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Saturday, February 18, 2017

Minneapolis Convention Center – Ballroom A/B
Minneapolis, MN

Cocktail Hour – 5:00 PM

Raffles, Silent Auction

Welcome

Howard K. Vincent
Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever's
President and CEO

Invocation

National Anthem

Shawna Pantzke
National Youth Leadership Council – ND

Dinner – 7:00 PM

Program

Emcee

Tim Caughran
Director of Field Operations, Quail Forever

Andy Edwards
Southeast Regional Biologist, Quail Forever

Recognition & Awards

Legislative Action Fund Award

Ryan Bronson, Director of Conservation and
Public Policy Vista Outdoors / Federal Premium

Raffles, Live Auction

Auctioneer

Hannagan / Busby Auctioneer Service
Gifford, IL



FEATURED RAFFLE

The Hunting Heritage Raffle



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150 banded and numbered (1-150) Dokken Deadfowl Training dummies will be sold tonight for \$100 per dummy. Each will have a chance to win:

- 1 - Franchi Affinity Semi-Auto Shotgun (12 gauge)
- 1 - Franchi Affinity Catalyst Semi-Auto Shotgun (12 gauge)
- 4 person, 2-day hunt at Prairie Sky Lodge - Veblen, SD

WINNER TAKES ALL!

Donated by Tom & Tina Dokken, Franchi and Prairie Sky Lodge
www.prairieskyranch.com | www.franchiusa.com | www.deadfowltrainer.com

AUCTION PRICE

The YETI Bling and Bang Raffle



100 YETI 20oz. Ramblers will be sold tonight
Each will have a chance to win:

- 1 pair - 1.05 carat round diamond stud earrings set in 14K white gold
- 1-PF Gun of the Year - Browning Silver Hunter 12 ga. Semi-Auto
- 1-PF Over/Under of the Year - Stevens 20 ga. 555 over/under

WINNER TAKES ALL!

Earrings donated by Tom Pallansch - Ideal Diamond, Inc.
(612) 860-0575 - 36 years in business

YETI Ramblers donated by YETI Coolers
www.yeti.com

Firearms donated by Minnesota Chapters of Pheasants Forever

Minnesota "Wild" Jersey Raffle



**12 custom Minnesota Wild jerseys are being auctioned tonight,
each with a chance to win:**

Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon I O/U

20-Gauge | 3" Chamber | Scroll-Engraved Receiver

Outbid your friends on a custom, hunter-orange Minnesota Wild Jersey and your name will be entered into the Minnesota "Wild" Jersey raffle. Winner (1 of the 12 jersey buyers) will receive a 20-gauge Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon I – perfect for the upland bird hunter who demands legendary reliability and performance in the field.

AUCTION PRICE

10 Acres of Diverse Midwest Pollinator Mix (\$5,000 Value)



Provide a boost to upland birds, pollinators, and other wildlife during your next habitat project by including one of the most diverse seed mixes in the country. The Diverse Midwest Pollinator Mix from Millborn Seeds will provide years of excellent cover for upland birds and pollinators alike, as well as critical food sources for wildlife throughout the growing season and beyond.

Package includes: 10 Acres of Diverse Pollinator Mix

Donated by Millborn Seeds, Brookings, SD
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Wings North Hunt Club 10-bird Hunt for Two & One Annual Membership



You and a guest can experience an exceptional hunting experience in Pine City, MN at Wings North Hunt Club. With 14 hunting fields and fast-flying birds to help extend your hunting season, Wings North Hunt Club provides a phenomenal preserve experience unmatched in Minnesota. Winning bidder will also receive one annual membership (\$1,000 value) to continue your hunting and dog training experiences outside of Minnesota's traditional upland seasons.

Package Includes: One annual membership, along with two daily memberships that allows for a 10-bird hunt with two rounds of clay pigeons and appetizers.

