

Cover: The 2024 Photo Contest Winner 'Our girl'
Amira bringing home the prize.'
by Sandra Schindel

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PHEASANTS FOREVER CALGARY NEWSLETTER
Created for our members by our members



30th CALGARY *Dinner & Auction*

CALGARY DINNER & AUCTION

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**Wednesday
May 7, 2025**

Doors open at 5:00pm

Palomino Room BMO Centre
Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta



**Please welcome our
co-chairs Glen Rumpel
and John Robinson
for the 30th Anniversary
Calgary Dinner & Auction**

Glen Rumpel returns with long-time friend and Pheasants Forever supporter John Robinson, to co-chair the **30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction**. We are honoured and excited to welcome these seasoned veterans to host this milestone event for Pheasants Forever Calgary.



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Meet the Co-Chairs of the 30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction



Glen Rumpel

Glen Rumpel joined the Board of Directors of Pheasants Forever Calgary in December 2017. Chair of last year's dinner, Glen has been a keen board member and supporter of Pheasants Forever. Glen has also spent several years supporting Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited Canada and Delta Waterfowl, receiving the Doc Seaman Individual Philanthropist Award in 2019.

Beyond his support for conservation, Glen has been a tireless board member and advocate to Fresh Start Recovery Centre, which helps men and their families affected by the disease of addiction. Rumpel's support has meant nearly 500 men have been able to live, thrive and celebrate their first year of being drug and alcohol-free.

Glen is also deeply passionate about and involved with The United Way of Calgary & Area, The Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre and The Alex to name a few.

Glen found success early in his career by starting up Stampede Toyota, leveraging this success into opening several other auto dealerships, which he still manages to this day. Glen does manage to get out onto the links for a few days each winter at his place in California, but can mostly be found at leisure with a cork handle in one hand looking for a salmonid.



John Robinson

John is an active third-generation rancher west of Calgary on his Val Vista Ranch at Springbank with his wife Katrina, his family and staff. John has always been interested in the outdoors, animals, wildlife, fish, and especially gamebirds.

John has a taste for fine art, cars, new and old, and airplanes. His business interests are ranching and real estate. John belongs to and supports several organizations that encourage youth, gun safety, hunting, fishing, and conservation. He is also the founder and owner of Green Drop, a homeowner service company throughout western Canada.

John's conservation career involved Delta Waterfowl, where he was a director and hosting an annual fundraising event at his ranch known as the Busted Shoulder Shoot. The event includes an afternoon of shooting clays, fellowship, and a gourmet dinner. The total funds raised are well into the seven figures to help support Delta's mission.

A family favourite initiative is the families' nonprofit organization ROARR, an acronym for Robinson Outreach at RiverCross Ranch. ROARR's mission is to improve the well-being of youth-at-risk and seniors in need through equine-assisted learning programs and activities. John and Katrina, with the help of friends and neighbors, put on an extremely successful and unique dinner on the Ranch where several hundreds of thousands of dollars are raised annually for this extremely meaningful endeavor.

30th CALGARY

Dinner & Auction

We are planning a very special **30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction** with world-class adventure trips, unique live and silent auction items, special one-time raffles, and a 5-star meal featuring a keynote speaker. We are especially pleased to have a number of returning live auction trips featured below.

We look forward to seeing you there!

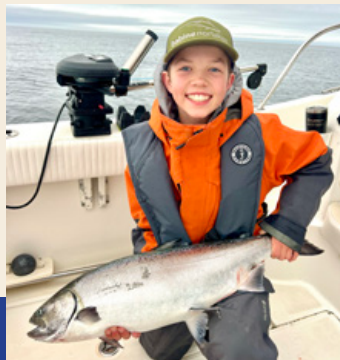


RETURNING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Naden Lodge Three-Days | June 24-27, 2025 All-Inclusive Salmon Trip for 10



Naden Lodge is located on the doorstep of British Columbia's best known and world renowned salmon fishing grounds on the northern coast of Graham Island, the most northern major island in the Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii). Includes direct flight from Calgary to Village of Masset on the lodge's private aircraft. Your group will have the lodge to yourselves from June 24-27, 2025!



Zulu Nyala Photo Safari Adventure 6-Days for 2 People



This safari is for two people for six days and six nights at the eco-friendly Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Lodge or the Zulu Nyala Tented Safari Lodge situated in the heart of South Africa's Zululand conservation region – one of the richest conservation regions in all of Africa.





