minnesota; and Larry Brutger, St. Cloud, Minnesota.



TERRY WILSON

Growing up in northern Vermont, Terry Wilson began hunting and fishing at an early age. He ultimately combined business with pleasure and started The Ugly Dog Hunting Company, a direct-mail, web-based wingshooting supply company.

Before Ugly Dog, in 1990 he formed Carts Vermont, manufacturing big-wheeled wooden garden carts. Upon selling that business he launched Ugly Dog, crediting its inspiration to Scrub, his German wirehaired pointer. Ugly Dog is now an RGS Corporate Sponsor. Terry is also an RGS Life Sponsor working toward the Bronze Maple Ring.

BRUCE OGLE

Bruce Ogle has worked in the grocery business since he was 16 years old. At the age of 35 he purchased his own stores.

A lifelong hunter and outdoorsman, has been a member of the Ruffed Grouse Society since 1988 and is an RGS Life Sponsor working toward the Bronze Maple Ring.



He is past president of the local RGS Grand Rapids, MN Chapter and a past president of the National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt, sponsored annually by the chapter.



LARRY BRUTGER

Larry Brutger is president of Brutger Equities, Inc., which owns and manages multi-family housing projects in Minnesota and South Dakota. Brutger Equities also owns limited-service hotels in several states.

Larry who has headed up the RGS Central Minnesota Chapter for a decade, is an RGS Life Sponsor and a sponsor member of Pheasants Forever, Trout Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited.

Prosser Mellon Director Emeritus

S. Prosser Mellon of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, was named a Director Emeritus of the Ruffed Grouse Society National Board of Directors. He stepped down as a regular Board member and the Board's executive vice president at the turn of the year 2006, after serving on the RGS governing body since 1991. Over the years he has been instrumental in helping the Ruffed Grouse Society reach many of its financial goals.

He joins as RGS Directors Emeriti: T. Stanton Armour, Sally B. Searle and David V. Uihlein.



Mike Zagata, Joe Switala, and Ed Gott

RGS Raffles Parker Shotgun

In 2006, contracting with Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing, Remington Arms Co., Inc., committed its energies to bringing back the Parker shotgun, offered in 28-gauge. The shotgun is a Parker, built exactly the same as the originals.

Connecticut Shotgun is known for its great work producing the Fox and Model 21 Winchester.

And in 2006 RGS members were given the opportunity to win one of the new Parkers through a major raffle. The shotgun presented in the raffle was the AAHE style valued at \$49,000.

The raffle schedule called for the shotgun to be awarded following a drawing on April 14, 2007. One thousand tickets were sold at \$100 each, with the tickets sold out before the turn of the year.

Winner of the 2006 RGS Parker shotgun was Joe Switala, chairman of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Banquet Committee.

The Ruffed Grouse Society is now undertaking the second Parker raffle, with winner to be determined April 10, 2008.

Tickets may be purchased at RGS events throughout 2007 and up until the time of the drawing in 2008, or until tickets are sold out. Tickets are \$100 and limited to 1,000.

Gullion Circle: Golden Aspen Ring, Silver Birch Ring & Bronze Maple Ring

The Gullion Circle has been created to recognize lifetime contributors of \$250,000 or more. In addition, RGS is pleased to recognize those who have made contributions to be included in the Golden Aspen Ring (\$100,000 to \$249,999), the Silver Birch Ring (\$50,000 to \$99,999) and the Bronze Maple Ring (\$25,000 to \$49,999).



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Dessecker Named To Sporting Conservation Council



Daniel R. Dessecker, formerly senior RGS wildlife biologist and currently director of RGS Conservation Policy, was chosen in 2006 as one of 12 members of a newly created Sporting Conservation Council designed to provide advice and guidance to the US Department of Interior. The council presents recommendations on how to increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting.

US Department of Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton announced the formation of the Sporting Council during the 71st North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Columbus, Ohio, in March of 2006.

Sporting Conservation Council Holds First Meeting

Another chapter in the history of sportsmen and women in wildlife conservation was opened August 16, 2006, in Missoula, Montana. With its inaugural meeting on that date, the Sporting Conservation Council demonstrated once again the commitment of hunters to our nation's wildlife and wild lands.

The 12-member Council was established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to give hunters a direct pipeline to the US Departments of Agriculture and Interior. Combined, these two agencies manage more than 700 million acres of federal public land where hunting is often the primary recreational activity. The Ruffed Grouse Society's then-senior wildlife biologist Dan Dessecker (currently director of conservation policy) sits on the Council to represent the interests of bird hunters from across the country.

