

PHEASANTS FOREVER NEWS

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PHEASANTS FOREVER **CALGARY** NEWSLETTER
Created for our members by our members





CALGARY DINNER & AUCTION

28th Annual Dinner Recap!



28th Annual Dinner & Auction was filled with Pheasants Forever supporters.

Over 500 people jammed into the Palomino Room at Stampede Park on May 10th to raise a glass and hand to support upland habitat in southern Alberta.

The auction started with the Lucky 13 and the selling of the KAILANI Coolers, one of which had a winning ticket in it for a Rizinni 28 gauge donated by The Calgary Shooting Centre. This was quickly followed by the auctioning of the Chairman's Private Luxury Salmon Adventure, quickly followed by another 20 live auction items. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to all of our sponsors for their donations.

The silent auction had more than 100 items with 10 premium items. And there were a number of raffles to entice buyers. Again, thank you to all who donated items to make this dinner a success!

Special thanks to our guest speaker Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, for her well-received address. In addition we extend our gratitude to Honorary Chair, Darcy Hulston of Canoe Financial for his commitment and support.

A big hats off to President Tim Pickering, all of our sponsors and donors, and the great volunteers who did an excellent job in running the dinner.



Perry McCormick, President of Pheasants Forever Canada informs the crowd on forthcoming landscape challenges.

28th Annual Dinner Recap!



Alberta Premier Danielle Smith addresses sold out crowd.



Darcy Hulston, 28th Annual Dinner & Auction Chair.



Tim Pickering, Pheasants Forever Calgary President.



Membership/ Door Prize Winner

Attendees who filled in their complimentary membership (value of \$35) included with their dinner ticket (forms were available on your table) were entered in the membership/door prize.

Congratulations to René Watson, winner of the Orvis Pro Series vest!



Hot Summer Shotgun Raffle

your choice

**tickets
\$100**

A Fausti DEA Side by Side
28 gauge



B Fausti Class RDX
20 gauge



DRAW DATE: September 7, 2023

Prize Value: \$5880

100 tickets License #648146

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



GATHERING WILD ASPARAGUS

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.

Get your raffle tickets online or:

Email: terri@pfcalgary.ca

Phone: 403.336.1145 (cell) or 403.995.9960 ext. 101

20th ANNUAL AUSPICE DIRECTORS INVITATIONAL

With Special Guests from PURDEY



Thursday, September 7, 2023
AHEIA Calgary Firearms Centre
De Winton, Alberta

- There will be a Calcutta prior to the shoot with 100% of the proceeds paid out. Depending on the number of teams a determination of the number of Calcutta winners will be made prior to the auction.
- Post-shoot cocktail reception and catered gourmet dinner in the big tent, right on site, followed by draws for door prizes and a few live auction items.
- Entry fee is \$600 per gun with net proceeds to Pheasants Forever.
- Lunch available at 12 noon.
- Practice rounds 1:00 pm
- Calcutta 2:00 pm
- Shoot 3:00 pm.
- Mix of trap, skeet and sporting clays
- \$600/gun

To reserve your spot:
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Proceeds in support of Pheasants Forever



PURDEY

Gun & Rifle Makers

LONDON 1814

Alastair Bowles & Andrew Ambrose from James Purdey & Sons Ltd. of London, England will be in attendance bringing with them the entire range of Purdey shotguns for participants to try out on the course.

Alastair and Andrew will also be hosting one-on-one appointments on September 8, 2023 for customers wishing to place orders. You are encouraged to book early, as there are limited slots available.

To book a private appointment email:
Alastair.bowles@purdey.com



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 23, 2023 | 8:30am - 2:00pm
Calgary Firearms Centre, DeWinton, AB

**22nd
ANNUAL**



Space is limited. Register Early.
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 [My Wild Alberta](http://MyWildAlberta.com).

GET YOUR FIRST PHEASANT THIS YEAR

at the
5th Annual
Post-Secondary
First Pheasant
Mentor Hunt

**5th
ANNUAL**



To Register:
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**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

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.

