

PHEASANTS FOREVER NEWS

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PHEASANTS FOREVER **CALGARY** NEWSLETTER

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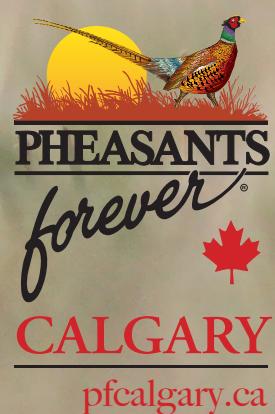
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CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO RAMP UP!!

The **Call of the Uplands** campaign is **our opportunity** to make a difference for wildlife habitat conservation and future generations. The challenges we face are immense - but our approach and our efforts will deliver real and lasting benefits to the lands we love, the wildlife they support, and the hunters and communities that depend on the health of both.



ANSWER THE CALL

You can answer the call today by:

- Renewing or upgrading your membership
- Participating in an event
- Buying a raffle ticket
- Donating cash or an item
- Volunteering

For more information please download the campaign brochure.



CALL OF THE UPLANDS

A Pheasants Forever Capital Campaign

www.pfcalgary.ca

Answering the call!

Join us as we launch the **Call of the Uplands** capital campaign to protect and restore habitat and cultivate the next generation of conservationists and hunters. **This is our best chance** to bring together dedicated citizens, hunter conservationists, farmers/ranchers, and new partners with a common cause.

CLEAR. BOLD. IMPORTANT.

OUR MISSION HAS NEVER BEEN CLEAER,
OUR GOALS HAVE NEVER BEEN BOLDER,
YOUR SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT.

For more information or to upgrade your membership contact Perry McCormick at 1 (403) 995-9960 ext. 102.

Email: perry@pfcalgary.ca

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Thank you to our
**CHAMPIONS
OF THE UPLANDS**
for answering the call.

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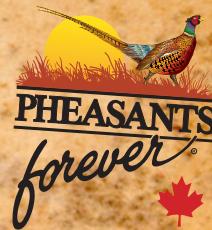
DIRECTORS INVITATIONAL *18th Annual*

Proceeds in support of Pheasants Forever
 To reserve your spot: Email: terri@pfcalgary.ca
 Phone: 403.336.1145 (cell) or 403.995.9960 ext. 101

**Thursday, September 9, 2021
 AHEIA Calgary Firearms Centre
 De Winton, Alberta**

- Practice rounds 1:00 pm
- Calcutta 2:00 pm
- Shoot 3:00 pm.
- Mix of trap, skeet and sporting clays
- Entry fee \$500 per gun

Followed by cocktail reception and
Call of the Uplands Appreciation Dinner
 Gourmet dinner catered on site with door prizes,
 live auction and guest speakers:
 • Honorable Minister Jason Nixon
 • Premier Jason Kenney



Join us.

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Following the Directors Invitational Shoot
 AHEIA Calgary Firearms Centre
 242 Avenue &, 32 St W, De Winton, Alberta

Cocktails 5:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

Guest Speakers:
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 Premier Jason Kenney

Tickets: \$200/plate

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Join Us for the Youth/Novice Fall Shoot

in conjunction with Provincial Hunting Day.

FREE!

If you are a youth or novice shooter aged 12 and up, please join us for an amazing day of free activities including shotgun coaching by AHEIA certified instructors, archery, crossbow, dog demonstrations, BBQ lunch and much more!

September 25, 2021 | 8:30am - 2:00pm
Calgary Firearms Centre, DeWinton, AB



**20th
ANNUAL**

**Space is limited. You must register by September 20, 2021.
Ph. 403-252-8474 • Email info@aheia.com**

Made possible with the support of AHEIA,
Alberta Conservation Association and
Pheasants Forever Calgary



Provincial Hunting Day

The Government of Alberta has designated the fourth Saturday of September as Provincial Hunting Day. This day recognizes the Alberta traditions of hunting and conservation of our fish and wildlife resources.

More Information can be found at

<https://mywildalberta.ca/hunting/special-hunting-days.aspx>

GET YOUR FIRST PHEASANT THIS YEAR

at the
4th Annual
Post-Secondary
First Pheasant
Mentor Hunt

**4th
ANNUAL**



To Register:
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**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

Spruce Creek
Upland Club

LEARN ALL ASPECTS OF
PHEASANT HUNTING
FROM FIELD TO TABLE

Participants must be 16
years of age or older and
possess a valid PAL.

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**POST-SECONDARY
FIRST
PHEASANT
MENTOR HUNT**





RUSH OF THE FLUSH 2021

Sells Out During Pandemic Peak



Inaugural Rush of the Flush Champs: Matrix Reloaded: Bob Ferguson, Kevin Cole, Shawn Bosse & Stu Carter.

