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**9th Annual
North Central West Virginia Chapter
Sportsmen's Banquet**

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

Westchester Village

1825 Locust Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

COCKTAILS & RAFFLES 5:30 p.m.

DINNER 7:00 p.m.

"Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Tickets Prices:"

Purchase Your Special Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Packages By Monday, March 2, 2009 And You Will Receive \$210.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For Only \$100.00. Use The Order From Below To Purchase Your Early Bird Bonus Raffle Ticket Package And Pick Up Your Tickets At The Banquet When You Register. This Special Early Bird Raffle Ticket Package Must Be Purchased By March 2nd and Will Not Be For Sale At The Banquet

If You Would Like To Purchase Your Bonus Raffle Ticket Package At The Banquet, You Will Receive \$150.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets For The Low Price Of \$100.00.

EARLY BIRD DOOR PRIZE:
To Be Eligible For A Complimentary Chance On A Bonus Raffle Ticket Package-Containing \$210.00 Worth Of Raffle Tickets To Be Used At The Banquet--Dinner Ticket Orders Must Be Received By Monday, March 2, 2009—
ORDER YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!

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- _____ Membership & Dinner Ticket @ \$45.00 each _____
- _____ Spouse Dinner Ticket @ \$30.00 each _____
- _____ Youth Dinner Ticket & Membership @ \$30.00 each _____
- _____ Pre-Dinner Raffle Tickets (\$210.00 Value) @ \$100.00 each _____
- _____ Upland Bird Dream Hunt Raffle Ticket @ \$50.00 each _____
- _____ Tax Deductible Donation _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

- _____ **Banquet Sponsor @ \$275.00** _____
1 Membership Ticket, 1 Guest Dinner Ticket, 1 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chance And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 1 Ticket For Option 2
- _____ **Conservation Sponsor @ \$500.00** _____
1 Membership Ticket, 3 Guest Dinner Tickets, 2 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 2 Tickets For Option 2
- _____ **Sustaining Sponsor @ \$1,000.00** _____
1 Membership Ticket, 7 Guest Dinner Tickets, 4 Sponsor Gun Drawing Chances, And A Choice Of Option 1 Or 4 Tickets For Option 2
- _____ **Non-Attending Sponsor Membership @ \$250.00** _____
- _____ **Anonymous Donation** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SPONSOR OPTIONS

Must Select One Of The Following Options

- _____ **Option 1**
RGS 2009 Unframed Print Of The Year Or Unframed Print From Prior Years (While Supplies Last), 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 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 2009 Banquet Season

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 Payable To: RGS

_____ **Credit Card**
CC# _____ Exp. Date _____

CC Billing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Signature _____

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

Your Name: _____

MAIL COMPLETED ORDER FORM TO:

**Roger L. Williams
Route 2 Box 134-2
Salem, WV 26426**

Home Phone: 304.782.1259
Email: rogermet@yahoo.com

For Details On Prizes, Please See 2009 Banquet Sponsor Reward Program On Reverse Side Or Visit Our Website At ruffedgrousesociety.org, or Call: 888.564.6747

Or Contact: Stephen Harris
Phone: 304.366.0637 or Cell: 304.641.6056



2008/2009 National Raffle - Upland Bird Dream Hunt

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

Life Sponsorship Program

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

- ❖ Caesar Guerini Magnus 12, 20 or 28 Gauge Over/Under Shotgun
- ❖ Kimber Valier Grade II 20 Gauge Side-By-Side Shotgun (While Supplies Last)
- ❖ AYA Box-Lock Model 453 Side-By-Side 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.

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 this gun, you may refer to the "RGS" Magazine or the RGS Website.

2009 Sponsor Reward Program

The Ruffed Grouse Society is offering a rewards program to our 2009 Banquet Sponsors. This program will entice you to become a Banquet Sponsor and thus support RGS' Mission. As a Banquet Sponsor, you may select one of the two reward options available. **Sign Up Today!**

Option 1

As a sponsor you may elect to receive a 2009 unframed print of the year or an unframed print from prior years (while supplies last). Photos of these prints are available on the RGS Website www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.

