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# Quail Unlimited Chapter Newsletter

## HAPPENINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS

**FALL 2008 ISSUE**

### **SUMMER 2008 QUAIL UNLIMITED CONVENTION**

According to delegates who attended the annual Quail Unlimited Convention held in Springfield, Missouri, last July, the meeting provided some of the most informational sessions in recent years. Several of the top quail biologists from across the country were present and made presentations. Among the speakers were Dale Rollins, Fred Guthrie, Bill Palmer, Brad Mueller, Pat Keyser, Aaron Jeffries and other noted biologists. Concurrent session topics included results of recent predator research, quail habitat management techniques and success stories from various regions of the country. Members were also given updates on national operations as well as a variety of increased membership benefits. In addition, equipment from several corporate sponsors was on display and provided delegates an opportunity to observe first-hand some of latest developments in tractors, equipment and habitat team innovations.

### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP AND HUNTING SURVEY**



Please take time to visit our website at [www.qu.org](http://www.qu.org) and complete the membership and hunting survey. It should only take about 10 minutes and will allow us to gather some demographic information about our members. Hopefully, the results will enable us to understand your inter-

ests and allow us to better meet your needs in the future. For those participating in the full survey, your name will be entered into a drawing for this year's sponsor print entitled "Bobwhite Trio" by artist David Lanier. Even though the survey requests your name and address, your responses will remain anonymous and will not be linked to your name. The identification will only be used for the drawing.

### **SPONSOR SCULPTURES FOR THE 2009-2010 YEAR**

There are preliminary plans to introduce a series of collectible quail sculptures beginning in July 2009 as a sponsor incentive. Discussions have been conducted with Wild Wings to produce the first of a series of these collectible quail sculptures. The first one will feature a male bobwhite whistling atop a fencepost. The prototype will be presented to us early in 2009 for final approval. The bobwhite would then be followed by different species in subsequent years. The sculptures will be exclusive to Quail Unlimited and will ONLY be available to sponsor members of Quail Unlimited. After the initial year of production for any particular species, prior year sculptures will still be ONLY available to sponsors and will be offered for an additional charge.

## CHAPTER BUSINESS

### LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION RECEIPTS

This year, there are new auction receipt forms that can be used for both live and silent auctions. The new forms have four copies with a different color (distribution listed at bottom of each form) for the buyer, the chapter, the RD and National so that each will have a copy of your receipts. Please include copies of these receipts with your banquet financial report to Sylvia. Hopefully, this will allow us to track the sales of catalog items and determine the ones which are most successful and ones which are not. This information is important to share with other chapters to improve their success and helpful for us when developing next year's catalog.

### FREE PRINT—"A TEAM"



Your chapter should receive a FREE print with your banquet order. This is a beautifully framed giclée by artist David Drinkard in a limited edition of 200 prints, as depicted and described on the inside cover of your chapter catalog. An anonymous donor has made these prints available to chapters for fund-raising purposes. The only required stipulation is that you report on the price that the print was sold for at your auction. Please include that information with your financial report. If you don't report this figure, your chapter will be subject to be charged for the print.

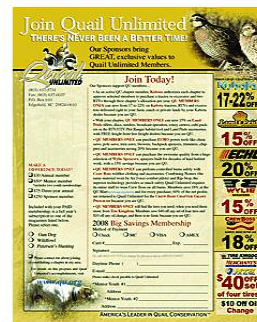
### SPONSOR KITS IN STOCK AND AVAILABLE IN BULK



Sponsor membership kits are available and in stock for pre-banquet delivery. You are now able

to order your sponsor membership kits in bulk and have them delivered in time for presentation at your banquet. This year, your sponsors will not have to wait until after the banquet to receive the sponsor prints. Sponsor prints are still a limited-edition and signed and numbered by the artist; however, individuals will no longer be able to receive specific numbered prints. Any unused prints may be returned to Quail Unlimited for credit. This year's sponsor print "Bobwhite Trio" by artist David Lanier is a beautiful print and should be well-received.

### ONLINE PRE-BANQUET MEMBERSHIP FLYER WITH DISCOUNTS



Many of you send pre-banquet announcements to prospective attendees about your banquet which is a great promotional tool. There is now an online method to customize a flyer that can be included as a supplement or as a stand-alone pre-banquet

flyer to advertise your upcoming banquet. It includes most of the corporate discounts that are available to our chapters and members. It makes a great way to invite folks to your banquets. Simply go to our webpage at [www.qu.org](http://www.qu.org) and check under the "CHAPTERS" tab. Under it, click on "Pre-Banquet Flyer." Here, you will be able to customize a flyer for your use. After completing your information, Bruce Wachter, our webmaster, will complete the formatting and then send you a return e-mail which will contain a PDF that can be downloaded and printed in color or black and white.

