



## BROWN COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER – CHAPTER #166

**Newsletter: January 18, 2018**

Greetings from Brown County Pheasants Forever. We have a busy 2018 with a number of acquisition and enhancement projects along with a youth event planned. We are also excited to have a new Treasurer. After over ten years of service to our organization Tim Schwartz has handed the checkbook to Dr. Steve Eckstein. Many of you will recognize Steve as he's been helping at our banquet for years. His father, Bill, has also been a longtime chapter volunteer. We appreciate Tim's service to our organization and Steve's willingness to step up and get involved. Tim did an especially good job of managing the over \$100,000 that changed hands during our annual banquet. If you'd like to become more involved like Tim and Steve please contact a committee member.

As many of you may already know, 2018 will be the first year in thirty that there will be no annual banquet. Last spring, we sent nearly seven hundred letters to members and banquet attendees seeking more active membership. Unfortunately, we received almost no response. Our banquet chair position remains unfilled. While this may seem concerning, and it is, we have a lot to be optimistic about with our local chapter. We remain in a very strong financial position and have an experienced local committee. *We are not dissolving.* We just need to find more active members. It is our goal to have a membership event again in 2019 but we need your help. Please contact a board member if you'd like to join the banquet planning committee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have made the last 30 years such a great success. Without all of the sponsors, people and or businesses who donated time, money or merchandise, everyone who works at the banquet and of course all the people that come to the banquet, none of this would have been possible. We were fortunate to have a very dedicated group of men and women that helped each and every year to transport and setup the truckloads of prizes and banquet supplies. We had some good times during setup and banquet nights. I hope this tradition can resume in 2019.

Brown County Pheasants Forever remains committed to our goal of enhancing and increasing local habitat for all wildlife. As I mentioned above we have a number of acquisition projects in the works, consisting of three projects in various stages of the acquisition process. These acquisitions have the potential to add 360 acres of public hunting land across Brown County. I hope to have more information on these later in 2018. To date we have brought over three million dollars (Yes - \$3,000,000.00) of Dedicated Funding dollars to our county. This 3/8 of one percent tax is something we all contribute to. We are happy to bring a portion of those dollars back to Brown County for our residents to access and enjoy. We have created some great hunting opportunities in the past three decades. Believe it or not there are now hunters from across the state traveling here to hunt the many Wildlife Management Area's that you and your chapter have helped create.



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We will conduct our annual BCPF Youth Hunt in September. Please contact Scott Zeig if you'd like more information about this event. Scott has done an excellent job of coordinating this each year. While there will be no banquet we will still be holding the Hunters Dream Raffle. Committee members and other volunteers will be selling those tickets. We may conduct other raffles throughout the year as well. There are tentative plans to host a bus tour of our habitat projects sometime in August. We will use our website ([www.browncountypf.org](http://www.browncountypf.org)) and the "Brown County Pheasants Forever" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/273887153029127/?ref=bookmarks>) to share information on all of these events. If you would like more info please contact Tim Kraskey ([tim@kraskey.com](mailto:tim@kraskey.com)) to get on our email list.

All active members will be receiving membership renewal information from Pheasants Forever. Please renew your membership. Local members are extremely important to Pheasants Forever.

Thanks for your support and have a great 2018!

**Dan Braulick**

President Brown County Pheasants Forever

### 2018 Hunters Dream Raffle

Pheasants and Quails Forever main charter is to protect, conserve and enhance habitat for pheasants and other wildlife for the greater public good. This includes land management policies and programs. To that end, Brown County Chapter of Pheasants Forever will be having its annual **Hunters Dream Raffle** as a fundraising activity for 2018.

### Hunters Dream Raffle – Winner Takes All

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| (1) BROWNING BPS 12 GAUGE   |
| (1) BROWNING BPS 12 GAUGE 3.5"  |
| (1) BROWNING BPS 20 GAUGE   |
| (1) BROWNING SILVER HUNTER 12 GAUGE                                   |
| (1) BROWNING CITORI CXS 12 GA. OVER/UNDER                             |
| (1) BROWNING X-BOLT GRAY STALKER .223 REM                             |
| (1) BROWNING X-BOLT GRAY STALKER .270 WSM                             |
| (1) BROWNING X-BOLT GRAY STALKER .300 WIN MAG                         |
| (1) BROWNING BUCKMARK TARGET .22LR TARGET RIFLE                       |
| (1) CUSTOM OAK GUN CABINET OR UP TO \$700.00 GIFT CARD FOR A GUN SAFE |

Costs: \$25 per ticket and only 600 tickets will be sold.

Winner takes all as a combination of nine (9) Browning rifles and shotguns and a commemorative Custom Oak Gun Cabinet as listed above.

Drawing will be Held: April 10, 2018, 8:30 PM at the Serviceman's Club in Sleepy Eye. The drawing will be held during the April Brown County PF meeting and is open to the public.

Note: Brown County PF Chapter reserves the right to change any item for this raffle if it is not available. Any substitutions will be at a similar value and item.

For Tickets Please Contact:

- Scott Zeig: 507-276-2717
- Ralph Grundmeyer: 507-920-0435
- Tim Kraskey: 612-298-0909
- Dr. Steve Eckstein: 651-283-8440
- Jeremy Berg: 507-240-0096
- Dan Braulick: 507-227-2349