

The Pheasant Flyer



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John Green will once again be present and have original artwork and a print for the auction

21ST ANNUAL BANQUET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

When the World's Only Corn Palace opens its doors at 5:00PM on October 20th this year, it will mark the beginning of the third decade for the Pheasant Country Annual Fundraiser Banquet. For the past 20 years, this event has hosted hunters from across South Dakota, the Midwest, and all regions of the United States, as well as international fans of the pheasant. Many return each year because of the outstanding hunting reputation of the region and also because of the hospitality shown the evening before opening day at the Banquet. This year's event will be no exception. We again expect over 600 people at the night's events featuring the sit-down dinner of roast pheasant. Those returning will find an entertaining mix of old and new experiences.

- There will be extraordinary original wildlife art by Larry Green, James Green, John Green and Mark Anderson. Additionally, these four artists are contributing a print each.
- Try your luck at the new dice game. A lucky roll of five sixes could win you an ATV!
- Numerous raffle items, Federal shell pyramid, electric trap thrower and Cabela's gun safe.
- Silent auction has 20 very unique items!

The form to purchase tickets and chances at the Big Gun can be found on the back of this brochure as well as the Pheasant Country website www.pheasantcountry.org.



The good times begin as everyone walks through the doors of the World's Only Corn Palace for the Banquet on October 20th!



Again this year there will be something in the raffle to appeal to everyone.

Thank you to our major contributors!

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TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Palace Transit of Mitchell is available to transport you and your hunting party safely from your hotel to the Banquet and home again. They are also available to take you back and forth in town any other time during your visit to the Mitchell area. Pheasant Country, LTD wants all who visit and hunt to remain safe, before, during and after the hunt. Call (605) 995- 8440 to make transportation arrangements.



Results of Pheasant Brood Surveys by City Areas

(from SD Game, Fish, and Parks)

CITY AREAS & ROUTES		PHEASANTS PER MILE			2006 ESTIMATES COMPARED WITH	
		10 Year Mean	2005 Survey	2006 Survey	2005 Survey	10 Year Mean
Chamberlain	9	13.15	13.55	12.88	-05%	-02%
Winner	8	5.75	5.64	5.87	+04%	+02%
Pierre	12	4.26	5.73	4.26	-25%	00%
Mobridge	8	3.68	55.5	3.89	-30%	+06%
Aberdeen	14	4.00	8.73	7.99	-09%	+100%
Huron	17	6.47	9.84	10.27	+04%	+59%
Mitchell	16	6.74	7.19	7.58	+05%	+12%
Yankton	10	1.52	1.45	1.65	+14%	+09%
Sioux Falls	13	1.84	2.97	2.97	+00%	+61%
Brookings	11	2.98	7.43	6.90	-07%	132%
Watertown	12	2.41	8.16	7.93	-03%	+229%
Sisseton	5	1.01	3.01	2.74	-09%	-171%
Western SD	5	2.68	2.75	2.46	-11%	-08%
STATEWIDE	109	4.33	6.62	6.22	-06%	+44%

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

PCL has made some changes this year to their tree planting program. The number of rows required has been reduced from twelve (12) to eight (8). Four of those rows need to be conifers. In addition, the payment for planting trees has been increased to \$200 per acre. Half of this amount is paid after the first growing season. Provided that the trees are taken care of, the second half is paid after the next growing season.

For more information on this program which provides protection and habitat for our pheasant population, contact your local conservation office.

CHECK IT OUT!!!!!!

Pheasant Country, LTD has a new and improved website. We have a new webmaster that is committed to making timely additions and updates. The goal is to keep our membership and potential members abreast of pertinent information about PCL and the state of pheasant hunting in our area, as well as across South Dakota.

With a simple mouse click, check out the latest pheasant forecast, print the Banquet ticket form, become informed about the activities in which we are currently involved, provide us with feedback about our programs, and much more. Make us your homepage so you can check out the latest news at any time. Look us up at: www.pheasantcountry.org



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Ruger — 1, 45/70 Cal

Browning — Gold, 20 GA

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Weatherby — Vanguard, 270 Cal

Ruger — M-77, 22 Hornet

Remington — BPS, 12 GA

Marlin — 444, 44 Cal

Remington — 700, 30/06 Cal

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YOUTH RAFFLE

Ruger — MKII, 204 Cal

Taurus — 63, 22 Cal

\$10.00 Each or 3/\$20.00

ANNUAL YOUTH TRAP SHOOT DRAWS OVER 150

It was during the dog days of summer, but the blazing heat could not keep 152 boys and girls from across South Dakota and as far away as Wyoming, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska from traveling to the Annual South Dakota Youth Trap Shoot Championships at the Mitchell Trap Club on Aug 6th. Although the numbers from the western part of the state seem to have been down this year, Jerry Opbroek, coordinator of the event, believed this can be attributed to the severe drought conditions and the cost of gas in August. The kids were accompanied by parents, siblings and grandparents, swelling the number in attendance.

The participants competed in two divisions, 14 and under and 15-17 years. Special awards were also given to those 12 and under. Major sponsors for the prizes were Cabela's, Coca-Cola and Dr. Doug Holum. The overall sponsorship of the event by Pheasant Country, LTD makes it possible for so many young enthusiasts to be a part of the event. Opbroek states that if it were not for PCL's support, the event might not exist. At the very least, he believes it keeps the registration cost, \$10 per child, low enough that all who want to can participate.