Donated by Wings North Hunt Club, Pine City, MN
www.wingsnorth.org

2-Day Idaho Sharp-tailed Grouse Hunting & Fly Fishing Trip for Two



All you have to do is point and shoot with a guide to lead the way and trained pointing dogs in Idaho's southeast region. When you've shot your limit of Sharp-tailed grouse, head to the Cub River to try your hand at fly-fishing. At the end of both days, kick back at your own private cabin complete with modern amenities.

Package Includes: Two days of guided hunting/fishing with trained pointing dogs and three nights of lodging in a private cabin - meals, beverages and handling of all game are provided. Located near Preston, Idaho

Note: The Columbian sharp-tailed grouse season runs the month of October in Idaho.

Donated by Idaho's Cache Valley Pheasants Forever Chapter



AUCTION PRICE

3-Day NE Trophy Whitetail or Mule Deer Hunt



RCA Hunting Lodge has access to over 12,000 acres of private land in prime pheasant, turkey, and deer country in central South Dakota and northern Nebraska. Hunt packages at RCA Hunting Lodge include experienced and professional guides, home cooked meals, and lodging in Buerke, South Dakota.

Package Includes: Hunt includes four nights lodging and three days of hunting, meals and transportation during the hunt as well as an expert guide to show you the way to your trophy buck.

Note: Valid between September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Additional hunters will be accommodated for regular priced deer hunt.

Donated by RCA Hunting Lodge: Northern Nebraska
www.rcahunts.com

4-Day Canadian Fishing Trip for Four Pickle Lake Outposts



Fly with Pete Johnson's Pickle Lake Outposts to Northern Ontario's last frontier and experience truly memorable Canadian wilderness fishing for northern pike and walleye. Once you've experienced the thrill of a fly-in wilderness fishing trip, you'll want to return year after year. With fly-in only access to 10 different camps, you'll be treated to fast and furious fishing that can only be experienced with a fly-in adventure.

Package includes: Lodging and transportation from Pickle Lake, Ontario (airplane and boat).

Note: Fish the 2017 season only.
(You are allowed 100 lbs of gear per person)

Donated by Pickle Lake Outposts
www.fishpicklelake.ca



AUCTION PRICE

All-Inclusive KS Governor's Ringneck Classic Hunt for Two



Seventh Annual Governor's Ringneck Classic | Nov. 16 – 19, 2017

Your all-inclusive weekend – including three days of hunting – takes place in Oakley, Kansas on private land generously reserved for this annual event. The Classic's guides, dogs, and handlers are among the best in all of northwest Kansas.

In addition to hunting with the Governor, previous participants in this high-profile event have included baseball "Hall of Fame" member George Brett, professional golfer Tom Watson, Wingshooting USA personality Scott Linden, shooting champion Julie Golob, and former Kansas City Chief players Duane Clemons and Bill Mass.

Package includes: Three nights lodging, three days hunting, sporting clays, trap shooting, event transportation, participation in the governor's hunt, meals, shells, and event reception tickets.

Note: Hunt takes place November 16 - 19, 2017.

Donated by Kansas Governor's Committee

www.kansaringneckclassic.com

Jones Trailer Company 4-Stall Stainless Steel, Single-Axle Dog Trailer



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- Has made one trip to South Dakota

*Donated by California Chapters of
Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever*
www.jonestrailers.com



AUCTION PRICE

2-Day Coastal Louisiana Fishing Trip for Two



Catch Speckled Trout and/or Redfish off the Coast of Louisiana

Louisiana offers some of the finest saltwater fishing in North America. The state is also the home of the Atchafalaya Region Chapter of Quail Forever, where chapter members know the true meaning of "Southern Hospitality."

Travel to New Orleans, Louisiana and experience saltwater fishing and southern hospitality at its finest. Your local guides will have you reeling in Speckled trout and/or Redfish by day and enjoying a beverage by night.

Package includes: Three days and two nights lodging (New Orleans, Louisiana), southern hospitality, beer, and one night's meal. Two days will be spent fishing the coast with the local Quail Forever chapter.

Note: Valid for one year from purchase.

