



ILLINOIS TEAM FOREVER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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WISHING YOU AND YOURS HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

With Thanksgiving fresh on my mind, and still full in my stomach, I wanted to share the appreciation that we as staff for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have for each of the volunteers. Your passion is inspiring and we are privileged to work with you to make Illinois a better place for the birds and our kids.

We also wanted to extend a very Merry Christmas and safe hunting to you and your loved ones during this holiday season.

GOVERNOR VETO OF \$55 MILLION IN SPENDING, PROVIDES HOPE TO SPORTSMEN.

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**2009 STATE CONVENTION
JANUARY 17, 2009 - BLOOMINGTON, IL
REGISTER NOW!!!**

Now is the time to register... do so by December 19th and you could win a gun for you and your chapter! Look at the attachments for more information.

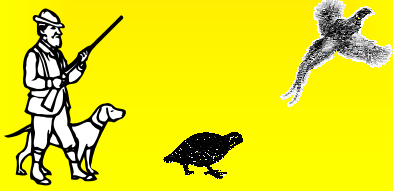
Registration information on pages 8-11...

**LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS
CONSERVATION BREAKFAST A SUCCESS!**

Conservation groups (PF, QF, TNC, NWTf, DU, QU, NWF, MWH) from across the state hosted a breakfast for members of the legislative sportsmen's caucus on November 20th. Fourteen (14) legislators and the Lt Governor's Office attended the event - a tremendous turnout for an event of this type. It helped us identify some of the strongest allies for conservation and sportsmen and we look forward to hosting additional events this spring.

Special thanks to the chapter leaders (Greg Simmons, Chuck Quarnstrom, Bruce Stickers, and Glenn Savage) who attended this event. Also thanks to Carrol Co PF, IL River Valley PF, Grand Prairie PF and the state council for pledging to help cover costs.

Legislators attending included: Representatives Rich Myers (R-Macomb), Dave Winters (R-Rockford), Bill Black (R-Danville), Dan Reitz (D-Sparta), Naomi Jakobsson (D-Champaign), Harry Ramey (R-W Chicago), Bob Pritchard (R-Sycamore), Jil Tracy (R-Quincy), Jim Sacia (R-Freeport), Sandy Cole (R-Grayslake) and Senators Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), John Jones (R-Mt. Vernon), and Dale Risinger (R-Peoria).



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HABITAT

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NEW - 2009 ILLINOIS NATIVE SEED PROGRAM - AVAILABLE NOW!

As you have driven across the country roads or followed your favorite 4-legged hunting buddy through a field of native grasses, you've no doubt noticed differences in the quality and diversity of habitat. Some of those differences can be attributed to the particular program or practice in which it's enrolled, but there is considerable flexibility in standards which can result in big differences in the quality, diversity, sustainability and productivity of habitat for wildlife.

PF and QF chapters in Illinois, plant thousands of acres of grass each year and touch thousands more. We hope every chapter will use our seed and we've put together some of the reasons why.

- Quality control - Not every seed source provides equal quality. Some sources have a long history of providing clean, viable seed while others may be using old ware-housed seed or do a poor job cleaning out weeds. We want to put the best habitat on the ground.
- Sustainable Diversity - research shows that grass-forb mixes should have a nearly equal amount of forb seeds per square foot as grass seeds. If not, the result is that the grasses out-compete the forbs resulting in a stand with low diversity. Stands with low diversity have lower productivity and are poor brood habitat for upland birds.
- Value and Mission Support - we've worked hard to put together seed mixes at a competitive price. Further, any profit from the seed program goes to support the mission of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. Basically these dollars help support staff and services to chapters in Illinois.

Further more, we'd like our chapters to be strong advocates for our seed program to local landowners. To encourage this active promotion of our seed program, we are providing a **5% rebate for all seed sales that go through the chapter**. At the end of the seed season (June 1st) chapters will receive single rebate check for their orders—just in time to put those dollars to work in more habitat on the ground!

Our goals for this seed program are to 1) provide the highest quality habitat for the best possible value, 2) provide a service to chapters and landowners, 3) put habitat on the ground that most benefits wildlife and 4) further the on-the-ground mission of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever.

A brochure is attached to this newsletter. This month we will be mailing a supply of seed brochures to local USDA Service Centers, DNR District Biologists and one will also go to each chapter habitat chair. The brochure and order form can also be found online in the Habitat Page at www.illinoispf.org. If you need additional brochures, please contact Kim Sterling.



PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER

Blooming period: Early Summer, blooms for about 3 weeks

*Soil Types: Mesic to dry-mesic prairie
Characteristics: up to 3' tall, central stem covered with white hairs, up to 9" leaves, 12-20 light purple florets. Perennial.*

THIS PLANT WAS HISTORICALLY USED FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES BY NATIVE AMERICANS AND THERE IS STILL A MARKET FOR THEIR ROOTS FOR HERBAL MEDICINES AND TONICS.

HELP BUILD A WILDLIFE AREA!

Chapters consistently say that public land is a priority, yet only 6 chapters (Montgomery, Rock Island/Henry, Ogle, Champaign, Vermilion, Kendall and the State Council) have put their money where their mouth is.... Who will be the next chapter to step up to the challenge?

In addition to chapter contributions of \$24,500, there have been private and business contributions totaling \$35,000, bringing to grand total for the campaign to \$59,500.

I can't wait to match those funds with grants and put a great project on the ground.

Prairie Flower of the Month

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ADVOCACY

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In a press release from the Governor's office, he indicated that "certain funds are restricted and the federal government warned that a failure to restore them would put future federal funding in jeopardy." There is little doubt that those funds include the dedicated sportsmen's accounts.

Congratulations and Thank You goes to all those chapter leaders who called the Governor's office demanding that he do just that. The time you spent on the phone or writing letters is making an impact that will affect wildlife and habitat today and also into the future. That said, our works not done yet.

That \$9.25 Million is still in the "2009 Illinois Budget Relief Fund" and we need to work with our legislators to get those funds re-deposited into their intended accounts.

FUNDING NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION ADVOCACY

In Illinois, we've seen first hand what can happen with the stroke of pen. In fact, we are still fighting a battle to return the dollars collected from hunters and anglers to their dedicated accounts where they can be used by our DNR to responsibly manage the state's natural resources. Without a presence in Washington D.C. the same devastating effects could occur, but on a national scale.

Since chapters retain the control of all fundraising dollars, PF/QF depends on their contributions to protect and expand good conservation opportunities through legislation.

Please take a few minutes to consider supporting conservation advocacy through the Legislative Action Fund or, for state issues, the new Illinois Conservation Advocacy Program (iCAP).

RETURNING FUNDING TO SPORTSMEN'S ACCOUNTS

The Governor's veto and explanation of \$55 Million in spending is a great victory, but it only is the first step in the process. Our next step is to work with the Legislature to draft a bill which will return the funds, currently in the 2009 IL Budget Relief Fund, to their intended accounts.

As a first step, PF/QF staff will be working with some of our strongest legislative allies to draft the bill that can be introduced ASAP. Once we have a bill, we will work to get as many co-sponsors as possible. Our target will obviously be all the members in the legislative sportsmen's caucus. Here is where our chapter leaders and leaders from other conservation organizations will play a vital role. Once we get a bill and the co-sponsors, we will need to keep the pressure on so that when the bill gets called for a vote, it passes with little opposition.

For now, if you are visiting with your elected official its appropriate to tell him or her that you are pleased that the Governor recognized the damage spending the dedicated sportsmen's dollars would have on Illinois and that it's time for the Legislature to complete the fix by moving those funds back into their respective accounts.

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FUNDRAISING

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GUN A WEEK TICKETS GOING, GOING..... GONE???

PF/QF Staff no longer have any Gun A Week tickets - all tickets are in the hands of our chapter leaders or have been sold to individuals.

Chapters should turn in ticket stubs, checks and any unsold tickets prior to January 1st. Any unsold ticket turned in after January 1st will be billed to the chapter.

Remember, proceeds from this raffle will support the mission of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever here in Illinois. In the past, they've leveraged hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for habitat projects including public land acquisitions. The chapter who sells the most GAW tickets will get a free Banquet Package for the following year. Further, the individual selling the most tickets will get a special shotgun. Drawings will begin the 1st Monday in February of 2009.

BANQ. PKG HIGHLIGHT: RUSTIC SANTA TRIO

Tis the Season of Christmas and this item is sure to be a mainstay in homes of our members each Christmas Season. Why not keep a touch of the wild in your home with these Rustic Santa's holding a quail, pheasant and morel walking stick. These work well on the Silent Auction—split them up to increase your profit. These would also be a popular item on a ladies raffle. With a little work you could set up a bigger Christmas package with donated items—especially if you solicit donations right after cChristmas when everything is on sale.