The inaugural **Rush of the Flush** team sporting clay event at Beaverhill Sporting Clays (BSC) went off without a hitch – at the peak of the pandemic!

Many things aligned to make this event a success, beginning with the exceptional professionalism of the management and staff at BSC. A huge shout out to the Weatherbys and Spriggs, especially Cherie, who we all know is where the buck stops. They and their team worked tirelessly to ensure we were legal, safe, and comfortable – which is exactly what we got. Secondly, the weather co-operated – after days of rain the skies opened, and we enjoyed beautiful spring weather while migrating birds flew north overhead.

The European style format was a first for the club and in the end – allowed the event to go forward. The main tent, with each end open was where the prizes, auction items and raffles were held. It was critical that we held to schedule as we were in the peak of the third wave of Covid, and we were not allowed to gather in groups of greater than 10 outdoors. Teams came and went, and tables were spaced throughout the grounds which allowed us to be successful and safe. Folks visited on their own and enjoyed a homemade hot dog before or after shooting thanks to the generosity of Darren Richardson of St. Paul Denture Clinic and Dr. Ken Dick of Edmonton.

Special thanks to Dave Reidie who gathered and donated many of the prizes and warmly greeted each team as they arrived. And, as per always, Laurette and Terri were



Cherie Weatherby of Beaverhill Sporting Clays.



One of the unique “stations” at Beaverhill Sporting Clays.

on hand to make certain all was in control.

The course was unique and simulated an upland hunt. A handful of stations were buddy stations, and the final station was a zombie flush in the thunder dome – a low spot in the woods with clay machines seemingly everywhere. Like those rare situations where you find the motherlode of wild roosters and they flush every few seconds from some surprise location.

The shoot was sold out several weeks prior to the event and all involved loved the format and the course. Many folks suggested it was the best shoot they had ever been to.

After two days of shooting, Matrix Reloaded proved to be runaway champs. Congratulations to team members: Kevin Cole, Stu Carter, Bob Ferguson, and Shawn Bosse. This was essentially the same team that won Pheasant Fever III the year prior at Silver Willow Sporting Clays. We are starting to witness a trend in this regard!

PF Calgary looks forward to seeing all our Northern Friends next May and to working with the great folks from Beaverhill Sporting Clays once again.



Darren Richardson shooting.



Laurette waiting to help the next team.



Some folks just like shopping with a shotgun.



Thanks to Dr. Ken Dick (Left) and Darren Richardson (scorekeeper) for sponsoring the lunches. Dave Forsberg of Bittern Lake is shooting.

PHEASANT FEVER IV 2021

Another Successful Shooting Event

PHEASANT FEVER
FIERACAPITAL



Fever IV Winners: Matrix Reloaded: Ryan Bannerholt, Shawn Bosse, Stu Carter & Kevin Cole



Big thanks to our main sponsors **Fiera Capital**.

A big shout out to **Fiera Capital** for sponsoring a highly successful **Pheasant Fever** shoot, the second of which was held during a pandemic. You might wonder why we would call an event Pheasant Fever during a plague? ‘Fever’ was a typo on a calendar that was supposed to say ‘Forever’ – as in Pheasants Forever, however the auto correct dropped the o and r rendering the title Pheasant Fever, and the name stuck.

Hats off to Josh Day for coming up with a workable format 14 months ago given the restrictions we were to adhere to. The European come-and-go or golf-style format, where teams arrive at intervals for their “tee time” worked perfectly. This allowed for easy registration,

good fellowship, and a relaxed shooting experience as you have no teams pushing you nor are you bumping up against another squad.

Twenty-two squads shot over two days on the first weekend of June. Spectacular weather was enjoyed by all teams on Friday while the other half enjoyed some spectacular thunder and lightning, which was unfortunately followed by cold wind and rain. We simply – had it all.

This was the second and last shoot of the 2021 Spring Sporting Series. Accordingly, we had our traveling Internet Auction roadshow on full display in the Upland Cookhouse at Silver Willow Sporting Club. Prizes and

raffles filled the Cookhouse and teams enjoyed all beef hot dogs before or after shooting the course. It was great to see the handful of teams that shot Rush of the Flush also attend Pheasant Fever for their first time.

Congratulations to Matrix Reloaded on winning their third shoot in a row with a score of 359/400 – 33 targets better than second place team, Shoot Happens. This

version of Matrix Reloaded included Stu Carter, Shawn Bosse, Kevin Cole, and Ryan Banderolt.

A big thanks to the Day's and staff for their support and professionalism.

