



# PHEASANTS FOREVER

THE HABITAT ORGANIZATION

SCOTT COUNTY #125  
Est. 1987

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## "ON THE BACK FENCE"

MIDWINTER 2009/2010

### KEY DATES

#### FEBRUARY

**6th:** Corn Pick-up  
10:00am-2:00pm  
(SCPF Members Only)

**11th:** Chapter Meeting  
7:30pm-9:00pm  
Ridges at Sand Creek G.C.; Jordan

**25th:** Chapter Banquet  
Doors open at 5:30pm  
Ridges at Sand Creek G.C.; Jordan

**26th-28th:** Pheasant Fest  
Des Moines, Iowa

#### MARCH

**6th:** Corn Pick-up  
10:00am-2:00pm  
(SCPF Members Only)

**27th:** 2nd Annual Operation  
Upland Pheasant Hunt

#### APRIL

**1st:** Registration Opens for Cruz  
for Habitat & Charlie's 2nd Annual  
Sportmen's Swap Meet

**17th:** Roadside Clean-up

So you don't miss out on the  
action...log onto  
[scottpf.org](http://scottpf.org) for the most  
current event listing.

### MESSAGE FROM JIM LEGG, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The 09' Pheasant Season has come to a close and it surely was one for the record books. We encountered a slow start as the weather delayed fall harvest for area farmers across the state, it packed a punch for a short time during the late season and abruptly halted with the Christmas Day Blizzard. Above and beyond our continued focus on maintaining "quality" habitat within Scott County, our chapter stepped things up a notch this past year. We developed a Chapter website w/email that averages 400+ hits per month and a Face Book "fan page" site; Hosted 46-Minnesota Veterans returning back from their service overseas during our Inaugural Operation Upland Pheasant Hunt; Hosted Charlie's 1st Annual Sportsmen's Swap Meet to raise funds for our 2nd Annual Hunt; Hosted eleven youth for the 2nd Annual MN DNR/PF Youth Pheasant Hunt; are working on a land acquisition and more. If you want to get involved, I welcome you to come along for the ride. Our 24th Annual Fundraising Banquet is on Thursday, February 25th at the Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan. I look forward to seeing you there! ~ Jim



# "WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?"

Woof! Woof!



JOIN US FOR OUR 24TH ANNUAL BANQUET  
Thursday, February 25th at our "NEW" Banquet Location

Time: 5:30-9:50pm / The Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan

-Special Guests: Members of the Minnesota Army National Guard-

View all the details, ticket and ordering options in your enclosed Banquet Brochure

- Order soon to take advantage of our "early bird" incentive -

### 2nd ANNUAL OPERATION UPLAND PHEASANT HUNT

Saturday, March 27th-Caribou Gun Club & Hunting Preserve-Le Sueur, MN

MN Military Personnel returning home from active duty overseas within the past two years can register by logging onto [www.scottpf.org](http://www.scottpf.org)-Military Page

DONATE to support a Soldier for OUPH by logging onto [www.scottpf.org](http://www.scottpf.org) or, by sending your tax deductible donation to: SCPF-OUPH; 1118 S. Madison Street; Shakopee, MN 55379 - 2059

OUPH is Sponsored by Scott County Pheasants Forever with Support from Federal Premium Ammunition; Caribou Gun Club & Hunting Preserve; FAN Outdoors-KFAN AM 1130; PF National; Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative; Fish Lake Sportsmen's Club; VFW Post 4393 - Northfield and private donors.



By participating in fund raising activities, you make a difference in your area. As a member of PF, you can rest assured that your contributions ARE making a difference on the ground for wildlife and to future generations. Pheasants Forever has converted your membership dollars into over 5 million acres of wildlife habitat.