DON'T FORGET THE FOREVER CRUISE...

Lookin' for that once-in-a-lifetime raffle item that will leave everybody talking? What about a 6-day Caribbean Cruise for 2 with ocean view cabins, the first Forever Banquet on Water and \$200 in Raffle Bucks?

This is a great opportunity to generate some funds outside your event with a pre-banquet raffle. Or if you prefer, you can make use of our 144 square, \$20 Cruise Poster Board and sell tickets at your event. Either way, your chapter will make money and someone is going to get a once in a lifetime experience.

There are only 200 of these trips available, to talk to Tim or Matt about ordering yours today



FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING: CIGAR BATHROBE RAFFLE

Looking for a great idea for how to best use the Bathrobe in the Banquet Package??? Go out and find a case of 20 or so nice cigars. Number each cigar and sell for \$20. Winner gets the bathrobe. You can do the same raffle with more cigars offered at a lower price.

CAUTION: The next fundraising idea is for stag-type events. Are you looking for something a bit more risky??? If you have the right crowd you could find an attractive and scantily dressed woman to don this robe and walk around your event selling tickets. Winner gets to "disrobe" your model. The same basic scheme could be used in an auction setting.

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EDUCATION

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**STATE YOUTH HUNT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 21-22, 2009
PLAN A HUNT FOR THIS WEEKEND AND MAXIMIZE YOUR PRESS COVERAGE**

PF/QF PARTNER PASS IT ON ENDORSED BY NATIONAL FORUM ON CHILDREN AND NATURE

November 13, 2008 – Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc., a Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever partner, has received an endorsement from the National Forum on Children and Nature as one of 30 projects nationwide that demonstrate new and creative ways to reconnect kids with nature. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever note that Pass It On was the only project with a focus on hunting and firearms to receive an endorsement.

Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors partners with youth mentoring organizations and outdoor groups to recruit mentors who share their love and passion of the outdoors with a child. Targeting "at-risk" youth, Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors gives children who have limited opportunities the chance to experience first-hand the thrill of time spent afield to learn to hunt, fish, camp and hike under the tutorage of a caring adult mentor.

Recognizing an urgent need to reconnect kids with nature, The Conservation Fund launched the National Forum on Children and Nature in 2007. Over the past year, the Forum received 560 proposals from projects seeking endorsement. Forum advisory panels culled the best ideas for investment in children's health through nature, particularly in the areas of education, technology and community. Ultimately, the Forum endorsed 30 projects, based on their relevance, impact and sustainability. Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc. is one of these 30.

"Hunting and conservation are closely tied, and we've partnered with the Pass It On program because it matches adults with a passion for hunting with youth that want to learn to hunt," said Howard Vincent, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever President and CEO and Pass It On Board of Directors member, "We will continue to work with and support the Pass It On program's mission to instill hunting and conservation ethics in America's youth." Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever will be partnering with Pass It On going forward to further PF/QF's No Child Left Indoors® initiative. This new initiative is part of a national movement aimed at getting youth unplugged from electronics and turned on to the outdoors, nature and wildlife. The No Child Left Indoors® initiative is carried out through youth habitat projects, youth and family community events and youth outdoor education programs hosted by PF/QF chapters and volunteers across the country.

"We are honored with this endorsement by the National Forum on Children and Nature," commented Mike Christensen, President of Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc. and a member of the Keeper of the Plains Chapter of Quail Forever in Wichita, Kansas, "We look forward to working closely with the Forum to build upon our past successes and to expand the Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors program to give children across the country more opportunities to enjoy time outdoors with a mentor showing them the way."

About Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc.

Pass It On - Outdoor Mentors, Inc. began as a partnership between Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Over the last six years, over 8,000 children have been introduced to hunting, fishing and other traditional outdoor sports alongside a caring mentor. Partnering with outdoor organizations, Pass It On connects children who want to learn about the outdoors with volunteers who want to pass on their outdoor heritage and have the expertise and experience to do so. The partnership with youth mentoring organizations assures that the mentoring relationships are safe for both the child and mentor. Outdoor organizations see more participants, mentoring organizations see more children being mentored and the children get outdoors...truly a win-win-win for all.

