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Quail Unlimited Chapter Newsletter

HAPPENINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

CHANGES AT QUAIL UNLIMITED HEADQUARTERS

Most of our chapters and members realize that management changes have occurred at Quail Unlimited. Also, as you are aware, Quail Unlimited has faced many financial challenges. However, let me assure you, the QU board of directors, as well as myself, are committed to make the necessary changes that will ensure that this organization will remain "America's Leader in Quail Conservation." I would encourage each person who reads this newsletter to assist in submitting your great ideas and suggestions. Today, our great QU organization is like modeling clay in our hands. Will you help reshape Quail Unlimited? Working together, we can turn a negative into a positive as we return to the purpose we were created for.

Let me share that statement of purpose with you. "Quail Unlimited, Inc. is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the wise management of America's wild quail, doves, upland game birds and other forms of wildlife."

With that said, how do we get back to our intended purpose? The first step is an open line of communication between you and the national organization, its board and its staff. The sometimes complete lack of communication between members and staff, national and chapters, and staff and the board has in part brought us to where we are today. That changes now! If you have a question, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at bbowles@qu.org or phone me at (229) 347-0698. I will get back to you just as quickly as I can. Our staff in Edgefield is also available at (803) 637-5731, as well as the regional directors (see below), to assist you on a daily basis.

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From now on, to keep you informed, I will be sending out an occasional e-mail Covey Blast. If you are not on the list to receive the blast and would like to be, simply send your e-mail address to dtilton@qu.org, and you will be put on the list to receive the Covey Blast.

I realize there are a number of rumors circulating about QU, such as the organization has filed bankruptcy, and closed its doors. This is definitely not true. Also, a rumor that the ATF has taken away QU's federal firearms license. Definitely not true.

While times may be challenging, as they are for most nonprofit organizations today, we do intend to meet all of our financial obligations to chapters and vendors as we restructure this great organization. The first step, and a very important step, in bringing QU back to a financially stable position was to sell the national headquarters' building and take away the monthly debt service and expenses associated with this large facility. That has been accomplished.

I want to especially thank all the chapters that have already stepped forward to help keep the spirit alive by having their annual fund raising event and also to those chapters that have continued their support by scheduling future projects.

In closing, I want to thank you for your past support of Quail Unlimited. It is going to take all of us working together as we reorganize and reshape Quail Unlimited for the future; and let me say, I grow more optimistic about our future with each passing day. Remember, you can contact me at bbowles@qu.org or by phone at (229) 347-0698 at any time. We're in this together!

Sincerest regards,

Bill Bowles
President

QU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board members are: Cameron M. Harris, Chairman of the Board, Bill Bowles, President, Dennis Bennett, Gene Bishop, Robert Barnhill, Gene Hartman and Bruce Kenyon. New board members are Frank Crawford and Greg Manley.

We are still encouraging nominations for new board members.

QUAIL UNLIMITED CONVENTION/ CELEBRITY CONSERVATION EVENT

I would like to thank everyone who attended our meetings in Albany. We had the opportunity to ask and answer questions. We shared ideas, and we talked about the future of Quail Unlimited, a future that continues to look more promising with every passing day.

The Celebrity Conservation Event is not intended to be "a party for rich people." It is the largest fund raiser conducted by Quail Unlimited each year and is held to benefit every member of QU. Besides raising funds for the conservation goals and operation of Quail Unlimited, it also shines a positive light on hunters as a whole. It is certainly our belief that hunting and conservation go hand in hand.

The working net from this event was \$60,000. It could not have come at a more needed time. Many thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered.

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors in conservation: Purina, Winchester, Anheuser-Busch, Kubota and Redwood Creek Wines and to the awesome QU chapters and the local Albany hunt committee. This event would not have happened without these great people. Special thanks to every participating property as well.

Next year's event is scheduled for January 27 - 29, 2011. Check www.qu.org for updated info.

CHAPTER BANQUET/EVENT DATES

•ARKANSAS

>May 3 – BENTON COUNTY #305 – Bentonville
Scott Kelly (479) 640-6350

• CALIFORNIA

- RIVERSIDE #148 - Ron Gibbons (909) 902-9814
- >April 18 — SPRING DOG CHALLENGE -
Prado Dog Recreation Park, Chino
- >June 4-6 — RAAHAUGE'S SPORTS FAIR, Norco
- >July 15 — Banquet - Vince's Spaghetti, Ontario
- >July 17—SCI YOUTH SAFARI DAYS -
Raahauge's Shooting Enterprises, Norco
- >September 18—SNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINIC -
Raahauge's Shooting Enterprises, Norco,
- >October 3—FALL DOG CHALLENGE -
Prado Dog Recreation Park, Chino
- >November 14—YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT -
San Jacinto Wildlife Refuge, San Jacinto
- >April 17—SAN GABRIEL VALLEY #240 - HABITAT WORK DAY
Robert Armijo (626) 919-7663 (also for May 22)
- >May 8-9—SAN GABRIEL VALLEY #240 - BASS PRO BBQ
Tim Bovard (909) 624-7411
- >May 15-16—SAN GABRIEL VALLEY #240 - SNAKE AVOIDANCE
CLINIC FOR DOGS - Tim Bovard (909) 624-7411
- >June 19—SAN GABRIEL VALLEY #240 Banquet - Arcadia
John Forgy (866) 206-9070, ext. 0715
- >June 26—STILLBOW #712 - Dos Palos
FAMILY FUN SHOOT & BBQ
Dennis Campini (209) 769-1234

•ILLINOIS

>September 18 — CUMBERLAND TRAIL #744
Vandalia - Bill Mock - (618) 427-3216

•INDIANA

- >May 1 - PATOKA HILLS #323 – Huntingburg
Randy Stemle – (812) 482-7844
- >August 21 – NORTH CENTRAL #365 – Wabash
Buck Mendenhall – (547) 491-2088
- >October 2 – NORTHERN INDIANA #108 – Bourbon
Jennifer Holmes – (574) 546-2573

•KENTUCKY

- >April 24 – CANTUC WHISTLERS #771 – Springfield
Jerry Mattingly – (859) 336-7248
- >May 14 – CEDAR CREEK #387 - Danville
Rodney Marlow – (859) 332-8315
- >August 14 – JACKSON PURCHASE #149 - Paducah
Jodie Swain (270) 559-4390

•MISSISSIPPI

>May 7 – OKTIBBEHA COUNTY #398 - Starkville
Dr. Edwin Lloyd (662) 323-0801

•MISSOURI

- >May 22 – MINERAL AREA #760 - Farmington
SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT
Russell Helm (573) 756-3988
- >June 19 – MINERAL AREA #760 - Farmington
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- >June 27 – MINERAL AREA #760 - Farmington
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•NORTH CAROLINA