Dessecker was selected to chair a subcommittee charged with recommending policies or programs to maintain and restore forest, rangeland and wetland habitats.

Conservationists, Federal Representatives Sign MOU

The leaders of nearly 40 sporting conservation groups, representing 4.5 million members, have put their signatures to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with officials representing three federal agencies.

Signed during a meeting held at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation headquarters in Missoula, Montana, the purpose of the MOU is to develop and expand a framework of cooperation between the conservation organizations and the US Forest Service for planning and implementing projects and activities related to hunting, fishing and shooting sports conducted on federal lands.

Most of the organizations signing the MOU met as an informal coalition called the American Wildlife Conservation Partners, (AWCP), which was formed in 2000 to identify ways to work in collaboration within the hunting and wildlife

conservation community, as well as with elected and appointed officials and policy-makers at the federal level to achieve shared objectives on federal lands.

Signing the MOU for the RGS was Dan Dessecker, RGS Director of Conservation Policy.

RGS Partnering with Michigan DNR

Working in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Ruffed Grouse Society has provided the agency with \$5,000 to conduct habitat management activities at the LeGrande Aspen Management Project in Cheboygan County, Michigan.

According to RGS biologists, management activities at the site include the restoration of various herbaceous openings and portions of existing trail systems. On the site, located six miles northeast of Afton, the restored openings will serve as singing grounds for male woodcock in the spring and as areas for grouse chicks to forage for insects.

New RGS Biologist for Minnesota

Russell Sewell, joined the ranks of RGS regional biologists in 2006. His area of responsibility is Minnesota, taking on the position previously filled by Rick Horton, who now works as forest wildlife coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



In 1976, while an undergraduate student at Ohio State University, Sewell attended The Wildlife Society's Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and was captivated by a presentation given by a University of Minnesota instructor, Gordon Gullion.

Most longtime RGS members and grouse enthusiasts recognize that Gullion's professional work and involvement with RGS have added immeasurably to what is known about grouse and forest wildlife management. What perhaps fewer know is the profound effect Gullion had on the lives of numerous students, Sewell being one.

In March of 1988, Russ became an intern under Gullion's direction at Cloquet Forest Research Center. After several years of working with Gullion and the University of Minnesota's Forest Wildlife Project, first as an intern and later as a biologist, he turned to the prairies and wetlands of South Dakota, conducting research on wetland restoration.

Upon completion of his graduate degree, Russ was employed by Pheasants Forever as a regional biologist. He later became a vice president of Program Development and Education for PF. While with the organization, he helped pioneer the award-winning Leopold Education Project, a conservation education curriculum in use in thousands of schools throughout the nation.

More recently he has been the executive director of the National Audubon Society's Missouri state office and a consultant to numerous private landowners and nonprofit organizations.



The 2006 Sponsor Print & Artist

Showing Off -- Woodcock

The 2006 Ruffed Grouse Society Sponsor Print, *Showing Off – Woodcock*, was reproduced from the original painting by Gerald W. Putt of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. It was the second time in the history of the RGS Sponsor Print program that woodcock were featured.

Putt, a Pennsylvania native, is a veteran full-time artist. His numerous wildlife art achievements include the winning of the 2006 North Carolina State Duck Stamp and the 2006 Illinois State Duck Stamp competitions. He has been Ducks Unlimited's Artist of the Year for the states of New York, South Carolina, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

Another of his woodcock paintings, *Woodcock Twosome*, won the Pennsylvania Game Commission's 2004 Working Together for Wildlife art print contest.

His artwork has been used in support of conservation through the Ruffed Grouse Society, Ducks Unlimited, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Trout Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy, the Wildlands Conservancy and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

PLANNED GIFTS AND GIVING

RGS is eligible to receive tax-deductible gifts of cash, stocks, land, bequests, and other forms of planned gifts. Members are encouraged to add RGS to their estate plans.

Provide the information available on this subject on the RGS website, www.ruffedgrousesociety.org under the "JOIN, RENEW, DONATE" button, to their estate planner or lawyer.

To Advance Early Successional Habitat

Ruffed Grouse representatives and New York state legislators talked habitat and forest improvement early in 2006 when they met in Albany to discuss ways in which New York can encourage property owners to manage their land for early successional forest growth.

Green Mountain National Forest Plan Appealed

In April 2006, the United States Forest Service (USFS) released a final plan revision for Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) which decreased Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) of timber harvest while increasing acres dedicated to unmanageable Wilderness. This was done despite nearly 100,000 acres of newly purchased federal land being available for consideration for active forest management.

