



Ruffed Grouse Society News Letter Page

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2004 IN REVIEW

2004 was a busy year for RGS Skylands Chapter it started out with workdays in brutally cold weather and snow in January followed by our busiest banquet ever. Winter also brought us a brief appearance on ESPN during a piece on the Wallkill River Refuge. Spring rolled in and we kept working three workdays followed by a very successful Woodcock walk and topped off with a sponsored day at the public trap range. During the summer we persevered through what seemed like an endless state fair manning a booth for all ten days. When fall rolled in we made short work of three work days all before November. The totals are fairly impressive as follows

Total number of Field Days 7

Total number of trees planted Approximately 1600

Total Volunteer hours in field Approximately 140

Special Events 3 including Trap shoots, range cleanup, and manning a booth at the state fair

Total Volunteer hours Approximately 70

These totals only take in account actual time afield not the hours spent with Mark Banker scouting areas and meetings otherwise most numbers would almost double.

2005 will started with a bang our first workday was Sunday January 16 At the Wallkill River Refuge at 8:30 AM. additionally we helped the Pine barrens Chapter at the sportsman's show in Edison. We had meetings with Fish and Wildlife and our banquet all in January. We were so busy we didn't have time to notice the cold.

Next Meeting Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Lafayette house. We will go over the banquet, Projects and events for spring, and I may have something significant (good) to announce anyone may attend.

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