RETURNING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Sunwest Aviation Private Jet Weekend



Indulge in a luxurious private jet weekend retreat (Friday to Sunday) featuring up to 3 hours of flight time aboard a private eight-passenger Learjet 45. Explore enticing destinations in Canada such as Vancouver, Victoria, or Vancouver Island. This item includes a round trip private jet charter with two nights of holding for up to 3 hours of flight time.



Bone Ami - Private Bahamian Beachfront Retreat - 1 Week for 8 People

One week's accommodations for eight at the Bone Ami Beachfront Retreat in Abaco, Bahamas. (Travel not included.) The spacious three-bedroom, three-bath main house is just 40 feet from the clear blue waters of Cherokee Sound. Comfortably sleeps six adults. An adjacent guide house offers a kitchen, bathroom and beds for three while a charming gazebo on the sand sleeps two.





RETURNING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic For 2 People - November 13-16, 2025



Three nights lodging (double occupancy), Thursday Night's "Wild Game Reception", Friday's Clay Target Tournament and Open Shooting, Friday Governor's Reception and Auction, Participation in the Governor's Hunt on Saturday the 15th, Saturday Awards Dinner, Transportation to and from all scheduled activities, Ammunition and event memorabilia and gifts!

ANNUAL HUNT

Kansas Governor's **Colby**

Ringneck Classic

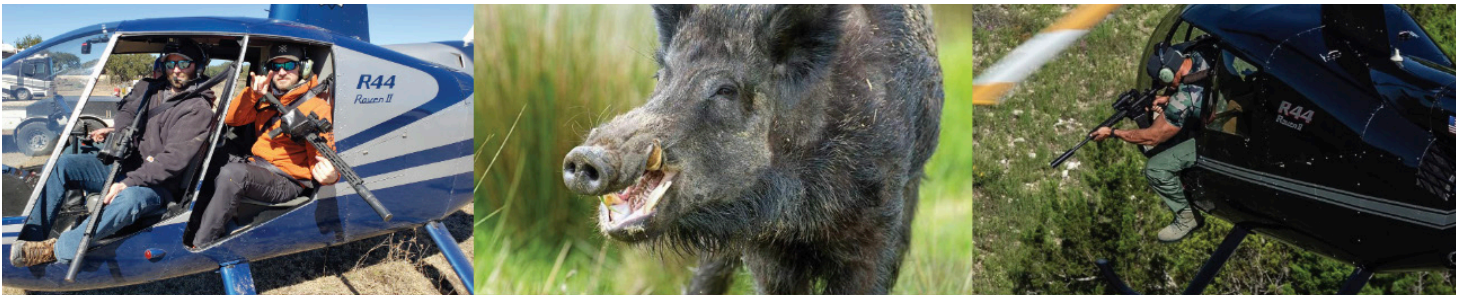
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Gage Outdoor Expeditions Texas Helicopter Pig Hunt

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Texas pig hunting with Gage Outdoor Expeditions is offering this trip for 2 hunters at the Divided Find Lodge & Ranch in San Angelo, Texas. Trip includes 2-hours flight time and 1-night's lodging (double occupancy) with all 3 meals prepared by an on-site chef.



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2024 PF CALGARY PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



"Our Girl Amira Bringing Home the Prize." by Sandra Schindel.

FIRST PLACE WINNER!

Sandra Schindel's photo takes home first place! The subject matter is on the mark! There is great movement in this shot and the colours and composition are spectacular!

Thank you for this amazing image.

Sandra Schindel's winning photo, *Our Girl Amira Bringing Home the Prize*, will be featured on the cover of this year's **30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction** program. Sandra also receives the KAILANI Shaka 20 Cooler! **Congratulations!**



TOP FINISHERS!



Second Place: "On the Move" by Matt Farquhar



Tied for Third Place: "Our Boy, Bond, Channeling His Aunt Hanna" by Sandra Schindel

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit photos!

The response was overwhelming. Choosing the winning photo and top finishers was difficult given so many great images to judge. Thank you and keep shooting!



Tied for Third Place: 'Untitled' by Toby Lukiwski



Fourth Place: "Our Young Man Bond Doing His Job" by Sandra Schindel

TOP FINISHERS!