- >April 26 – JOHNSTON COUNTY #25 - Selma
Ernie Ward (919) 938-4770
- >June 5 – BROAD RIVER #799 - Shelby
Roger Hogston (704) 434-7417
- >October 1 – ALBEMARLE AREA #312 - Elizabeth City
Gerald Jordan (252) 331-1447

•TENNESSEE

- >June 6-11 – STATE COUNCIL'S 15th ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP
Ames Plantation, Grand Junction
Jon B. Calhoun (423) 303-0640
- >June 11 – VOLUNTEER #59 – Knoxville
Waldo Gollither (865) 690-8878
- >August 26 – STATE BANQUET – Nashville
Jon B. Calhoun (423) 303-0640 or
Debbie Powell (812) 536-2272
- >October 5-8 – 7th Eastern Native Grass Symposium
Knoxville - <http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/>

FORM 990 IRS FILING

All chapters must do a 2009 filing of Form 990. The IRS has simplified this process for chapters grossing less than \$25,000. All you have to do is go to www.epostcard.form990, fill in a few spaces and then click file and it's done.

When you get to the website and register (you will need your chapter's IRS 9 digit EIN number; call national for your number), you will receive an e-mail back confirming your registration. It's a piece of cake from there as you only answer two questions, "Is your chapter still in operation?" and "Did you gross less than \$25,000?"

Starting next year, the chapter gross will be raised to \$50,000. For chapters over the \$25,000 gross amount, follow the guidelines that QU national recently mailed out.

CHAPTER EVENT INSURANCE RENEWED

SPORTSMAN'S INSURANCE AGENCY, Inc. is again providing liability insurance for chapter events and activities. The policy has been renewed through January 2011. Chapters needing a **Certificate of Insurance** can print out the form at the Chapters Only section on the main QU web page, fill it out and fax it to Sportsman's Insurance. Sportsman's Insurance will then fax, e-mail or mail the proof of insurance form back.

Their current address is 1364 N. US 1, Suite 503, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or call (800) 925-7767. Local calls in Florida (386) 677-2588. FAX (386) 677-3292. www.siai.net

BANQUET FUNDS SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL

As most chapters realize, the return of some chapters' portions of funds has been delayed. We are working hard to catch up with those returns as quickly as possible. Chapters are no longer required to submit the entire 100 percent of their working net with their reports; they need only to submit the 40 percent that is due to headquarters. **HOWEVER, THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED AND ALL INCOME AND EXPENSES REPORTED. THE CHAPTER SHOULD CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH THE DEADLINES FOR REPORTING. AGAIN, CHAPTERS MAY SUBMIT ONLY THE 40 PERCENT WITH THEIR FINANCIAL REPORTS.** For questions, please contact national. For future merchandise orders, contact your local merchants.

MORE COVEY NEWS AND UPDATES NEEDED

As always, we need more news from your chapter about your activities and especially about your projects. We know there is a tremendous number of successful projects across the country, and we need to share your success! Please take a few moments and snap some shots with a digital camera and submit them for the **INSIDE QU (IQ)** section of the magazine. Heck, we'll even help you write the article if you give us a few facts to go with your photos. Please submit your photos and stories to dkogon@qu.org. We can almost guarantee that your chapter stories will be published, so go ahead and send them in! We are also constantly updating our files with chapter officer name and address changes. It is also important we get your e-mail addresses. Please help us keep current with your contact information and notify national with any changes.

TELECONFERENCES

In the past, teleconferences have been conducted by management staff with regional directors and state chairmen to update them on Quail Unlimited business and to receive input from state chairmen. We plan to continue these teleconferences on a regular basis to maintain transparency of the organization and to continually update our state chairmen on operations. We appreciate the time that state chairmen have taken from their work and lives to be active participants.

2010 CORPORATE PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION



Final steps are being taken to get signed contracts from our corporate sponsors. A new partner, since the beginning of the year, is Redwood Creek Wines of California. We should be able to give you updates on our corporate sponsors when the summer issue of this newsletter goes out.

WWW.QU.ORG

What would you like to see on the web site? Send your comments/suggestions to dtilton@qu.org.

NEW NAME FOR SEQSG - - NBTC

New edition of National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) Nearing Completion



The National Bobwhite Technical Committee, formerly the Southeast Quail Study Group, which was formed in 1994, has been undertaking a first update and revision of its March 2002 National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI). The original initiative focused on restoration of bobwhite densities to 1980 population levels and focused on enhancing bobwhite numbers through habitat management implementation on agricultural lands, forests and grasslands.

Tall Timbers Research Station has been contracted to oversee the newest NBCI revision. They have completed a series of workshops in 25 states in the bobwhite range and have received input from over 600 wildlife biologists and resources professionals. Additionally, numerous partners in this bobwhite conservation effort have been compiling information and composing sections of the new plan.

According to Don McKenzie, NBCI Coordinator, "The original NBCI provided the first-ever grand vision and strategy for long-term bobwhite restoration, uniting quail conservationists and wildlife agencies across the country. The nearly completed revision has engaged more than 10 times as many biologists across the country as the first NBCI and will be a great leap forward in vision, strategy and planning for bobwhite and grassland bird restoration."

Please mark your calendars for the annual meeting of the National Bobwhite Technical Committee (NBTC).

The meeting will be held from August 3-6, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Wichita, Kansas. The meeting will begin on the evening of August 3 with a welcome reception and conclude on August 6 with a field trip through the Flint Hills.

The Flint Hills are the largest remaining tract of tall-grass prairie in North America. A registration form and more detailed meeting information and when the completion of the new plan is expected can be found at www.bobwhitetechnet.org.

NATIONAL QU SEED PROGRAM

Quail Unlimited will be continuing the popular seed program that it has operated for several years. Some corn has been released, and we are awaiting word on soybeans, milo/sorghum and wheat. If your chapter would like to order a semi-load of seed, please contact Debbie or Dave at the QU Indiana regional office (bobwhite@psci.net) or (812) 536-2272. CELL (812) 455-5256.

PETERSEN'S HUNTING STATED WRONG
INFORMATION ABOUT QU

In a recent issue of *Petersen's Hunting* magazine, it stated that Quail Unlimited had closed. That information is wrong and *Petersen's Hunting* will be running a retraction.



QUAIL UNLIMITED MAGAZINE
NEW LOOK — TO BE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY

Please accept our apologies for not receiving the winter issues of **QUAIL UNLIMITED** magazine.