Sample Thank you's from:

The Junior Niobrara Sportsman's Club of Gordon, NE:

This was the 4th year for some of our shooters and their enthusiasm from past shoots prompted more of us to attend this year, Traveling 300 miles to a shoot is sometimes hard to encourage, but we are already planning the trip in '07.

The Davison County 4-H Shooting Sports

Our kids enjoy this event very much and without your support, this event would not be possible. Thank you.

Marshall County Trap Shooters

Thank you for making the state trap shoot at Mitchell such a success.

Jordan and Amber Kolb, Aberdeen, SD

We had a good time and really enjoy trap shooting. This is a good event for kids.

ANNUAL YOUTH HUNT

The Annual Youth Shoot will be held at Perry Neugebauer's Rooster Roost Ranch on October 8th. A score of 100% on the hunter safety course test earned 15 boys and girls a place at the shoot. Mike Anderson ran the event with the help of Casey Thompson. The winner will be awarded a Ruger lever action 22 mag. Perry also was kind enough to host the food for the event.


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FEATURED AUCTION ITEMS

This year's auction promises to offer many unique items. Plan on bidding early and often to get the ones that you like best.

Just a few are listed here:

- A lodge table donated by – Rosemary Mellette.
- A carved ostrich egg – donated by Bruce Alexander of Loomis
- A full body badger mount
- A mounted buffalo head
- Fighting cocks
- Bear Trap



Pictured Left: Rosemary Mellette has created a one-of-a-kind lodge table that will be auctioned off at the banquet.



SIXES

Here is your chance to win a four-wheeler, a customized golf cart or a motorcycle – all on the roll of five dice.

ROLL	WIN
2 6's:	Box of shells
3 6's:	1/2 case of shells
4 6's:	One case of shells
5 6's:	CHOICE OF SUPER PRIZES
<i>1 chance for \$10 or 3 for \$20</i>	



Roll all 6's and you could have a chance of winning an ATV!



A NEW BREED OF PUPPY

Mike Anderson of Anderson Kennels is donating a Vizsla puppy to be auctioned off during the Banquet. For those not familiar with the breed, according to dogbreedinfo.com, it is a Hungarian hunting dog which probably descended from two ancient breeds: the Transylvanian hound, and the Turkish yellow dog (now extinct). More recently, the blood of the German Shorthaired Pointer and the Pointer has been added.

The name means 'pointer' in Hungarian. The Vizsla is a fine retriever with an excellent nose and is a good small game and bird hunter and pointer - even on marshy terrain. They have also been successful obedience competitors. The breed's gentle, friendly disposition makes them well-suited to their role as a family companion dog.

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PHEASANT COUNTY, LTD. NEWS

Pheasant Country LTD (PCL) is involved in the community, as well as working to maintain bird habitat to make the South Dakota pheasant hunting experience the absolute best. Founded in 1985 by Mitchell businessmen, 18 landowners were involved in its first year. This year will mark its 21st annual banquet, again held at the World's Only Corn Palace. Over 50 currently active members provide for all volunteer involvement in this 501 C-3 organization. All funds stay local providing support for such events as the annual State Youth 4-H Trap shoot at the Mitchell Trap Club, which over 200 attend.

PCL PHACTS

Landowner Participation

- ✓ Today over 285 landowner/PCL contract holders set aside at least 10 acres of wildlife food plots each within a 35-mile radius of Mitchell
- ✓ Landowners are given a major portion of the banquet proceeds to help offset the costs of putting in food plots. They are also given a banquet ticket
- ✓ Since 1985, landowners have been paid \$637,000 in participating food plot contracts
- ✓ An annual Seed Give-Away is held where volunteers obtain over 3,000 bags of donated seed which is then distributed to participating PCL landowners. Big Green donates storage space and use of their facilities
- ✓ An Annual PCL Landowner Appreciation Steak Fry is held
- ✓ Expensive grass drilling equipment has been purchased to seed cover
- ✓ Participating landowners receive a two-year payback amount for putting in shelterbelts

Supporting Shooting Sports and Public Hunting

- ✓ Donations made to assist Indoor Gun Range and the Mitchell Trap Club
- ✓ Shared in purchase of two public hunting areas, one in Miner County and one in Davison County
- ✓ Pheasant Country volunteers organize and participate in the Youth Pheasant Hunt, donated by Rooster Roost
- ✓ Purchased ammunition for 4-H Shooting Sports

Pheasant Hunting as Economic Development

Nine counties are served by Pheasant Country: Aurora, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Miner, and Sanborn. According to the State Game, Fish & Parks website, pheasant hunters had a \$25.1 million dollar impact on these counties in 2005. That represents 16% of the state total of \$153 million. We are striving to do more!!!

- ✓ Lots of habitat means lots of pheasants
- ✓ Lots of pheasants means lots of hunters
- ✓ Lots of hunters means lots of money spent at businesses in town

Does your business benefit from pheasant hunters coming to town each year? If so, how much can Pheasant Country put you down for today???

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- Yes, I want to support your organization by making a cash donation of \$ _____
- Yes, I would like buy a \$100 raffle ticket on the Big Gun - a 1 in 100 chance to win:
1st Place - a Rizzini 2 barrel set, 28 ga., 4-10 shotgun, retail price \$2,500 w/ an A grade Turkish walnut stock;
2nd Place - a Browning A-Bolt, 25-06 Caliber Rifle
- Yes, I want to purchase ____ banquet tickets for October 20, 2006 at \$45.00 each (*includes membership dues*)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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