Fifth Place: 'Untitled' by Katrina Maksymyk



Sixth Place: 'Untitled' by Matt Farquhar



Seventh Place: "Willie at ManyBerries Creek" by Derek Hallgrimson



Eighth Place: 'Untitled' by Matt Farquhar

**Thank you to everyone
for the great photos!**

DONATIONS FOR 2024

Extended to February 28, 2025



On December 30, 2024, the federal government announced that it intends to amend the Income Tax Act to extend the deadline until Feb. 28, 2025, for making donations eligible for tax support in the 2024 tax year.

The extension is meant to mitigate the impacts of the four-week Canada Post mail stoppage.

Your support helps create, restore, and permanently protect wildlife habitat in Alberta, while preserving the legacy of our hunting and conservation heritage.

Donations can be made at pfcalgary.ca/donate or by contacting Terri Bass: Email: terri@pfcalgary.ca Cell: 403-336-1145



RUSTIC PHEASANT PIE

by Hank Shaw



Get the Recipe



From the Hunter Angler Gardener Cook, the Internet's largest source of recipes and know-how for wild foods. Hank is a chef, author, and yes, hunter, angler, gardener, forager and cook.

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SAVE THE EDGES RECEIVES BUDGET APPROVAL!

Pheasants Forever Calgary's Managing Director Perry McCormick believes, "*The [Save the Edges](#) campaign which launched in 2019 has helped bring awareness to the issue of trespass farming. But, there's still more we can do and it's a priority for us.*" To that end, Pheasants Forever Calgary has approved expenditures to continue the campaign into 2025.

Farmers and municipalities are starting to understand the benefits of edges on their properties and we want to continue building on that. We will roll out another round of awareness communications in print and radio, as well as continue to do county visits where ever possible.

The goal is to continue to encourage keeping public roadside ditches and right-of-ways intact. For years these edges have provided some of the last vestiges of habitat for upland game birds and remain a priority concern for the organization.

Natural non-cropped areas, specifically in roadside ditches and undeveloped right-of-ways provide a broad suite of societal benefits and we're excited about being able to continue to spread the word.



[VISIT SAVETHEEDGES.CA](https://www.savetheedges.ca)



Pheasants Forever Calgary Board

Welcome and Farewell



Doug Ramsay Joins the Board of Directors

Doug Ramsay, born in Edmonton, before the tender age of 7 had lived in various towns throughout Alberta before settling back in Brooks. Doug began his career working on drilling and work

over rigs throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. He first went to work in the pressure pumping business for BJ Well Services in 1973. He returned to school to earn his Petroleum Engineering Technology Diploma from SAIT Polytechnic. He later received the designation of Registered Engineering Technologist from ASET.

Upon graduation from SAIT, Doug went to work for Dome Petroleum as a Drilling and Completions Foreman. Doug then joined Delta Consultants as a consulting engineer, where he was responsible for drilling, completions and production operations for a number of oil & gas companies. In 1981 at 26 years old, Doug joined Eagle Exploration as Manager of Drilling & Completion Operations from the Wichita, Kansas office where he handled drilling, completions and production operations in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. In addition, he

was responsible for the management of the company-owned drilling rig.

Doug joined American Fracmaster in Oklahoma where he held various sales and operations responsibilities transferring back to Canada in a Sales Manager role. He rose through the ranks to be appointed President in 1992 responsible for the company's business at that time in Canada and Russia.

After a brief hiatus in the mid-1990s when Doug built his family ranching and real estate business, Doug joined forces with Ron Mathison, Gordon Dibb and Robbie Roberts in 1999 to transform several distressed oilfield service firms to form Calfrac. Calfrac grew from a humble start up to a world class pressure pumping company with operations in 6 countries, sales of over \$2.5 billion and excess of 4,500 employees. Doug handed over the reigns as the CEO in January of 2013 to Fernando Aguilar – a seasoned service company professional. Doug now serves as the Vice Chairman of the corporation.

Doug and his wife, Susan, have not forgotten what is important to them and community with major contributions to STARS, by forming the Susan Ramsay Advanced Skills Institute and to SAIT, the Ramsay Centre for Petroleum Engineering. Most recently Doug and Susan made a major contribution to Foothills Country Hospice focused on the expansion of the facility to better service people in their last days.