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CONSERVATION LOG

DATES TO REMEMBER

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IT'S HUNTING SEASON - TAKE A DAY OFF AND CHASE YOUR DOG

You deserve it... you work hard and volunteer for an organization dedicated to habitat and wildlife. So find a day that works for you to get your dog out for a little exercise at your favorite hot spot and chase some roosters, quail or even sit in a deer stand for a few extra hours.

Whatever you chose to do, don't forget to invite one of the PF/QF staff along - we'll take pictures of the carnage and have a great time doing it :)

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

OTTER CREEK (IL) - 3092	10/11/2008
HIGHLAND (IL) - 108	10/18/2008
LINCOLN-LAND CHILI FEED—Mt Zion Civic Cntr	11/1/2008
OPENING DAY OF PHEASANT HUNTING	11/1/2008
CHRISTIAN COUNTY (IL) - 620	11/8/2008
PIATT CO PF	11/8/2008
FESCUE FIGHTERS QF	1/07/2009
IL TEAM FOREVER STATE CONVENTION	Jan 17, 2009
IL PIONEER QF	1/24/09
ROCK ISLAND / HENRY PF	1/30/2009
VERMILION CO PF	1/31/2009
PRAIRE ROCKETS QF - Oakford Winery	1/31/2009
OGLE CO PF—207	3/21/2009
PHEASANT FEST— Madison, WI	Feb 6-8, 09
GRAND PRAIRIE PF	2/9/2009
MASON CO PF	2/21/09
WINNEBAGO CO PF - 404	2/19/2009
STATE YOUTH HUNT WEEKEND	Feb 21-22
WHITESIDE CO PF - 811	2/21/2009
DEKALB CO PF - 109	2/28/2009
GRUNDY CO PF - 364	2/28/09
KISHWAUKEE CO PF - 157	3/6/2009
SPOON RIVER VALLEY PF - 602	3/7/2009
CARROLL CO PF - 584	3/14/2009
LEE CO PF - 234	3/14/2009

Does your chapter have an event for our calendar. Please get your upcoming banquet, youth and other events to your regional wildlife biologist for inclusion in our monthly newsletter and on the state web site. Thanks.

STATE CONVENTION & BANQUET JANUARY 17, 2009

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

BLOOMINGTON, IL

REGISTER BY DEC 19!!!



February 6, 7 & 8, 2009

Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

FULL WEEKEND (Fri, Sat & Sun) \$125

Full weekend price includes the following:

- Entrance to National Pheasant Fest - all 3 days
- Sportsman's Banquet - Friday evening
- Lunch Saturday
- National Pheasant Fest Banquet - Saturday evening
- All seminars & registration materials

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THE CORNER POST

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

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PF/QF UNVEILS "MEMORIES AFIELD" PHOTO CONTEST, ONLY AT MYHUNTINGROOM.COM

Saint Paul, Minn. – December 1, 2008 – The hunt always ends, but the memories last forever. At Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, we know how important these memories are, which is why we've partnered with MyHuntingRoom.com for the first-ever "Memories Afield" photo contest.

Whether you've been hunting upland game, big game or waterfowling, you've snapped shots to forever capture that moment. Now you can share those moments with fellow outdoorsmen and women at MyHuntingRoom.com in the "Memories Afield" photo contest. Every month, from December 2008 through November 2009, we'll name one monthly winner in the "Memories Afield" contest. Each monthly winner will receive a Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever hat. At the end of the contest, one Grand Prize winner will be selected, receiving everything you'll need to look good the next time you set out in search of upland game: A Browning Pheasants Forever hat, vest, chaps and gloves!

Monthly winners will be featured on the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever websites, and the Grand Prize winning entry will be published in [On The Wing](#), the eNewsletter from Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever.

Contest Entries

- Contest runs Dec. 1, 2008 to Nov. 31, 2009
- Submissions can be made safely and securely through MyHuntingRoom.com. Become a friend of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, and then submit your photo and short description into the contest section. It's as easy as that.
- Your description should be a photo caption explaining the photo or the events that led up to that special moment. This is your chance to explain the memory the photo captured!
- Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard color and contrast, etc. will be disqualified. This includes the digital addition or deletion of objects in the photos.
- Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition and overall impact. Judges decisions will be final.

Prizes

- Grand Prize: Browning Pheasants Forever gear (hat, vest, chaps and gloves)
- Second Prize: \$50 Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever Gift Card
- Third Prize: \$25 Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever Gift Card
- Monthly winners receive Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever hat

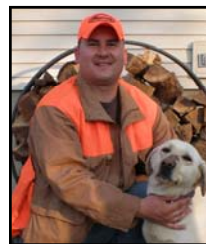
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2009 IL TEAM FOREVER STATE CONVENTION



Sat, Jan 17, 2007 - Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington

Register Before December 19, 2008 and WIN A GUN for you and your chapter!