Donated by Atchafalaya Region Chapter of Quail Forever

2-Day KS Pheasant & Quail Hunt for Two



Take part in the thrill and adrenaline of hunting Great Plains pheasant and quail behind trained pointing dogs and an expert guide. Enjoy two nights in a ranch resort nestled among acres of wildlife reserve overlooking a local river near Goodland, Kansas, in the state's northwest corner.

Package includes: Two nights lodging at Kurht Ranch, two days hunting/ fishing, lunch each day and game cleaning, guides and dogs.

Note: Valid for one year from purchase

Donated by Border 2 Border Outfitters and guided by Patrick Flanagan, Featured in Pioneer Press (Jan. 2017)
www.bordertoborderoutfitters.com

7-Day Guided South Africa Plains Game Hunt for Four



Authentic African Adventures operates on 55,000 acres in the Limpopo Province of South Africa where there are more than 50 species of African game. For this hunt, two or four hunters will experience an adventure of a lifetime:

Four hunters: In total, a blue wildebeest, a zebra, an impala, and a blesbuck will be taken – auction winner assigns who harvests what – one animal per hunter

Package includes: Eight nights lodging in luxury accommodations with three meals per day, beverages and laundry services. Seven days hunting with registered professional hunters & guides, plus field preparation of trophies. Also includes pick up and drop off at Polokwane airport. A swimming pool is also located on site.

Note: Valid for 2017, 2018, and 2019. Additional game animals may be added at buyer's expense.

Donated by Authentic African Adventures
www.authenticafrikanadventures.org

Georgia Quail Invitational for Two



The Georgia Quail Invitational provides an authentic, southeastern quail hunting experience with attendees visiting some of the finest quail hunting plantations and farms in the United States.

Known as the “quail hunting capital of the world,” the region surrounding Albany, Georgia provides a world-class quail hunting atmosphere complete with longleaf pine stands, southern hospitality, and wingshooting opportunities over some of the finest English pointers in the nation. Participants will enjoy the great southern tradition of quail hunting with fellow hunter-conservationists, while also generating revenue to enhance quail habitat on public lands through the Florida/ Georgia Quail Coalition.

Package includes: Two day guided quail hunt, three nights lodging, meals, shells, event transportation, and event banquet tickets.

Note: Hunt to take place last weekend of January 2018.

Donated by SW Georgia Chapter of Quail Forever, Albany, GA

Polaris Ranger XP® 900 EPS



Ranger XP® 900 EPS

HP: 68 | Payload: 1,500 lbs. | MSP: \$13,299

Ideal for hunting, property management, outdoor chores, and trail riding. The Polaris Ranger XP® 900 EPS features:

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Donated by Polaris Ranger
www.polaris.com/en-us/ranger-utv

“Three Flying Geese”

Original Oil Artwork by Renown Artist Bryan Wilson



Originally featured in the famous Gump's Gallery located in San Francisco, California, this original oil canvas painting features the abstract artwork of Bryan Wilson, a widely-exhibited California wildlife artist who was best known for his creative approach for depicting the state's numerous wildlife species. Having passed away in 2002 in Santa Rosa, California, his artwork has been moved to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts where it remains on display for those who share a similar passion for wildlife habitat conservation.

Donated by Cargill



AUCTION PRICE

Illinois Director's Pheasant & Quail Hunt Team Package for Four



Enjoy a phenomenal Illinois hunting experience as your team of four hunters travels to the Prairie State to take part in the annual Illinois Director's Hunt for Pheasant & Quail. Enjoy lodging and accommodations at the beautiful Rend Lake Resort in Whittington, Illinois and hunt behind some of the state's finest pointing dogs for pheasant & quail.

Package Includes: Hunting privileges for a team of four, licenses, pointing dogs and guide, one night of lodging, two days of hunting, three meals per day, and admission to the Director's Banquet Dinner at Rend Lake Resort.