Doug is a long-time supporter of Pheasants Forever, and chaired the 20th Annual Dinner & Auction in 2013. We are very pleased to have Doug on our Board of Directors.

Congratulations on a Great Conservation Career



Bill Friley (left) receiving his Patron Award.

Farewell and Thank You Bill Friley

After 10 years of holding the position as Director for Pheasants Forever Calgary, Bill Friley has decided to step down from the Board. Bill first chaired the 12th Annual Dinner & Auction in 2005. The dinner had 669 attendees, which is still the largest dinner Pheasants Forever has ever held in Canada in 30 years.

Bill founded Triumph Energy Corp. in 1993, where he held the title of Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer until 2001. Currently, he is the President & Chief Executive Officer of Telluride Oil & Gas Ltd., Skyeland Oils Ltd., and a Director of Advanced Flow Technology Co., Advanced Flow Technologies, Inc., and Titan Energy Services Ltd.

In the past, he served as Chairman of TimberRock Energy Corp., Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, and Osum Oil Sands Corp.

He was also a Director of Viking Energy Royalty Trust, Mustang Resources, Inc., Harvest Energy Trust, Harvest Operations Corp., Silverstar Well Servicing Ltd., and Vice President-Alberta Region of The Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Bill's longtime leadership and generosity will be missed.

MARGINAL AREAS PROGRAM UPDATE

Information provided by Graydon Garner, Ducks Unlimited Canada



As of this printing the **Marginal Areas Program (MAP)** in partnership with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is in the process of finalizing enrollment with 34 producers for 2024. This will result in a total of 1,530 acres converted to perennial cover. Another 277 acres of wetlands and 848 acres of native uplands have also been retained in conjunction with MAP agreements. These are habitats that will stay intact for duration of the 10-year agreement.

2024 was a much more favorable year for establishing forage stands as the spring was cool and moist rather than hot and dry like the previous few years. Seeding went well with few delays and good soil moisture, giving producers ample time to get their forage crops in after their annual grains/oilseeds.

Soil salinity, which is when moisture evaporates from the soil and salt from the water in the soil crystallizes on the surface, continues to be an issue that many farmers are battling with the help of MAP.

The other leading concern is increasing acres of Kochia, a weed that thrives in dry saline soil and has herbicide resistance making it a tough competition to a crop. Combating salinity and Kochia are 2 main reasons that producers are enrolling in the program. Producers are also saying that marginal crop acres don't pay their way anymore as input costs continue to rise.

Record calf prices in 2023 and 2024 left most cattle producers with an empty stockyard, so the price of forage has become a factor in establishing small hay fields as well. We saw some farmers seed marginal cropland to a forage stand and within 2 years go from losing \$400/acre (canola) to making \$200/acre by selling the hay.

MAP is starting to sell itself, it's just a matter of getting the word out to as many producers as possible and maintaining the trust and communication that we have built.

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As a partner of MAP in Alberta, Pheasants Forever Canada (PFC) helps DUC provide farmers with a financial solution to areas of unproductive land. MAP offers an incentive of \$125/acre to producers who plant perennial cover in marginal areas of annual cropland. Pheasants Forever Canada provides a \$25/acre top-up to this payment.

MAP - PRODUCER HIGHLIGHT

One of the stand out projects from 2024 was with a producer who decided to seed 34 dryland corners to perennial forage. Dryland corners are known for lower production, higher weed pressure, greater soil compaction, and less drought tolerance compared to the irrigated portions of the field.

This producer partner was able to realize the benefits that come with establishing perennial forages in marginal areas alongside their annual cash crops. It's important that Alberta farmers make a living on their land. MAP is a great tool for finding harmony between sustainable agricultural production and conservation.

Seeding perennial forages in marginal areas such as dryland corners increases the producers bottom line by:

- Reducing annual crop input costs associated with annual cash crops.
- Increasing plant competition with weeds, eventually choking them out.
- Increase soil cover to reduce topsoil erosion.
- Using moisture during shoulder seasons and reducing surface runoff.
- Providing habitat for beneficial crop insects such as pollinators.
- Providing a buffer zone from neighboring fields.
- Provide an annual source of income through hay or grazing.

