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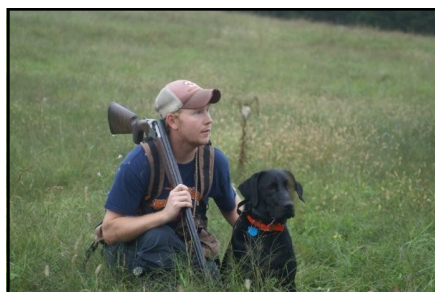
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OHIO GRASSROOTS PLAN WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Many chapter leaders have now heard about the Ohio Grassroots Plan but do you know what the plan entails and where the funds go? The Grassroots Plan is a way for Ohio Pheasants Forever to do things on a grander scale. With the Grassroots Plan we can combine chapters' dollars from all across the state to make a land purchase such as the Beaver Property, where we were able to purchase 300 acres next to Big Island Wildlife Area. In the future we hope to be able to make purchases such as this across the state, purchasing pieces of property to either connect existing wildlife areas or add on to areas. Other portions of the Grassroots Plan include supporting the legislative action fund, No Child Left Indoors, Leopold Education Project, and expanding PF/QF's presence in the state. Through this program we are able to leverage chapter dollars and expand the size of projects on the state level. For chapters who want to be recognized in next years PF magazine please remember to have contributions in before the end of the fiscal year in June.

Please contact Charlie Payne at (614) 632-8393 or cpayne@pheasantsforever.org for information on how to contribute.



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Native Plant of the Month



SKY BLUE ASTER

Blooming period August-October

Light Requirements: Full Sun to Partial Sun

Soil Types: Sand to Clay types

Sky Blue Aster is a small light blue flowers growing on many branching stalks at the top of the plant. These perennial, branching plants are up to 3 feet tall, with sandpapery heart shaped leaves with toothed edges.





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MID CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (MCM)- PART I

Over the next several months we will be outlining some of the benefits, as well as some of your options when it comes to MCM.

Benefits of MCM-

Over the past few years the benefits of Mid Contract Management have become more widely known. As many of you probably know, over time CRP stands will become dominated by thick stands of grasses, and the forb content will be choked out. Once these stands become dominated by grasses, their value as wildlife habitat rapidly declines. To combat this, CRP contracts have MCM built into them at the midway point of the contract. These practices will be preceded by an evaluation from FSA and Wildlife employees, where they will visit the property and make recommendations for the type and level of management that the property needs. Even the best properties have something that can be done to further improve their value as wildlife habitat. Through some of these practices a number of goals can be achieved, such as decreasing the amount of thatch, increasing the amount of bare ground, and inter-seeding to name a few. The benefits of engaging in these practices are numerous, especially once the correlation between the diversity of plants in a given stand to the number of wildlife that will use it has been understood. In most cases the larger the diversity of plants in a stand, the more wildlife that can benefit and will use it. All of the practices available through MCM are designed to help increase plant diversity in stands and thus increase the wildlife potential of these stands.



TRACKING YOUR BANQUET ITEMS

-There are many positives that can come from tracking the results of your banquet. By keeping a good record of how your games, raffles, and auctions go, your banquet committee will know what games or raffles seem to be more popular than others as well as knowing what items seem to do better at your banquet. The goal is to achieve the highest possible gross to net income ratio.

-Things to track:

- Input cost of item
- Sale price of auction items
- Number of times games are played or number of tickets put in each bucket of raffle



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OHIO PHEASANTS FOREVER'S CHAMPIONS OF CONSERVATION

For the inaugural Ohio PF/QF Champion of Conservation we would like to introduce Burdette Ehrhardt. For those of you who do not know Burdette, he is a resident of Preble county and a long standing member of the Butler County PF/QF chapter. An interesting fact about Burdette is that he has never been a hunter, he has just had an incredible understanding for the importance of habitat along with a passion for improving the habitat for native species.

Burdette was one of the founders of conservation minded farming in our region. By 1986 his entire 150 acre farm had been converted back into native prairie grasses, and many species were already coming back, including bobwhite quail. His property is now a shining example and shows that with proper management and habitat in place, wildlife can thrive even in our ever changing landscape.

Over the years Burdette has been instrumental in implementing these habitat changes and sharing his knowledge with the surrounding areas. He has personally helped plant over 1,000 acres in Ohio, along with some in Indiana and Michigan. He has given his life to conservation and helped to spread PF's message of conservation. With this said, we would like to thank Burdette Ehrhardt for his contributions to conservation and only hope that others can follow his lead.



If there is a member of your chapter that you would like to nominate as a Champion of Conservation please send nominations to cpayne@pheasantsforever.org

LEAVING A LEGACY

We would like to be the first to congratulate the newest life members to the Ohio PF/QF family:

- Ashland Eagles Club
- David Graham

Thank you for helping leave a legacy for future generations as well as being a driving force and partner in conservation.

If you would be interested in leaving a legacy please contact Charlie Payne at (614) 632-8393 or cpayne@pheasantsforever.org



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~UPCOMING OHIO PHEASANTS FOREVER EVENTS~

- 4/2 Fulton County Banquet
- 4/2 CRP Help Desk at Toledo Bass Pro
- 4/9 Southeastern Ohio's Youth Event
- 4/15 General CRP Signup Closes
- 4/16 Hardin County Banquet
- 4/16 Knox County Youth Event
- 5/14 Miami County Youth Event



For more information check www.Ohiopf.com or call (614) 632-8393

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