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## *Pheasants*

### Steele County Chapter

November 2011

## Banquet

Thanks to all that attended the Banquet this year. We are always trying to make the experience better and would like to hear from you, so please contact us at [mnpheasantssc@gmail.com](mailto:mnpheasantssc@gmail.com) or write us at P.O. Box 351, Owatonna, MN 55060 with your feedback.

The Grand Raffle winners this year were:

First prize - Deanne Vonwald, \$4,000 in chamber bucks. Ticket sold by Eric Matecjek.

Second prize - Sandi Stephens, \$500 in chamber bucks. Ticket sold by Rex Harriman

Third prize - Mike Glynn, \$250 in chamber bucks. Ticket sold by Mike Glynn

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## Youth Trap Shoot

The Youth Trap Shoot was a success again this year with 85 shooters and 148 meals served. The BB gun shoot was very popular among our younger shooters. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Thanks to the Owatonna Gun Club for co-hosting this event.



## Fair Booth

The Minnesota Pheasants Fair Booth for 2011 was a success due to the great weather, our supportive members and the people of Steele County. We answered questions, sold some raffle tickets, gave away a few things and sold a bottle of water or two. The Minnesota Pheasants Board appreciates any and all of your support and donations during this event because without it we would not be able to do some of our programs like the Youth Trap shoot, Mentored Pheasant Hunt and Corn Giveaways. We had a net income of \$3,752.99 this year, which is up over \$1,000.00 from 2010.

THANK YOU!

Here are the winners of our fair booth raffle for 2011:

1st Place. Gary Sprenger, New Ulm, MN

Escort Synthetic 12 ga Over/Under shotgun

2nd Place. LuAnn Rypka, Owatonna

½ Hog and Processing

3rd Place. Jeff Herzog, Dodge Center

½ Hog and Processing

4th Place. Lisa Neidermeier, Blooming Prairie

Silent Signal Print

5th Place. Bernie Flanagan, Owatonna

MN Pheasants Blanket & Jim Killen Book

Congratulations to all of the winners as well as the 6 daily hat winners and Thank you to all who supported our booth at the Steele County Fair. Thanks again for all of your support for the Minnesota Pheasants, Inc of Steele County.

Dave Isaacson

## Youth and Education

MN Pheasants in cooperation with Caribou Gun Club and Cabelas will be holding a Mentored Youth Pheasant hunt. Date is yet to be determined, but will be this fall. We have three great youth who will be participating. Only requirement is that they have passed gun safety. This is our way of introducing kids to the great sport of pheasant hunting. Look for upcoming details and information.

Dates to keep in mind:

Pheasant season starts Sat Oct 15th Youth age 9-15 must have a small game license (free) 16+ will have to purchase one. Pheasant stamp required for those 18 and older. May be a good time to consider a lifetime license for the hunter in your family as a gift. Lifetime Sportsman license which includes fishing and small game is \$480 for ages 4 to 15, after that the price moves to \$612.

Take in one of these beautiful fall days and take a kid hunting. I will never forget the day each one of my three sons had a pheasant flush right in front of them and the look on their face as it exploded from the grass, forgetting to take the safety off and laughing about it for the rest of the season. If nothing else, it may be a good walk and conversation with your kids!

Remember as Ron Shara says,  
"Introduce a kid to the great outdoors!"

Sincerely,

Kevin Stelter  
VP Youth and Education  
MN Pheasants

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## LSCPL Grant

The DNR asked that we get a new appraisal including the gravel value. We have submitted the request to our appraiser and are awaiting the results.

# Long Tail Feather Contest

Hang on to those tail feathers. Members, bring your feathers to Cash Wise Liquor or Larry's Liquor to enter them into the Long Tail Feather Contest. The first place winner will receive \$25 in Chamber Bucks, second prize is a framed Pheasant Stamp print and third prize will be a Jim Killen book and a set of 4 Minnesota Pheasants glasses. The drawing will be done at the January corn giveaway.

JUST FOR FUN.....

Once again this year Larry's Liquor is teaming up with MN. Pheasants to sponsor a "LONG TAIL FEATHER" contest that will take place on the first 2 corn give-a-ways in Nov. & Dec.(see this news letter for dates) during only the hours of the corn give-a-way. To qualify, register at Larry's Liquor prior to the beginning of that days hunt and bring the whole bird to the MN. Pheasants building anytime during the corn give-a-way to have the feather measured. There will be fun prizes for 1-3rd places. watch for the post card to show up in the mail and if you're not a hunter, pass the card on to someone who is. Larry's Liquor will disperse the prizes so be sure to stop there to register! you need not be a member to win (BUT THAT WOULD BE GREAT!!) Remember, members should pick up their corn on these days also!!!  
Let's have some fun!!

Note: You can enter the same feather in both contests, but the Cash Wise Liquor - Larry's Liquor - Minnesota Pheasants contest is for members only.

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## Corn Giveaways

Corn giveaways will be held on the following dates. Feeders will be available.

November 19th	January 21st
December 17th	February 18th

The economy has affected us too, and with the price of corn soaring we had to make the difficult

decision to charge our members a fee for corn this year. At \$7.00 per bushel, each pail of corn costs \$4.38. The 4 pails each member is allowed to take then cost around \$17.50. We will be charging \$5.00 for the 4 pails to help offset our costs and be able to continue the corn giveaways. Additional donations of cash or corn are always much appreciated.

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## Corn Giveaway Raffle

To help fund the corn giveaways this year, we will be having a raffle starting with the first corn giveaway in November. The prizes will be drawn at the corn giveaway in February.

1st Prize - Model 870 Express 3" 20 ga. shotgun  
2nd Prize - Framed pheasant stamp print  
3rd Prize - 4 MN Pheasants beer glasses and a Killen book

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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## Banquet Gun Question

One of our members asked why we have rifles and fishing equipment at a Pheasants Banquet. That's a good question and to answer it, we have those things because many, if not most, of our members that hunt pheasants also hunt larger game. Some hunt in areas where rifles can be used. Many of our members also enjoy fishing and camping. We include those kinds of items so that there will always be something for everyone that comes to our Banquet.

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## Going Green



In order to save resources, we are planning to send future copies of the newsletter by email. So we can get your email addresses, please to go to our website at <http://mnpheasants.com/> and click on the link to email us. We will keep your information private and will not share with any other organization. We may also send other information in the future, such as the Banquet mailing and other notifications.