



# PHEASANTS forever

THE HABITAT ORGANIZATION

MINNESOTA

## SCPF Volunteers Recognized

**Triple Play: Ron Benz, Mary Dvorak & John Halloran honored at Pheasant Fest**

**St. Paul, Minn. – January 18, 2008** – A few of the Scott County Pheasants Forever (PF) Chapter volunteers were recognized at the Minnesota PF State Convention held during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pheasants Forever National Convention and Pheasant Fest at the St. Paul River Centre in mid-January for their contributions to their local PF chapter.

Ron Benz was presented the Dedication Award, Mary Dvorak was inducted into the Longspur Society and John Halloran earned the Longtail Award. The Dedication Award is earned by individuals who have demonstrated their dedication by serving an active role in their local chapter for multiple years, been instrumental in the creation or continuation of the chapter, played an essential role in the development of chapter programs and is growing into a PF GREAT! Ron Benz plays an important role as one of the Banquet Co-Chairs for the chapter. The Longspur Society is made up of past dedication award winners whose blood runs blaze orange and have demonstrated a continued commitment to PF. They have often played an integral role in their chapter for nearly a decade. Mary Dvorak has been critical in the formation and continuation of the chapter in addition to her help in banquets and habitat projects. The Longtail Award recognizes a local contributor that has met sufficient milestones. John Halloran has been an instrumental part of our chapter as our Habitat Chairman.

## “On the Back Fence”

Semi- Annual Newsletter  
Spring/Summer 2008

**PHEASANTS FOREVER - MN WEBSITE**

<http://www.minnesotapf.org>

### Executive Board Members:

**Jim Legg**, President  
**Rick Maki**, Vice President  
**Harland Lipker**, Treasurer  
**Mary Dvorak**, Secretary  
**John Halloran**, Habitat Chairman  
**Ron Benz**, Banquet Chair  
**Stacy Dvorak**, Banquet Chair, Newsletter, PR

### Contributing Columnists

Checkout Tobie & Sugar Tigger’s 1st Edition of the Ring-neck Newsletter.

## Slip Sliding Away...Snowy “22nd Annual” Banquet

We hosted our 22nd Annual Habitat Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, February 28th @ Neisen Brother’s Sports Bar in Savage.

**100%** of the funds raised at our event stay right here in Scott County to benefit hunting and wildlife conservation in your backyard.

Our Executive Board Members sincerely appreciate the outstanding job of our **Banquet Team Members:** Myra Anderson; Betsy, Jacob & Nicholas Benz; Brian Bjorklund; Conrad Botz; Don & Marion Breeggemann; Wayne Burville; Alan Busch; Doug Busch; Jon Dayton; Dale Kangis; Michael Gregoire; Einard, Donna & Brad Karnitz; Mel Lehmann; Milt & Bev Meierbachtol; Leo Miller; Ted Napinski; Tony & Claire Robling and Amanda Wickenhauer; **Special Guests:** Terry Hennen of Sports Stop-Shakopee; Merv Brenke and Conservation Officer Adam Block; **Master of Ceremonies:** Joe LeTendre and **Auctioneers**— Erika Ediger & Sam Ediger-Johnson of Ediger Auction Service.

### **2009 Game Fair**

Aug.8th 9th & 10th  
Aug.15th 16th & 17th

#### **Anoka County**

9am—6pm Daily

[www.gamefair.com](http://www.gamefair.com)

*Guns Cased/Dogs Leashed*

Thank you to each of our members, sponsors, corporate sponsor, underwriters, advertisers, supporters & business contributors. Your donations, money, time and support...continue to impact the success of our chapter. Watch your local papers for a complete listing of our supporters per/city.

We hope that all of our volunteers and guests made it home safely. Thank you!

## Food Plot Seed Available

**Round up Ready Corn & Tall/Short Sorghum**

For further information, please contact Jody Worm @ 952.492.5416  
(ASCS Office)

## Lucky Winners!



SCPF Congratulates Stephanie & Lyle Laabs of rural Henderson. Stephanie was the lucky winner of the custom made Beretta – 686 Onyx 12 gauge “Chapter Gun” depicting Scott County PF. SCPF received this gun for contributing \$10,000 to the Legislative Action Fund.