As always, Terri and Laurette are cornerstones at our events – and a real pleasure to work with.



Pat Powell is always on time and has no problem finding parking spots.



The Gold.



Mark Fuchko's team with Jason Creed, Todd Giberson and John Paul Smith aptly named "Lei'd Back".



Team Whack'em All representing Fiera Capital: Derek Murphy, John Q. Adams, Claudio Gagliardi & Harvey McKernon.

HOT SUMMER STUFF

UPLAND SPECIAL RAFFLE

\$50/ticket
Only 300 Tickets

Must be 18 years of age and a resident of Alberta with valid PAL.
License # 575979

DRAW DATE: December 27, 2021

For Tickets: Email: terri@pfcalgary.ca
Phone: 403.336.1145 (cell) or 403.995.9960 ext. 101

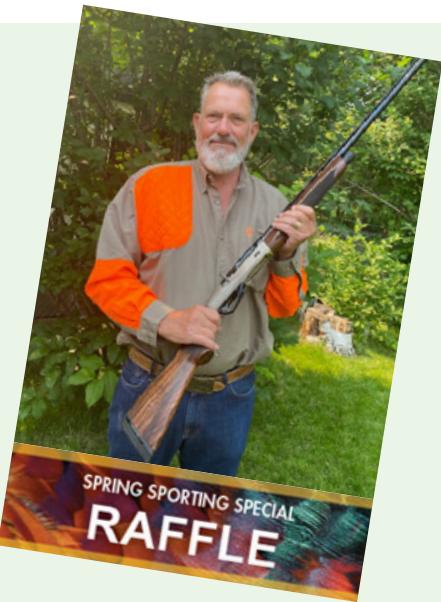


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to everyone
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Special
Raffle.



Rhett Thue
First Place
Winner

Mike
Mannas
Second
Place
Winner



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yes, hunter, angler, gardener,
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5 STAND SPORTING CLAY COURSE OPENS

Little Bow Pheasant Ranch



One of the partners at the Little Bow Pheasant Ranch, along with a couple of shooting buddies has set up a premier 5 Stand Sporting Clay Course at this scenic ranch over looking the Little Bow River valley. The course features a wobble trap plus a handful of automatic throwers hidden through a coulee. Various games can be played/invented in the casual setting; however, standard is classic 5 stand rules. Some coloured targets are thrown in for fun and invariably belly laughs and good fellowship are the norm.

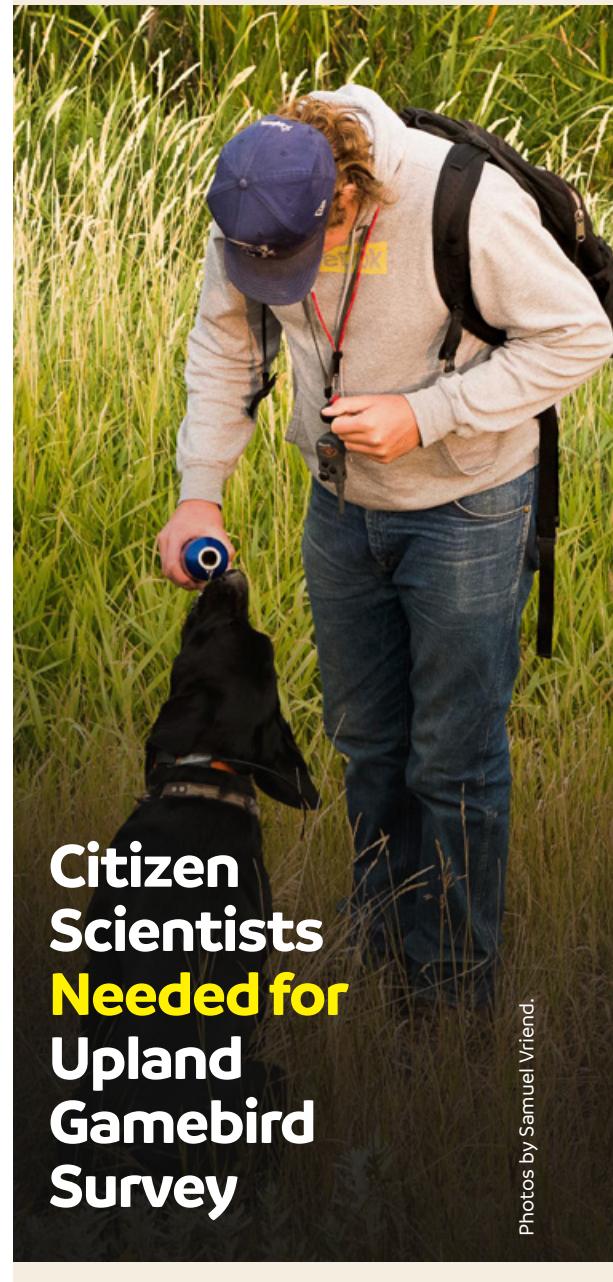


Once the shooting is done and the guns are put away, its typical that a cold beverage and a snack are served in the shade where the good fellowship and skulduggery continue.