The Final Forest Plan for GMNF was appealed by three organizations that represent traditional land-use groups that have used the forest for generations.

The three appellants were the Vermont Forest Products Association; the Associated Industries of Vermont; and the Vermont Traditions Coalition, the latter representing the interests of more than 20 sporting, farm, maple syrup, forest product, local and county snowmobile clubs, outdoor guides and lake associations.

The Ruffed Grouse Society intervened on behalf of the traditional-use groups, as did the administration of Vermont Gov. James Douglas.

The appeals contest the reduction of timber harvest volume as proposed by the Forest Service and the designation of 43 square miles of additional federal "wilderness."

Federal "wilderness" designations ban access roads, motorized trails for snowmobiles/ATVs, and timber management. The timber management reduction reduces game and non-game wildlife, according to the appellants. The GMNF contained 91 square miles of "wilderness" prior to the new "wilderness" addition.

The appeals follow five years of public process and constituency negotiation.

In a decision issued the latter part of July 2007, the US Forest Service granted the Vermont Traditions Coalition, the Vermont Forest Products Association and the Associated Industries of Vermont partial victories in their appeals of the GMNF Plan that went into effect in mid-2006. The Ruffed Grouse Society and the Douglas administration also filed Intervenor actions supporting the three appeals.

The Forest Service ruled that the local GMNF staff made a "potentially significant" error in the calculation of ASQ, which is the allowable amount of timber to be cut, and failed to properly document why it chose 150-year timber cut rotations instead of 120-year cutting rotations

The appeals were filed in hopes of forcing significant increases in the amount of timber that is cut from the GMNF from here on out.

RGS WHISL(ing) For Woodcock and Wetlands

RGS and a variety of staffing and funding partners made a splash with woodcock habitat and wetland creation in Pennsylvania in 2006, with plans to expand this effort throughout the migratory bird's range.

In response to a critical habitat shortage, RGS has partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and has utilized National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant monies to develop the Pennsylvania Woodcock Habitat Initiative on State Land (PA WHISL).

Initiated in 2005 by RGS' consultant, Mackin Engineering Company, PA WHISL is a compilation of natural resource data for approximately 30 potential woodcock habitat creation sites located on public lands throughout Pennsylvania.



The sites were selected through a combination of GIS evaluation and field investigation, then ranked based upon their potential to create new woodcock habitat consisting of scrub-shrub wetlands. The driving concept of PA WHISL is to allow those interested in creating woodcock habitat to evaluate the key components – such as soils, hydrology, existing plant cover and construction access – without ever leaving their desktops. Copies of the PA WHISL database are available from RGS upon request.

In 2006, RGS identified a pilot habitat site located on the PGC's State Game Lands No. 39 in Venango County and is in the process of coordinating the construction and creation of new woodcock habitat and scrub-shrub wetland ecosystems there. RGS is currently pursuing a partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to fund the construction of the wetland portion of that site as a mitigation bank.

Encouraged by the success of the PA WHISL project and the enthusiasm of potential users, such as PennDOT, RGS applied for four separate grants totaling more than \$1 million to spread WHISL projects over a much larger area. The first of these was a \$730,000 application to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Watersheds Grant Program, which would partially fund a \$1.1 million effort to extend WHISL coverage to 8 additional Eastern states. Those are Connecticut, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina.

Under Broken Wings

An outreach endeavor with the potential to add a special new dimension to the work of RGS was launched in 2006 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Called *Under Broken Wings*, the venture is intended to provide boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 who have a disability the chance to experience a hunt for forest game birds. This is an ambitious program created to put disadvantaged youngsters in hunting situations that often challenge veteran sportsmen and women.



Months of work became reality in early October as founders of UBW hosted the program's first young hunter during the Society's annual National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt. The Hunt has been a fall tradition of the RGS Grand Rapids, MN Chapter for the past 25 years.

Casey Newman of Hibbing, Minnesota, north of Grand Rapids, came to the Hunt with his mother Christa and stepfather Mike Brooks, to experience the shooting and hunting activities that are the National Hunt's trademarks. A 15-year-old student at Nashauk-Keewatin High School in Nashauk, Minnesota, Casey brought with him an extraordinary determination to experience what others take for granted. Despite having to deal with cerebral palsy he was more than willing to be the trailblazer whose task would be to prove the feasibility of *Under Broken Wings*. The founders of the program hope to bring other youngsters to the Hunt in upcoming years. Jerry Snetsinger of Cohasset, Minnesota, is current president and the man instrumental in getting the program started. Directors are Dr. Joe Chandler of Anchorage, Alaska; James Hayett of Hartland, Wisconsin; and Dennis O'Toole of Grand Rapids.