We want every chapter to attend this exciting state meeting and we've put together some great bonuses for the chapters and individuals who register before December 19, 2008, including:

- Quality, reusable individual name badge
- Each chapter registered is entered to win a Browning
- Each registered individual is entered to win a Browning
- Six full registrations for the price of 5!

Friday Night Social Hosted by the IL State Council

If you are just a short drive away or have a longer drive and coming in Friday night, make sure to join us for the Friday Night Social.

Saturday Presentations (subject to change)

Fundraising 404: Maximizing local dollars for habitat (Tim Caughran and Matt Bradshaw)
The What When and Why Guide to Herbicide Use on Grasslands (TBD)
Deciphering the USDA Alphabet and what it means for habitat on the Ground (Bruce Stickers)
Anything Goes with the Pros, Q&A for wildlife professionals (PF/QF, DNR, FWS, USDA, University)
Building a chapter youth program (PF's Regional Education Specialist)
Management practices (brush piles, edge feathering, etc) for quail (TBD IL DNR District Biologist)
Wetlands: description, function, restoration and the USFWS Partners Program (Gwen Kolb, FWS)
Science-based planning: Stepping down the State Wildlife Action Plan (Jeff Walk, TNC)
From the District to the Dirt: how you can influence federal policy that results in local habitat (Dave Nomsen)
Make 10 banquets worth of profit with the same effort as planning a single event (David Bue)
Looking Back, Leaping Forward: Growing Team Forever in Illinois (IL Staff and State Council)
TBD Topic on pheasant biology / management (TBD)
Topic to be determined (John Buhnerkempe, DNR Wildlife Resources Division Chief)

Awards Banquet

We can never thank our volunteers enough, but this year we will again be recognizing some key chapters with conservation excellence awards as well as traveling awards (banquet of the year, most improved banquet, youth chapter of the year, chapter of the year), individuals (dedication, longspur, volunteer of the year) and others during the Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet.

Hotel Reservations

Call now **309-664-6446** to book the PF/QF rate of \$109.00 at the Doubletree, 10 Brickyard Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701. Feel free to visit them on the web at http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/BMIDTDT/index.do. We've blocked a limited number of rooms for Friday and Saturday night, but rates are only guaranteed until **Friday, December 19, 2008**. **BOOK YOUR ROOM(s) TODAY!**

State Council Meeting & Elections

The state council will have a short meeting during this year's convention to report on the past year's accomplishments, look ahead to the new programs and conduct elections. This year, elections will be held for Vice President, Secretary and the Representatives from Districts 1, 3 and 5. If you would like to nominate someone for these positions, please do so before December 1st. See the attached insert for more information on where each district is located.

Award Nominations

The volunteers on the IL Forever Team are critical to the success of our organization and we sincerely appreciate the time and energy our volunteers put into making us the best conservation organization in the state. We want to recognize outstanding individuals from each chapter at our state meeting and are asking chapters to help by nominating one stand-out from their chapter for the Dedication Award and in some cases the Longspur Society Award.

The **DEDICATION AWARD** is given to an individual, nominated by his or her local chapter, who has demonstrated their dedication to Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever. They have served an active role in their local chapter for multiple years, have been instrumental in the creation or continuation of the chapter, played an essential role in the development of chapter programs and are growing into a PF/QF GREAT.

The **LONG SPUR SOCIETY** is made up of PF/QF individuals whose blood runs blaze orange and have demonstrated a continued commitment to Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever. They have played an integral role in their chapter for nearly a decade and can be found annually attending state meetings and other PF/QF national or regional functions.

Please help us recognize these important individuals at this year's convention. To submit an individual for this recognition, please send a short email (ksterling@pheasantsforever.org) or call Kim Sterling at (217) 498-6806 stating your chapter, and the individual(s) you wish to nominate for these awards

Questions or for More Information

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STATE COUNCIL SEEKS NOMINATIONS

The state council is asking for nominations from chapter leaders across the state for the upcoming council elections (to be held during the 2009 State Meeting, January 17).