Steve Smith of Village Press (*The Pointing Dog Journal, The Retriever Journal*), to mention a couple) will be handling the publication of the magazine. Due to printing and mailing increases, the new publication dates will be four times a year. Please know that we will get the next issue of **QUAIL UNLIMITED** magazine to you sometime in June.



ADDED BONUS FOR CHAPTER BANQUET ATTENDEES

Village Press is providing, at no charge, a certificate to every person that attends your banquet that will entitle them to receive one free issue of their choice of *The Pointing Dog Journal, The Retriever Journal* or *Just Labs*.

Please contact your RD and let them know how many certificates you will need for your banquet.



BANQUET TICKETS

Ewing Printing will print banquet tickets (200 tickets - \$51; 300 tickets - \$52; 400 tickets - \$53; 500 tickets - \$54 plus UPS shipping; and if want the tickets numbered, there is a charge of \$15 extra). Check the **CHAPTERS ONLY** section on the QU web page for the order form that can be printed and filled out and faxed to Ewing (812-886-6912). They will fax back a copy of the ticket for approval before printing.



NEW AUCTION ITEM

Rick Kennerknecht, GSS, will be donating New Zealand hunting trips this year to QU for fund raising purposes. Interested chapters should contact him by e-mail at rick@gssafaris.com.



FARMLANDS GET NEW CONSERVATION
ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary, Tom Vilsack, recently announced that USDA will offer an opportunity for general enrollment of lands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) later this year. This is the first general sign-up for CRP offered since 2006, according to the Wildlife Management Institute. The announcement and sign-up are very timely from conservation standpoints, inasmuch as contracts on 4.4 million acres of CRP are due to expire on September 30, 2010.

USDA must complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the program before the general sign-up can be offered. It is anticipated that the EIS process will be completed by late spring or early summer. The

ability to enroll lands in CRP through general sign-ups will be critical over the next several years because contracts on an additional 14.2 million acres are scheduled to expire between 2011 and 2013.

The 2008 Farm Bill placed a cap of 32 million acres on CRP, down from 39 million acres in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Secretary Vilsack also announced that, in addition to the general enrollment opportunity, USDA would be increasing acreage allocations for three other programs important to grassland-dependent wildlife. An additional 100,000 acres (from 250,000 to 350,000) will be allocated to the USDA's CP 33 Program—Upland Game Bird (Bobwhite Quail) Habitat Buffers. The allocation for CP 37—Prairie Pothole Duck Nesting Habitat—will be increased by 50,000 acres (from 100,000 to 150,000). And, CP 38—State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)—will be allotted an additional 150,000 acres (from 500,000 to 650,000). Enrollment in these three programs can be done at any time, and the new allotments will be available beginning March 15.

Acres permitted to be enrolled in CP 33, 37 and 38 are allotted on a state-by-state basis. Some states have enrolled all the lands available to them in the various programs, whereas others have not. So far, 219,000 of the initial 250,000 acres of CP 33 (quail buffers) have been enrolled. USDA indicated that allocations to the states for CP 33 probably will need to be adjusted to match enrollment opportunities with agricultural producers' interest in the program. The new acres for CP 33 will be distributed among southern and midwestern states.

—OUTDOOR NEWS BULLETIN – March 18, 2010
Issued monthly by the WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE



CRP MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Changes have been made to the Conservation Reserve Program mid-contract management (MCM) requirements for Missouri participants. The practices (prescribed burn, strip disc, chemical application) remain the same. However, the timeframes, number of acres and the number of times those acres must be managed have changed from two times to one time.

For new contracts 10 to 15 years in length, MCM practices will be required to be performed in contract years three through six. MCM practices will be applied on approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the contract acreage per year. Thus, it will take you two to three years in that timeframe to complete your MCM requirements. Required MCM practices will be applied only after the stand is established. For all contracts 20 acres in size or less, MCM practices may be performed on 100 percent of the contract acreage during any one of contract years three through six.

For established grasses that are enrolled or re-enrolled, MCM practices will be required to be performed in years one through four. MCM practices will be applied on approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the contract acreage per year. Thus, it will take you two to three years in that timeframe to complete your MCM requirements. Required MCM practices will be applied only after the stand is established. For all contracts 20 acres in size or less, MCM

practices may be performed on 100 percent of the contract acreage during any one of contract years one through four.

You are highly encouraged to complete a second round of MCM on all re-enrollments and 10 to 15 year contracts. Cost-share is authorized for a second round of management. If you are interested in an additional round of management, contact your local Farm Service Agency before you start. New cost-share rates for MCM practices are as follows –

Discing - \$10/acre (you can now disc 7/16 – 3/31)

Prescribed Burn - \$16/acre

Chemical Application - \$10/acre

Interseed forb/legumes after a MCM practice– county average cost

A new item eligible for cost-share is mowing or discing in conjunction with the above practices. Mowing can be used prior to discing or chemical application at \$8/acre. Discing at \$10/acre can be used after a prescribed burn to further setback the grass. Visit your local Farm Service Agency office for more information on MCM.

—By Jeff Powelson

Missouri Department of Conservation

The Covey Headquarters – Spring 2010

NOTE: Conservation Reserve Program mid-contract management requirements and cost-share dollars vary by state. Please be sure and check with your local wildlife biologist or Farm Service Agency office before undertaking CRP mid-contract management. CRP contract modifications must be in place before CRP MCM can occur. Approved CRP management can definitely have a positive effect on increasing quail abundance on CRP tracts.

KENTUCKY H.I.T UPDATE

Kentucky's H.I.T. (Habitat Improvement Team) is in full force! The team is currently busy implementing several hundred acres worth of prescribed burning on private property in Western Kentucky. Their goal of prescribed burn acres is 1,000 after which they will jump right into herbicide treatments, native grass plantings and songbird and quail surveys.

For those of you wondering what the QU H.I.T. project is and what they do, here is a summary: The H.I.T. in Western Kentucky is in a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and the Kentucky Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Together the QU H.I.T., KDFWR and TNC use their resources to initiate and implement good upland management in the Kentucky area. The H.I.T. works with private landowners in providing wildlife management assistance, usually on CRP acres. The type of management the H.I.T. is capable of assisting with includes prescribed burning, herbicide treatments, strip discing, edge-feathering, fescue conversion and native grass establishment.

The team in western Kentucky has been on the ground for almost three years. They have received very positive feedback from the landowners in the area and have seen remarkable habitat influences from the management they are implementing.

For more information or questions about the H.I.T. in Western Kentucky, please e-mail John Zimmer, Quail Unlimited KY Habitat Team Coordinator at kyhabitat-team@hotmail.com.

