

South Metro Pheasants Forever

2024 Annual Banquet



Welcome to our chapter celebration and fundraising banquet! Thank you for spending the evening with us. By being here tonight, you are helping to make a difference in conservation, habitat improvement, and community outreach programs. We have a number of games, drawings, auctions, and other exciting events planned for the evening. Firearms, hunts, fishing trips, artwork, gear, merchandise, and services of all varieties will be available. Please take a look at the schedule of events and details inside this program to ensure you don't miss something exciting. **Be safe, be responsible, and enjoy the evening!**

Tentative Schedule of Events

Doors Open: Silent Auction, Dinner, Games, & Drawings Begin!	5:00 PM
Dinner Buffet Closes	7:00 PM
Pledge, Introductions, & Announcements	7:15 PM
Silent Auction Closes, LIVE Auction Begins	7:30 PM
Last Call, Winners drawn, Check-Out, & Final Payments	9:30 PM

A message from our chapter President...

Greetings,

As the South Metro Denver Pheasants Forever Chapter President, I would like to welcome all of you to our annual fundraising banquet. We have a passionate group of volunteers that have worked hard to put this evening together in support of our mission. The South Metro Chapter's conservation commitment is twofold; Outreach and Education for youth/women/novice hunters and wildlife habitat protection and enhancement.

Outreach and Education - Our Outreach programs support education for youth, women, and novice hunters as we strive to help educate and develop future conservationists. We are fortunate to have a strong relationship with Colorado Parks and Wildlife committed to the development and delivery of these programs. Many of our programs are conducted at Barr Lake and Cherry Creek State Parks. Our Chapter supports Youth Outdoor Activity Day, Ladies Events, and we partner with other groups and PF chapters to assist in youth outreach around the state. Colorado PF has six Youth Outreach Trailers that we have helped fully equip to host outdoor events. Through last year, Colorado PF reached well over 10,000 youth in CO.

Wildlife Habitat - We are also passionate about establishing great habitat in Eastern CO for Pheasants, Quail and a variety of wildlife including pollinators. SMPF PF has helped fund Colorado Farm Bill Biologist (FBB) positions. The Colorado PF FBB program is a joint effort between PF, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Muley Fanatic Foundation (MFF) and The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Since its inception, this support has resulted in the creation and enhancement of over 1.2 million acres of upland wildlife habitat in eastern Colorado; primarily affecting acres enrolled in The Farm Bill's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). In addition, this chapter has been a major contributor to the "Corners for Conservation" program in eastern Colorado. This program has resulted in over 300 pivot corners of habitat that are also enrolled into CPW's hunter walk in program. We also helped purchase three high quality, no-till habitat project seed drills for eastern Colorado.

Pheasants Forever has created a unique model allowing all funds raised at tonight's banquet to stay with the local chapter. This ensures that the money you donate tonight is spent on our local outreach programs and other worthwhile programs that improve pheasant and wildlife habitat in Colorado. The bottom line is we get to decide where the money goes. We have earned a good rating from Charity Navigator, recognizing that you can give with confidence to our organization.

I am extremely proud of the team of dedicated PF members that give their time as volunteers to organize and staff the events that we hold throughout the year. Please take the time to thank those PF members in attendance for all their contributions and hard work. Without them, we would not have the funds and peoplepower to provide the opportunities that we are currently able to.

Our accomplishments, past, present, and future would not be possible without the support of Sponsors, Donors, and banquet-goers such as YOU. We are always looking for additional like-minded individuals to join us. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you again for your attendance and generosity!

Sincerely,

David King
President

South Metro Pheasants Forever #0816

Games and Donation Drawings

Rooster Bucks: These are our special currency for the night (you can also use regular cash). You may buy them with debit or credit card, and they can be used to play all games and drawings. They cannot be used for the silent or live auctions. Rooster Bucks have no cash value and expire at the end of the event.

