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WELCOME TO THE BROWN COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER NEWS

We are Brown County Minnesota Pheasants Forever (BCPF), a nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1987 dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasants and other upland bird populations in North America.

OVERVIEW & PRESIDENTS REPORT

January, 2022

This will be my last Presidents Report as the leader of Brown County Pheasants Forever. I am not going away, just stepping back a bit to spend more time with my young boys. We have made some leadership changes and I would like to introduce you more to our new leader Tim Kraskey.

Tim has been with BCPF for more than 6 years. He joined us and helped us move the organization into the electronic age. He has many skills in things like the internet, marketing, owns his own farm (he says he raises pheasants), management and is well connected to National Pheasants Forever Organization. While he says he is retired, don't believe him.

The new board members and changes to the board are:

- Tim Kraskey – Chapter President (612) 298-0909 or tim@kraskey.com
- Dan Braulick – Vice President (507) 227-2349 or danbraulick@gmail.com
- Steve Eckstein – Treasurer (651) 238-8440 or drsteveeckstein@gmail.com
- Dave Huhn – Secretary & Habitat Coordinator (507) 276-8785 or dhhuhn@hotmail.com
- Ben Cunningham - Co-Youth Coordinator (507) 382-4226 or benjcunningham@hotmail.com
- Brandon Kral – Co-Youth Coordinator (507) 217-0214 or kralerlee@gmail.com
- Nate Fore – BCPF Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist (507) 794-7997 Ext. 110 or nfore@pheasantsforever.org
- Jeremy Berg – Board Member Emeritus (507) 240-0096 or jberg@blethenberens.com

The next Presidents Report will come from Tim and I look forward to assisting wherever and whenever he and the team needs help.

Again, we want to thank all our members and volunteers who do so much to help in the Brown County Pheasants Forever (PF) mission.

Thanks, Dan Braulick, President Brown County Pheasants Forever.

2022 Brown County Membership Drive, 31st Banquet and Family Fun Night

As well as join us for the 2022 Brown County Banquet and Family Fun Night. This event is set to take place as follows:

Date: March 19, 2022

Time: Doors Open at 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Activities: Games; Raffles; Auctions; Food & Drink

Location: New Ulm Event Center

We will be posting many updates and details on the upcoming banquet on the Brown County Pheasants Forever website or at <http://www.browncountypf.org> .

Some key changes for this event will be that we are encouraging folks *"to buy early tickets or package bundles"*. You will be able to have your entry ticket on your mobile phone to get into the event.

We will as well be discouraging on-site ticket purchasing so we have a better handle on food. If you choose to come to the location to buy your tickets, we may not be able to guarantee you a meal. You will be welcomed into the event but, we are trying to track food, so we don't have large overages which cost a lot of money to the organization. We hope you understand.

Ticket Packages are as follows:

2022 Brown County Pheasants Forever Banquet & Family Fun Day

2022 Brown County Pheasants Forever Banquet

New Ulm Event Center

Mar 19, 2022 at 4:30 PM (CDT)

New Ulm, Minnesota

Questions? [Contact Event Organizer](#)