Progressing from smashing claybirds at the Grand Rapids Gun Club, Casey took his first woodcock his first day afield during the National Hunt held October 11 and 12. It was taken in the best tradition of the National Hunt: over a point, this particular one by Brandy, Snetsinger's two-year-old German shorthair pointer.

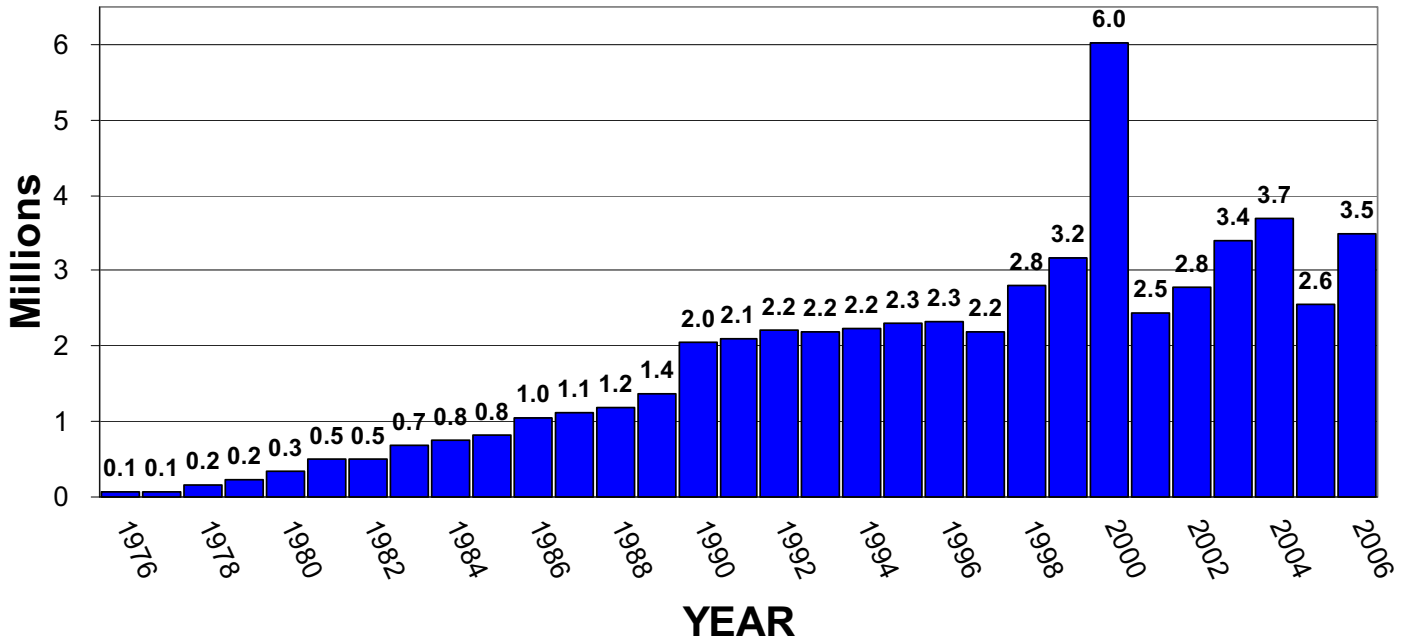
The program, as conceived, is supported through donations specifically earmarked for an *Under Broken Wings* fund. The coordinators of the project have as one of their goals the creating of a course of action useful to other chapters considering a similar program.

In its initial phase, the program met with some incredible success. Casey went from breaking claybirds to downing game birds to becoming an RGS Life Sponsor in a few short days, thanks to some extraordinary circumstances, dedicated support from many individuals and generous contributions from National Hunt participants. As part of his Life Sponsor package, he received one of the Kimber shotguns being awarded for a limited time to new RGS Life Sponsors.