- **Bottomless Beer Cup & Donation Drawing** – \$30 per person
 - You will receive a reusable cup that allows you bottomless refills from our designated kegs (two brew choices!)! Additionally, you will be entered into a drawing for a firearm!
 - *Savage 93R17 BTV Bolt-Action Rimfire Rifle .17 HMR*
- **Plinko Donation Drawing** – 1 drop for \$20 or 3 drops for \$40
 - Drop your discs down the board to determine how many entries you receive for the drawing!
 - *CZ Bobwhite G2 12g O/U Shotgun*
- **“Wall of Guns” Donation Squares** – 1 square for \$20 or 3 squares for \$50
 - With your donation, your name will be written in squares for a drawing. When the board fills up, a winner is drawn and gets their choice of one of the guns or gear items from the wall. Then we start over with a new grid! (42 squares per board).
 - Choose from various firearms and optics on the banner OR a Mad Hatter Hat! (Only one available for this activity)
- **Balloon Pop Donation Drawing** – 1 balloon for \$30 or 2 balloons for \$50
 - 50 balloons total: Once all balloons are handed out, we will draw a number – everyone pops their balloons, and the balloon with the matching number is our winner!
 - *CZ Drake 12g O/U Shotgun*
- **Wine Cork Pull Donation Drawing** – 1 pull for \$20 or 3 pulls for \$50
 - Pull colored wine corks for a chance at 1, 2, or 3 entries into the drawing!
 - *Stoeger M3020 Semi-Auto 20g Shotgun*
- **Youth Area Pheasant Pluck Donation Drawing** – 1 pull for \$10 or 3 pulls for \$20
 - Pull a feather with a colored tip for 2 drawing entries
 - Pull a feather with a non-colored tip for 1 drawing entry
 - *Benelli Nova Compact 20g Shotgun*
- **Early Bird Gun Drawing**
 - Attendees who purchased their tickets within the first two weeks of online sales receive a free entry into this drawing!
 - *Benelli Nova Pump-Action Shotgun in Mossy Oak 12g Shotgun*

➤ **Heads or Tails Game - \$20 per person**

- In exchange for your donation, you will receive a plate. Before the Live Auction starts, the whole room will play along. The emcee will ask everyone with a plate to stand up. You will choose “heads” or “tails” and place your plate on your head or your bottom. The emcee will then flip a coin. If your guess was correct, you stay standing. If you guessed incorrectly, you sit down. This will repeat until only one person is left standing. They will be the winner!
- Get your plate from the Registration table!
 - *Berretta A300 Ultima 12g Semi-Auto Shotgun*

➤ **Signature Gun Sweepstakes**

- Tickets for this gun donation drawing were sold online through our banquet ticketing site. The winner does not need to be present to win.
 - *Fausti BC100 Over/Under 12g Shotgun*

➤ **Ladies 18+ Free Gun Drawing**

- Be sure to pick up your *free* raffle ticket at the Registration table! Ladies 18+ only.
 - *Stoeger M3020 Semi-Auto 20g Shotgun*

➤ **Veterans/First Responders Free Gun Drawing**

- Be sure to pick up your *free* raffle ticket at the Registration table! Veterans, Active Duty, and First Responders only.
 - *Ruger American Rifle Standard Bolt-Action Rifle 6.5 CM*

All games and drawings are subject to change.

Participation by Committee Members and Volunteers

South Metro Denver Chapter #0816 Committee members are all volunteers that donate time and effort to host this banquet. They are permitted to participate in the auctions, games, and drawings along with other attendees. Just like all of you, the committee members simply want to help support the efforts of this chapter and the mission of Pheasants Forever.

Firearm Winners

Congratulations to all of those who won a firearm tonight. Due to state and federal laws, you cannot simply take it with you. After winning a firearm, you will need to complete paperwork and pass the appropriate background check. Please plan on completing your paperwork and picking up the firearm at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, 7970 Northfield Blvd, Denver. We greatly appreciate Bass Pro Shop serving as our cooperating FFL dealer for the night. All background checks are subject to a **CBI fee**, and fee must be paid by the winner of the firearm. If the winner cannot pass a background check, the firearm will be donated to the Chapter and you will be provided a donation receipt. Any firearm not claimed within 30 days will become property of the Chapter.

Thank you for supporting Pheasants Forever!

Live Auction Items

Pheasants Forever Mad Hatter Hats

10 PF hats total - each hat represents a **1 in 10 chance** to win a RIZZINI BR 110 DAKOTA 12 GAUGE O/U SHOTGUN. Our Pheasant Table sponsors each received a hat with the purchase of their sponsorships, 1 is offered on the Wall of Guns, 1 is sold on the Silent Auction, and the remaining hats are auctioned off in the LIVE Auction.

