



Ringneck Rumors

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LaSalle County Pheasants Forever Chapter, 1691 N. 31st Road, Ottawa, IL 61350

News.....

Treasurer's Banquet Report

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On March 10, 2007, the **La Salle County Pheasants Forever** held their 20th Annual Banquet at Pitstick Pavilion in Ottawa. Attendance this year was 309 people helping to make this year's banquet a success. The total net this year was \$17,998.89. This included all proceeds raised prior to and banquet night for sponsorships, tickets, raffle, and both auctions.

We thank you for your support to help continue the efforts to protect and enhance pheasant and other wildlife throughout La Salle County. This is made possible through public awareness and education, habitat restoration, development and maintenance, and improvements in land and water management policies. Each of these however, require money to make them happen and **Pheasants Forever** is the only national organization of its kind to be able to make the claim that 100% of all funds raised at chapter banquet's remaining here locally.

We welcome your input and support throughout the year by inviting you and your friends to attend the local chapter meetings and help us make a difference. Information with the dates, times, and location of these meetings can be found by reading newsletters and post cards mailed

to you or by visiting our web site at www.lasallecountypf.org.

20th Anniversary

The LaSalle County Pheasants Forever reached a mile stone this winter celebrating twenty years as a chapter. Over the course of that time the chapter has helped promote wildlife habitat and conservation education. The Chapter has been able to provide the landowners and users of LaSalle County with many tools to help plant habitat both on the land and in the minds of the people.

Each year at the banquet you see many blue coated young people helping out. This past year we were fortunate to have Seneca, Serena, LaSalle-Peru, and Mendota FFA's help us. A thank you to Mr. Weber, Mr. Mahler, Ms Tweet, and Mr. Landers for taking the time to bring these young people to assist with the banquet.

This year we have had the pleasure of working with both the L-P and Mendota FFA's on prairie projects. Our chapter and the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District also helped conduct an outdoor classroom presentation to the 5th grade class at Marseilles Grade school taught by Ms Setchell and Ms I.

Using seed and a drill provided by LaSalle County PF, the City of Mendota seeded twelve acres that will provide a larger habitat area next to the high school and the lake. The Chapter provided shrubs that

were planted on the property borders by the chapter.

Alice Pfau attended the Aldo Leopold workshop.

Jeff Grubar is our new chapter president. Jeff and his wife Dawn are parents of two daughters Laura and Morgan. They live in Waltham Township.

Jeff is thirty seven years old and as a child witnessed a healthy pheasant population in our county. He would like to restore habitat so that his daughters can enjoy hunting. Jeff and his family are working to restore habitat on their farm.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jeff at 1-815-667-4962.

Paul Mathews had a very successful planting season. Paul planted over 800 acres this spring. He used the new drill paid for by the Chapter.

The chapter provided seed for 91 acres of food plots to 31 people .

We also planted 150 acres of habitat with our drills and seeders.

1575 trees and shrubs were planted this year. Seven landowners planted trees and shrubs.



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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Location—USDA Service Center
1691 N 31st Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

September 12, 2007 7:00 P.M.

November 7, 2007 7:00 P.M.

All Chapter Members present at these meetings will have their name entered into a drawing for a cash prize that will be drawn at the November 7 meeting. Must be present to win.

Questions? Call Chuck Eiben—815-488-1390 or Jeff Grubar—815-667-4962