Option 2

As a sponsor you may elect to participate in a National Drawing to be held at the end of the 2009 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 Headquarters.

The following are the seven prizes being offered:

1. AYA #2 Side-Lock With Detachable Lock, 20 Gauge, 28" Barrels, Double Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun
2. Connecticut Shotgun's RBL-28 Round Action, Box-Lock, 28 Gauge, 26" Barrels, Single Trigger, Side-By-Side Shotgun; 3X Wood Grade
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 #7 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

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
- ❖ 15% Discount For Choice Hotels International
- ❖ Subscription To "RGS" Magazine
- ❖ Distinctive RGS Sponsor Lapel Pin
- ❖ Participation In 2009 Sponsor Reward Program

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West Virginia Habitat Update 2008

The West Virginia RGS chapter volunteers are hitting on all cylinders. Fundraising, habitat projects and grass-roots efforts to promote wildlife management on public lands are all part of the mix.

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical and WV members have been heard. While RGS bases its unwavering support for wildlife management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition to forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. The input to public land managers provided by our members is extremely important. RGS volunteers have been and continue to be in constant contact with state and Forest Service personnel regarding habitat management.

Like many states in the East, WV has lost a tremendous amount of grouse and woodcock habitat over the last 40 years (young forests got old). West Virginia is mostly forested and grouse inhabit all parts of the state, meaning that the long-term trend in habitat is reversible!

Because of the relatively large amount of public lands, there is still good grouse and woodcock hunting to be found. Increased attention to the needs of grouse and other young forest critters on state and federal lands should mean good things for grouse in the near future.

RGS continues to lead an initiative to help the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge manage aspen and alder management. Contributors and partners have included RGS, WV Trophy Hunters Association, WV Division of Wildlife, Woodcock Limited, National Wild Turkey Federation, and many individuals. Aspen has already been cut thanks to this initiative and more management is scheduled.

As an offshoot of the Canaan Valley NWR initiative, RGS is partnering with the WV Wildlife Resources Section to manage a large tract of habitat on private lands adjacent to the Refuge. It is extremely important to manage habitat anywhere the opportunity allows to maintain some of the historic cover. The WV Wildlife Resources Section did a terrific job of putting together the contract with the landowner. RGS and the USFWS' Partners for Fish and Wildlife are working together to complete the work this winter.

Last spring, RGS gave the DNR a \$15,000 grant as part of a cost share agreement totaling \$84,000. The project will create about 150 acres of early successional forest and about 50 acres of forest openings on 8 pieces of state land across the state.

RGS is working with the DNR to develop a large scale initiative that ideally will create many hundreds of acres of new habitat for grouse and woodcock. Stay tuned for more information on that as it is a very new initiative.

Focusing on the bigger picture, RGS recently lead the development of a National Ruffed Grouse Management Strategy, authoring several sections of a National Woodcock Management Strategy, and co-authoring two chapters of a book on the ecology and management of grouse in the southern Appalachians.

Grouse Trail Mix is a new product that RGS now has available that is perfect for planting grouse brood cover on trails, log landings and other small openings. The seed mix is mostly clovers that young and adult grouse love. All kinds of wildlife will benefit. You can order it on-line at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org or by calling 1-888-564-6747. Fall and spring are prime planting times, so order now.

If you have never been involved with the Ruffed Grouse Society, attended a meeting on behalf of wildlife or hunting, written a letter in support of habitat management and hunting, or attended an RGS function, make this the year that you do. Please contact Mark Banker, 814-867-7946 – rgsbank@comcast.net or Regional Directors Lisa Turner (Northern WV), rgslmt@msn.com, or Don Mallicoat (southern WV), dmallicoat@outdrs.net.

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