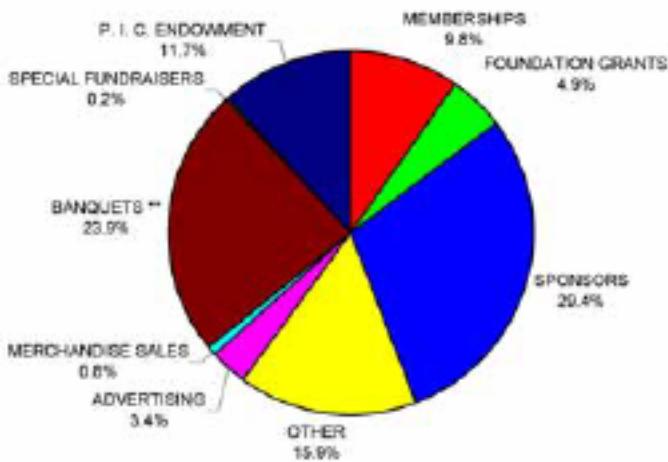


Coached by Jerry Snetsinger, with Jim Hayett videoing the event, Casey practices on clay birds at the Grand Rapids Gun Club prior to the official opening of the 2006 National Grouse and Woodcock Hunt.

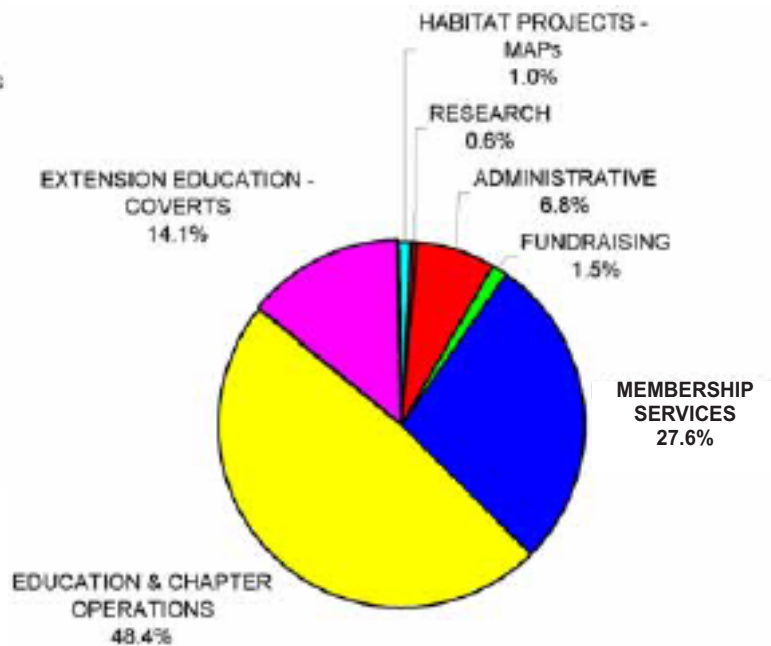
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY INCOME (Includes Direct Contributions to FWF)



SOURCES OF INCOME (2006)



WHERE YOUR DOLLAR GOES (2006)



** 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."

REPORT TO SPONSORS 2006

**RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINACIAL POSITION**

Year Ended December 31, 2006

(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2005)

	2006	2005
CURRENT ASSETS		
<i>Cash & cash equivalents, endowments & temporarily restricted</i>	\$ 1,663,972	\$ 549,899
<i>Accounts receivable</i>	119,851	89,938
<i>Investments</i>	2,185,629	3,050,215
<i>Pledges receivable</i>	380,431	416,640
<i>Inventory</i>	186,282	204,453
<i>Charitable remainder trust</i>	--	62,357
<i>Prepaid expenses</i>	11,500	--
<i>Land held for resale</i>	193,652	35,800
<i>Property & equipment</i>	306,774	556,992
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,116,241	\$ 4,966,294
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
<i>Bank Overdraft</i>	\$ 48,547	\$ 53,027
<i>Accounts payable</i>	282,907	504,577
<i>Line of credit</i>	390,736	451,728
<i>Payable – retirement fund</i>	25,939	32,904
<i>Current portion of long-term debt</i>	32,971	37,106
<i>Deferred revenue</i>	35,429	42,930
<i>Accrued expenses</i>	18,477	18,918
<i>Notes payable</i>		
<i>Long-term debt (net of current portion)</i>	55,866	88,908
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 890,872	\$ 1,230,098
NET ASSETS		
<i>Unrestricted:</i>		
<i>Undesignated (net deficit)</i>	\$ 438,438	\$ (86,089)
<i>Designated</i>	3,437,840	3,478,547
<i>Temporarily restricted</i>	349,091	343,738
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 4,225,369	\$ 3,736,196
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 5,116,241	\$ 4,966,294

REPORT TO SPONSORS 2006

**RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended December 31, 2006

(With comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2005)