1. **Print of the Year - Pheasant Charcoal by Joel Pilcher**- There is so much beauty in the simplicity of charcoal! Joel Pilcher shows us this in spades with his Pheasant Charcoal piece. The detail achieved without color is astounding! This limited-edition Print of the Year is a framed 33" x 27" Giclee Canvas and is personally signed and numbered 1-445. It is framed in a hardwood double stacked moulding and is USA made.
2. **Pheasant Quilt**- After a full day successful day of hunting with your favorite bird dog, curl up with your Log Cabin Pheasant quilt. This 43 x 54 quilt can either be used as a lap quilt or as a wall hanging in your favorite room. Handmade and donated by our very own Deb Autrey.
3. **Mad Hatter #1**
4. **Dakota Hot Spots Pheasant Hunt for Two** - Dakota Hot Spots in Lyman County South Dakota is a family operated business on 1200 acres. The package is for 2 hunters for 2 days of pheasant hunting. You will hunt private ground including corn, milo, sorghum, shelter belts, soughs, and CRP. Lodging and 3 hot meals per day are included. There is a 3-bird limit per hunter per day. Extra hunters (up to 6) may be added for \$650 per day. Extra birds require an upgraded package, please contact the lodge. Other upgrades can include prairie chickens, sharp tail grouse and walleye fishing. You may fly into Sioux Falls, Pierre, Chamberlain, or Rapid City. Season dates are Sept. 1 to March 31.
5. **Mad Hatter #2**
6. **Hartsel Ranch Trophy Fly Fishing Accommodations**- The Hartsel Ranch is providing two nights of luxury accommodations at the confluence of the South Fork and Middle Fork of the South Platte River. A cabin includes 2 king sized beds, kitchen, living room and full bath. Includes continental breakfasts. It is close to Spinney Mountain Reservoir. You may make use of nearby public access for fly fishing or, at your additional cost, hire a guide through Hayden Roe of Mountain Angler Guide Services to fish 2 miles of private river. Their cabin accommodations can host 3 or 4

guests. The booking is limited to 2 nights between Sunday and Thursday. You can upgrade this package. This is a trophy fishing opportunity.

7. **Colorado Upland Hunt for Four** - The Bluffs is Colorado's Finest Wingshooting Lodge. Near Byers, Co., the Bluffs has a line of clay bluffs overlooking the tree-studded confluence of Bijou Creeks. This hunt is a ½ day hunt for 4 hunters, with a 16-bird limit for the group. Bring your own bird dogs. Pheasants, chukar, and bobwhite quail are the quarry. This hunt is not guided. A hearty breakfast and lunch are included.

8. **Mad Hatter #3**

9. **Bearpoint Kennel Puppy-** We have another stellar puppy coming to us from an amazing pair: 4X-GMPR- TC HRCH Bud's High Plains Deacon MH and APR Bearpoint's Gem of Jewels (Daughter of 4X-GMPR SHR Bearpoint's Triple Threat Excalibur MH). This litter is going to have a great personality and INCREDIBLE natural hunting and pointing abilities. You won't want to miss out on this epic breeding from Bearpoint Kennel. This male will be the whole package! Donated by our friends, Dale & Brenda Merritt.

10. **Wild Pheasant Hunt with South Dakota Outfitters Unlimited** - This is a wild bird hunt on over 30,000 acres in south central South Dakota for SIX HUNTERS. Hunt milo fields, native grasslands, small food plots, CRP and many shelter belts near Geddes, S.D. Two days of hunting and three nights in our beautiful lodge. Meals are included. Guides and dogs are provided. Transportation to fields is provided. You can bring your own dog/s. Bird cleaning and packaging is included. Hunters have to purchase S.D. licenses. You can upgrade this hunt to include additional hunters for \$2,375 each. The winning bidder can add walleye fishing to the trip for an additional fee by contacting the Lodge. Gun rentals are available at current rates. 2024 DATES STILL AVAILABLE: Nov. 11-24, Dec. 9-11, Dec. 16-22 and 2025 Jan. 5-21.

11. **Mad Hatter #4**

12. **Walleye Fishing Trip for 2 Anglers with Dakota Prairie Guide Service-** This trip is back by popular demand! Walleye fishing in the Missouri River and surrounding reservoirs including Lake Francis Case, Lake Sharpe and Lake Oahe. This is a 3-night, 2-day guided walleye trip near Chamberlain, S.D. with Dakota Prairie Guide Service. This package includes rooms at the local Best Western. First-rate boats and transportation to the water are provided. You can upgrade this trip for up to 2 additional anglers for \$300 each. Book it for spring or summer. You must take the trip this year (2024). Anglers must buy S.D. licenses.