The established forage stands also provide on-farm conservation value through:

- Increased dense cover for upland birds.
- Nesting habitat for waterfowl.
- Winter food sources for ungulates and upland game birds.
- Expanded travel corridors along fence lines and field edges.
- Increased landscape connectivity between isolated habitat patches.

34 dryland corners similar to the image below were converted to perennial cover.



Photos by Graydon Garner

What is MAP?

MAP provides a financial solution to unproductive land within annual cropped fields by seeding perennial forages. Program participants can graze, hay, mow, or leave idle.

Pheasants Forever Canada's investment in MAP helps boost the incentive to producers and expands awareness of the organization and our [Save the Edges](#) campaign.

For information on MAP please contact Graydon Garner at 403-325-3117 or g_garner@ducks.ca

THE FLUSH

2024 Alberta Hun Hunt



Alberta Hun Hunt - FLUSH TV



Check out the most recent episode where The Flush returns to Alberta for a hun hunt with Pheasants Forever Canada. [Watch here on FLUSH TV](#)

THE FLUSH

The Flush is driven to grow the sport and we believe that more hunters will get involved in the conservation side of the equation once they've been hooked on the hunt. Our mission is to reach current hunters and HOPEFULLY create new ones. We've always had a strong belief that Pheasants Forever's work is helping the greater cause, which is why we partner with them to showcase the projects and opportunities this land has to offer. In the end, we are all in this conservation battle together. And, like you, we all want to see the fruits of our labors - *The Flush!*

TALES, TRAILS & TAILS

Stories and photos from our members.
Submit yours to Perry at perry@pfcalgary.ca.

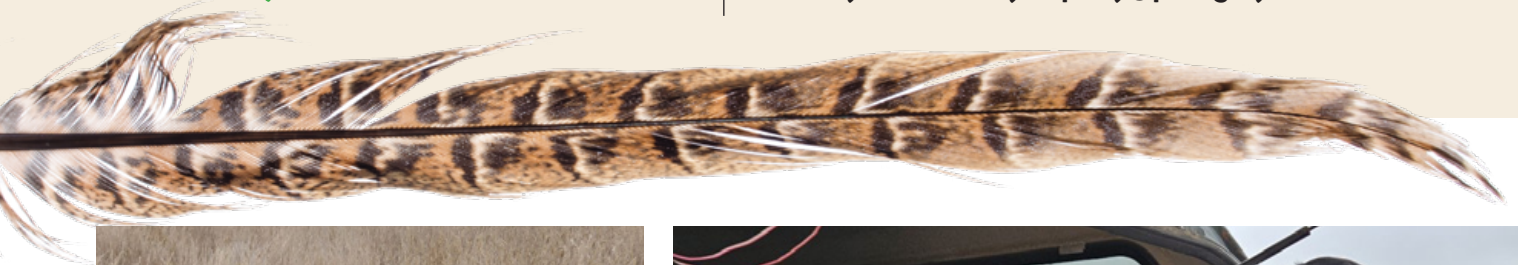


Photo provided by John Wachter.



All the long boys seem to come from south of Lethbridge.



The Northern fringe of wild rooster hunting was productive as well!

Friendship & Pheasants

Long Boys



Mike Perkins (left) and Mike Mannas (right) on a December Hunt in Montana – another great year for pheasant hunting.



CHINOOK CHAPTER BANQUET

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AGM 2025

Notice of the **Annual General Meeting**

Calgary Chapter | Pheasants Forever Canada

5:00 pm, March 25, 2025

The Ranchmen's Club, Calgary, AB



IMPORTANT DATES OF 2024

- March 7-9 Pheasant Fest – Sioux Falls, SD
- March 14 Chinook Chapter Banquet - Cypress Centre, Medicine Hat
- March 25 AGM & BOD Meeting – Ranchmen's Club
- **May 7 30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction – BMO Centre - Palomino Room**
- June 3 Board of Director's Meeting - TBD
- June 5 Fiera Capital Pheasant Fever – Silver Willow Sporting Clays
- September 10 Board of Director's Meeting - TBD
- September 11 Auspice Director's Invitational – AHEIA Calgary Firearm Centre
- TBD First Pheasant Mentor Hunt – Spruce Creek Upland Club
- September 27 Youth/Novice Fall Shoot and Provincial Hunting Day – AHEIA Calgary Firearms Centre
- December 3 Board of Director's Meeting – The Ranchmen's Club



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