

## Habitat Management Equipment Program

### Equipment Rental Rates 2011

#### Heavy Equipment and Cutting Head Private Lands Projects

RGS Members (includes operator).....\$110/hr

Non-RGS member (includes operator).....\$135/hr

**Transport:** \$85.00 /hr

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### RGS/ASV FAQ's

#### What does it do?

*Shreds small trees and brush into a coarse mulch.*

#### How big a tree will it take down?

*In general 6" and smaller trees are easily mulched.  
The ASV will take down larger (8" to 12") trees but it takes longer to turn them into mulch.*

#### What does it cost?

*Non RGS members \$135.00/tachometer hour.*

*RGS members \$110.00/tachometer hour.*

*RGS membership \$25.00/year*

*Transport \$85.00/hour.*

***Hourly fee includes operator and fuel.***

#### Can I operate the ASV myself?

*Operating the ASV with mulching head requires special training. The hourly fee includes the operator supplied by RGS.*

#### How much will the ASV do in an hour?

*One half to two thirds of an acre per hour is a reasonable expectation. Sometimes when conditions were excellent, we have done as much as an acre per hour.*

#### How do I schedule the ASV to work on my property?

*See the RGS/ASV promotion sheet for how to contact John Paige, Larry Visser or Bruce Wojcik.*

## 2011 Ray Bunn Sportsman of the Year

This past Spring Traverse City lost a Conservation Giant when Le Grand Traverse founding Member **Ray Bunn** went to hunt the Aspen and Alder in the sky behind his beloved Setter Two Track.

Our chapter wants to thank Ray for his 30+ years of support and send our condolences to his family and friends as we all hope the grouse are stupid and the trout are big in heaven.

As a memorial to Ray, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ray Bunn, Sportsman of the Year award will be given out at the Annual Banquet on September 10, 2011 at the Williamsburg Dinner Theatre.

Nominations are now being accepted for area conservationists that have an impact on conservation in and throughout our community. If you know of someone that has gone above and beyond and deserves to be recognized email by 8/1/11 to Fritz Heller with your nomination resume to [fritz.heller@marriott.com](mailto:fritz.heller@marriott.com).



Le Grand Traverse Chapter  
Annual Newsletter

June 2011

We're trying to communicate better with you!  
Contact [admin@tcrgs.com](mailto:admin@tcrgs.com) for ideas and information.

Chapter Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Every Month all members and potential members are welcome to participate, see website for meeting details.

**[www.tcrgs.com](http://www.tcrgs.com)**

## 2011 Le Grand Traverse Chapter Banquet Highlights

### MacMaster Gun Raffle

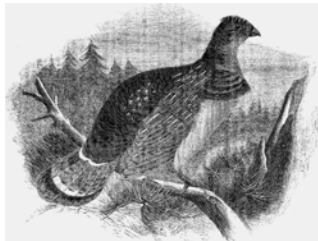
*AYA 453 28 Gauge 28 Inch Barrel;  
SXS Shotgun*

1/400 Chance to Win \$20.00 per ticket

Long Time RGS Supporters Hugh and Michelle MacMaster have generously donated a AYA 453 28 Gauge, Tickets are \$20.00 each only 400 tickets to be sold.

100% of proceeds to support habitat project.

Contact Fritz Heller -231-922-7900 to purchase tickets or stop by the TC Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Drawing to be held 9/10/2011 TC Banquet



### 2011 Le Grand Traverse Banquet

September 10, 2011  
5:00pm

Williamsburg Dinner Theater  
Donations Now Being Accepted!

Contact Rick Bechtold  
231-492-3261

## Chapter Event Results

### 2011 Annual Spring Fun Trial Results

#### Pointing Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Somsel/Jasper ES, 2<sup>nd</sup> Magnuson/Sally GSP,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gowell/Pride V, 4<sup>th</sup> Somsel/Patch ES

#### Flushing Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Adamson/Tango ECS, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Heller/Duece Lab,  
3<sup>rd</sup> R Heller/Jones Lab, 4<sup>th</sup> F Heller/Bella Lab.

Congrats to all the participants and Winners!

**Winners to compete at  
Gun Dog of the Year Trial on  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Colonial Farms, Ann Arbor, MI**

### Inaugural Tree Planting an April Success

Le Grand Traverse Chapter partnered with the Conservation Resources Alliance of Traverse City, MI and the Michigan DNR; for a successful planting of over 700 trees in key wildlife openings in Benzie County.

## **WE WANT YOU!**

Email Us your name and address to:  
[admin@tcrgs.com](mailto:admin@tcrgs.com)

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LeGrand Traverse Chapter  
Ruffed Grouse Society**

## 2011 Le Grand Traverse Upcoming Events

### 2011 Local Events – Traverse City

#### June 2011

**Cedar Rod & Gun Youth  
Trap/Skeet League  
\$800.00 in-kind Chapter Support**

#### August 2011

*August 21*  
**Dare to Shoot Doubles  
Cedar Rod & Gun Club**

*August 27/28*  
**Hunter's Safety  
Cedar Rod & Gun Club**

#### September 2011

*September 10*  
**Annual Sportsmen's Banquet**

*September 11*  
**Youth Hunt Thundering Aspens,  
Mesick**

*September 15*  
**Opening Day Grouse**

*September 24*  
**Woodcock Opens**