H.I.T. MANAGEMENT TIP

Prescribed burning is an excellent and very effective wildlife management tool. Prescribed burning enhances the grasses and forbs, controls woody encroachment and exposes bare soil by removing the thatch layer. Burning is a crucial factor for managing bobwhite quail. If you choose to implement a prescribed burn on your property, please check all state and local restrictions on burning and have adequate firebreaks installed before dropping a match.

Firebreaks that are used for containing the fire provide an excellent opportunity for you to do one more thing for the quail and other upland species. Since firebreaks are usually disced or roto-tilled strips, lightly broadcast some sort of seed onto them. I recommend wheat, clovers, Korean or Kobe lespedeza (no sericea!!) or oats. Not only will this provide an added food source for the wildlife, but it may also keep the soils from eroding.

—By John Zimmer

Quail Unlimited KY Habitat Team Coordinator

2010 NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

On March 23-26, 2010, the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The conference is an annual event with representatives from state fish and wildlife organizations, federal natural resources agencies (the US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Fish & Wildlife Service, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), etc.), wildlife conservation non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other outdoor-related groups in attendance.

Dave Howell, AG Wildlife Services Director, attended on behalf of Quail Unlimited. He participated in sessions regarding the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) Management Board, CRP and Resident Game Bird Working Groups, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Partner updates and conference general sessions. Additionally, Howell talked with several state and federal natural resource leaders regarding quail and QU activities.

The 2011 North American Conference will be held on March 14-19 in Kansas City, Missouri.

QU CHAPTER NEWS

NORTHERN INDIANA #108 - Breman

On February 27 through 28, the chapter hosted its seventh annual two-day state certified hunter education class that included lunch and snacks for both days. The 74 youth in attendance were tested and passed the course and received certification cards.

Jennifer Holmes chaired the event with help from six members of the chapter's board.

In the upcoming months, this chapter has scheduled the following projects:

- Four warm-season grass prescribed burns
- Distribution of food plot seed for spring planting. They have already distributed a mixture of 24 bags of grain

sorghum/sudan grass and expect to hand out 50 more bags of grain sorghum and 20 bags of sunflower seed.

- Monthly sporting clays shoot scheduled for the third Saturday of each month four miles north of Bremen.
- Awards ceremony June 3 for the six \$500 scholarships they award annually to local college-bound students who are pursuing majors in natural resources-related fields.
- A dove hunt on September 4 as a thank-you to their 2009-2010 Sponsor members. The 2009 hunt, which was held at a new location, had such an abundance of birds that everyone in attendance had their limit of birds by 10:30 a.m.

—Submitted by Bill Sheley, chapter chairman
(800) 837-6449 - Office or (574) 320-5059 - cell

VOLUNTEER #59 - Knoxville, TENNESSEE — SEED DAY

The Volunteer Chapter in collaboration with Beaty Chevrolet shared 12,000 pounds of wheat and some lespezea to members and the public in March. The chapter gained 12 new members and three renewals during seed day.

Many members have performed prescribed burning and planted lespedezas for their food plots.

The Volunteer Chapter of Quail Unlimited began in Oak Ridge, in 1983 through the visions of Steve McGhee and the late Aubrey Bickel. The chapter has grown to approximately 150 members and has historically been extremely active in the counties surrounding Oak Ridge and Knoxville, in habitat development. The mission of this chapter is to enhance the expansion of the population of the bobwhite in both numbers and geography through habitat projects and education.

—Submitted by Waldo Golliher, chapter treasurer
(865) 690-8878

KENTUCKY LAKE #818 - Henry, TENNESSEE SECOND ANNUAL FUN TRIAL

Kentucky Lake Chapter #818 held its second annual fun trial on October 17, 2009 at 4-E Kennels and Shooting Preserve in Henry. The weather was perfect. There were 14 dogs that ran in seven braces. Each brace lasted 25 minutes with two dogs in the field. There was a simple scoring system to determine the top dog. The dogs were awarded points based on finding and pointing birds, retrieving downed birds and honoring another dog's point; three points for each time the dog pointed a bird, two points for a retrieve and one point if the dog honored (backed) another dog. There was, of course, good food provided, which consisted of grilled hamburgers and quail, courtesy of Mr. John Vanduesen. There was good fellowship among attendees, and I am sure a few tall tales were told.

After all the braces were run and points totaled, the winner was Mr. Johnny Presgrove who also won second place with another pointer entry. Third place went to Mr. Eric Lawrence and his Brittany. There were also some setters and German shorthaired pointers. Prizes were awarded to the top three dogs.

Thanks to all the members and to the spectators who helped make this a successful event.

KENTUCKY LAKE #818

REACTIVATES THE F.A.C.E. PROJECT

Supporting 4-H, encouraging youth wildlife management and validating donated funds spent locally are the three main themes that this chapter's project is trying to accomplish.

Chapter chairman, Clint Ellis, stated that he is really proud of what the chapter is doing—supporting a 4-H region by supplying the seed and awards for the FACE project. The FACE project is for the 4-H students to get seed to plant a quarter acre food plot. They have to record what wildlife they observe using the food plot and are judged on the way they plant the food plot and the success they have with the seed growth. Each student was given a five-pound bag of seed with a known amount of four different seeds—millet, milo, iron clay peas and sunflower—in each bag. The chapter provided the bags to 11 county 4-H programs consisting of approximately 110 children. Hopefully, this encouraged the younger generation to get involved in wildlife management.

For more information about the FACE projects, contact Ranson Goodman at the Henry County Extension Office at (731) 642-2941.

The chapter would like to thank the local community for their support at their fund raisers. Proceeds from each of the chapter's events were used to support the FACE Project above, which demonstrated that they are putting money back into the community that helped them raise the funds.

—Submitted by Clint Ellis, chapter chairman
(731) 243-3748

RIVERSIDE #148 - Chino Hills, CALIFORNIA

Additional information and registration flyers available on the chapter web page www.quiverside.com.

The chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at Hunny's Café, 402 Corona Mall (Corner of Main St. and 4th St.), Corona, CA 92879, (951) 735-7020. Guests are welcome.

The chapter is involved in monthly habitat programs in the San Jacinto Wildlife Refuge, Cleveland National Forest, Mojave Desert and Imperial County. Projects are normally scheduled on the last Saturday of the month from February to July.

Ron Gibbons, Chairman - (909) 902-9814

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY #240 - San Gabriel, CALIFORNIA

Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month. They are held at Tim Bovard's home, 115 So. Piedmont Avenue, Claremont and start at 7:30 pm. The meetings are open to all members to attend.