13. Smoky River Rendezvous Upland Hunt for 4 in Kansas- This a 4-hunter trip with 2 days hunting and lodging. The Smoky River Lodge in Winona, Kansas has an interesting history. The building was built in 1886 as a city restaurant and in 1920 lodging rooms were added. The current owners bought it in 1995 and converted it to a hunting lodge. There are over 4,000 acres of hunting ground including stubble ground, CRP and natural habitat. Pheasants, chukar and quail are offered. The package includes lodging, pro shop, meals, guides, game processing and kenneling for hunting dogs. A Kansas hunting license or controlled shooting license is required depending on your hunting preference. Both are available to purchase at the Lodge. Bird limits vary depending on wild bird or controlled shooting choices. Upgrades are available, and an additional hunter is \$650 per day. Winona is just a 3-hour drive from Denver. You will want to go back again and again.

14. South Dakota Hidden Hill Lodge Pheasant Hunt for Four- Four pheasant hunters will hunt for 2 days and enjoy 3 nights lodging at Hidden Hill Lodge near Roslyn, S.D. Their motto is “Let Us Treat You Like Family”. Besides the hunting, meals include hot and hearty breakfasts, field snacks and gourmet dinners which include, but are not limited to, steak and lobster, prime rib, BBQ St Louis ribs, walleye, and 18 oz ribeyes... the food alone should get you out there! The package also includes a Movie Memory of your hunt, S.D. licenses included, birds cleaned and vacuum packed, hot tub, fire pit, guides & dogs, game room, client dogs kenneled in their boxes in a heated/air-conditioned garage, trap and hunting ammo, rifle and pistol range. There is free airport pickup from either Aberdeen S.D. or Fargo, N.D. You can upgrade your trip: additional hunters at \$2299 each, trophy Walleye fishing \$250/day/person (\$500 minimum).

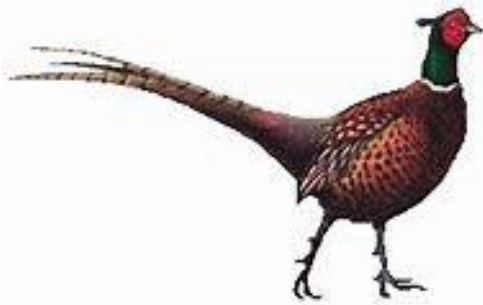
15. Colorado Fly Fishing Float Trip for Two- Two anglers will enjoy a full day float trip guided by Fish On Colorado. Spend the day fly fishing while you float down one of the great rivers in Colorado. During your guided fly fishing trip, you will target wild rainbows, brown and cutthroat trout. The rivers we float are: Upper Colorado, Roaring Fork, Eagle, and Lower Colorado. Trip must be booked in advance during the 2024 season (good now until Thanksgiving). Fish On Colorado was started to provide more people with the experience of being out in nature, in some of the most beautiful places in Colorado while enjoying a tug on the other end of a fly line. Don't miss out on this home state opportunity!

16. Mad Hatter #5- LAST ONE! You know you want that **RIZZINI!! 1 in 10 chance!**

***Silent Auction Winners: Please pay for your item(s)
and collect them at the Registration Table!***

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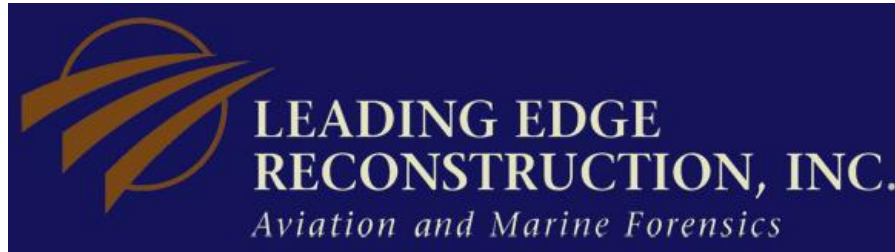
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In addition to the banquet committee, many other volunteers help throughout the year and on the night of the banquet. We thank all of them for their efforts; without them and all of you, this truly would not be possible!





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