Sponsored in part by Alberta
Conservation Association.
Pheasants supplied by
MacFarlane Pheasants.

**POST-SECONDARY
FIRST
PHEASANT
MENTOR HUNT**



PHEASANT FEVER VI 2023

Another Successful Event

Thanks to Fiera Capital!



Fever VI Champs: Clay Boyz - (l to r) Travis Young, Clark Hogan, Wayne Fullerton and Jake Fullerton.

The **6th Annual Fiera Capital Pheasant Fever** was held on Friday, June 9th at Silver Willow Sporting Clays. There were 40 shooters competing in the 4-man-team buddy shoot for their name on the trophy and bragging rights.

The weather was perfect, and the event was warm and classy and light as per usual. The staff from Fiera Capital set this event apart from all others. They are extremely client and service focussed. They provide an array of snacks and beverages including a mountain of charcuterie, which is offered before and during the shooting. No one falls short on shells, food, or drink.

After the shoot – a premier steak dinner is served up with all the fixings. Quality prizes are given out to over half of the shooters.

Congratulations to the 2023 winning team - the Clay Boyz – consisting of Wayne & Jake Fullerton, Clark Hogan and Travis Young.

Thank you to Silver Willow staff and management for the service and facility and special thanks goes to the good folks at **Fiera Capital Private Wealth** for sponsoring and hosting another terrific Pheasant Fever.



Don Day delivering the Safety Speech from the Upland Cookhouse.



Conservation Partner's Alberta Conservation Association fielded a team.



Safety rules are part of the protocol.



Loading up the carts.

MARGINAL AREAS PROGRAM

UPDATE FROM DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Update provided by Graydon Garner, Ducks Unlimited Canada

As of June 10, 2023, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) has delivered just over 800 acres of Marginal Areas Program (MAP) to 21 different farms across Alberta.

The areas under the program run the gamut from dryland corners of irrigated fields to unproductive borders around wetlands to pollinator strips on field edges. DUC is working with producers as far south as Burdett and north to Hairy Hill. Many farmers are realizing the value in converting unproductive acres into diverse perennial forage stands. Over one-third of the current partners in the program are seeding perennial cover in marginal acres on multiple quarter sections of their operations. It has been a challenging year for farmers in general, especially for establishment of forage due to our dry spring. There are a number of producers waiting to seed until they have the moisture.

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FARM LESS. MAKE MORE.

Ducks Unlimited Canada's new **Marginal Areas Program** increases your profits while farming fewer acres. It provides a financial solution to unproductive land within annually cropped fields by seeding perennial forages.

Forages improve profitability, increase pollinator habitat and biodiversity, reduce herbicide-resistant weeds, act as buffer zones to meet product label guidelines and manage clubroot issues. This program is just one way DUC is partnering with Alberta growers to increase the profitability of their land.

Receive \$150/acre on eligible land and get a pollinator-friendly seed pack!



Let's make every acre count. Call us today.

Graydon Garner
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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.

Forages improve profitability, increase pollinator habitat and biodiversity, reduce herbicide-resistant weeds, act as buffer zones to meet product label guidelines and manage clubroot issues. Learn how to receive per acre incentives on eligible land and get a bonus Pollinator-friendly Power Pak.

The saying, "birds of a feather flock together," is the case with Alberta's newest partner on the Marginal Areas Program.

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



MAP Project - Lyalta Area

The above image is one of the many MAP projects signed up in Alberta to date. This specific project is 12 acres that is now seeded to perennial cover creating perfect edge habitat between canola cultivation and the road. A win-win for [MAP](#) and [Save the Edges](#).

SAVE THE EDGES

Media Tours August 8 and 15!

