



Ruffed Grouse Society News Letter Page

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UPCOMING STUFF

I know it seems like we haven't done much over the last couple of months as far as meeting and work days but nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is Mark Banker as been spending an inordinate amount of time in New Jersey this winter trying to put together a real grouse management plan with State and federal personnel. We have had and continue to have meeting after meeting putting together long and short term projects that may actually begin to restore bird populations in the northern half of the state. As of now little is finalized so it would not be fair to announce anything but as soon as it is I will let you know .

We should be continuing our series of work days at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge this upcoming month. As soon as I get a date confirmation I will post it. I am also trying to find out about the annual woodcock walk at the refuge. It has nothing to do with hunting but in the past has been a lot of fun, extremely informative, and living proof of the effectiveness of our work there.

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

On Saturday may 14th we will be traveling to Buttonwood Game Preserve to shoot sporting clays. We did this a couple of years ago and had a great time. Depending on turnout we can break up into teams or just shoot casually You do not need to be a member to attend. I am not sure of the price yet but I know it is not expensive and kids are encouraged to attend with an adult. We will discuss this and everything else at our next meeting, which will be held at the Lafayette House on Thursday April 7th at 7:00 P.M. by then I may have more specific information on upcoming projects. Several people have discussed having meetings at different locations, If you have a suggestion bring it up at the next meeting and we will discuss it.

MEETING CHANGES

It was discussed at our last meeting that nothing gets done and I have to agree. So starting next meeting we will first discuss new business, projects, finance, and questions in that order. Before we start BS ing . This should take all of about ten minutes which we can do before food arrives. Additionally It has come to my attention that our work days are too short. Members feel if they take the time to drive all the way to Sussex or Vernon they are wasting there day by only working for a couple of hours. So we will be lengthening work days to around 4 hours work time. As always if you can only come for two or three or if the weather is bad we can play it by ear.