Cost is just \$5 a round, which pays for the clays.



A one time pay to play per day charge is \$20, which is your entry to a 50/50 draw – half of which the winner takes and the other half goes to Pheasants Forever. **Draw will be made at the 18th Annual Director's Invitational on September 9, 2021.**



Photos by Samuel Vriend.

ARE YOU TRAINING YOUR DOG(S) FOR THE UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASON?

THE ALBERTA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (ACA) COULD USE YOUR HELP!

ACA conducts annual summer upland game bird brood surveys to measure the annual reproductive success of grey partridge, ring-necked pheasant, and grouse. Your information could help us forecast upland productivity and create excitement for the upcoming season.



To participate email
Jalen.Hulit@ab-conservation.com



CONSERVATION FEATURE

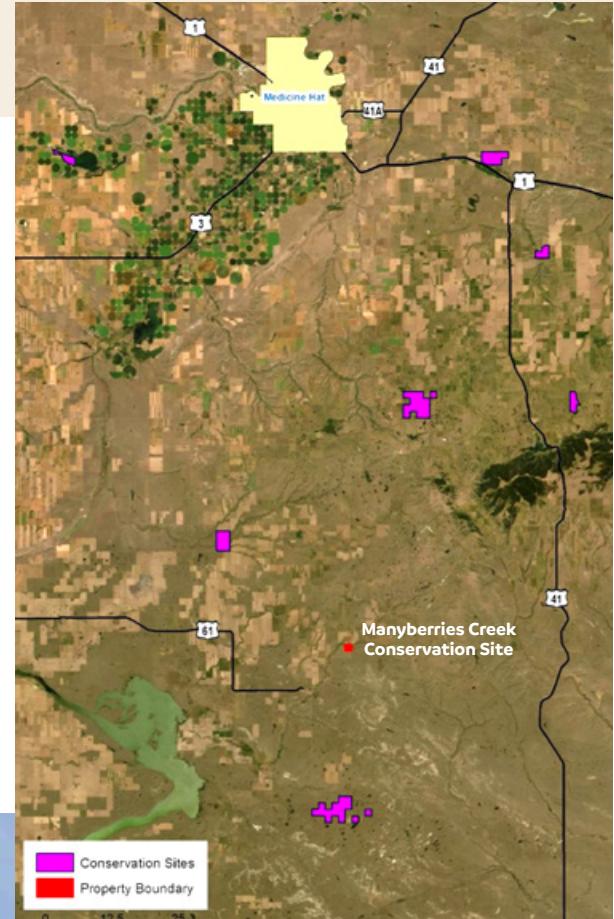
Pictures worth a thousand words.

Manyberries Creek
Conservation Site



Manyberries Creek Conservation Site is located approximately 70 kilometres south of Medicine Hat in the County of Forty Mile. The property contains native habitat including grassland, shrubland and riparian habitat which is important to a variety of wildlife species. The area supports seventeen “at risk” species including sage grouse, Sprague’s pipit, chestnut-collared longspur, burrowing owl and is located in the critical sage grouse habitat area. The area is home to game species like mule deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, moose, ring-necked pheasant and sharp-tailed grouse.





CONSERVATION FEATURE

Conservation continues at Eastridge.

Eastridge
Uplands



Eastridge Uplands will provide wildlife with food, shelter and security during critical life stages. This 1,100-acre parcel features 550 acres of native prairie and 550 acres of perennial cover and shrubs.



Jalen Hulit inspecting thorny buffalo berry.



Mike Uchikura looking west.



Shrubrows at Eastridge.



TALES, TRAILS & TAILS

Meet Bob on left and Chuck on right - new Espaneul Bretons (aka French Brittany) - owned by one of our top volunteers and top donors respectively. They should each get their first points on huns this September!

These dogs are built for hunting the Grey partridge. A close working Versatile that points tracks and retrieves like a demon but relatively quiet at home. I'm not certain the owners would agree on last point as Chuck and Bob are awful busy at 12 weeks if age.



Hey You!

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TALES, TRAILS & TAILS TO
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THROUGH THICK & THIN ALWAY WITH US!



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NEW DATE!!!

April 27, 2022

Pheasant Forever Calgary Dinner

This long awaited dinner

*is guaranteed to be the
biggest and best ever!*



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