Note: Hunt takes place November 20th & 21st, 2017

Donated by IL Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever

3-Day Argentina Dove Hunt for Two



Cordoba, Argentina is the dove capital of the world with population estimates as high as 50 million in the providence of Cordoba alone. As the doves never migrate, there is more wingshooting opportunity than you can imagine. Additionally, your trip is a cultural experience as well as a hunting experience. All your personal needs will be looked after by Sporting Adventures International, a prestigious American-owned firm that sets itself apart by the service its guests receive.

Package includes: Three full days of hunting, guides, bird boys and daily gun cleaning. Three nights of five-star lodging with gourmet meals and an open bar, plus transportation from the Cordoba airport.

Note: Valid within one year of purchase. Travelers may be added for additional cost.

Donated by Sporting Adventures International
www.sportingadv.com



AUCTION PRICE

3-Day All-Inclusive SD Pheasant Hunt for Four Olsen's Pheasant Phun (\$9,000 Value)



Pheasants, prairie chickens, prime rib, wild game - experience all of this and more with a four-person, all-inclusive pheasant hunting adventure in Hitchcock, South Dakota! Enjoy a guided upland hunting adventure at Olsen's Pheasant Phun complete with farm-to-table cooking, Midwestern hospitality, and some of the finest bird dogs offered in "The Pheasant Capital."

Package includes: 3 days of guided hunting and four nights lodging for 4 people, 3 meals per day, beverages, game cleaning, trained bird dogs, and all lodge amenities.

Note: Expires March 31, 2018. On-site activities include trap, shuffleboard, pool, bar, patio, fire pits, and bean bag toss. Additional guests can be added for \$669 per day. Trip does not include transportation or licenses.

Donated by Olsen's Pheasant Phun, Hitchcock, SD
www.pheasantphun.com

Kansas Governor's Quail Hunt for Two



Support quail conservation efforts in the state of Kansas by bidding on a two-person invitation to the the 1st Annual Kansas Governor's Quail Hunt for Habitat in 2018. Experience the recent quail boom in the Sunflower State while hunting behind veteran pointers on sprawling private properties near the city of Emporia, Kansas, and spending time afield with Governor Sam Brownback.

Package includes: Two nights lodging and one day of quail hunting near Emporia, Kansas. Trip includes ammunition, guides, dogs, event gifts, Friday night banquet, Saturday night banquet, all meals on the day of the hunt, and a Sunday breakfast to wrap-up the event.

Note: Hunt dates are TBD, but will occur during the month of January 2018.

Donated by Kansas Quail Forever

Wyoming Guided Fly Fishing Adventure for Two



You and a guest will enjoy a spectacular day of fly fishing in central Wyoming with this guided drift boat adventure on the North Platte River. From North Platte Lodge outfitters, begin your fishing day on the Grey Reef stretch, a four-season fishery with healthy populations of wild brown and rainbow trout. Thanks to consistent tailwater flows, Grey Reef is a BIG trout powerhouse producing Rainbows that average 16 to 18 inches long, while trophies span 25 to 30 inches and can weigh 10+ pounds.

Package includes: Two nights lodging and one guided day of trout fishing on the North Platte River. Winning bidders will receive three home-cooked meals per day.

Notes: Trip must be taken by January 1, 2019. This is an exclusive fly fishing only trip - winning bidder is responsible for bringing his/her fishing gear.

Donated by North Platte Lodge - Alcova, WY
www.northplattelodge.com

10 Acres of Diverse Pollinator Plus Seed (\$5,000 Value) with Electric Seed Slinger



Great Habitat for Pollinators, Pheasants, and Quail

Bid on 10 acres of Star Seed Diverse Pollinator Mix for mesic sites and a Truax Electric Seed Slinger to plant it with. Mix includes four native grasses and 34 native wildflowers, providing excellent cover for upland birds and pollinators alike, as well as a splash of color all year long.

Package includes: Truax Electric Seed Slinger and 10 acres of Pollinator Plus Seed Mix. This seed mix exceeds NRCS 327 standard for pollinators and CP42 practice – 79.5% forbs (mesic).

