



## Press Release

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### Nebraska Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever State Raffle Winner Announced

**Lincoln, NE. – April 24, 2017** – Nebraska Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever held their grand prize drawing for a pair of Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon 1 Grade 1 at the last chapter membership banquet of the season on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Antelope Valley PF 20<sup>th</sup> annual banquet in Oshkosh, NE. This year's lucky winner, drawn from the 53 entrees, was Steve Peterson from the Cedar River Ringnecks PF Chapter in Greeley, NE.

Steve earned his way into the grand prize drawing by winning at the annual Nebraska PF/QF State Habitat Meeting held in Kearney this past February. Steve is now the proud owner of a Beretta 686 Silver Pigeon 1 Grade 1 in 12 gauge and 20 gauge. These two guns have a retail value of \$4,700. PF/QF Regional Representatives Jerry McDonald and Colby Kerber, Cedar River Ringnecks PF committee member Chuck Sweeney and owner Robert Watts "Bunky" of "Bunky's Gun Shop" presented the guns to Steve this week in Cedar Rapids Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Youth Mentor Hunt Raffle uses all proceeds from the statewide raffle to purchase nice custom blaze orange upland hunting vests or custom dove hunting belts for all graduates from their Youth Mentor Hunt Program. This great partnership with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and local PF/QF chapters has mentored over 13,963 young boys and girls across Nebraska with 902 events since 1996. At each event, youth ages 11-15 are paired with a volunteer mentor to work one-on-one for a day of activities including gun safety, wildlife habitat, game laws, trap shooting, dog handling, asking for permission and much more. The highlight of the day is when each youth has the opportunity to participate in an actual live action hunt and finish up with a great meal full of exciting stories.



*Jerry McDonald, Steve Peterson, "Bunky", Chuck Sweeney*

Local PF/QF chapters across the state are always looking for new volunteers to help with their efforts of raising dollars at their annual membership banquets and helping out with their work in leading local youth outdoor education projects. Check out the Nebraska Pheasants Forever website [www.NebraskaPF.com](http://www.NebraskaPF.com) for more information on how you can influence your local community and leave a legacy for the next generation by volunteering with a local PF/QF chapter.

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 149,000 adult and youth members, and 720 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Chapters are empowered to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds are spent; the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent \$708 million on 517,000 habitat projects benefiting 15.8 million acres nationwide.