They are seeking nominations for the following 2-yr term positions:

Vice President Secretary District 1 Rep District 3 Rep District 5 Rep

The primary goal of the state council is to promote Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Illinois. They play a strong role in the annual state meeting and meet with staff quarterly (in person or via conference call) to develop ideas and programs to further the Team Forever mission in Illinois. In addition, council members communicate via email regularly on time-sensitive issues.

All chapters are encouraged to send in nominations for Vice President and Secretary. Only chapters represented by one of the open district positions should nominate individuals for that position. Please see the attached map and detailed information.

To nominate someone for the council, simply contact any of the Team Forever staff and let them know who you wish to nominate and for which position.

Nominations must be received by **December 1, 2009**. Elections will be held during the morning session of the 2009 State Meeting.



Illinois PF / QF 2009 State Convention REGISTRATION FORM

January 17, 2009 – Doubletree, Bloomington

Return this form before December 19th

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter #: _____

Ch. Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Attendee Information:

Name	\$75 Full	\$40 Banquet Only	\$40 No Banquet
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_____	Sixth Full Registration Chapter Member – FREE!		

If you need additional space please use additional pages.
Please include a check with your registration.

Total Number Attending Full Convention:	_____	x \$75 =	\$ _____
Total Number Attending Banquet Only	_____	x \$40 =	\$ _____
Total Number Attending with No Banquet	_____	x \$40 =	\$ _____

(Be sure to improve a check with your registration. **TOTAL DUE** = \$ _____)

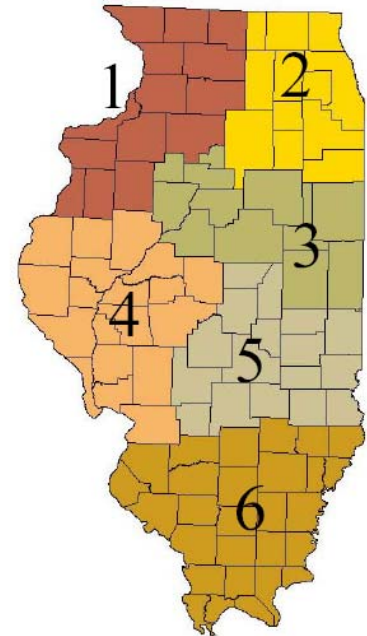
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2008 Illinois State Council

President: Greg Simmons, Grand Prairie PF
Vice President: Dave Jenkins, Montgomery PF
Treasurer: Ken Burkhammer, Vermilion PF
Secretary: Open



Officers and District Representatives serve a 2 year term. The Vice President, Secretary and Representatives from odd-numbered districts are elected during the state meeting in odd-numbered years. The President, Treasurer and Representatives from Even Numbered Districts are elected at the state meeting in even-numbered years.

Region 14: Districts 1-3

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District 1: 14 counties, 11 chapters

Dist Rep: Chuck Quarnstrom

Jo Daviess, Highland (Stephenson), Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island – Henry, Bureau, Warren, Knox

District 2: 12 counties, 13 chapters

Dist Rep: Don Franzen

Kishwawkee (Boone), McHenry,

North Shore, Dekalb, Kane, Dupage, Windy City, South Cook, Tall Grass, LaSalle, Kendall, Grundy, Kankakee

District 3: 12 Counties, 9 chapters

Dist Rep: Nick Ripley

Grand Prairie (Stark, Putnam, Marshall), IL River Valley (Peoria, Tazewell), Woodford, Livingston, McLean, IL Pioneer PF (Ford), Iroquois, Champaign, Vermilion.

Region 52: Districts 4-6

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District 4: 17 counties, 9 chapters

Dist Rep: Mike Dorethy, Spoon River Valley PF

Great River (Hancock), McDonough, Spoon River (Fulton), Mason, Prairie Rockets (Menard), Sangamon, IL Bobwhite, Otter Creek (Greene), IL Pioneer QF (Macoupin).

District 5: 17 counties, 12 chapters

District Rep: Jae Satterlee, Fescue Fighters QF

Dewitt, Piatt, Prairie Land (Macon), Lincoln Land (Moultrie), Douglas, Edgar, Lincoln Heritage, Okaw Valley (Shelby), Fescue Fighters (Fayette, Effingham), Christian, Montgomery, Little Bluestem (Bond), Big Rivers (Madison).

District 6: 29 counties, 4 chapters

Dist Rep: Open

Big Rivers (Madison), Red Bud (Randolph), Perry, Prairie Meadows (Jackson).