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> Keep in touch with all our latest hunting news, recipes and more. Search for "Scott County Pheasants Forever #125" or "Operation Upland Pheasant Hunt" on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sportsmen's SWAP MEET

Charlie's

#### -SAVE THE DATE-

2nd Annual Swap Meet set for Saturday, August 21st

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, we hosted "Charlie's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sportsmen's Swap Meet" at the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan to raise funds for our 2nd Annual Operation Upland Pheasant Hunt for returning Minnesota Veterans. Our day started off at 6am with thirty-three indoor and outdoor vendors immersing on the fairgrounds to set-up. Items ranged anywhere from turkey blinds, deer stands, duck decoys, duck boats, dog gear, puppies, dirt-bikes, neon signs, skis, hunting collector items, archery, tastefully simple, firearms to any thing an outdoor enthusiast can dream about. At a little after 7am, our very own Stacy Dvorak joined the Capt. Billy Hildebrand and Co-host Bob St. Pierre to discuss what Charlie's Sportsmen's Swap Meet was all about over the FAN Outdoor airwaves. Gates opened at 9am and throughout the day-approximately 500 people arrived in search of their outdoor related treasure. Members of the Scott County 4-H Shooting Program were on hand selling food and beverages throughout the day This event raised \$1600 for OUPH 2010! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this fundraiser...



On June 26, 2010 we will be teaming up with the Steele County Chapter of Pheasants Forever for Cruz' for Habitat.

Cruz' for Habitat will be a "Poker Run" that will take you through Steele County...up into Scott County. Along the way, you will be making pit-stops at our local Wildlife Management Areas to get a first hand look at the habitat we have put on the ground and continue to maintain. (PS: All roads will be paved)

**Got Wheels?...It is Street Legal!...Come on and Join the Fun!**

Registration will open in April— [www.scottcountypf.org](http://www.scottcountypf.org)—Cruz' For Habitat

If you are interested in getting involved to help organize this event, please email us at [volunteer@scottcountypf.org](mailto:volunteer@scottcountypf.org) or call 612.202.6119

## CHAPTER SPONSORS

### Twenty-one (21) Years

Fish Lake Sportsman's Club

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### Six (6) Years

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This group of metro-area youth, including one youngster from Rochester were among 150 statewide that took part in the 2nd Annual PF/MN DNR Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunt on Saturday, October 24th. Our chapter hosted these youth to a morning of pheasant hunting, trap shooting and lunch at the Caribou Gun Club. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped make this possible!

## HABITAT CORNER: To Feed or Not To Feed?

The question many are asking right now is... "Should we be feeding the pheasants?" The early snow cover and extreme cold weather has folks worried about the birds being able to survive. Unfortunately, many good-intentioned people who set out corn actually harm the pheasants more than they help them. Carefully consider the following:



- Feeding must take place close to high quality winter cover of at least 10 acres, such as cattail sloughs and willow thickets. **It is extremely rare for a pheasant to starve, but death by freezing is common.** Poorly placed feeders actually draw the pheasants out and away from their protective winter cover. They cause birds to congregate and expend energy competing for the food. Instead of saving birds, poorly placed feeders will actually add to freezing deaths.
- Feeders attract predators and expose pheasants to death by predation. Many more pheasants are lost to predators each winter, than to starvation. Feeders give predators a focus point, not unlike a bait pile.
- Once feeding starts, it must be continued. If pheasants are fed for a period of time and then the food supply disappears, the birds may become more stressed than if they had not been fed at all.
- A poorly designed feeder may make an easy meal for more efficient foragers such as deer and turkey, taking away any benefits for pheasants.
- Proper winter feeding may help the birds temporarily, but it is not an effective long-term plan. **THE KEY TO SAVING PHEASANTS IN THE WINTER IS HABITAT!** Resources spent on establishing high quality winter cover will yield far greater results and the best winter survival rates.

The lesson to be learned from a tough winter is that we need to plant more, high quality thermal cover in the spring. Please do all you can to educate your friends and family on **proper** winter feeding. By doing so, you will help save birds.

**REMINDER:** Our Chapter of Pheasants Forever does offer Shelled & Cob Corn to Chapter Members the **FIRST SATURDAY (no exceptions)** of each month December—March from 10:00am—2:00pm at the Roman Hoofhower farm, 6650 West 250th Street, Belle Plaine (two blocks east of the intersection of County Road 7 and County Rd 4).

**\*The next scheduled pick up days are February 6th & March 6th**

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## Get Involved



**February 25th:** Chapter Banquet set-up and Banquet Event workers needed.

**March 27th:** Operation Upland Hunt—Amateur/Professional Photographers needed.

**April 17th** - Road Side Clean-up Project

**June 26th:** Cruz for Habitat—Event planning & event workers needed.