	2006	2005
REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 1,612,081	\$ 1,481,800
Membership dues	399,016	269,202
Proceeds from banquets/events	872,606	527,179
Sales of merchandise (net)	27,924	19,659
Advertising income	120,074	32,817
Credit card income	25,000	46,383
Fundraising	7,842	43,859
Investment income	135,815	65,983
Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments	297,440	121,962
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(97,654)	35,070
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	12,200	(8,497)
Miscellaneous income	80,523	237
TOTAL REVENUE GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 3,492,867	\$ 2,635,654
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		
<i>Program Services</i>		
Membership services	\$ 828,493	\$ 454,774
General education & chapter opts	1,452,315	1,686,772
Habitat projects	422,289	598,177
Extension education	30,551	95,916
Research	17,899	39,871
<i>Supporting Services</i>		
Management & general	205,645	71,399
Fundraising	46,502	137,653
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,003,694	\$ 3,084,562
Changes in net assets	489,173	(448,908)
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 3,736,196	\$ 4,185,104
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 4,225,369	\$ 3,736,196

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The Ruffed Grouse Society

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Ruffed Grouse Society (a non-profit organization), as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, 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, 2006, and 2005, 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.

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Louis Plung & Company
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 19, 2007

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.

CFC Participation

RGS participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a member of the Conservation & Preservation Charities of America Federation under the listing of "National Federations." RGS' permanent ID number is 12058. Federal employees are encouraged to add RGS to their payroll deduction plans.

REPORT TO SPONSORS 2006

**RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY & FOREST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES
Year Ended December 31, 2007 (Unaudited)**

	SUPPORTING SERVICES EXPENDITURES		PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENDITURES					TOTAL EXPENDITURES
	MGMT. & GENERAL	FUND-RAISING	MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	GEN. EDUC. & CHAP. OPER.	HABITAT PROJECTS	EXTENSION EDUCATION	RESEARCH	TOTAL
Cost of Sales	\$0	\$0	\$4,205	\$7,478	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,683
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/ Employee Benefits	173,569	14,464	520,708	607,494	130,177	0	0	1,446,412
Insurance (Liab. & Prop.)	9,085	619	3,127	18,102	0	0	0	30,933
Travel and Auto Expense	7,344	7,605	39,341	154,481	32,522	10,492	10,491	262,276
Printing	0	0	10,746	85	5	5	5	10,846
Postage/Delivery	1,073	0	17,165	14,268	2,861	215	179	35,761
Supplies/Equipment Rental	3,149	3,026	16,859	31,309	4,940	1,853	618	61,754
Rent/Utilities/Cleaning	5,259	0	42,070	76,252	3,944	2,629	1,315	131,469
Data Processing	238	0	1,162	7,863	2,383	179	89	11,914
Telephone	1,019	305	8,659	27,096	10,187	2,750	917	50,933
Habitat Workshops	0	0	0	3,103	0	0	0	3,103
Meetings/Conferences/ Symposiums	366	458	412	3,936	1,968	1,144	869	9,153
RGS Publication	0	0	74,598	29,131	13,995	1,802	601	120,127
Legal/Accounting/ Auditing	2,513	538	5,027	21,290	5,461	538	538	35,905
Depreciation	2,530	1,687	25,303	48,498	3,795	1,265	1,265	84,343
General Support- Field	383	192	2,874	10,766	4,598	153	192	19,158
Advertising	0	0	4,036	0	0	0	0	4,036
Bank Service Charges	0	0	9,786	0	0	0	0	9,786
Educational Programs	0	0	0	9,751	0	6,359	0	16,110
Dues & Subscriptions	1,631	0	979	3,915	0	0	0	6,525
Promotional Merchandise	0	0	17,806	37,838	0	0	0	55,644
Chapter Expense/Rebates/ Habitat Projects	0	0	0	31,689	203,938	0	0	235,627
Chapter Activities Expense	-4,852	0	0	230,720	0	0	0	225,868
Transition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Contributions	0	0	418	6,556	0	0	0	6,974
Interest	1,389	347	3,125	27,778	1,042	694	347	34,722
Miscellaneous	949	7,431	18,776	40,950	473	473	473	69,525
Projects (FWF & RGS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounting/Auditing (FWF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (FWF)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment - Fees	0	9,830	1,311	1,966	0	0	0	13,107
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$205,645	\$46,502	\$828,493	\$1,452,315	\$422,289	\$30,551	\$17,899	\$3,003,694

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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