Ticket Information

TICKET TYPE	DATE & TIME	PRICE	QUANTITY
Adult PF Membership <i>Includes event entry, pheasants forever annual membership and dinner</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$75.00	0
Spouse or Lifetime PF Member Dinner (Only) <i>Includes event entry and dinner</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$25.00	0
Youth Ages 5-16 (Ringneck) PF Membership <i>Includes event entry, pheasants forever annual ringneck membership and dinner</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$15.00	0
Student Ages 17-25 (Student) PF Membership <i>Includes event entry, pheasants forever annual student membership and dinner</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$50.00	0
Silver Sponsorship - Individual or Couple Package <i>Includes event entry, (1) pheasants forever annual membership; (2) dinner; (1) PF sponsor hat; (1) sponsor only raffle ticket; \$150.00 in Rooster Bucks and sponsorship name in brochure.</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$250.00	0
Gold Sponsorship - Family Package <i>Includes event entry, (1) pheasants forever annual membership; (Up to 3) pheasants forever annual ringneck membership; (2) dinner; (3) youth dinner; (2) PF sponsor hat; (1) sponsor only raffle ticket; \$250.00 in Rooster Bucks and sponsorship name in brochure</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$350.00	0
Platinum Sponsorship - Corporate Package <i>Includes event entry, (8) pheasants forever annual membership; (8) dinner; (8) PF sponsor hat; (2) sponsor only raffle ticket; \$500.00 in Rooster Bucks; choice of Print-of-the-Year or 8 bird pheasant hunt and sponsorship name in brochure</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$1,250.00	0
Lifetime Sponsorship Package <i>Includes event entry, (1) pheasants forever annual membership; (2) dinner; (2) PF sponsor hat; (2) sponsor only raffle ticket; \$500.00 in Rooster Bucks; choice of Print-of-the-Year or 8 bird pheasant hunt; and sponsorship name in brochure</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$1,500.00	0
Rooster Bucks (Pre-Event Special) <i>\$140.00 in Rooster Bucks for \$100.00 cash. This is a pre-event special. Note: Will not be able to purchase this package at the event.</i>	Sat, Mar 19 at 4:30 PM	\$100.00	0

Something new this year to stretch your dollars are, **"ROOSTER BUCKS"**. We are offering a pre-event special and these are available in some of the Sponsorship Packages. You can get up to a 40% increase in your dollars at the event. But, you need to buy them before the event to get this special deal.

For those who are not getting this newsletter we will be mailing to our mail list how to order tickets. We will not be taking credit cards on the mailer. To utilize a credit card all transaction will need to be made using the online URL below.

To purchase tickets go to: <https://pfqf.myeventscenter.com/event/2022-Brown-County-Pheasants-Forever-Banquet-57740>



EMCEE & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

We are honored to have Travis Frank as emcee & keynote speaker at the event. If you have ever watched the program, "The Flush" you will know who he is. Travis is the producer of Minnesota Bound – KARE11 (NBC) North Outdoors – Fox Sports North/Wisconsin; The Flush – Outdoor Channel; Rooster Tales – Fox Sports North/Wisconsin; Made For The Outdoors – Fox Sports North/Wisconsin; Backroad Ron and Raven - Fox Sports North/Wisconsin and Destination Polaris – Fox Sports Networks. We are honored to have him join us at the banquet.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

We will be having some old and several new games and raffles at the banquet. To mention some of them, they are:

- Scheels Banner Raffle (See below)
- Plinko Game
- 100 Shot Shell Game
- Corn Hole Toss Game
- Youth Game
- Youth Lifetime Small Game License Raffle
- Mystery Gun Raffle
- Women’s Only Game
- Gun Banner Boards
- Ford F-150 Raffle
- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- General Raffle

Well over 20 guns and numerous other fantastic prizes are up for participants to win.



Brown County Pheasants Forever Hunter's Dream

Winner Takes All

**Only 600 Tickets will be sold*

Drawing to be held Saturday, March 19, 2022 9:00 p

New Ulm Event Center, New Ulm, MN

Price: \$25.00 per Ticket

Prizes:

1. Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon Walnut 12 Ga.
2. Beretta A400 Extreme Plus Realtree 12 Ga.
3. Beretta A300 Ultima Black 20 Ga.
4. Bergara B14 HMR Grey & Black 6.5 Creedmoor
5. Bergara B14 Wilderness Hunter Tan & Grey 300 WinMag
6. Bergara BMR Carbon 22 LR
7. Liberty Centerion 12 Gun Safe

Sponsored by Brown County Pheasants Forever
Winner is responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.

Must be 18 years or older to enter and/or win.

Winner need not be present to win.

Permit #X64006-22-014



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HUNTERS DREAM RAFFLE

One of our main fund-raising raffles: **“The Hunters Dream Raffle”** will be drawn in conjunction with the banquet.

