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Summer Doldrums

When its 100 degrees outside its hard to imagine fall, never mind think about hunting. The truth is however, As quickly as this heat wave came on it will end and one morning soon we will get up and feel the crispness in the air that will remind us Autumn is quickly approaching. New Jersey has two banquets coming up in the month of September, and I am scheduled to help out with both of them. I am also involved in the new Friends of the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge group which has been quite active over the summer. However I am not neglecting our chapter. I know from the past six years that the summer bring obligations from friends and family and getting together can be extremely difficult, if not impossible. That being said I am still planning a meeting Thursday August 24 at the Lafayette house at 7:00 PM to discuss upcoming events, our shotgun raffle, and other topics.

Those of you who know me know I have been injured for over two years now with a detached disk in my back. I will be having surgery to finally correct this and if it occurs before our meeting date I may have to reschedule depending on how I feel. On October 14th there will be a celebration of National Wildlife Refuge week at Wallkill River NWR and we have been asked to have a table set up to represent RGS. Of course I agreed and we can discuss the particulars at the meeting.

The Gun RGS will be raffling is a 4400 dollar Kimber side by side. Proceeds will be split amongst participating chapters for habitat projects again we will discuss this at the meeting.

I would like to thank Jan McDowell and the Herald for the recent article about the work we do. Jan followed us on a workday in May through mosquito infested areas of the refuge to get the scoop. Thanks again Jan. Hopefully you can all make the next meeting. We can hash out (or begin to) some issues we may have for our next banquet. Its gonna come up fast so why not get an early jump on things. It will only make it easier when the time does arrive.

Next Meeting Thursday Aug 24 7:00 PM Lafayette House Lafayette NJ. All are welcome