—Tim Bovard, Chairman (909) 624-7411

RIDGECREST #457- Ridgecrest, CALIFORNIA

BROWN BUTTES AND SORE KNEES PROJECT Water for Wildlife Project • March 5-7, 2010

We had 64 volunteers ranging in age from 6 to 84 who traveled from as far as Los Angeles, San Diego and Utah. There were volunteers from Quail Unlimited, the California Deer Association, Quail Forever, the Society for Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, the Safari Club, Predator Callers of Orange County, the Society for the Protection and Care of Wildlife, NRA and other groups concerned about preserving our natural wildlife. There were several veterans along with a bunch of first timers that made this a successful project.

I was so pleased when I drove up to the campsite and there were eight to 10 campers already at the site. The cooks followed me into the camping area. We got the cooks parked, leveled the trailers, unpacked the gear, set up the camp and started getting the volunteers together to make a run to the first drinker. We left camp around 11:00 a.m. and headed out to the first drinker. After 5.5 hours of work, we returned to camp just in time to clean up a little and get some of Jesse's barbecued yellow fin. After dinner we had our raffle, and some refreshments, we hit the sack. It had been a long day.

Saturday morning we woke up to cowboy coffee. Our hard-working cooks prepared breakfast. After breakfast we planned our day and were on our way by 8:00 a.m. After a good eight hours of working, we returned to camp; the elk stew was on the fire. We stuffed ourselves, had our raffle and a few drinks, told a few stories and then into the sleeping bag we went.

Sunday morning we awoke again to cowboy coffee. All the volunteers were given a large tortilla that they promptly filled with eggs, sausage, potatoes, cheese and salsa/hot sauce. After breakfast, we left camp at 8:00 a.m. but were back at camp by 12:00 noon.

Over the weekend we went through 360 eggs, eight pounds of sausage, six pounds of bacon, at least eight pounds of hash browns, 120 tortillas, one gallon of homemade salsa, 20 pounds of beautiful hydroponic tomatoes (thank you Tommie Park), four, one gallon cans of peaches and pears, two gallons of orange juice, two gallons of apple juice and two gallons of milk—and that was just for breakfast. For dinner we went through five dutch ovens full of elk stew, which consisted of five roasts, five pounds of onions, 10 pounds of potatoes, and two #10 cans of green beans, four loaves of bread along with cornbread on Saturday night. On Friday night we had 30 pounds of Jesse's barbecued fish wrapped in six pounds of bacon and marinated in Italian dressing, four trout, along with eight pounds of broccoli and coleslaw. Bob provided a great shrimp boil as an appetizer to get the juices flowing. Dare I mention the carrot cake and brownies for dessert (Thank you, Jennifer). I can't say we didn't eat well. There wasn't a lick of stew left, or one piece of fish. Oh, and Jim had hot dogs.

Over the weekend, we completed three wildlife drinkers and the fourth was 75 percent complete when the rain forced us to head back to camp. We removed the tar, mortared the cracks and installed tortoise ramps in each drinker. Actually, we were very fortunate with the weather. We had no rain until after dinner on Saturday night. It lasted a short time, thereby letting us have our raffle and relaxation time around the fire.

I personally would like to thank Jim, Lyle and BJ for their hard work scouting and locating all these drinkers. Special thanks to Marie and Debra for putting on the raffle, all the cooks for preparing the food (Judy, Jenette, Kippy, Jesse, Debra, Lyle) and Christina and Shirley for policing the camp area and filling up four very large plastic bags with other people's "stuff"/trash. Thanks to the Society and CDA along with individuals for their donation to the raffle. And last, but not least, thanks so much to Lyle, for building the Merlex trailer. This saves us a lot of time. Dave Smith could not make this trip because he had a severe cold, but when the Merlex delivery truck lost a transmission, Dave got out of bed and made the 4.5 hour round trip to deliver the Merlex to the campsite. Thank you, Dave.

What can I say about how great you volunteers are???? I never dreamed that there were so many dedicated people so willing to help with contributions of labor, time and financial support in order to make Water for Wildlife as successful as it has become. Since we started, we have completed 76 guzzlers and repaired/restored 10 springs. At this point I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work. I wish I could do more to express my gratitude.

FACTS: We had 64 volunteers traveling 18,950 miles round-trip. Total travel time for all the volunteers was approximately 315 hours. We spent 375 labor hours on the ground working on the drinkers. Preparation time had to be close to 100 hours for a total of 790 volunteer hours. Cost for food, materials and equipment ran close to \$2,000 for this weekend project.

Looks like we are getting bigger. In March last year at our Goff's project, we had 62 volunteers. This project was the largest with 64. It looks like maybe I should consider setting up another Water for Wildlife equipment trailer. I will do my best to get contributions in order to get this accomplished.

Our next project will be April 16 through 18. This project will be 15 miles southeast of where we were above. There are several drinkers located in and around the Old Woman Mountains.

I would like to thank the BLM, Needles FO, for their assistance in making this project possible. In the future we will be working closely with the BLM. There are over 100 drinkers located within their jurisdiction in the East Mojave.

—Submitted by Cliff McDonald (760) 326-2935

WOLF RIVER #605 - Memphis, TENNESSEE
2009 ANNUAL YOUTH HUNT • <http://www.wolfriverqu.org>

In the extreme northeast corner of Shelby County lies the Jerry Payne Quail Farm and Preserve, where the Fifth Annual Quail Unlimited Wolf River Chapter Youth Hunt was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009. On a cool morning, 23 youths and 30 supporters made the trip down the gravel of Jerry Payne Drive and parked, surrounded by the barns, quail pens, clubhouse and bird dogs that were staked by the pond, restive and yapping with excitement in anticipation of the beginning of a great day afield.

Blaze orange was the fashionable color of the day, which featured safety education, clay bird shooting, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings, and morning and afternoon quail hunting in the crisp, autumn fields beneath a warm, gentle sun making the temperatures reach to 10 degrees above normal.

This year's hunt was dedicated in memory of Billy McLemore. Billy was an avid bird hunter and a dedicated member of the Wolf River Chapter. He passed away in October after a long battle with cancer. The hunt was financed in part by a generous grant from the NRA Foundation awarded through the Memphis Friends of the NRA. The NRA Foundation supports organizations and programs that ensure the continuation of our proud shooting and hunting heritage and has awarded over \$70,000 in grants in Shelby County alone.

Allen King at Grainger Supply, Chad Onash with 3M and Tom Gray at North Safety products donated safety equipment for the hunt. Volunteers such as hunter safety instructor Gene Smith joined the chapter members in preparing for the hunt. Phil Ramsey filmed much of the action that was shown in an episode of "*Inside the Wildside*" on Channel 14. The goal of the youth hunt is to

introduce the next generation to the time-honored sport of quail hunting in a day when this traditional pastime has all but disappeared, as bobwhite populations have drastically declined due primarily to the problematic loss of productive habitat.