This year we have six fantastic guns and a safe to store them in. The total value of this package is around \$6500.00.

Tickets are \$25.00 each and only 600 tickets will be sold.

All prizes are a winner takes all and are listed on the PROOF ticket here. We will have these guns at the night of the event.

Tickets are now available from any BCPF board member and other authorized sellers. Contact anyone on the board and we will get you a ticket.

Buy early, they do sell out

LOOKING FOR CORPORATE SPONSORS

We are actively seeking corporate or individual sponsors to donate “Monies for Prizes”. These prizes either a gun or key game/raffle prize, will be part of the banquet. Sponsor(s) will have great placement on a game or dedicated raffle for their brand and advertising for the event. We are actively seeking donations of:

- Level 1 Sponsor = \$500 gun or prize
- Level 2 Sponsor = \$1000 gun or prize
- Level 3 Sponsor = \$1500 gun or prize
- Level 4 Sponsor = \$2000 gun or prize

All sponsors would have exclusivity to that game or raffle with the logo prominently displayed. Additionally, sponsors logo or name will be mentioned in the event program as a sponsor, and they would be on our website for one year with that mention as well.

Contact Tim directly if interested in your firm being a sponsorship donor.

Lastly,

While we tried to have a banquet a two years ago Covid put a damper on many things. We hope you come join us and have some fun. It's been nearly five years since our last banquet. See you at the banquet!



Thanks, Dan Braulick,
President Brown County Pheasants
Forever.

KEY DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 9, 2022 – Board and Banquet Planning Meeting (Open to Public and Future Volunteers)

March 2, 2022 – Board and Banquet Planning Meeting (Open to Public and Future Volunteers)

March 11-13, 2022 – 2022 National Pheasant Fest, Omaha, NE

March 19, 2022 – 31st Brown County Banquet and Family Fun Night

May – Adopt a WMA Habitat Day

July 16 – Youth Day Nicollet County Pheasants Forever

October 16, 2022 – MN Pheasant Opener (Tentative)

KEY CONTACTS

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MEMBERSHIP

The monies we receive through donations, fund raising, and membership are critical to us enhancing or purchasing lands for all the public to enjoy. We encourage everyone to renew their membership to Pheasants Forever or upgrade their membership to a Lifetime membership.

Pheasants Forever is the only national organization with a model of chapters keeping 100% of the funds they raise. While belonging to a larger national organization that has a voice on federal and state conservation policies, chapters are tasked with finding projects for their funds. Minnesota takes full advantage of this model using funds raised for projects locally as well as other areas in the state of Minnesota.

Go to <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/Participate/Why-Participate.aspx> and <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/getdoc/91f8dfad-47ad-46d6-af54-5649db42671f/Membership.aspx> help us grow!

We are trying to keep all our members and future members updated on a more regular basis through email newsletters like this one and through our website <http://www.browncountypf.org> and Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/browncountymnpheasantsforever/>.

Again, we want to thank all our members and volunteers who do so much to help in the Brown County Pheasants Forever (PF) mission.

BROWN COUNTY PHEASANT'S FOREVER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **FOUNDED 32 YEARS AGO** and **SPENT OVER \$4 MILLION** in Brown County for **HABITAT**.
- **OVER 300 HABITAT PROJECTS** benefiting **OVER 3000 ACRES** on **PRIVATE** land.
- **PRESERVED OVER 2500 ACRES** for **PUBLIC ENJOYMENT & HUNTING**. Brown County has **OVER 28 WMA/WPAs** encompassing **OVER 4600 ACRES**.
- **PARTICIPATED** in **OVER 2000 ACRES** in Brown County land **ACQUISITIONS** that are now **WMA/WPAs**.
- **HOSTS AND PARTICIPATES** IN **ANNUAL MENTORED YOUTH HUNTS** with more than **50 KIDS** PARTIPATING
- **SUPPORT** our **LOCAL TRAP SHOOTING TEAMS**.
- **JOINED MN DNR Adopt-a-WMA** program

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