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# Turn In Poachers

Protect Our Resources For The Future.



24 Hrs: 1-800-652-9093

Cell Phone Hotline: #TIP

**Adopt-A-Highway / SCPF 17th Annual Roadside Clean-up**  
 -Proud Sponsor Since 1991-

**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

*(Rain Date: Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>)*

**TIME: 9:00AM – 12:30PM**

*(End time depends on how many members attend)*

Lunch will be served and door prizes will be awarded following the clean-up.

**Bring Yourself,**

**For Safety Sake..  
Please Wear Blaze Orange Attire!**

**Bring Your Family, Bring Your Hunting Buddies!**

**Two Locations:**

**Belle Plaine (Hwy. 169):** Group will disperse from the Blakely Town Hall south of Belle Plaine on 169

**Lydia (Hwy.13):** Group will disperse from Country Prime Time Restaurant (West of Hwy. #13) in Lydia

Contact: Pres. Jim Legg @ 1.507.665.6300 with any questions.



Don't Waste Our State

**Our "Members" helping keep our roadsides clean!  
-THANK YOU!-**

**Why should I care?**

Litter is unsightly and it destroys the natural beauty of not only our roadways, but our forests and hunting land.

**Litter Facts:**

Volunteers pick up approximately 26,000 tons of litter every year.

**Life Span of Litter:**

- Glass Bottle: Approx. 1-million yrs
- Plastic 6-Pack Cover: 450 year
- Rubber Boot Sole: 50-80 years
- Plastic Film Container: 20-30 yrs
- Wool Clothing: 1-5 years
- Cigarette Butt: 1-5 years

**Got Rooster on Your Mind?**

**It's Time to Enter the 08' Longest Rooster Tail Contest**

**07' Longest Rooster Tail Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Einard Karnitz (25 1/8" tail)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Shane Legg & Sam (24" tail)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Brian Bjorklund (23 - 15/16" tail)

**Cash Prizes:  
Payout: 50/30/20**

Being awarded to the 3-Longest Tail entries. Submit your name, address & phone number along with your \$5 entry fee to the address listed below and **post marked by 10/10/08.**

Then bring your two longest tail feathers (removed from bird) to a SCPF Mtg. between 10/11/08 & 1/10/09.

**Guidelines:** You must be a SCPF member; Tail must be a Rooster taken during the 2008 season and is not limited to Minnesota. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the February 2009 SCPF Banquet.

**Please Mail Your \$5 Entry Fee To:  
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCPF)**

*Jim Legg; SCPF; 30167 271<sup>st</sup> Avenue; Henderson, MN 56044 or for further information, call Stacy @ 612.202.6119*

**Conservationist of the Year  
Carl & Nancy Moe of Elko, MN**

Carl and Nancy Moe of rural Elko have done several projects to reduce erosion and sedimentation and improve habitat for a variety of wildlife species. In recent years, the Moe's have planted over 23 acres to grasses and wildflowers to filter sediment from reaching sensitive waters. They have also planted a farmstead shelterbelt, restored 1.5 acres wetland and planted food plots through the Pheasants Forever Program. Funding to help implement these practices were made available through the Scott Watershed Management Organization and the USDA-CRP programs, Scott County Pheasants Forever and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Candidate Process:** Each candidate is reviewed and selected by the Farm Service Agency and the Soil & Water Conservation Service.

**Criteria:**

- Must be a Scott County Farmer
- Have acres of Wildlife Restored
- Wetlands Restored
- Have Nest Boxes = Wood duck/Bluebirds
- Involved with Wildlife Organizations
- Tree Plantings

**-HANG ME ON YOUR FRIDGE-**

**IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER**

**Regular Meeting Times: 7:30 pm**

**APRIL:**

**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Business Meeting

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Roadside Clean-up

*(Rain date: April 26<sup>th</sup>) - See details above!*

Fall/Winter Meeting Schedule will be released in the Fall/ Winter Edition of "On the Back Fence" which hits mail-boxes in September.

**Meetings are held at The OK Corral, located about 2 miles south of Jordan on Highway 169.**

**Cold Beverages will be Served...Come Early and Bring a Friend!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**