A “warm-up” at the clay pigeon target site was the first event, where the youths were divided into five groups and mentored with shooting instruction and safety protocol. After each group finished shooting, shotguns were shouldered for the march to one of the five fields where the handlers were to loose the bird dogs—among them Brittany spaniels, German shorthaireds, English pointers and English setters—to scour the fields seeking the elusive bobwhite. The handlers went over the rules and re-emphasized the safety protocol that would have to be followed for a successful and enjoyable day afield. A safety monitor was appointed to each group, who in turn counseled and positioned each youth in a strategic manner at each successive point of the bird dog to insure that the trailing gallery of other youthful hunters and their parents and guests were secure.

Most who revere the sportsmanship of quail hunting, advocate that there is no more tense and exciting moment of anticipation than stepping into the cover waiting for the flush of a hidden, crouching quail before the timeless, statuesque point of a bird dog. Likewise, the natural jolt of adrenaline that follows the exploding flush and the furious flapping of wings as one endeavors to lock in on the fleeing, flying blur of feathers to fire a shot is a moment unlike any other. No matter whether one is seven or 70 years of age, that experience never grows old, and memories of such remarkable moments linger a lifetime.

At noon everyone gathered at the rustic clubhouse for the picnic lunch, after which Gene Smith distributed the various hunting-related gifts—camouflage, hunting clothes and accessories, gun cases, game calls and canteens—that had been donated by Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the NRA and other sponsors and were the objects of many a youth’s curiosity, as they were spread out on a large tarpaulin for all to see. Then, the groups marched back into the fields for an afternoon that would make for a full day of excitement—and some tired bird dogs.

—Submitted by Jurey Howard and Johnny McFarland, Chapter Chairman (901) 545-5974

WOLF RIVER SPORTING CLAYS KICKOFF CHAPTER MEETING was held Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bass Pro Shops. For more information, contact Glenn Key at (901) 871-4630. The chapter’s normal monthly meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month upstairs in the education room located in the back of the Collierville Animal Clinic on Highway 72, Collierville, Tennessee, with our thanks to Dr. McGee. We welcome you to stop by and see what the chapter has to offer.

Tennessee State Council’s vice-chairperson, **TRICITIES CHAPTER # 843** chapter chairman and the newly elected QU board member, Frank Crawford, has started a

Quail Unlimited Junior Covey web site. When you open the web site it reads: “Welcome to Quail Unlimited Youth information web site. We at Quail Unlimited believe that without the young generations being involved in the outdoors and with 75 percent of hunters being over the age of 40 the future of our sport could soon be over. Something we can do is recruit young sportsmen to participate and promote our hunting heritage and increase family participation in hunting recreation. We also need to encourage wildlife habitat access, enhancement and management.

In 1990, 12 percent of kids residing at home participated in hunting and in 2009 this has dropped to below eight percent. It is up to us to pass on our love for nature. How does it make you feel when you hear quail talking to one another or listening to the woods come to life at daybreak? Would you be the same person if you had never listened to these sounds? Our youth will follow us. All we have to do is lead the way. There have never been more true words spoken than you spell love T-I-M-E.

On this site you can look at all upcoming and past events for the youth, and watch videos and look at pictures of hunts and other activities. There is a easy to use TALK FORUM. On this forum you will be able to ask questions and post the events scheduled for your area. This is a good way to share ideas.

<http://www.juniorcovey.com>

TRIPLE TEAM FOR QUAIL—THE TWRA, THE USDA AND THE UT EXTENSION — TENNESSEE

I know it would be hard to fathom, but could you imagine Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Albert Pujols all in the same lineup? Talk about a triple team for the ages! Just as this trio of sluggers would make any fan want to buy a seat close to the fence in the outfield, three other organizations teamed up to hit a homerun for quail habitat and management in Tennessee—the TWRA, the USDA and the UT Extension, all heavy hitters in the field of wildlife management, put together a phenomenal workshop on quail management in Franklin County on June 19, 2009.

This workshop was designed specifically to discuss issues that were involved with in-depth quail management. It was held at the farm of Greg Vaughn near Winchester. “The backdrop for this particular workshop couldn’t have been at a better location,” said TWRA Private Lands Biologist Clint Borum. “The Vaughns have gone above and beyond in their attempts to manage their property primarily for quail, and it shows,” Borum said. Greg has worked intensively with NRCS biologist Chris Wolkonowski on several USDA cost-share programs. He is currently enrolled in WHIP and CRP, both of which are excellent programs that have specific ties to quail management.

The lineup for the workshop consisted of several “big hitters.” Mike Hansbrough, NRCS biologist, spoke about the importance of connecting habitat types across the landscape. This is a very important point when talking about whole farm management. Larry Tankersley, UT Extension Forester, “drove home” the importance of pine stand management for wildlife. Chris Wolkonowski “got us all on our feet” when he talked about the benefits of native warm season grasses. “Batting cleanup” was none other than University of Tennessee Wildlife Extension Specialist, Dr.

Craig Harper. Craig pulled double duty at the workshop and spoke about how to maintain habitat through various treatments and the importance of wildlife food plots. With a lineup like that you could almost hear the quail whistling in the background.

This workshop was definitely not a one-time deal. So don't be too disappointed if you happened to miss out. There could be one coming to a town near you. If you are interested in quail management, wildlife management in general, or maybe just attending one of the many workshops that these agencies put on, don't hesitate to call your local NRCS office or check out www.TWRAPrivatelands.org and get in touch with one of the biologists in your area to see what might be coming your way or just to talk about quail management in general.

YADKIN VALLEY #234 - Winston-Salem, NORTH CAROLINA

The Yadkin Valley Chapter got off to a great start this past fall with a successful banquet. They had 108 guests in attendance. A lot of folks went home with great gifts from auctions and raffles, and the chapter went home with a lot of money to spend on quail habitat.

Before the banquet, this chapter hosted a hunting safety course sponsored by the North Carolina Wildlife department. Forty-one children attended the three-day event and learned a great deal about hunting safety. It is mandatory in North Carolina to attend this course in order to purchase a hunting license. A group of chapter members spent several hours making this event a success.

This chapter had a booth at a gun show at the Greensboro Coliseum last August to stimulate interest in QU. They signed up several new members and sold raffle tickets to the banquet. They had the opportunity to display their new chapter trailer—a 16-foot, closed trailer with graphics of quail and bird dogs. The chapter's web site is featured on the trailer resulting in about 60 hits per week. It has been a great way to stimulate interest.