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



Save the Edges - Media Tour Dates Set

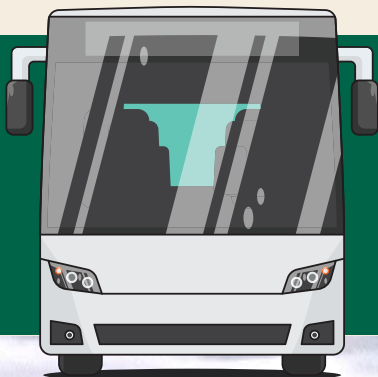
As part of Phase 2 of the Save the Edges campaign to bring awareness about the value of keeping public roadside ditches and right-of-ways natural, Pheasants Forever will be hosting two media tours on August 8 and 15, 2023.

The tours will visit southern Alberta to see examples of trespass farming and why these strips of habitat should be left intact.

In addition, we recently completed two months of radio, print ads and social media posts that wrapped up in June. Print ads were placed in 15 southern Alberta community papers. A half-page ad was also placed in Southeast Alberta Report and Insight magazine. Additionally, ads were placed in two agricultural publications, Alberta Farmer and Western Producer. Distribution of the papers was to 540,000 folks over two months.

We were also pleased to have Save the Edges as the subject of a *PF on the Landscape/Canada* article published in *Pheasants Forever Upland Journal of Conservation* by Pheasants Forever Inc. sent to 130,000 members in Canada and the U.S.

In addition to the above, the Save the Edges radio ad was played on 10 radio stations and social media posts were amped up to 2 posts per week, spiking Save the Edges website views to over 3,000.



**Interested in the media tour?
Get on board now.**

Email perry@pfcalgary.ca



SAVE THE EDGES

Where the wild asparagus grows.

Intact Roadside Ditches Ideal for Wild Asparagus

People who've turned on to the availability of wild asparagus in Alberta keep their favourite spots a closely-guarded secret. And why wouldn't they—it's the same species of asparagus you find at your local grocer, but tastes noticeably sweeter.

Wild asparagus is a sun-loving plant that grows in open areas with moist, loose soils. Ideal locations include marsh fringes, alongside irrigation canals and in undeveloped roadside ditches. It grows quickly; fresh stalks can take from three days to as little as 24 hours to grow 10 inches as temperatures warm.

The best times to find wild asparagus is in the late summer or early fall. They grow tall, up to five feet or more at times, and are easily recognized by their fern-like leaves, much like dill. Experienced pickers find their best spots in fall, mark or memorize them, then return in spring to pick the delicious stalks. In Alberta, the preferred time for harvest is May through June; some say the best picking each year overlaps with the timing of the lily bloom. Wild asparagus can often be found against or near the fence line downwind of prevailing winds. Look for it in the opposite ditch, or across the road, from an old or existing farmyard.

When first harvested, treat fresh asparagus much as you would cut flowers, placing them in a glass with a few inches of water. This will keep it fresh for up to 10 days. Cook it just like you cook store-bought asparagus.

Wild asparagus – one more reason to keep Alberta's roadside ditches intact!



Asparagus this May.



Asparagus is seeding out now and are easy to spot. They look like fern bushes, growing up to five feet tall. Mark the spot and return next May to harvest.

PHEASANT ART



Pheasant in Apple Tree

by Glen Loates (glenloates.ca)

Glen Loates is a self-taught artist whose professional career began at the age of 11, when he designed the Canadian Cancer Society's daffodil and won the Royal Philatelic Award for Canada's first full-colour postage stamp, the "Gray Jay". He is the first Canadian artist to be represented at the White House when he presented President Reagan, his painting "The Bald Eagle" in the oval office. His Royal Highness Prince Philip, and The Duke of Edinburgh are amongst many of the high profile private collectors of Glen's work.

Glen's work was exhibited at many prominent museums, such as The Royal Ontario Museum, The Alexander Koenig Museum, and The British Museum, to name a few.

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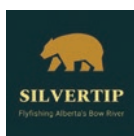
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IMPORTANT DATES

September 7, 2023
Directors Invitational

September 16, 2023
*Calgary Post Secondary
First Pheasant Hunt*

September 23, 2023
Youth/Novice Fall Shoot



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