Donated by Star Seed Inc., and Truax Company, Inc.

www.truaxcomp.com | www.gostarseed.com



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South Georgia Quail Hunt for Two Burnt Pine Plantation



Experience the quail hunt of a lifetime on 4,500 acres of intensively managed quail habitat as you and a guest are treated to the finest southern hospitality at Burnt Pine Plantation. Conveniently located a short distance from Atlanta, the winning bidders will enjoy large covey rises, excellent bird dogs, and seasoned guides which have made this lodge a top tier destination for wing shooting in the Southeast.

Package includes: Guided quail hunting trip (two ½ days and one full day) and two nights lodging at Burnt Pine Plantation. Guests are treated to a southern breakfast and lunch buffet each day, as well as a five course plated dinner with wine selections. Also includes trained pointing dogs, snacks, beverages, and on-site activities - pool table, 5-stand shooting, bar.

Note: Must be used before December 31st, 2017. Days, persons, and hunts can be added for regular published prices.

Donated by Burnt Pine Plantation, Newborn, GA

www.burntpine.com

2-Day Guided South Dakota Pheasant Hunt for Two



A hunting destination of distinction, Brown's Hunting Ranch in Gettysburg, South Dakota offers first-class upland hunts on all wild birds on over 100,000 acres of private land.

This is the real deal when it comes to South Dakota pheasant hunting, and the only guarantee made is that you'll be hunting wild birds. The hunts can be demanding and you'll cover multiple types of cover and terrain; however, the guides and staff will always put your comfort and enjoyment first and foremost.

Package includes: Three nights lodging at Brown's Lake Oahe Lodge with five-star, fully furnished private accommodations and two days of hunting, three daily home cooked meals, beverages, guides and dogs, kennels, and bird cleaning.

Note: Valid October 21, 2017 - December 31, 2017. More hunters may be added at \$900 per person, per day.

Donated by Brown's Hunting Ranch, Gettysburg, SD
www.browns hunting ranch.com



AUCTION PRICE

Official MN Wild Orange Jersey Signed by 2016/2017 Team Members



Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind hunter orange Minnesota Wild hockey jersey from the special 11/23/16 game which benefitted Pheasants Forever.

Note: It's signed by 2016/2017 Wild Team members and is the only one-of-a-kind jersey in existence!

Donated by the Minnesota Wild
www.nhl.com/wild

Tennessee Cast & Blast Adventure for Two



Join Quail Forever Regional Biologist, Andy Edwards, on a two-and-a-half day guided turkey hunt and fishing trip in The Volunteer State. Experience the legendary outdoor pursuits of south-central Tennessee as you and a guest are guided on a private lands turkey hunt, followed by an extreme jet boat fishing adventure for smallmouth, spotted, and white bass on the scenic Elk River, and lake fishing for slab crappies, bluegill, and redear sunfish.

Package includes: 2 ½ days of guided hunting and fishing in southern Tennessee, all gear for fishing, two home-cooked meals per day (breakfast & lunch), beverages, lodging at the Hampton Inn of Pulaski for two nights.

Note: Trip to occur April 1st – May 14th, 2017 in conjunction with Tennessee spring turkey season. Winning bidders required to purchase non-resident big game and fishing licenses.

Donated by Andy Edwards, Quail Forever Regional Biologist



AUCTION PRICE

VIP Trout Fishing & Horse Racing Experience Running Aces Casino (Columbus, MN)



You and 7 guests will have the thrill of catching your own dinner at the Trout Air Fishing Experience. While your fish are being cleaned, participants will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the horse racing business and barn area. After, enjoy your freshly caught and cooked fish with the best view of live horse racing in the restaurant. During the horse races you will enjoy a featured race named after your group, and a photo session with the winning horse. Finish off the night with you and a guest getting the ride of a lifetime in the starter car of the horse race; it's as close and personal as you can get on the track.

Package Includes: Guided fishing for 8 total people, dinner, tour of Running Aces, picture with winning race horse and ride in the starter car for two.

Note: Offer valid from May 20- September 16, racing is every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. Guests are able to choose dinner off the menu if they do not prefer fish.

Donated by Running Aces Casino
www.runaces.com



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