The chapter hosted four fun field trials that began on January 9. This year they combined the total scores for the final trial that was held on March 27 for the top 24 dogs. All dogs had 15 minutes in the bird field. The entry fee was \$30 and re-entry fee was \$20. The event was held at Quail Haven Hunting and Shooting Preserve located in Harmony.

If you would like to join a group of people that have the interest of quail and quail hunting at heart, come join this chapter. We are very active and probably have something for everyone in the family.

—Submitted by Berk Stephens
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FRESNO CHAPTER #246

QU HUNTING HERITAGE SKILLS JR. COVEY CAMP TRI-LAKES • Coarsegold, California JULY 18-23, 2010

Build your hunting and outdoor skills... Shotgun skills clinics, hunter education review, Tracking, fishing, map reading, hunting with dogs, Game care and cooking, conservation and more—now that you have your license, take that second step toward your hunting heritage...

Going hunting and getting the most out of the experience takes more than a basic hunter education class. It takes outdoor skills, techniques and confidence in your

shooting ability to achieve success and to comfortably enjoy the outdoor experience. QU's Hunting Heritage Covey Camp is designed to enhance those skills.

The Covey Camp at Tri-Lakes is open to youngsters from 11 to 15 years of age, who have already completed the basic hunter education program and are ready to take that second step.

Youngsters learn that sportsmen were America's first conservationists and the values of the outdoor heritage. The camp starts with a full review of firearm safety. General camp activities include:

- Instinctive shooting skills
- Hunting manners and camp duties
- Serving as gunners for dog trainers.
- Fly fishing (Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation teach the fly fishing and tying program.)
- Game calling (turkey, quail and elk)
- Judging habitat—Is this a good place to hunt? What's missing?
- Conservation—How to improve the carrying capacity of the land
- History of conservation
- Differences between preservation and conservation
- Tracking
- Basic survival steps
- Mapping and what to do when the GPS doesn't work

Everything is done in a hands-on, fun format. All marksmanship and shooting activities are done in a controlled format on the range. Even the gun dog work is closely supervised with a goal of having the youngsters make sound judgment calls throughout the hunt.

Tri-Lakes Ranch is part of the historic Ecker Ranch owned and operated by J.B. Overstreet. The ranch is located on 2,000 acres in the foothills between Fresno and Yosemite, just south and east of the town of Coarsegold. These foothills are home to a large variety of wildlife, including quail, deer, turkey and a host of non-game animals.

A camp coordinator, two adult counselors, junior counselors and volunteers from the Fresno Quail Unlimited Chapter staff the camp.

Many Quail Unlimited chapters offer scholarships for youngsters from their regions. For scholarship information and any questions regarding the camp, contact Dick Haldeman at (951) 767-3435.

QU HUNTER EDUCATION JUNIOR COVEY CAMP STILLBOW RANCH • DOS PALOS, CALIFORNIA JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2010

At hunter education summer camps, safety, sportsmanship and marksmanship are reinforced by daily hands-on training.

Quail Unlimited's Hunter Education COVEY Camp is open to youngsters from 10 to 15 years of age who are seeking their hunter education certificates. The Stillbow Ranch Summer camp expands the traditional 10 hours of classroom instruction into a five-day program of hands-on learning by doing and repetition.

While completing their hunter education requirements the campers will be learning to safely handle shotguns, rifles and pistols.

Once the basics of safe firearms handling are understood, the youngsters will visit the range everyday where

they will learn shotgun and rimfire marksmanship skills. The campers will take part in a dove nesting-cone project to check usage and replace nesting cones as determined by the survey. Plus, they will learn quail and elk calling techniques. Chukar from a local game bird farm will be used to teach game care and basic cooking. Local dog trainers will stop by to demonstrate basic puppy work and retrieving.

The Stillbow Ranch is a unique site for a youth summer camp. Located in the grasslands of central California, the 500-acre duck club offers a variety of waterfowl and marsh wildlife. The ranch is part of the grassland area with several wetlands and other wildlife reserves nearby. The ranch members have contacts with USFS biologists, dog trainers and other experts to help make the camp a memorable experience.

A camp coordinator, two certified California Hunter Education instructors, junior counselors and volunteers from local Quail Unlimited chapters will assist on a day-to-day basis. The campers will take the Hunter Ed test on Thursday, and successful participants will receive their hunter education certificate.

Stillbow Ranch is located eight miles east of Los Banos, California, (one and a half miles south of Highway 152). The club offers bunkhouse style lodging with three to four campers per room, a full kitchen and classroom. There are duck ponds for wading, in addition to the shotgun and .22 caliber shooting ranges.

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**NORTHEAST FLORIDA #243 - Jacksonville, FLORIDA
UPLAND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT (UERP)
Works To Keep the Bobwhite Calling in Florida**

To support increased land management activities, the NEFL Chapter has donated \$30,000 to the Jennings State Forest (23,995 acres) UERP. This was a five-year commitment in conjunction/partnership with the Florida Department of Forestry and Tall Timbers. The chapter had a \$6,000 a year agreement that they were able to supplement with matching funds in conjunction with Greg Hagan of Tall Timbers for a total of \$10,000 in the first year.

In addition, the chapter also funded a premium seed 50/50 membership drive/benefit for approximately \$7,000.

—Submitted by John Seymour
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**NORTHEAST GEORGIA #681 - Athens, GEORGIA
BANQUET SUMMARY**

The NE Georgia Chapter held its ninth annual banquet on February 18, 2010. This year's banquet was the most challenging event since forming the chapter in 2000. Due to the economy, the board was hesitant in putting on an event, but membership was very positive and put a lot of time and effort into completing the task.

The chapter would like to report that the event went

very well and a profit was made. The banquet drew over 180 people, and surprisingly all auction items brought in good money for the chapter.

Based on this, the chapter encourages all QU chapters to go forward and keep doing what you're good at even with the status of the economy. All chapters should do their homework and pre-sell tickets ahead of time to assure a successful event. Sportsmen will always support a good cause, and we definitely have a great cause in supporting youth and habitat!

—Submitted by Wink McWhorter
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FLINT RIVER (FRQU) #138 - Cordele, GEORGIA

The Flint River Chapter, based in Dooly/Crisp County, is one of QU's premier chapters whose primary focus is to promote youth involvement in outdoor activities. Using proceeds from their annual banquet and auction, FRQU provides support to Crisp, Dooly, Turner and Wilcox county 4-H programs with their major focus on the shotgun and skeet teams. Shotguns, travel money and an automatic skeet throwing machine are just a few of the items provided to the various teams by FRQU. As a result of the close relationship the chapter has with the local 4-H, Wilcox County honored FRQU as "Volunteer of the Year" in 2009. One of the highlights of the 2010 FRQU banquet was the introduction of the Turner County 4-H shotgun team and their coaches. Having earned a trip to the national competition by capturing first place in the state competition, Turner County traveled to Grand Island, Nebraska, with FRQU as a proud sponsor. The pride was well placed as Turner County brought a second place national title home to Georgia. FRQU has high hopes for the other 4-H teams to follow suit.