### FINANCIAL REPORT DEADLINE

Please remember to submit your membership rosters and banquet financial reports to Sylvia Davis **WITHIN 30 DAYS** from the date of your event. This is a requirement to be considered for any chapter awards for which your chapter might qualify.

## PATRON DOVE MEMBERSHIPS



We now only offer Dove Sportsman's Society (DSS) memberships in the "PATRON" category. As you know, all previous DSS members no longer receive a separate magazine, but instead receive **Quail Unlimited** magazine with the new integrated dove section. For any QU member who also wants to be considered a DSS member, we will enlist him/her as a PATRON member for an additional \$10. For the additional cost, a Patron member receives a DSS membership card, a DSS decal and a DSS hat. Patron memberships are only available to Quail Unlimited members.

## ARGENTINA DOVE HUNT

Please give consideration to the Argentina dove hunt (three full days of hunting for a group of four hunters) that is offered to all chapters as a possible auction item. The hunt includes three days of high volume dove hunting, Five Star accommodations, gourmet meals, open bar, bird boys, customs clearing and ground transportation to and from the hunting area. NOT included are shells, tips for bird boys, license, gun permits and airfare. It is a great hunt being offered at a great price for use in your chapter's fund-raising. There should be information in your chapter banquet packet describing the hunt. Every successful bidder who has taken the hunt has reported it to be spectacular. If you did not receive information on this hunt, please contact Sylvia Davis at QU Headquarters for details.

## CHEVROLET DEALER PROGRAM

Once again, local Chevrolet dealers and local chapters are building relationships through the Chevrolet/Quail Unlimited Chapter Banquet Program. Chevrolet dealers may choose to participate with your chapter in a banquet support program. You might want to check with your local dealer prior to your banquet and encourage him to participate. The

program is advertised through their regional offices and they should have received information on the program. As a partici-



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pant, they will purchase and donate to your banquet a Wild Wings merchandise package to be used for your fund-raising. In exchange, your chapter will provide four banquet tickets and we'll send the dealer eight Chevrolet/QU caps. The dealer on his request would also be allowed the following opportunities: to speak briefly at your banquet; to display vehicles (space permitting); to display his banners and have his dealership listed on the QU website. Please check with your local Chevrolet dealer about this program well ahead of your banquet. For additional information on this program, e-mail Kim Ayers at [kayers@qu.org](mailto:kayers@qu.org).

## NEW FIELD TRIAL PARTNERSHIP

The United Bird Hunters (UBH) and Quail Unlimited have joined together to provide a dog pointing trial competition based on a dog's performance in field conditions that closely resembles an actual walking bird hunt. There are 20 events planned so far in the 2008-09 season which will culminate with a National Championship. Competitors will compete for trophies and prizes, not to mention the bragging rights of a proven field dog. The winner of the national trial will be featured on a future issue of **Quail Unlimited** magazine. For more information, go to the QU website and under the tab of "Events" will be QU/UBH Field Trials. Click on that link and it will take you to the UBH homepage. To participate in the trials, participants must be both members of Quail Unlimited and UBH. QU members may sign a waiver verifying their membership and will then only be required to pay the UBH fee.





## HUNTING PRESERVE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM



In a recent survey of hunting preserve members, several of these folks indicated their interest in being a Quail Unlimited membership "recruiter." If you or someone you know owns or operates a preserve and would like more information on becoming a membership recruiter, please have them call (803) 637-5731, ext. 214 or e-mail [vallen@qu.org](mailto:vallen@qu.org).



## WEBSITE CHECKS



Please check our QU website often. Bruce Wachter is constantly making changes and updating our site with new and valuable information. We are currently offering Browning "safety vests" for an unbelievable \$10 postage paid deal with all sizes small through 3XL. They won't last long at this price. These are not traditional hunting vests with shell loops and game pouch, but would make an excellent deer hunting or upland hunting vest where a large amount of fluorescent orange is desired. They have the famous Browning "Buckmark" on the label, the left chest, a mid-back tab and buttons on the two oversize front pockets.

## CHAPTER SUCCESS STORIES AND PHOTOS

We are in constant need of stories and photographs for **Quail Unlimited** magazine. As you have read, we frequently highlight chapters and their activities in the "Chapters in Action" section of the magazine. If you have text and photos, please submit them to us for consideration. Mail to QU Magazine, P. O. Box 610, Edgefield, SC 29824 or e-mail to Diana Kogon at [dkogon@qu.org](mailto:dkogon@qu.org).



## UPDATES FOR E-MAILS AND ADDRESSES

We are continually trying to correct and update e-mail addresses and physical addresses for chapters and their current officers. If you have changes or corrections, please e-mail Sylvia Davis at [sylviadavis@qu.org](mailto:sylviadavis@qu.org).