Kids Outdoor Adventures (KOA), formed in 2002, is a privately funded organization founded by Denny and Melba Rogers of Crisp County whose dream was to offer children the opportunity to experience outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. In 2006, FRQU partnered with KOA and Georgia Waterfowl to develop programs whereby children could participate in dove and quail hunts and fishing rodeos. Billy and Johnny Sanders volunteered their farm in Dooly County for the hunts, and the fishing rodeo was held at Denny Roger's farm in Crisp County.

Coming from Georgia, Florida and Alabama, kids who participated in one or both of these events qualified for selection in a quail hunt. These hunts were held on the Sanders farm and Turkey Creek Plantation owned by the Griffin Family of Cordele and managed by Phillip Warren. Every other week eight names were drawn on Monday for a quail hunt the following Saturday. Thirty-two boys and girls were selected to hunt throughout quail season.

The grand finale is having all the participants of the quail and dove hunts and the fishing rodeo back to enjoy the KOA spring banquet which is sponsored by Bass Pros Shops and private donations from individuals and corporations. On the day of the banquet, the kids and their parents or guardians are treated to a skeet shoot.

The banquet which started around 5 p.m. offered a hearty meal followed by the drawing of door prizes for the participants. Every child received a prize which varied from

shotguns, quail hunts, caps, shotgun shells, custom made knives, a deer hunt in Kentucky, turkey hunts, rods and reels and hunting dogs. No child left empty-handed.

These events could not take place without the cooperation of the families of the children who are required to attend with the child. We would like to offer special thanks to our volunteers who guide the hunts, secure donations and prepare the meals for the banquet. These volunteers include Jim Maxey, Johnny Sanders, Tony Turner, Mark Turner, Melvin Hudson, Denny Rogers, Henry Blue and Phillip Warren.

The annual banquet was held in February. This is the chapter's main source of funding for the events sponsored. Each attendee at the banquet received two bags of grain sorghum and, if requested, the use of a grain drill owned by the chapter. The night had an auction of a multitude of items that were donated to FRQU.

The board of directors for FRQU are: Benny Daniels, Chairman; Cory Hobbs, Secretary-Treasurer; Phillip Warren, Melvin Hudson, Ritch McCutchen, David Flake, Greg Leger, Laura Folks, Al Anderson and Orry Marks. Led by this dedicated board, the members of FRQU take special pleasure in watching the heritage of hunting being passed on to a new generation.

—Submitted by Lisa McKinley
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PIEDMONT AREA #379 - Eatonton, GEORGIA

The Piedmont Area Chapter held its annual banquet last September under the joint chairmanship of Brian Cagle and Ricky Adams. Their success meant they will continue to work on their joint project with the U.S. Forest Service, the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Georgia DNR on the Cedar Creek WMA through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The excitement from opening dove season stimulated interest in their endeavors and brought out conservation-minded individuals from all surrounding counties making the event a huge success.

GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL

NATIVE GRASS FIELD DAY AT CEDAR CREEK

The Georgia State Council held a field day on March 30 for its statewide membership. "The purpose of the field day was to demonstrate to the membership how the combined efforts of Quail Unlimited chapters and state and federal agencies can produce successful results," said Greg Manley. Greg started laying the groundwork by applying for grants and working with Liz Caldwell with the U.S. Forest Service over three years ago. Through their efforts, they were able to do work on an area of trees infested with beetles on the Oconee National Forest.

An area was cut and cleared with dozers, then they were able to establish windbreaks, hedgerows and erosion control breaks by using downed trees and stumps. This hilly area was then ready for native warm season grasses. The state council brought in John Seymour with Roundstone Seed Company to plant the seed using a

seed drill and broadcasting. Both methods of planting were shown to the participants demonstrating the different methods of planting. Walter Bland with Rock Springs Farm demonstrated how to plant native grass seed plugs by hand using a hand held auger.

The question and answer session was very informative for the participating landowners, DNR and Forest Service personnel attending. After a Q & A session, lunch was provided on the grounds by Georgia Quail Unlimited.

The Piedmont Area Chapter is having a sign made for the entrance of the project area depicting the joint efforts of all the agencies involved. Greg said, "I hope this will encourage other chapters to get involved with their local Forest Service and DNR representatives."

2010 SPONSOR PACKAGE INCENTIVES

Because the bobwhite quail sculpture originally offered as a sponsor incentive was not ordered in time for the 2010 banquet package, the chapter sponsor incentives offered to chapter members will be left up to each individual chapter. QU plans on having the order to Wild Wings in time for next year's banquet season, thus continuing the series.

During a meeting of the regional directors, state chairmen and some of our chapter chairmen, a decision was made to allow each chapter to put together their own sponsor package for the remainder of this chapter year. For each sponsor a chapter signs up, the chapter will send \$50 to headquarters. The chapter will use the remaining \$200 of the sponsor membership fee to create a unique sponsor incentive package for their sponsors.

When completing your banquet report, please remember if you charge over \$300 for a sponsor ticket (membership), the excess amount will be listed under the income section under **Underwriting and Donations**. (See chapter notebook for a further explanation.)

This change is in an effort to further assist QU chapters financially during the 2010 banquet season. Please note some small sponsor items (knives, prints, hats) are still available from headquarters. Call for availability and cost.

CHAPTER BANQUETS/EVENTS ALREADY HELD		
Central Arkansas #65	September	Little Rock, AR
Northern IN #108	September	Breman, IN
Piedmont Area #379	September	Eatonton, GA
Quail Point #514	September	Goldsboro, NC
Uwharrie #443	September	Seagrove, NC
Brier Creek #517	October	Waynesboro, GA
Central Virginia #87	October	Bumpass, VA
Davie County #76	October	Mocksville, NC
Piedmont #287	October	Reidsville, NC
Sandhills #10	October	Ellerbe, NC
Cape Fear #717	November	Coats, NC
Foothills #752	November	Mt. Airy, NC
Jayhawk #75	November	Lawrence, KS
Northern Virginia #737	November	Dumfries, VA
Southern Indiana #213	November	Georgetown, IN
Flint River #138	February	Cordele, GA
NE GA #681	February	Athens, GA
North Fork #380	February	Casey, IL
West Central IN #117	February	Greencastle, IN
West Central MO #541	March	Harrisonville, MO
Did you miss your chapter's event? Check with your regional director to see when the next event is scheduled.		

